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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K**

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

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015**

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**000-54416**

(Commission File Number)

**Scandium International Mining Corp.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**British Columbia, Canada**

(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation  
or organization)

**98-1009717**

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

**1430 Greg Street, Suite 501**

**Sparks, Nevada**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**89431**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code: **(775) 355-9500**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: **None**

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the **Common Shares without par value**  
Act:

(Title of class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  
Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers in response to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of 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 the definitions 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

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

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter: \$13,745,278 as at June 30, 2015.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common equity, as of the latest practicable date: 225,047,200 common shares as at March 11, 2015.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K, which Proxy Statement is to be filed within 120 days after the end of the registrant's fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

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## PART I

### Note about Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this registration statement constitute "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to the future price of commodities, the estimation of mineral resources, the realization of mineral resource estimates, the timing and amount of estimated future production, costs of production, capital expenditures, costs and timing of the development of new deposits, success of exploration activities, our ability to fund property acquisition costs, our ability to reach targeted time frames for establishing feasibility, permitting time lines, currency fluctuations, requirements for additional capital, government regulation of mining operations, environmental risks, unanticipated reclamation expenses, title disputes or claims, our ability to raise funds necessary for ongoing and planned expenditures and operations, and regulatory approvals. In certain cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "scheduled", "estimates", "intends", "anticipates" or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or state that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved". Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other 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 the forward looking statements. Such factors may include, among others, risks related to our joint venture operations; actual results of current exploration activities or production technologies that we are currently testing; actual results of reclamation activities; future metal prices; accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; delays in obtaining governmental or regulatory approvals or financing or in the completion of development activities, as well as those factors discussed in the section entitled "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this registration statement. Although we have attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

### Glossary of Terms

Company , SCY , we , us , our and similar words of similar meaning refer to Scandium International Mining Corp.

**\$, A\$, C\$** mean respectively, United States dollars, Australian dollars and Canadian dollars.

**Alteration** Usually referring to chemical reactions in a rock mass resulting from the passage of hydrothermal fluids.

**Assay** An analysis to determine the presence, absence or quantity of one or more components, elements or minerals.

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| <b>Core</b>                        | The long cylindrical piece of a rock, up to several inches in diameter, brought to the surface by Diamond drilling.   |
| <b>Diamond drilling</b>            | A drilling method in which the cutting is done by abrasion using diamonds embedded in a matrix rather than by percussion. The drill cuts a core of rock, which is recovered in long cylindrical sections.   |
| <b>Fractures</b>                   | Breaks in a rock, usually due to intensive folding or faulting.   |
| <b>Grade</b>                       | The concentration of a valuable mineral within an Ore.  |
| <b>Hydrothermal</b>                | Hot fluids, usually water, which may, or may not carry metals and other compounds in solution to the site of mineral deposition or wall rock alteration.  |
| <b>Igneous</b>                     | A rock formed by the cooling of molten silicate material.   |
| <b>Intrusion</b>                   | A general term for a body of igneous rock formed below the surface of the earth.  |
| <b>Kg</b>                          | Kilogram which is equivalent to approximately 2.20 pounds.  |
| <b>Km</b>                          | Kilometer which is equivalent to approximately 0.62 miles.  |
| <b>Mineralization</b>              | A term used to describe the presence of minerals of possible economic value. Also used to describe the process by which concentration of economic minerals occurs.  |
| <b>Net Smelter Returns Royalty</b> | A share of the net revenues generated from the sale of metal produced by a mine.  |
| <b>NI 43-101</b>                   | National Instrument 43-101 <i>Standards for Disclosure of Mineral Projects</i> , being the regulation adopted by Canadian securities regulators that governs the public disclosure of technical and scientific information concerning a mineral property. |
| <b>Ore</b>                         | A naturally occurring solid material from which a metal or valuable mineral can be profitably extracted.  |
| <b>Outcrop</b>                     | An exposure of rock at the earth's surface.   |
| <b>Pegmatite</b>                   | Coarse-grained igneous rocks that often occur as wide veins cutting across other types of rock.   |
| <b>ppm</b>                         | Parts per million.  |

**Pyrite** Iron sulphide mineral. The most common and abundant sulphide mineral and often found in association with copper and gold.

**Qualified Person** Means a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101, including an engineer or geoscientist in good standing with their professional association, with at least five years of relevant experience.

**Quartz** The second most common rock forming mineral in the earth's crust. SiO<sub>2</sub>.

**Resource** Means any of a measured, indicated or inferred resource as used in NI 43-101, and having the following meanings:

**measured resource** is that part of a Mineral Resource for which quantity, grade or quality, densities, shape, and physical characteristics are so well established that they can be estimated with confidence sufficient to allow the appropriate application of technical and economic parameters, to support production planning and evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit. The estimate is based on detailed and reliable exploration, sampling and testing information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes that are spaced closely enough to confirm both geological and grade continuity.

**indicated resource** is that part of a Mineral Resource for which quantity, grade or quality, densities, shape and physical characteristics, can be estimated with a level of confidence sufficient to allow the appropriate application of technical and economic parameters, to support mine planning and evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit. The estimate is based on detailed and reliable exploration and testing information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes that are spaced closely enough for geological and grade continuity to be reasonably assumed.

**inferred resource** is that part of a Mineral Resource for which quantity and grade or quality can be estimated on the basis of geological evidence and limited sampling and reasonably assumed, but not verified, geological and grade continuity. The estimate is based on limited information and sampling gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes.

For the purposes of the above a **mineral resource** means a concentration or occurrence of diamonds, natural solid inorganic material, or natural solid fossilized organic material including base and precious metals, coal, and industrial minerals in or on the Earth's crust in such form and quantity and of such a grade or quality that it has reasonable prospects for economic extraction. The location, quantity, grade, geological characteristics and continuity of a Mineral Resource are known, estimated or interpreted from specific geological evidence and knowledge.

(Please refer to **Item 3. Property - Cautionary Note To U.S. Investors Regarding Resource Estimates** in regards to the use of the above terms in this registration statement.)

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| <b>Sulphide</b>      | A class of minerals characterized by the linkage of sulphur with a metal (such as Pyrite (FeS <sub>2</sub> )).   |
| <b>Tpd/Tpa</b>       | Tonnes per day/tonnes per annum.   |
| <b>Tonnes</b>        | A metric ton which is equivalent to approximately 2,204 pounds.  |
| <b>Sediments</b>     | The debris resulting from the weathering and breakup of other rocks that have been deposited by or carried by runoff, streams and rivers, or left over from glacial erosion or sometimes from wind action. |
| <b>Vein</b>          | A geological feature comprised of minerals (usually dominated by quartz) that are found filling openings in rocks created by faults or replacing rocks on either side of faults or Fractures.              |
| <b>Volcanic rock</b> | A finely crystalline or glassy Igneous rock resulting from volcanic actions at or near the earth's surface.  |



## ITEM 1. BUSINESS

### General

We were incorporated on July 17, 2006 under the laws of British Columbia, Canada under the name Golden Predator Mines Inc. We were incorporated as a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Metals Corp. for the purpose of holding precious metals and certain specialty metals assets. In order to focus on specialty metals, during February 2009 we transferred most of our precious mineral assets to our then wholly-owned subsidiary Golden Predator Corp. and on March 6, 2009 we completed a spin-out of Golden Predator Corp. to our shareholders. Effective March 12, 2009, we changed our name to EMC Metals Corp. In order to reflect a new emphasis on mining for scandium minerals, effective November 19, 2014, we changed our name to Scandium International Mining Corp.

We are a reporting issuer in the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario and our common shares are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol `SCY`.

Our head office is located at 1430 Greg Street, Suite 501, Sparks, Nevada 89431. The address of our registered office is 1200 - 750 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 2T8.

Our focus of operations is the development of the Nyngan Scandium project located in New South Wales, Australia (the Nyngan Scandium Project). We also hold a scandium/rare earth minerals property in Norway known as the Tørdal property.

Our plan of operation for the remainder of 2016 is to complete a definitive feasibility study ( DFS ) and an environmental impact statement ( EIS ) on our Nyngan Scandium Project, obtain the required environmental and mining permits and seek additional funding for project construction and corporate working capital. We will also continue to test and develop unique scandium recovery and finishing techniques.

### Intercorporate Relationships

The chart below illustrates our corporate structure on December 31, 2015, including our subsidiaries, the jurisdictions of incorporation, and the percentage of voting securities held.

### Recent History

#### Preliminary Economic Assessment



In October of 2014 we obtained an independent report of a preliminary economic assessment of our Nyngan Scandium Project entitled *NI 43-101 F1 Technical Report on the Feasibility of the Nyngan Scandium Project* prepared by Larpro Pty Ltd. of Brisbane, Australia. On May 20, 2015, we obtained an amended technical report (the PEA ) titled *Amended Technical Report and Preliminary Economic Analysis on the Nyngan Scandium Project, NSW, Australia* . The effective date of the report, as amended, is October 10, 2014. The full report is available on our website. A summary of the report is provided herein under *ITEM 2. PROPERTIES NYNGAN SCANDIUM PROJECT Nyngan Preliminary Economic Assessment* .

#### Definitive Feasibility Study

During September 2015 we initiated an independent DFS on our Nyngan Scandium Project. The engineering firm Lycopodium Minerals Pty Ltd, of Brisbane, QLD, Australia, was selected to prepare the DFS which is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2016. The DFS will include all elements of project description and design to generate an economic report suitable for seeking project construction financing in 2016. Process engineering and other project study elements will be advanced to a +/-15% accuracy level.

#### June 2014 Financing Transaction

On June 24, 2014 SCY entered into a \$2.5 million loan facility with Scandium Investments LLC ( SIL ), a company owned by a US private investor group (the 2014 Loan ). The proceeds of the 2014 Loan were applied to pay a A\$1.3 million final payment to Jervois Mining Ltd. ( Jervois ) required for SCY to acquire a 100% interest in the Nyngan Scandium Project pursuant to the terms of a settlement agreement. The balance of the proceeds of the 2014 Loan was applied to repay \$1.2 million in maturing debt. The 2014 Loan had a maturity date of December 24, 2015.

In accordance with the terms of the 2014 Loan, the outstanding principal and interest automatically convert into an effective 20% joint venture interest in both our Nyngan Scandium Project and our exploration license, referred to as the Honeybugle Scandium property, at the time the Company meets a funding milestone (defined as raising \$3.0 million in equity). The funding milestone was met on August 24, 2015 and the 2014 Loan has converted into a 20% ownership interest in EMC Metals Australia Pty Ltd ( EMC Australia ), with SCY holding an 80% ownership interest. EMC Australia holds our interests in the Nyngan Scandium Project and Honeybugle Scandium property. Under the terms of the 2014 Loan, upon conversion of the loan EMC Australia will be operated as a joint venture between SIL and SCY with SIL holding a carried interest in the Nyngan Scandium Project until the Company meets two development milestones: (1) filing a feasibility study on SEDAR, and (2) receiving a mining license on either joint venture property. At such time as the two development milestones are met, SIL becomes fully participating on project costs thereafter.

Completion of the development milestones by the Company, as described above, activates a second onetime, limited period option for SIL to elect to convert the fair market value of its 20% joint venture interest in the Nyngan Scandium Project and Honeybugle Scandium property into an equivalent value of the Company s common shares, at then prevailing market prices, rather than continue with ownership at the project level.

#### Nyngan Scandium Project Acquisition

On February 5, 2010, SCY entered into an Exploration Joint Venture Agreement ( JV Agreement ) with Jervois Mining Limited ( Jervois ) of Melbourne, Australia (ASX: JRV) to co-develop the Nyngan scandium property ( Nyngan ), in New South Wales, Australia. The JV Agreement gave SCY the right to earn a 50% interest in a joint venture with Jervois for the purpose of holding and developing Nyngan, provided SCY met certain technical and financial milestones. SCY met all financial requirements and delivered evidence of technical milestone achievement to Jervois on February 24, 2012.



On February 27, 2012, Jervois formally rejected SCY's claim to have met the earn-in conditions specified in the JV. The parties discussed and successfully reached an agreed settlement in February 2013 that resolved all issues in dispute. The terms of the binding settlement provided for the transfer of 100% ownership and control of the Nyngan Project, including the relevant exploration tenements and surface (freehold) land holdings, to the Company, in return for A\$2.6 million in future cash payments. The settlement agreement also applied a production royalty on the Nyngan project of 1.7% of sales for products produced from the site, payable to Jervois. The royalty has a 12 year term from first production date, and a 10 tpa scandium oxide production minimum.

In June of 2014 the Company completed all settlement payments required under its agreement with Jervois and formal transfer of the Nyngan Project exploration licenses to SCY's Australian subsidiary has been completed.

## **Business Operations**

### Company Summary

We are a mineral exploration and development company that is focused on the development of scandium, rare earth minerals, and other specialty metals, including nickel, cobalt, boron, manganese, tantalum, titanium and zirconium. We have not commenced development of any of our projects, and as a result we are an exploration stage company. We have not established mineral reserves on any of our projects.

Our principal project is the Nyngan Scandium Project located in New South Wales, Australia, which we own 80% of the rights to, including exploration licenses. In April of 2014 we also acquired an exploration license referred to as the Honeybugle Scandium property, a prospective scandium exploration property located 24 kilometers from the Nyngan Scandium Project.

We also hold 100% of the Tørdal Scandium/REE property exploration licenses located in Norway.

### Corporate Objective and Strategy

Our corporate focus is to produce and sell scandium (Sc) and scandium-based products. None of our current properties has advanced to the development or production stage and we are currently an exploration stage company. In addition we do not currently have reserves on any of our properties. We have, however, completed an independently prepared preliminary economic assessment of the Nyngan Scandium Project and are conducting additional technical and assessment work for the purpose of preparing a DFS on the development of the scandium resource. Subject to a successful DFS, we intend to develop the Nyngan Scandium Project for production, with a view to supplying anticipated future demand for scandium oxide and scandium-content materials. For further information on the Nyngan Scandium Project, please refer to *Item 3. Properties - Description of Properties - Nyngan Scandium Project* and *Item 1A. Risk Factors*.

Concurrently with our analysis of the Nyngan Scandium Project, we are developing and testing unique mineral recovery techniques as well as techniques to produce high quality intermediate scandium-content aluminum alloy products. If effective at a commercial level, these mineral recovery techniques, scandia finishing techniques and intermediate product developments are expected to provide increased economic margins and returns on capital on any future scandium production.

Presently our recovery and finishing technology is completed to a degree that it supports engineering and flow sheet design for our +/- 15% DFS, although further development work will continue in both areas. There is no guarantee that we will be able to benefit from the commercial application of such techniques or that we will have scandium production in the future.

### Global Scandium Production and Market

Scandium is the 31<sup>st</sup> most abundant element in the earth's crust (average 33 ppm), which makes it more common than lead, mercury and precious metals, but less common than copper. Scandium has characteristics that are similar to rare earth elements, and it is often classified as a member of that group, although it is technically a light transition metal. Scandium occurs in nature as an oxide, rarely occurs in concentrated quantities because it does not selectively combine with the common ore-forming anions, and is very difficult to reduce to a pure metal state. Scandium is typically produced and sold as scandium oxide ( $\text{Sc}_2\text{O}_3$ ), and is properly known as scandia.

Global annual production estimates of scandium range from 10 tonnes to 15 tonnes, but accurate statistics are not available due to the lack of public information from countries in which scandium is currently being produced. There are four known production sources globally today: stockpiles from the former Zhovti Voty uranium mine in Ukraine, the rare earth mine at Bayan Obo in China, apatite mines on the Kola Peninsula in Russia, and by-product production from titanium dioxide ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ) pigment refiners in China.

There is no reliable pricing data on global scandium oxide trading. The U.S. Geological Survey ( USGS ) in its latest report (January 2016) documents the 2015 price of scandium oxide (99.99% grade) at US\$5,100/kg, essentially the same as their 2014 price estimate. Small quantities of scandium oxide are currently offered on the internet by traders for prices at this level, although product of slightly lower grade is commonly available at lower prices. Scandium oxide grades of 95% or greater are considered commercially suitable, with 99.9% grade used for electrical applications, and grades higher than 99.9% reserved for science and new technical applications. Scandium oxide grades of 95-98% are generally considered suitable for aluminum alloy applications.

Scandium oxide is typically traded in small quantities, between private parties, and pricing is not transparent to other buyers or sellers as there is no clearing facility as is more common with more commonly traded metals and commodities. Prices do vary, based on purity and quantity supplied. Small sale quantities tend to command premium prices, and large quantities (over one tonne) are simply not available to establish appropriate commercial pricing.

Scandium can also be effectively purchased in form of aluminum-scandium (Al-Sc) master alloy, typically containing 2% scandium by weight. This product is tailored for use in aluminum alloy production containing scandium. The 2016 USGS report indicates the 2015 price for Al-Sc 2% master alloy at US\$220/kg. This 2015 price estimate represents a lower estimate than the 2013-2014 USGS average, and one very consistent with the 2011-2012 average.

Principal uses for scandium are in high-strength aluminum alloys, high-intensity metal halide lamps, electronics, and laser research. Recently developed applications include welding wire and fuel cells which are expected to be in future demand. Approximately 15 different commercial aluminum-scandium alloys have been developed, and some of them are used for aerospace applications. In Europe and the U.S., scandium-containing alloys have been evaluated for use in structural parts in commercial airplanes, high stress parts in automobile engines and brake systems, and high tension electrical wires. Military and aerospace applications are known to be of interest, although with less specificity. The combination of high strength and light weight makes aluminum-scandium alloys generally suitable for a number of applications where existing aluminum alloys made with other metals are used today.

### Competitive Conditions

We compete with numerous other companies and individuals in the search for and the acquisition or control of attractive rare earth and specialty metals mineral properties. Our ability to acquire further properties will depend not only on our ability to operate and develop our properties but also on our ability to select and acquire suitable properties or prospects for development or mineral exploration.

In regards to our plan to produce scandium, there are a limited number of scandium producers presently. If we are successful at becoming a producer of scandium, our ability to be competitive will require that we establish a reliable supply of scandium to the market, delivered at purity levels demanded by various applications, and that our operating costs generate margins at prices that will be set by customers and competitors in a market yet to mature.

### Governmental Regulations and Environmental Laws

The development of any of our properties, and specifically the Nyngan Scandium Project, will require numerous local and national government approvals and environmental permits. For further information about governmental approvals and permitting requirements, please refer to *Item 1A. Risk Factors* .

### Employees

As at January 1, 2016, we have 4 full and part time employees and 2 individuals working on a consulting basis. Our operations are managed by our officers with input from our directors. We engage geological, metallurgical, and engineering consultants from time to time as required to assist in evaluating our property interests and recommending and conducting work programs.

### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

In addition to the factors discussed elsewhere in this registration statement, the following are certain material risks and uncertainties that are specific to our industry and properties that could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### **Risks Associated with the Nyngan Scandium Project**

***There are technical challenges to scandium production that may render the project not economic.***

There is no assurance that we will demonstrate economic viability on the Nyngan resource. The economics of scandium recovery are known to be challenging. There are very few facilities producing scandium and the existing scandium producers are secretive in their techniques for recovery. In addition, the recovery of scandium product from laterite resources, such as are found on the Nyngan property, has not been demonstrated at an operating facility. The Nyngan processing facility design, if constructed, will be the first of its kind for scandium production. These factors increase the possibility that we will encounter unknown or unanticipated production and processing risks. Should any of these risks become actual, they could increase the cost of production thereby reducing margins on the project or rendering the project uneconomic.

***There is no guarantee that we will be able to finance the Nyngan Scandium Project for production.***

Any decision to proceed with production on the Nyngan Scandium Project will require significant production financing. Scandium projects are uncommon, and economic and production uncertainty may limit our ability to attract the required amount of capital to put the project into production. If we are unable to source production financing on commercially viable terms, we may not be able to proceed with the project and may have to write off our investment in the project.





***If we are successful at achieving production, we may have difficulty selling scandium.*** Scandium is characterized by unreliable supply, resulting in limited development of markets for scandium oxide. Markets may take longer to develop than anticipated, and Nyngan and other potential scandium producers may have to wait for products and applications to create adequate demand. Certain applications may require lengthy certification processes that could delay usage or acceptance. In addition certain scandium applications require very high purity scandium product, which is much more difficult to produce than lower grade product. If we commence production, our inability to supply scandium in sufficient quantities, in a reliable and timely manner, and in the correct quality, could reduce the demand for any scandium produced from our projects and possibly render the project uneconomic.

#### **General Risks Associated with our Mining Activities and Company**

***We may not receive permits necessary to proceed with the development of a mining project.*** The development of any of our properties, including the Nyngan Scandium Project, will require numerous local and national government approvals, including environmental permits. Our ability to secure all necessary permits required to develop any of our projects is unknown until we make application for such permits. If we cannot obtain all necessary permits, the project cannot be developed, and our investment in the project will likely be lost. Our future market value will likely be significantly reduced to the extent one or more of our projects cannot proceed to the development or production stage due to an inability to secure all required permits.

***Mineral Resource Estimates on our properties are subject to uncertainty and may not reflect what may be economically extracted.*** Resource estimates included for scandium on our Nyngan property are estimates only and no assurances can be given that the estimated levels of scandium minerals will actually be produced or that we will receive the metal prices assumed in determining our resources. Such estimates are expressions of judgment based on knowledge, mining experience, analysis of drilling and exploration results and industry practices. Estimates made at any given time may significantly change when new information becomes available or when parameters that were used for such estimates change. By their nature resource estimates are imprecise and depend, to a certain extent, upon statistical inferences which may ultimately prove unreliable. Furthermore, market price fluctuations in scandium, as well as increased capital or production costs or reduced recovery rates, may limit our ability to establish reserves at some future point on Nyngan, or on any of our properties. The extent to which resources may ultimately be reclassified as proven or probable reserves is dependent upon the demonstration of their profitable recovery. The evaluation of reserves or resources is always influenced by economic and technological factors, which may change over time. Accordingly, current resource estimates on our material properties may never be converted into reserves, or be economically extracted, and we may have to write off such properties or incur a loss on sale of our interest on such properties, which will likely reduce the value of our shares.

***Our potential for a competitive advantage in specialty and rare metals production depends on the availability of our technical processing abilities, as currently provided by our Chief Technology Officer.*** We are dependent upon the personal efforts and commitment of Willem Duyvesteyn, our CTO, a director and significant shareholder of our company, for the continued development of new extractive technologies related to scandium and other rare and specialty metals production. The loss of the services of Mr. Duyvesteyn will likely limit our ability to use or continue the development of such technologies, which would remove the potential competitive and economic benefit of such technologies.

***Our operations are subject to losses due to exchange rate fluctuation.*** We maintain accounts in Canadian and U.S. currency. Our equity financings have to date been priced in Canadian dollars. All of our material projects and non-cash assets are located outside of both Canada and the USA, however, and require regular currency conversions to local currencies where such projects and assets are located. Our operations are accordingly subject to foreign currency fluctuations and such fluctuations may materially affect our financial position and results. We do not engage in currency hedging activities.

***We do not currently earn any revenue and without additional funding, we will not be able to carry out our business plan, and if we raise additional funding existing security holders may experience dilution.***

As an exploration stage mining company, none of our principal properties are in operation and we do not currently earn any revenue. In order to continue our exploration activities and to meet our obligations on the Nyngan Scandium Project, we will need to raise additional funds. Recently, we have relied entirely on the sale of our securities to raise funds for operations. Our ability to continue to raise funds from the sale of our securities is subject to significant uncertainty due to volatility in the mineral exploration marketplace. If we are able to raise funds from the sale of our securities, existing security holders may experience significant dilution of their ownership interests and possibly to the value of their existing securities.

## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

### **Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors Regarding Resource Estimates**

Certain terms used in this section are those used in accordance with the requirements of the securities laws in effect in Canada, which differ from the requirements of U.S. securities laws. Canadian requirements, including NI 43-101, differ significantly from the requirements of the SEC, and resource information contained herein may not be comparable to similar information disclosed by U.S. companies.

**In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term resource does not equate to the term reserves. The requirements of NI 43-101 for identification of reserves are not the same as those of the SEC, and reserves reported in compliance with NI 43-101 may not qualify as reserves under SEC standards. Under U.S. standards, mineralization may not be classified as a reserve unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve determination is made. We have not established reserves on any of our properties.**

The SEC's disclosure standards normally do not recognize information concerning measured mineral resources, indicated mineral resources or inferred mineral resources or other descriptions of the amount of mineralization in mineral deposits that do not constitute reserves by U.S. standards, in documents filed with the SEC. In addition, resources that are classified as inferred mineral resources have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Under Canadian rules, estimated inferred mineral resources may not generally form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies. Investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource exists or is economically or legally mineable.

Disclosure of contained ounces in a resource is permitted disclosure under Canadian regulations, however, the SEC normally only permits issuers to report mineralization that does not constitute reserves by SEC standards as in-place tonnage and grade without reference to unit measures.

**Accordingly, information concerning mineral deposits set forth herein may not be comparable with information presented by companies using only U.S. standards in their public disclosure.**

## **Description of Mineral Projects**

### **Nyngan Scandium Project**

#### ***Property Description and Location***

The Nyngan Scandium Project site is located approximately 450 kilometres northwest of Sydney, NSW, Australia and approximately 20 kilometres due west from the town of Nyngan, a rural town of approximately 2900 people. The deposit is located 5 kilometres south of Miandetta, off the Barrier Highway that connects the town of Nyngan to the town of Cobar. The license area can be reached via the paved Barrier Highway, which allows year-round access, but final access to the site itself is reached by clay farm tracks. The general area can be characterized as flat countryside and is classified as agricultural land, used predominantly for wheat farming and livestock grazing. Infrastructure in the area is good, with available water and electric power in close proximity to the property boundaries.

The Nyngan property is classified as an Australia Property for purposes of financial statement segment information.

The scandium resource is hosted within the lateritic zone of the Gilgai Intrusion, one of several Alaskan-type mafic and ultramafic bodies which intrude Cambrian-Ordovician metasediments collectively called the Girilambone Group. The laterite zone, locally up to 40 meters thick, is layered with hematitic clay at the surface followed by limonitic clay, saprolitic clay, weathered bedrock and finally fresh bedrock. The scandium mineralization is concentrated within the hematitic, limonitic, and saprolitic zones with values up to 350 ppm scandium.

The general location of the Nyngan Scandium Project is provided in Figure 1 below. The specific location of the exploration licenses that we may earn an interest in are provided in Figure 2 below.



### **Mineral License Details**

The scandium resource is held under Exploration License (EL) 8316 (Block Number 3132, units d, e, j, k and Block no. 3133, unit f) and EL 6096 (Block 3132, unit p, and Block 3133, units l, m, r and s); a total of ten (10) graticular units. The exploration licenses allow the license holder to conduct exploration on private land (with landowner consents and signed compensation agreements in place) and public lands not including wildlife reserves, heritage areas or National Parks. The scandium resource is fully enclosed on private agricultural land.

The Company's Australian subsidiary holds legal title to both the surface and mineral exploration rights on the Nyngan Scandium Project.

The exploration licenses cover 29.25 square kilometers (2,925 hectares). The resource site is located at geographic coordinates MGA zone 55, GDA 94, Lat: - 31.5987, Long: 146.9827, Map Sheets 1:250k Cobar (SH/55-14) and 1:100k Hermidale (8234).

The project surface rights (freehold) total 810 acres (370 hectares) on a portion of the exploration license area. The freehold property boundaries are defined by standard land survey techniques undertaken by the Lands Department and currently presented in the form of Cadastral Deposited Plans (DP) and Lots. The land associated with the project

rights is DP 752879, Lots 6 and 7 (Appendix 2, Lots 6 and 7 - Nyngan).

The Company is required to lodge individual A\$10,000 environmental bonds with the NSW Mines Department for each license, and must meet total minimum work requirements annually of approximately A\$65,000, covering both licenses. Annual property costs to the local Shire Council are under A\$1,000 per year.

Royalties attached to the properties include a 1.5% Net Profits Interest royalty to private parties involved with the early exploration on the property, a 1.7% Net Smelter Returns Royalty payable to Jervois for 12 years after production commences, subject to terms in the settlement agreement, and a 0.7% royalty on gross mineral sales to a private investor. Another revenue royalty is payable to private interests of 0.2%, subject to a US\$370k cap. A NSW minerals royalty will also be levied on the project, subject to negotiation, currently 4% on revenue.

### ***Metallurgy Development***

The Company has invested in and developed methodology for extracting scandium from the Nyngan property resource since 2010. A portion of the work done over this period has been superseded by work that followed, but subsequent test programs universally benefitted from prior efforts. In summary, the programs have been as follows:

2010 The Company inherited work done on Nyngan from Jervois, and applied that work to a quick flowsheet and capital estimate done for management by Roberts & Schaefer of Salt Lake City, Utah;

2011 - The Company employed Hazen Research, Inc., of Golden, Colorado, USA ( Hazen ) to test acid baking techniques and solvent extraction ( SX ) processes with Nyngan resource material. The Company also employed SGS-Lakefield (Ontario) to test pressure acid leach techniques on Nyngan resource, as a replacement for or an enhancement to acid bake techniques done earlier in the year by Hazen;

2012 The Company engaged SNC-Lavalin to do an economic study for management, utilizing an acid bake flowsheet and SX work from the Hazen test program;

2014 - The Company published a preliminary economic assessment ( PEA ) entitled NI 43- 101F1 Technical Report on the Feasibility of the Nyngan Scandium Project, authored by Larpro Pty Ltd, utilizing both Hazen and SGS-Lakefield testwork results; and

2015 The Company amended and refiled the 2014 PEA Report as the *Amended Technical Report and Preliminary Economic Analysis on the Nyngan Scandium Project, NSW, Australia* .

### ***Development Program Review***

The first work phase of the metallurgy development program consisted of detailed metallurgical bench scale testing, and was intended to refine and enhance the Company's existing material process flow sheet to extract scandium from the resource material. This existing flow sheet, developed by Jervois and external consultants, formed the basis of a preliminary, conceptual engineering report for the processing elements of the project that was completed by Roberts & Schaefer specifically for use by SCY management.

The Roberts & Schaefer report included capital and operating cost estimates, based on process flow sheets and technical reports previously done for Jervois or SCY on various metallurgical aspects of the resource.

These technical/process reports included work done by METCON, the CSIRO, and by others, proprietary to or sourced by Jervois or SCY. The bulk of the process applied by Roberts & Schaefer in their Report was defined by bench scale as well as small scale pilot plant work results compiled by others, and a preliminary flow sheet compiled by the CSIRO.

This early stage Roberts & Schaefer Report was carried forward into the later metallurgical test work subsequently conducted by Hazen and the design work utilized in the SNC- Lavalin economic study presented to management in 2012.

In January 2011, SCY announced results of initial lab test work, independently prepared by Hazen. These results defined general results involving conventional contained acid leach systems and suggested recoveries from resource of up to 75%. No secondary recoveries were considered in these initial bench-scale tests.

The second phase of the Hazen test work program continued through July, and involved continuous pilot plant testing of the acid leach systems, solvent extraction systems and product finish systems identified by earlier CSIRO work. The overall objectives of the test work program were to define and optimize a process or series of processes that achieves an 80% scandium recovery, lowest possible capital and operating costs, and most benign environmental impact, using standard and accepted processes.

On January 19, 2012 we announced receipt an independent metallurgical test-work report, titled *Purification of Scandium Extracted from Laterite Ore*, outlining the results of a number of pilot-scale tests on Nyngan resource material, and estimated recoveries and grades of scandium oxide product. The report was independently prepared by Hazen and is the final in a series of three phases of semi-continuous pilot plant scale test-work completed by Hazen during 2011. Work was finalized in late November.

Highlights of the 2011 Hazen semi-continuous pilot plant test-work are as follows:

- Results of conventional contained sulfuric acid bake and water leach systems, at atmospheric pressure, demonstrated scandium recoveries averaging 75%;

- Results of conventional SX on the pregnant leach solution, demonstrated scandium recoveries exceeding 99%;

- Results on final stage precipitation of scandium oxide (Sc O<sub>2</sub>), focused on highest combined purity and recovery, demonstrated scandium recoveries of 97.5%, at purity levels of 97.5% Sc O<sub>2</sub>. Higher purity levels were achieved at lower recoveries;

- Overall recovery results were 70% to 80%, based on ore type (limonite or saprolite); and

- All process assumptions were based on standard and accepted techniques for ore preparation, leaching, solvent extraction and final product preparation.

In late 2011, the Company commissioned test work on high pressure acid leach (HPAL) processes, with both Hazen and SGS-Lakefield of Ontario, Canada. The initial HPAL work was applied to residue from the acid bake process sourced from the earlier Hazen test work, specifically to determine if additional scandium could be effectively recovered in a second pass with a pressure system. Those results were encouraging, and led to later test work in 2012-13 which applied HPAL techniques directly on the laterite resource material. No HPAL research results were included in the report and findings compiled for management by SNC-Lavalin in early 2012. However, the work that subsequently continued on HPAL, after that SNC Report was completed, has been incorporated into current engineering studies and flow sheet strategies for the Nyngan project. Existing HPAL work results were done to bench scale, and not to pilot scale, and are currently being followed up with further test work.

The Company is continuing test work on metallurgy to increase recoveries and final product grades.





In February, 2011 we announced results of a series of laboratory-scale tests investigating the production of aluminum-scandium alloys directly from aluminum oxide and scandium oxide feed materials, prepared by the CSIRO. The overall objective of this research was to demonstrate and commercialize the production of aluminum-scandium master alloy using impure scandium oxide as the scandium source, potentially significantly improving the economics of aluminum-scandium master alloy production.

### ***Environmental Permitting Work***

In April, 2011 SCY announced a general progress report on the project which outlined a series of environmental work steps designed to advance an Environmental Impact Study ( EIS ), the foundation environmental document required for a mining permit in the state. Work steps included both ground and surface water assessments, along with other assessments of Aboriginal, ecology, traffic, noise and air quality matters.

All of this work has subsequently been completed, including 8 water bores with ongoing test monitoring equipment, and reports on the various other targeted assessments, without material issues in any area. An aerial photography and contour mapping program was also completed, to support the feasibility study work regarding location of site facilities.

On January 18, 2012 SCY announced that that key elements of environmental site work on the Nyngan Scandium Project have been completed and a Conceptual Project Development Plan ( CPDP ) submitted to the NSW, Australia state regulators. The CPDP submission forms the basis for an EIS.

Specific EIS and property work, contained in the CPDP, completed by year end 2011 are as follows:

- Draft ground water assessment study finalized and submitted to regulators;
- Surface water assessment results favorable, State review ongoing;
- Aboriginal heritage study finalized, no areas of significance;
- Soils study finalized, no issues; and
- Property aerial photography and contour mapping completed, location of site facilities defined.

Continuing EIS work underway are as follows:

- License applications (6), for access to groundwater as generated from property water bores have been submitted;
- Flora and fauna studies are ongoing; to date no significant issues have arisen; and
- Traffic, noise and air quality baseline monitoring are ongoing.

The environmental work was performed under direction from R. W. Corkery & Co., (Orange, NSW, Australia), and formed part of the SNC-Lavalin Nyngan economic study.

### **Nyngan Preliminary Economic Assessment**

On October 14, 2014, the Company announced completion of a report on a Preliminary Economic Assessment of the Nyngan project entitled, *NI 43-101F1 Technical Report on the Feasibility of the Nyngan Scandium Project* . As a result of a disclosure review by the British Columbia Securities Commission, an amended technical report (the PEA ) titled *Amended Technical Report and Preliminary Economic Analysis on the Nyngan Scandium Project, NSW, Australia* was completed on May 20, 2015. The effective date of the report, as amended, is October 10, 2014.

The PEA was prepared by the engineering firm of Larpro Pty Ltd, of Brisbane, Australia, and supported by Mining One of Melbourne, Australia and Rangott Mineral Exploration Pty Ltd of Orange, Australia, and confirms the technical and economic potential of the Nyngan Scandium Project. The PEA has been independently prepared as a technical report on the form prescribed under NI 43-101 F1 and is available for public review on the Company s website at [www.scandiummining.com](http://www.scandiummining.com)



*The PEA is preliminary in nature and should not be considered to be a pre-feasibility or feasibility study, as the economics and technical viability of the Project have not been demonstrated at this time. While this PEA does not consider or include any inferred mineral resources, and does include only measured and indicated resources, it remains a preliminary analysis that is not sufficient to enable resources to be categorized as mineral reserves. Furthermore, there is no certainty that the PEA will be realized.*

*We advise U.S. investors that while the terms measured resources, indicated resources and inferred resources are recognized and required by Canadian regulations, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission does not recognize these terms. U.S. investors are cautioned not to assume that any part or all of the material in these categories will be converted into reserves. It should not be assumed that any part of an inferred mineral resource will ever be upgraded to a higher category.*

The PEA concludes that the Nyngan Scandium Project has the potential to produce 35,975 kilograms of scandium oxide (scandia) per annum, at grades of 97%-99%, generating an after-tax cumulative cash flow over a 20 year Nyngan Scandium Project life of \$565 million, with an NPV10% of \$175 million. The PEA also concludes the project can achieve this financial result with a conventional flow sheet, employing HPAL and solvent extraction ( SX ) techniques, which have been modeled and validated from METSIM modeling and bench scale/pilot scale metallurgical test work. Note that mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

#### **PEA Financial Highlights and Key Assumptions**

The PEA concludes that the Nyngan Scandium Project has the potential for positive economics, based on a capital estimate supported by conventional process designs. The overall PEA level of accuracy is +/-30%. The PEA is expressed in US dollars (US\$), unless otherwise noted. A foreign exchange rate of US\$0.90 (1A\$=US\$0.90) to one Australian dollar (A\$) was applied in all conversions. No escalation for inflation was assumed in cash flows. All cash flows and discounted cash flows (NPVs and IRRs) in this PEA are shown on an after tax basis, based on a 30% tax rate.

Highlights and key assumptions are as follows:

**Table 1. Nyngan PEA Financial Highlights (October 10, 2014)**

*The above estimates of capital and operating costs are a component of a number of factors required to complete a preliminary assessment of the economic viability of the project, and there is no guarantee that the company will achieve production from the resource at Nyngan. There are currently no established reserves on the Nyngan Scandium Project.*

**PEA Mineral Resource Estimate**

In March of 2010, a NI 43-101 technical report which outlined a resource estimate on the Nyngan Scandium Project was completed. The report, titled, *NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Nyngan Gilgai Scandium Project, Jervois Mining Limited, Nyngan, New South Wales, Australia*, was prepared by or under the supervision of Max Rangott (BSc). The PEA does not alter the existing Nyngan Scandium Project resource estimate, established in the 2010 technical report. The NI 43-101 measured and indicated scandium resource totals 12 million tonnes at an average grade of 261ppm scandium, from both limonite and saprolite resource material. The cut-off value of 100ppm used in the initial 2010 resource was reviewed as part of the PEA. While the input assumptions to the formula calculations are different from those assumed in 2010, the overall cut-off assumption for the combined limonite and saprolite resource generated by the formula was still considered reasonable, and has not changed.

The PEA assumes that a portion of limonite-only resource, in one particular area of the overall resource, will provide a 20 year mining pit sufficient to supply the processing facility at a rate of 75,000 tpy and an average grade of 371ppm scandium. A 20 year mining pit design was developed from drill hole data in support of this assumption and included in the PEA.



The current Nyngan Scandium Project scandium mineral resource as calculated in the 2010 report by Rangott and accepted in the 2015 PEA, is as follows:

**Table 2. Nyngan Scandium Resource** (Effective Date February 9, 2010) <sup>(1)</sup>

| Nyngan Project<br>NI 43-101 Resource Summary<br>Category | Tonnes     | Grade<br>(ppm Sc) | Cut-Off Sc<br>(ppm Sc) | Overburden<br>Ratio<br>(t/t) |
|--|------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Measured Resource</b>                                 | 2,718,000  | 274               | 100                    | 0.81:1                       |
| <b>Indicated Resource</b>                                | 9,294,000  | 258               | 100                    | 1.40:1                       |
| <b>Total Resource</b>                                    | 12,012,000 | 261               | 100                    | 1.10:1                       |

*NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Nyngan Gilgai Scandium Project, Jervois Mining Limited, Nyngan, New South Wales, Australia, dated March 2010, (Rangott Mineral Exploration Pty Ltd).*

(1) Mineral resources that are not mineral resources do not have demonstrated economic viability.

Note that the terms measured and indicated resources are not terms recognized in the United States under SEC rules and guidelines. See *Note to U.S. Investors Regarding Resource Estimates* above under **ITEM 2 PROPERTIES**.

The cut-off level used to define the resource was established using a standard formula that considered scandium pricing, estimated costs of mining and processing, and overall recovery rates, as they pertained to markets and process understanding at the time. Processing methodology assumed acid leaching and solvent extraction systems, and mining assumed a shallow, surface mining operation consistent with drill results on the resource. Additional information on cut-off value assumptions, including pricing assumptions, is provided in the PEA, available on the Company's website.

### PEA Mining and Processing Assumptions

Mining represents a relatively minor part of the overall project activity, based on a plant feed of 240tpd or 75,000 tonnes per year requirement. Mine production is based on conventional open pit methods, strip ratios of 1.5:1 to 3:1 (overburden/resource), contract mining assumptions and mining activity in campaigns of one month, three times per year, avoiding the wet season. The plant will run continuously, fed from field and plant stockpiles of mined resource, and covered against moisture and weather.

The processing plant operations will size the input material, apply HPAL using sulfuric acid, and then recover the liberated scandium using SX, oxalate precipitation and calcination, to generate a finished scandium oxide product. The output of the plant is forecast at 35,975 kilograms of scandium per year, at grades between 97% and 99%, as Sc<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Product output will be refined to suitable grade for direct sales to end users, recognizing that grade varies based on application.

Plant tailings will be neutralized with lime to pH 8.5, dewatered, and stored in a permanent tailings facility which is subject to the environmental requirements of mining permits and NSW State regulators.

### PEA Capital Cost Assumptions

Total capital costs for the Nyngan Scandium are estimated at \$77.4M, which includes a 20% contingency. The majority (70%) of the capital cost in the PEA was Australian-sourced, and consequently, initially priced in Australian dollars, supported by direct vendor capital pricing. Concrete and steel costs have been estimated from concept drawings, and piping, electrical and instrumentation costs were estimated using standard industry factors. The capital cost estimate is considered to be +/-30% accuracy. Capital costs included in overall cash flow include \$2M per year for sustaining capital items (\$38M over full PEA term), and \$3M in final reclamation costs in year 20. No salvage

costs were assumed. On the basis that the resource is adequate for 45 years at the assumed grade, it is unlikely the project would be closed in year 20 if current assumptions remain viable.



**Table 3. PEA Capital Cost Detail**

**PEA Operating Costs Assumptions**

Operating costs were estimated based on metallurgical test work results and METSIM modelling quantities and requirements. The single most significant cost item in operating costs is sulfuric acid, which is used in quantity and requires transport to site. The second most significant cost item is staff/labor cost. Reagents in total represent approximately 57% of total operating cash costs. Quantities were established through METSIM software outputs, and were 100% vendor-priced. The level of accuracy on the operating component costing in the PEA is +/-25%.

Operating cost details in the PEA are as follows:

**Table 4. PEA Operating Costs, and Unit Costs Per kg Oxide**

**PEA Revenue Pricing Assumptions**

The price assumption in the PEA is \$2,000 per kilogram (kg), as an average price covering all products sold over various product grades. Current pricing is substantially above these levels, based on small unit quantities and varying grades. The pricing benchmark applied in the PEA was supported by limited current trading and pricing information, our discussions with potential customers, and the understanding that lower prices than scandium trades for today will be necessary to penetrate potential markets with significant sales tonnages in the future.

**PEA Sensitivities Analysis**

The Nyngan Scandium Project is most sensitive to changes in product pricing, and somewhat less sensitive to either operating cost or capital cost changes, as shown below.

**Table 5. Profitability Sensitivities to Changes in Key Assumptions**

**PEA General Assumptions**

The PEA is presented on a 100% ownership basis. As a result of the conversion of the 2014 Loan into a 20% joint venture interest at the project level in Nyngan, the Company currently holds an 80% interest in the Nyngan Scandium Project.

All cash flows and financial analyses have been presented on a 100% equity basis. No debt leverage has been assumed in providing capital for development. No inflation factors have been applied to future cash flows, making the discounted cash flow performance measures constant dollar figures. Had inflation been applied to future cash flow streams, the NPVs and IRRs would have been higher.

The PEA incorporated considerable metallurgical test work independently prepared for SCY over the previous four years, along with engineering, project design work and economic estimates done previously for SCY management. The PEA also utilized existing environmental and detailed mine planning work previously undertaken on the property, and previously incorporated in prior management studies. The PEA had the benefit of prior flow sheet designs, and results, but it did not compare previous designs. The batch autoclave HPAL design presented in the PEA was the only design considered.

**PEA Conclusions and Recommendations**

This PEA consolidates a significant amount of metallurgical test work and prior study on the Nyngan Scandium Project. The work demonstrates a viable, conventional process flow sheet utilizing the HPAL leaching process, and good metallurgical recoveries of scandium from the resource. The metallurgical assumptions are supported by various bench and pilot scale independent test work programs that are consistent with known outcomes in other laterite resources. Combined with the capital cost estimate, the Nyngan Scandium Project exhibits robust financial outcomes.

The PEA recommends that project owners proceed to a full feasibility study, including additional test work to confirm certain key process variants. Those recommendations include:

- Consider test work to support process changes that could reduce capital/operating costs;
- Conduct a comparative study between batch and continuous autoclave systems;
- Consider/test certain alternative reagents/techniques in the solvent extraction area;



Conduct test work to develop engineering parameters around the materials handling properties of the laterite resource as it relates to optimum sizing for best leach results; and

Conduct test work on pumping and settling properties of process slurries.

### **Definitive Feasibility Study**

On September 10, 2015 the Company announced that it has selected the engineering firm Lycopodium Minerals Pty Ltd, of Brisbane, QLD, Australia ( Lycopodium ), to prepare a DFS on the Nyngan Scandium Project. The work is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2016. The DFS will include all elements of project description and design to generate an economic report suitable for seeking project construction financing in 2016. Process engineering and other project study elements will be advanced to a +/-15% accuracy level.

While Lycopodium will coordinate the overall project, significant contributions will be sourced from other engineering groups and consultants who have been a part of previous reports, including Altrius Engineering Services Pty Ltd (Brisbane, QLD), Rangott Mineral Exploration Pty Ltd (Orange, NSW), Mining One Consultants (Melbourne, Victoria) and R.W.Corkery & Co. Pty Limited (Orange, NSW). Knight Piesold Pty Ltd (Brisbane, QLD) will contribute engineering services on tailings dams, geotechnical work, and surface water management.

The DFS will incorporate and be based on metallurgical test work independently prepared for the Company over the previous five years, along with engineering, project design work, environmental work on the property, mine planning and development work, and economic estimates done previously for management use, specifically as incorporated in the *Amended Technical Report and Preliminary Economic Assessment on the Nyngan Scandium Project, NSW, Australia* , effective date October 10, 2014, amended and restated issue date May 20, 2015.

The Nyngan Scandium Project DFS has been commissioned to be independently prepared in accordance with the requirements of NI 43-101 as applicable to the preparation of technical reports.

### **Nyngan Scandium Project 2014 Drilling Program**

On January 29, 2015, we announced assay results from a 14-hole resource drilling program at the Nyngan Scandium Project in NSW, Australia, conducted in October 2014. The 14 hole-program totaled 655 meters in the existing resource area. The program attempted 2 additional exploration holes, which were abandoned due to difficult drilling conditions. Highlights of the fourteen drill-hole program assay results follow:

Average scandium grade of 357ppm over 214 meters (200ppm cut-off);

Average scandium grade of 444ppm over 120 meters (300ppm cut-off);

Best results: 4 meters @ 795ppm, 5 meters @ 755ppm and 7 meters @ 721ppm;

Best individual 1 meter assay was 879ppm;

Lithium borate fusion (fusion) assay preparation demonstrated superior result to the traditional four acid method, as used on the resource estimate in 2010; and

These new assay results strongly support the average grade and location selected and included in the PEA on the Nyngan Scandium Project.

## Drilling Program Details

The Company conducted and completed a 14-hole drill program in October, focused on a high grade section of the Nyngan Scandium Project, selected from within the area of the measured and indicated resource disclosed in the NI 43-101 technical report filed on SEDAR in March of 2010. This high grade zone of mostly indicated resource was the basis of a 20 year mine plan and scandium grade assumptions used in the PEA on the Nyngan Scandium Project. This latest drill program was designed to infill certain areas to 50 meter centers (from 100 meter centers), and to provide better information on pit limits as defined in the PEA. The program was conducted using a conventional rotary air core drill rig, which captured over five tonnes of chip sample material, for assay, and for fresh resource material to support ongoing metallurgical test work programs. Holes were vertically drilled, so interval widths in the results table below represent true widths.

The Company assayed all 14 new holes with both four acid digestion, and also by fusion digestion techniques, followed in each case by ICP-AES metal assays. The Company notes that fusion digestion results generally deliver higher scandium assays than the four acid digestion method, traditionally used in nickel and cobalt assay work. We believe the fusion technique generates a truer assay result, because acid digestion of scandium within limonite-hosted mineralization can be incomplete, particularly at higher grades, and flux digestion by high temperature fusion produces a more homogeneous sample for analysis. We intend to rely on and utilize fusion digestion techniques going forward to support our mine planning and advanced economic and development studies.

The limonite-only assay results presented in the summary table below are based on a 200ppm scandium cut-off value. A saprolite resource underlays the limonite, is generally lower in grade, requires somewhat different processing techniques than limonite for optimal recovery, and is not planned for early extraction and processing by the Company. Each hole in the drill program was completed to bedrock, including both limonite and saprolite resource. Saprolite was present in 13 of the 14 holes drilled.

This application of a higher limonite cut-off value of 200ppm is consistent with the PEA assumptions on initial production from the top layer limonite resource. The results presentation is also consistent with the company focus on an initial pit configuration in a higher grade zone of resource. The area of this recent drill result corresponds to the area delineated by the 20 year PEA operating area, and in fact expands beyond that area.

Assay results were taken over each meter of drilling material, and only continuous intervals have been included in the summary table. Reporting intervals above cut-off were established based on fusion results, and the presentation table then applied those same intervals to both fusion and four acid assays for comparability. The generally higher fusion results generated wider resource intervals above cut-off grade, resulting in inclusion of some below cut-off grade assays into the four acid results presented in the table below.

Detail limonite-only results for each drill hole were as follows:

### Table 6. Drill hole Limonite Results







The location of the 14-hole drill program is as follows:

### **Drill Program QAQC standards**

SCY employed an independent local geological consulting and drill supervisory team, Rangott Mineral Exploration Pty. Ltd., ( RME ) of Orange NSW, Australia, to manage the drill work on-site. Bulk samples of drill returns were collected at one meter intervals from a trailer-mounted cyclone and splitter for one reported hole - EMCG-01, and a separate RME three-tier riffle splitter was used on site for holes EMCG-09, EMCG-10 and EMCG-16, due to moisture. Assay samples ranged from 0.4 - 4.7 kg in weight. Individual sample identifiers were cross-checked during the process. The individual assay samples were double-bagged and held in RME's possession while in the field, prior to transport and storage at RME's office in Orange. RME personnel checked/validated the sequence of sample numbers, and submitted the samples to Australian Laboratory Services ( ALS ) laboratory in Orange, NSW. The remainder of bulk samples were sealed in the field in heavy polyethylene bags and transported by RME to a secure site at Orange for long-term storage or further use in metallurgical test work.

ALS/Orange dried and weighed the received assay samples, and pulverized the entire sample to 85% passing 75 microns or better (technique PUL-21). 50 g bags of the pulps were then split off and sent to the ALS laboratory at Stafford in Brisbane, Queensland for analysis. ALS/Brisbane analyzed the pulps for scandium, nickel, cobalt, chromium, iron, magnesium, manganese, aluminum and calcium, using Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-AES) after a four acid digestion (technique ME-ICP61). The 4-hole results were also repeat-tested,

only for scandium, using a lithium borate fusion digestion technique, followed by similar ICP-AES assay. The lower detection limit for scandium using either technique is 1ppm. RME included one commercial standard sample and three high-grade scandium pulps from previously analyzed batches, for quality control; and also included one duplicate sample from each hole in the batch. For internal quality control, ALS/Brisbane added additional standard samples (for repeat analyses), blank samples and duplicate samples to the batch.

## Patent Application Filings

On February 17, 2015 the Company announced the filing of five patent applications with the US Patent Office that correspond to novel flowsheet designs for the recovery of scandium from laterite resource material. All five of these patents are directly applicable to our Nyngan Scandium Project, although one of the five patents pertains to downstream product design.

The five patent applications are titled as follows:

1. *Systems and methodologies for recovering scandium values from mixed ion solutions;*
2. *Systems and methodologies for direct acid leaching of scandium bearing laterite ores;*
3. *Solvent extraction of scandium from leach solutions;*
4. *Systems and processes for recovering scandium values from laterite ores; and*
5. *Scandium-containing master alloys and method for making the same.*

## Patent Applications Discussion:

These patent applications cover novel, unique flowsheet designs, applicable to scandium extraction, from scandiferous laterite resources;

The patented designs are largely supported by test work done with Nyngan Scandium Project resource material and known design parameters;

The patents cover HPAL system material flows, SX, ion exchange systems ( IX ), atmospheric tank and heap leaching systems and techniques, and processes for directly making select master alloys containing scandium;

The designs will be part of a DFS, scheduled for 2015; and

The master alloy patent application uniquely integrates planned flowsheet design and downstream product development, either by SCY or with future customers.

These five patent applications have been filed with the US Patent Office, with dates of record from September 2014 to February 2015. They protect the Company's position and rights to the intellectual property (IP) contained and identified in the applications as of the date filed, within the worldwide jurisdiction limits of the US patent system. Review by the US Patent Office takes further time, but the dates of record define the basis of IP ownership claims, as is generally afforded US patent-holders.

The Company intends to utilize the IP contained in these process patents in the development of process flowsheets for recovery of scandium from its Nyngan Scandium Project.

The Company believes that patent protection of these specific, novel process designs will be granted. Many of the basic design elements contemplated in the Nyngan Scandium Project flowsheet are commonly applied to other specialty metals, particularly nickel. However, the application of these basic design elements has not been commonly applied to scandium extraction from laterite resources, and there are enough intended and required operational differences in the application to permit the Company to patent-protect IP on those differences.

These patent claims are the result of several years of metallurgical testwork with independent resource laboratories and specific design work by Willem Duyvesteyn, the Company's Chief Technology Officer, using Nyngan property resource material. This work is ongoing. Patent protection on flowsheet intellectual property will serve to limit or prevent the unauthorized use of that IP by others, without the Company's consent. We believe these filings are an important action to protect the ownership of a Company asset, on behalf of all SCY shareholders.

## **ALCERECO MOU and Offtake Agreements**

On March 30, 2015, the Company announced that it had signed a memorandum of understanding (the MOU ) with ALCERECO Inc. of Kingston, Ontario ( ALCERECO ), forming a strategic alliance to develop markets and applications for aluminum alloys containing scandium. To further that alliance, and to reinforce the capability of both companies to deliver product developed for Al-Sc alloy markets, SCY and ALCERECO also signed an offtake agreement (the Offtake Agreement ) governing sales terms of scandium oxide product (scandia) produced from the Nyngan Scandium Project. The Offtake Agreement specifies deliveries of scandium oxide product commencing in early 2017.

Scandium as an alloying agent in aluminum allows for aluminum metal products that are much stronger, more easily weldable and exhibit improved performance at higher temperatures than current aluminum based materials. This means lighter structures, lower manufacturing costs and improved performance in areas that aluminum alloys do not currently compete.

The MOU covers areas of joint cooperation and development of aluminum alloys that contain and are enhanced by the addition of scandium;

The MOU recognizes the specialized capabilities ALCERECO holds for the design, manufacture, and testing of Al-Sc alloy materials;

The Offtake Agreement outlines standard sale terms on 7,500 kg of scandia per annum, for a term of three years beginning in 2017, which can be extended; and

The Offtake Agreement contains both fixed and variable pricing components, which are subject to confidentiality.

ALCERECO is an advanced materials development company that provides services and specialty processing capabilities to companies innovating in a diverse range of markets, including aerospace, automotive, electronics and consumer/sporting goods. ALCERECO staff work with a range of materials and processes and have the tools and knowledge to take on leading-edge projects such as development of aluminum-scandium alloys, specialty ceramics, composites and graphene enhanced materials. ALCERECO has a particular focus on lightweight materials capable of delivering greater strength, functionality and exceptional performance.

ALCERECO operates out of the Grafoid Global Technology Centre in Kingston, Ontario that was originally founded by Alcan Aluminum in the 1940s. ALCERECO is a Canadian private company, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ottawa-based Grafoid Inc., a graphene application development company.

### ***Nyngan Scandium Project - Planned Activities for 2016-2017***

The following steps are planned for Nyngan during the 2016 and 2017 Calendar years:

Complete and file an EIS on the Nyngan Scandium Project in Q1 2016;

Complete an advanced stage economic study (the DFS) with a +/- 15% accuracy level, scheduled for completion during the first quarter of 2016, and filed on SEDAR in the second quarter of 2016;

Make formal application for a mining license pertaining to the Nyngan Scandium Project with NSW Mines Department in Q1 2016;

Pursue additional offtake agreements in support of planned future scandium sales;

Seek project financing to fund the construction of the Nyngan Scandium Project for drawdown after the granting of a mining license from NSW for the mine development;

Commence site construction during in 2017, with anticipated construction completion over 12 months, targeting year-end 2017; and

Initiate project commissioning in Q1 2018, with product available for sale by the end of Q1 2018.

### **Honeybugle Scandium Property**

On April 2, 2014 the Company announced that it had secured a 100% interest in an exploration license (EL 7977) covering 34.7 square kilometers in New South Wales (NSW), Australia referred to as the Honeybugle Scandium property. The license area is located approximately 24 kilometers west-southwest from SCY's Nyngan Scandium Project. The license area covers part of the Honeybugle geologic complex, and will carry that name in our future references to the property. The ground was released by the prior holder, and SCY intends to explore the property for scandium and other metals.

The Company currently does not consider the Honeybugle Scandium property to be a material property at this time. No resources or reserves are known to exist on the property. The property is classified as an Australian property for purposes of financial statement segment information.

The location of the Honeybugle Scandium property is provided below.

### **Honeybugle Drill Results**

On May 7, 2014 the Company announced completion of an initial program of 30 air core (AC) drill holes on the property, specifically at the Seaford anomaly, targeting scandium (Sc). Results on 13 of these holes are shown in detail, in the table below. These holes suggest the potential for scandium mineralization on the property similar to our Nyngan Scandium Project.

Highlights of initial drilling program results are as follows:



The highest 3-meter intercept graded 572 ppm scandium (hole EHAC 11);

EHAC 11 also generated two additional high grade scandium intercepts, grading 510 ppm and 415 ppm, each over 3 meters;

The program identified a 13-hole cluster which was of particular interest;

Intercepts on these 13 holes averaged 270 ppm scandium over a total 273 meters at an average continuous thickness of 21 meters per hole, representing a total of 57% (354 meters) of total initial program drilling;

The 13 holes produced 29 individual (3-meter) intercepts over 300 ppm, representing 31% of the mineralized intercepts in the 273 meters of interest; and

This initial 30-hole AC exploratory drill program generated a total of 620 meters of scandium drill/assay results, over approximately 1 square kilometer on the property.

The detail results of 13 holes in the initial drill program are as follows:

**Table 7. Results of 13-Hole Initial Drill Program**

| Honeybugle 30 Hole Drill Program - April 2014 |                       |                     | Target-Scandium    |                  |                           |                            |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Drill Hole Number                             | Honeybugle Drill Area | Hole Type           | From (meter depth) | To (meter depth) | Intercept Length (meters) | Total Scandium Grade (ppm) |
| <b>EHAC 1</b>                                 | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 21                 | 42               | 21                        | 218                        |
|   |                       | <i>including</i>    | 27                 | 36               | 9                         | 262                        |
| <b>EHAC 2</b>                                 | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 0                  | 12               | 12                        | 300                        |
|   |                       | <i>including</i>    | 0                  | 9                | 9                         | 333                        |
| <b>EHAC 3</b>                                 | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 3                  | 12               | 9                         | 295                        |
|   |                       | <i>including</i>    | 6                  | 9                | 3                         | 352                        |
| <b>EHAC 5</b>                                 | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 0                  | 15               | 15                        | 244                        |
|   |                       | <i>including</i>    | 12                 | 15               | 3                         | 333                        |
| <b>EHAC 6</b>                                 | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 0                  | 24               | 24                        | 185                        |
|   |                       | <i>including</i>    | 0                  | 9                | 9                         | 214                        |
|   |                       | <i>including</i>    | 18                 | 24               | 6                         | 214                        |
| <b>EHAC 7</b>                                 | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 9                  | 51               | 42                        | 225                        |
|   |                       | <i>including</i>    | 15                 | 42               | 27                        | 220                        |
|   |                       | <i>including</i>    | 42                 | 51               | 9                         | 252                        |
| <b>EHAC 9</b>                                 | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 6                  | 27               | 21                        | 272                        |
|   |                       | <i>including</i>    | 9                  | 24               | 15                        | 350                        |
| <b>EHAC 10</b>                                | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 0                  | 18               | 18                        | 251                        |
| <b>EHAC 11</b>                                | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 0                  | 30               | 30                        | 369                        |
|   |                       | <i>including</i>    | 9                  | 15               | 6                         | 461                        |
|   |                       | <i>including</i>    | 21                 | 24               | 3                         | 572                        |
| <b>EHAC 12</b>                                | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 0                  | 21               | 21                        | 177                        |
| <b>EHAC 26</b>                                | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 0                  | 21               | 21                        | 309                        |
|   | Seaford               | <i>including</i>    | 3                  | 18               | 15                        | 343                        |
| <b>EHAC 28</b>                                | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 0                  | 18               | 18                        | 344                        |
|   | Seaford               | <i>including</i>    | 3                  | 15               | 12                        | 363                        |
| <b>EHAC 29</b>                                | Seaford               | <b>Explore (AC)</b> | 3                  | 21               | 18                        | 316                        |
|   |                       | <i>including</i>    | 9                  | 18               | 9                         | 396                        |

Assumes 175 ppm cut-off grade

Seaford is characterized by extensive outcrops of dry, iron-rich laterites, allowing for a particularly shallow drill program. Thirty (30) air core (AC) holes on nominal 100-meter spacing were planned, over an area of approximately 1 square kilometer. Four holes were halted in under 10 meters depth, based on thin laterite beds, low scandium grades, and shallow bedrock.





The 13 holes highlighted in the table are grouped together on either side of Coffills Lane, and represent all of the drill locations where meaningful intercept thickness generated scandium grades exceeding 175 ppm. Some of these 13 holes showed significant scandium values on the immediate surface, and alternately, other holes exhibited favorable scandium grades that began at shallow depth. The highest grade Sc sample was found in a 21-24 meter interval (572 ppm), although several holes produced better than 350 ppm Sc intercepts at depths of under 9 meters. The deepest hole (EHAC 7) was drilled to 57 meters, showing good scandium grades over a 12-meter horizon (245 ppm) near the bottom of the hole, from 39 to 51 meters depth. Higher scandium grades were associated with higher iron levels. Holes were drilled to a depth where they contacted the fresh ultramafic bedrock, which generally signaled the end of any scandium enrichment zones.

The drill plan divided Seaford into four sub-areas, 1-4, as highlighted Figure 5, below. Area 1 was relatively higher ground and therefore the least impacted by ground moisture. Consequently this dryer area received the greatest attention, although that had been the general intention in the plan. Area 1 received 17 holes, with 13 presented in detail in the table above. Areas 2-4 were each intended as step-out areas that need to be further examined in the next program. The three step-out areas did not generate results of particular note, although hole locations were not optimal due to ground conditions and access.

Area 2 received 3 holes, 60 meters total, and generated Sc grades from 45-75 ppm,  
Area 3 received 4 holes, 87 meters total, and generated Sc grades from 47-122 ppm,  
Area 4 received 5 holes, 72 meters total, and generated Sc grades from 60-101 ppm, and  
The average depth of all of these holes was 18 meters, with the deepest 30 meters.

This 13-hole cluster (Area 1) was noted to be in a relatively thick laterite zone which was constrained to the west by contact with meta-sediments, to the east by fresh ultramafic bedrock, and to some extent in the north by a poor intersection result in hole 30. Area 1 remains somewhat open to the south, with the two southern-most holes (EHAC 9 and EHAC 29) generating some of the best scandium grade intercepts in the area.

The surface and near surface mineralization at this property is an advantage, both in locating areas of interest for future exploration work, and also because of extremely low overburden ratios. This particular characteristic for the Honeybugle Scandium property is different to our Nyngan Scandium Project, where mineralization is typically covered by 10-20 meters of barren alluvium.

Further drilling at Seaford is warranted, based on the results of this introductory and modest program, specifically to the north and south of the existing area 1 drill pattern, along with investigation and select drilling at the other three remaining anomalies on the property.

### **Qualified Person and Quality Assurance/Quality Control**

John Thompson, B.E. (Mining); Vice President - Development at SCY is a qualified person as defined in NI 43-101 and has reviewed the technical information on this property. The drilling, sampling, packaging and transport of the drill samples was carried out to industry standards for QA/QC. SCY employed an independent local geology consulting and drill supervisory team, Rangott Mineral Exploration Pty. Ltd., (RME) of Orange, NSW, Australia, to manage the drill work on-site. Bulk samples of drill returns were collected at one metre intervals from a cyclone mounted on the drilling rig, and a separate three-tier riffle splitter was used on site to obtain 2.0 -4.5kg composite samples collected over 3 metre intervals, for assay. Individual sample identifiers were cross-checked during the process. The assay samples were placed in sealed polyweave bags which remained in RME's possession until the completion of the drilling program, at which time they were transported to RME's office in Orange. There, the sequence of sample numbers was validated, and the assay samples were immediately submitted to Australian Laboratory Services (ALS) laboratory in Orange. The remnant bulk samples, which were collected in sealed polythene bags, were transported by RME to a local storage unit at Miandetta, for long-term storage.

ALS/Orange dried and weighed the samples, and pulverized the entire sample to 85% passing 75 microns or better (technique PUL-21). These 50g sample bags of pulps were then sent to the ALS laboratory at Stafford in Brisbane, Queensland for analysis. ALS/Brisbane analyzed the pulps for scandium, nickel, cobalt, chromium, iron and magnesium, using Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-AES) after a four acid (total) digestion (technique ME-ICP61). The lower detection limit for scandium using this technique is 1ppm. For their internal quality control, ALS/Brisbane added 4 standard samples (for 20 repeat analyses), 10 blank samples and 16 duplicate samples to the batch. Please see news release dated May 7, 2014 and available on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) for further information on the Honeybugle drill results.

### **Tørdal Property**

During 2011 we entered into option agreements with REE Mining AS of Norway, to obtain exploration rights to several properties located in central and southern Norway. Based on exploration results and holding costs, the Tørdal property holding was retained but all other Norway properties were subsequently dropped. The Tørdal agreement was renegotiated to secure a 100% ownership position for SCY. The 90 sq km Tørdal exploration property is prospective for a grouping of specialty metals, and rare earth elements, including scandium, yttrium, tantalum, beryllium, niobium, zirconium, titanium, lithium, nickel and tin.

The Company currently does not consider the Tørdal property, located in Norway, to be a material property at this time. No resources or reserves are known to exist on the property. The property is classified as the Norway Property for purposes of financial statement segment information.

The location of the Tørdal property is provided in Figure 6 below.

## **2012 Tørdal Field Exploration**

On February 14, 2013 we announced promising results from field exploration work on the Tørdal property during the summer and fall months of 2012, focussed on scandium-bearing pegmatites. The 2012 work included independent assay results of pegmatite rock samples taken from one specific property area, and also includes an extensive pegmatite mapping program covering approximately 30 sq km. The assay results indicated the presence of high levels of scandium and various rare earth elements (REE s), including heavy rare earth elements (HREE s) in particular. Field XRF readings indicated elevated scandium content in hundreds of large and small pegmatite bodies found and mapped in the reconnaissance area.

Highlights of the results of the 2012 field exploration are as follows:

- Tørdal 2012 assays of pegmatite rocks show presence of both scandium and REE s;
- Best scandium assays exceed 1,600 ppm;
- Promising HREE assay results from pegmatites with gadolinite mineralization;
- Host rock mineralization points to higher grade scandium or HREE contents;
- 2012 summer exploration program mapped and sampled over 300 pegmatites;
- A total of 1,940 Niton XRF scandium readings were taken on whole rock samples; and
- Overall program results at Tørdal are very encouraging and warrant expanded exploration.

### **Assay Results of Grab Samples at Tørdal**

The 2011 summer exploration program on the Tørdal property consisted of reconnaissance, surface soil sampling, and limited pegmatite mapping work in a relatively small area north of the village of Kleppe, in Southern Norway.

As a follow-on from that 2011 program, the company then returned to the same area and conducted a series of blasts, using small explosive charges to generate whole rock samples on select exposed pegmatites, at the locations of the best soil sample results. The exploration team planned 9 blasts and conducted 8, on 5 different pegmatite bodies, from which they assembled 23 grab samples for analysis and assay by OMAC Laboratories in Ireland. Assay results on these samples were received in Q1 2012 in time to help formulate the 2012 summer/autumn season pegmatite mapping program, conducted on a much wider area.

Independent assay results on 20 of the 23 samples, covering all 5 targeted pegmatites, are shown below.

**Table 8. Independent Assay Results**

| Sample Type                 | Sample Location |             | Rare Earth Assay Results |          |        | Scandium |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
|                             | Sample ID #     | Blast ID #  | HREE ppm                 | TREE ppm | % HREE | Sc ppm   |
| Whole Rock Samples          | TD1             | 7           | 307                      | 427      | 72.0%  | 38       |
|                             | TD2             | 7           | 142                      | 204      | 69.7%  | 334      |
|                             | TD3             | 3           | 104                      | 138      | 75.0%  | 86       |
|                             | TD5             | 4           | 460                      | 533      | 86.4%  | 111      |
|                             | TD6             | 2           | 177                      | 223      | 79.3%  | 67       |
|                             | TD7             | 9           | 180                      | 219      | 82.0%  | 26       |
|                             | TD8             | 8           | 935                      | 1,028    | 90.9%  | 77       |
|                             | TD9             | 7           | 130                      | 171      | 75.8%  | 568      |
| Select Mica-Phase Samples   | TD10            | 3           | 92                       | 123      | 74.5%  | 665      |
|                             | TD11            | 9           | 159                      | 191      | 82.8%  | 1,459    |
|                             | TD13            | 1           | 52                       | 59       | 88.1%  | 853      |
| Select Garnet-Phase Samples | TD15            | 3           | 724                      | 883      | 81.9%  | 1,690    |
|                             | TD17            | 8           | 1,581                    | 1,656    | 95.5%  | 141      |
|                             | TD18            | 7           | 305                      | 357      | 85.6%  | 23       |
|                             | TD19            | 2           | 2,443                    | 2,789    | 87.6%  | 246      |
| Select Gadolinite-Phase     | TD21            | 2           | 722                      | 860      | 84.0%  | 150      |
|                             | TD14            | 1           | 227,500                  | 266,430  | 85.4%  | 26       |
|                             | TD22            | 3           | 162,500                  | 186,480  | 87.1%  | 64       |
|                             | TD23            | location 32 | 267,400                  | 313,530  | 85.3%  | <1       |

NOTE: All blast samples taken from Kleppe area (Area 1), total of 5 unique pegmatites

Note: Assay results are as-reported elemental assay results from OMAC Laboratories, and are not converted to oxide equivalent (REO & Sc<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). Heavy rare earth elements abbreviated HREE; and include Yttrium; Total rare earth elements abbreviated TREE.

The numbered assay samples were formed either by random selection of fresh (un-weathered) whole rock material broken loose from individual pegmatite bodies, or alternatively, based on selectively collecting fresh rock material that was clearly (1) garnet-laden, (2) mica-laden, or showed clear visible (3) gadolinite mineralization. Gadolinite is a beryllium and rare earth-bearing mineral with the chemical formula [(Ce,La,Nd,Y)<sub>2</sub>FeBe<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub>]. The intent was to determine from assay results if certain visible mineralization correlated to the presence and concentrations of target elements; specifically scandium, rare earth elements (REEs), or other metals of interest and value.

The results in the assay table indicate that all of the selected pegmatites contain interesting levels of both REEs and scandium. In general, all of the pegmatites contained both target elements, while the mica phase appears to hold the higher scandium concentrations with small REE additions, and the gadolinite phase holds the highest REE concentrations and small scandium additions. The presence of garnet material in samples tended to generate interesting but moderate values for both REEs and scandium. Assay work was designed to identify 30 specific elements, including all 16 REE elements plus scandium, and the relative concentration of heavy REEs was of

particular interest. The mica and garnet grab sample materials had generally only trace levels of thorium and uranium (average <15 ppm), while the gadolinite grab sample materials had thorium levels between 2,500-5,000 ppm, and uranium levels between 500-1,300 ppm. A full table of OMAC assay results related to these 23 sample analyses is available on the Company website at [www.scandiummining.com](http://www.scandiummining.com).

**Reconnaissance Results    Extended Pegmatite Mapping Program at Tørdal**

Following on from the 2011 work and the 2012 assay results, we conducted an expanded 2012 summer work reconnaissance program at both Tørdal and Evje-Iveland, from July through October. The goals of the 2012 program were to develop detailed mapping of outcropping pegmatite fields over a much broader area than the 2011 program, while also conducting field sampling of scandium mineralization on those pegmatites using a hand-held Niton XRF Analyzer.

The 2012 program concentrated on five separate areas (approximately 30 sq km) as can be seen in the map below:

A total of 1,940 Niton XRF readings were logged on whole rock and pegmatite mineral separates, logged against individually mapped and numbered pegmatite bodies. The XRF readings ranged up to +6,000 ppm scandium (on a mineral separate), and averaged 661 ppm on 1,504 total logged readings above the instrument's 20 ppm detection limit. XRF readings focussed on scandium data collection only, although the team diligently noted the visible presence of gadolinite and amazonite mineralization.

The reader is cautioned that hand-held Niton XRF readings are not the same as laboratory assays, and are not NI 43-101 compliant with regard to estimating resource grades. However, the Company is confident that these data readings are highly useful in confirming and shaping the next stage of the exploration program on this property.

A summary of results by area is as follows:

Area 1 (Kleppe); Mapped more than 50 pegmatite bodies. Best average XRF Sc readings from 1,000-1,500 ppm, some very large surface expressions. Gadolinite present.

Area 2 (Heftetjern); Partially mapped more than 40 pegmatite bodies, many large surface expressions, green amazonite mineralization. Better XRF Sc readings from 500-1,500 ppm.

Area 3 (Solli); Mapped numerous large and small pegmatites. Generally lower XRF Sc readings, ranging 300-700 ppm. Red feldspars, quartz and gadolinite mineralization present.

Area 4 (South Kleppsvatn); Partially mapped large area containing more than 80 pegmatites, generally mica-based. Typical XRF Sc readings in the 300-900 ppm range, with some reaching 1,500 ppm Sc.

Area 5 (Buvatn); Partially mapped, numerous pegmatite bodies, some very large. Typical XRF Sc readings in the 300-1,000 ppm range. Old feldspar quarries, amonizite mineralization present.

#### **Next Steps in Norway Exploration Program**

The Company mapping and sampling work has confirmed that much of the Tørdal property is heavily populated with complex, near-surface pegmatite bodies. Based on hand-held XRF readings and mineralogy, these pegmatites show excellent promise for significant scandium enrichment, particularly within bodies containing micas, and for REE mineralization where the rare earth silicate gadolinite is present. Based on the results of 2012 exploration work, planning for future exploration work is under consideration, but is dependent on the Company's ability to adequately fund further exploration work. The priority project is the Nyngan Scandium Project, so funding for further exploration in Norway is specifically subject to adequate prior funding of Nyngan.

#### **Qualified Person and Quality Assurance/Quality Control**

Sampling methods followed industry quality control standards. Mr. Kjell Nilsen, an independent geologist consultant currently employed by SCY, conducted the reconnaissance and sampling on the property. Individual whole rock grab samples were collected by hand shovel, from areas where blasted material could be seen to have come from blast points on pegmatite bodies. The assayed samples were individually bagged, sealed, logged on the grid map as to location, boxed in a container suitable for mailing, and sent by express mail to OMAC Laboratories Limited in Galway, Ireland for testing. Assay testing on the samples utilized an ICP-MS spectrometer (Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry) to test for numerous elements, specifically scandium. The numerous Niton XRF (X-ray Fluorescence) readings were taken at field locations, logged and identified with individual numbered pegmatites, located on grid maps, by the field geology team. Mr. Willem Duyvesteyn, Chief Technology Officer of SCY, is the Qualified Person who is responsible for the design and conduct of the exploration program, and reviewed the program results.

**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

We are not a party to any pending legal proceedings and, to the best of our knowledge, none of our properties or assets are the subject of any pending legal proceedings.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

The Company has no active mining operations or dormant mining assets at this time, and has no outstanding mine safety violations or other regulatory safety matters to report.

**PART II****ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANTS' COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER****Price Range of Common Shares**

The principal market on which our common shares are traded is the Toronto Stock Exchange. Our common shares commenced trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange on April 24, 2008 under the symbol **GP**. Effective March 11, 2009, the common shares were listed and posted for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol **EMC**. Effective November 28, 2014, the common shares were listed and posted for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol **SCY**. The following table shows the high and low trading prices of our common shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange for the periods indicated.

| <b>Year</b>                                | <b>High<br/>(C\$)</b> | <b>Low<br/>(C\$)</b> |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2015</b> |                       |                      |
| First quarter                              | 0.140                 | 0.080                |
| Second quarter                             | 0.175                 | 0.100                |
| Third quarter                              | 0.170                 | 0.075                |
| Fourth quarter                             | 0.230                 | 0.125                |
| <b>Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2014</b> |                       |                      |
| First quarter                              | 0.035                 | 0.020                |
| Second quarter                             | 0.155                 | 0.020                |
| Third quarter                              | 0.130                 | 0.075                |
| Fourth quarter                             | 0.120                 | 0.070                |

**Exchange Rates**

We maintain our books of account in United States dollars and references to dollar amounts herein are to the lawful currency of the United States except that we are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange and, accordingly, stock price quotes and sales of stock are conducted in Canadian dollars (C\$). The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain exchange rates based on the noon rate provided by the Bank of Canada. Such rates are the number of Canadian dollars per one (1) U.S. dollar (US\$). The high and low exchange rates for each month during the previous six months were as follows:



|                | <u>High</u> | <u>Low</u> |
|----------------|-------------|------------|
| January 2016   | 1.4589      | 1.3969     |
| December 2015  | 1.3990      | 1.3360     |
| November 2015  | 1.3360      | 1.3095     |
| October 2015   | 1.3242      | 1.2904     |
| September 2015 | 1.3413      | 1.3147     |
| August 2015    | 1.3303      | 1.2973     |

The following table sets out the exchange rate (price of one U.S. dollar in Canadian dollars) information as at each of the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015.

|                       | Year Ended December 31    |             |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
|                       | (Canadian \$ per U.S. \$) |             |
|                       | <u>2014</u>               | <u>2015</u> |
| Rate at end of Period | 1.1601                    | 1.3840      |
| Low                   | 1.0614                    | 1.1728      |
| High                  | 1.1643                    | 1.3990      |

As of January 31, 2016, there were 105 registered holders of record of the Company's common shares and an undetermined number of beneficial holders.

### Dividends

We have not paid any cash dividends on our common shares since our inception and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. We plan to retain our earnings, if any, to provide funds for the expansion of our business.

### Securities Authorized for Issuance under Compensation Plans

The following table sets forth information as at December 31, 2015 respecting the compensation plans under which shares of the Company's common stock are authorized to be issued.

| Plan Category  | Number of securities<br>to be issued upon<br>exercise of outstanding<br>options, warrants and<br>rights | Weighted-average<br>exercise price of<br>outstanding options,<br>warrants and rights | Number of securities<br>remaining available<br>for future issuance<br>under equity<br>compensation plans<br>(excluding securities<br>reflected in column<br>(a)) |
|--|---|--|--|
|  | (a)   | (b)  | (c)  |
| Equity compensation plans approved by security holders     | 17,610,000  | C\$0.12  | 13,146,920   |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders | Nil   | nil  | Nil  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>17,610,000</b>   | <b>C\$0.12</b>   | <b>13,146,920</b>  |

## **Purchases of Equity Securities by the Company and Affiliated Purchasers**

Neither the Company nor an affiliated purchaser of the Company purchased common shares of the Company in the year ended December 31, 2015.

### **ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

Not applicable.

### **ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITIONS AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

#### **Overview**

The Company is a specialty metals and alloys company focusing on scandium and other specialty metals.

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada in 2006. The Company currently trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "SCY".

The Company's focus is on the exploration and evaluation of its specialty metals assets, specifically the Nyngan scandium deposit located in New South Wales, Australia and the Tørdal scandium/rare earth minerals deposit in Norway. In June 2014, the Company made the final installment payment to acquire the Nyngan property. The Company is an exploration stage company and anticipates incurring significant additional expenditures prior to production at any and all of its properties.

In fiscal 2015, the Company exchanged a \$2,500,000 loan for a 20% interest in its Australian subsidiary which holds the Nyngan Scandium Project and Honeybugle Scandium property. Accordingly, the Company holds an 80% interest in its Australian subsidiary as at period end. The full \$2,500,000 has been reflected in additional paid in capital.

These condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis that contemplates the realization of assets and discharge of liabilities at their carrying values in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. These financial statements do not reflect any adjustments that may be necessary if the Company is unable to continue as a going concern.

The Company currently earns no operating revenues and will require additional capital in order to advance both the Nyngan Scandium Project and the Tørdal property. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is uncertain and is dependent upon the generation of profits from mineral properties, obtaining additional financing and maintaining continued support from its shareholders and creditors. These are material uncertainties that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. In the event that additional financial support is not received or operating profits are not generated, the carrying values of the Company's assets may be adversely affected.

## **RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

At December 31, 2015, we had working capital of \$2,149,874 including cash of \$2,249,676 and current liabilities of \$207,331 as compared to a working capital (deficit) of (\$2,098,426) including cash of \$417,386 at December 31, 2014. The increase in working capital is due to a conversion of a \$2,500,000 loan into a 20% interest in the Company's Australian projects, private placement and option exercises totaling \$1,846,602 and the sale of a royalty in our Nyngan Scandium Project for \$2,070,000.



During the year ended December 31, 2015, we received cash of \$Nil (2014 - \$2,500,000) from the issuance of promissory notes.

At December 31, 2015, we had a total of 17,610,000 (2014 15,378,750) stock options exercisable between C\$0.07 and C\$0.315 (2014 between C\$0.05 and C\$0.315) which has the potential upon exercise to generate a total of C\$2,033,050 (2013 C\$1,733,363) in cash over the next five years. There is no assurance that these securities will be exercised.

Our continued development is contingent upon our ability to raise sufficient financing both in the short and long term. There are no guarantees that additional sources of funding will be available to us; however, management is committed to pursuing all possible sources of financing in order to execute our business plan.

Our major capital requirement in the next 12 months relates to the completion of a definitive feasibility study on the Nyngan Scandium Project.

The Company will need additional funding to develop the Nyngan project into a mine in the second half of 2016, and will seek to raise additional equity financing at that time.

### Results of Operations

#### *Quarter ended December 31, 2015*

The net loss for the quarter increased by \$586,368 to \$1,163,542 from a loss of \$577,174 in the prior year, mainly as a result of increased exploration costs in the preparation of a definitive feasibility study for the Nyngan Scandium Project and the repricing of certain stock options. Details of the individual items contributing to the increased net loss are as follows:

| <b>Q4 2015 vs. Q4 2014 - Variance Analysis (US\$)</b> |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Item</b>   | <b>Variance<br/>Favourable /<br/>(Unfavourable)</b> | <b>Explanation</b>  |
| Costs allocable to non-controlling interest           | \$173,473   | During August 2015 a \$2,500,000 loan was converted into a 20% interest in the Company's Australian properties. Upon recognition of the 20% holder, a portion of the operating loss is allocated to the minority interest partner.  |
| Interest expense                                      | \$35,954  | During August 2015 a \$2,500,000 loan was converted into a 20% interest in the Company's Australian properties and debt was eliminated from our balance sheet. Accordingly, there are no charges for interest in the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter. In the same quarter a year ago the \$2,500,000 was outstanding and interest expense was incurred. |
| Travel and entertainment                              | \$6,860   | In Q4 of 2014 Nyngan Scandium Project work including the implementation of a drilling program, and metallurgical testing, required more travel to Australia and Canada when compared to 2015.   |

**Q4 2015 vs. Q4 2014 - Variance Analysis (US\$)**

| <b>Item</b>                | <b>Variance<br/>Favourable /<br/>(Unfavourable)</b> | <b>Explanation</b>  |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Salaries and benefits      | \$3,135   | As some of our salaries are paid in Australian dollar, the weakening of this currency against the US\$ has resulted in this favourable variance when compared to Q4 of 2014.  |
| General and administrative | \$1,973   | This slight unfavorable variance reflects that costs were comparable from quarter to quarter.   |
| Consulting                 | \$2,500   | This slight favorable variance reflects that costs were comparable from quarter to quarter.   |
| Insurance                  | \$6,196   | Lower workers compensation benefit premiums in 2015, has resulted in this slightly favourable variance when compared to the corresponding quarter of one year ago.  |
| Foreign exchange           | (\$10,907)  | We held almost all cash in U.S. dollar denominated accounts during the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarters of both 2014 and 2015. However, during Q4 2015 we made deposits against future vendor work in Canadian denomination. The declining value of the deposits held in Canadian dollars in Q4 2015 resulted in this unfavorable variance. |
| Professional fees          | (\$73,848)  | The unfavourable variance is due to increased legal fees and guidance required on the sale of a royalty in Q4 of 2015.  |
| Stock-based compensation   | (\$258,364)   | The Company, with shareholder approval, extended the life of 4,300,000 options resulting in higher expenses this year. No such extension has taken place in prior years.  |
| Exploration                | (\$469,575)   | The Company has incurred increased costs this year with a ramp up of Nyngan Scandium Project development and preparation of a DFS on that project.  |

***Results of Operations for the Year ended December 31, 2015***

The net loss for the year increased by \$920,775 to \$2,770,431 from \$1,849,656 in the prior year, mainly as a result of increased exploration costs as we prepare the Nyngan DFS and the repricing of stock options. Details of the individual items contributing to the increased net loss are as follows:

## 2015 vs. 2014 - Variance Analysis (US\$)

| Item  | Variance<br>Favourable /<br>(Unfavourable) | Explanation  |
|---|--|--|
| Costs allocable to non-controlling interest | \$173,473                                  | During August 2015 a \$2,500,000 loan was converted into a 20% interest in the Company's Australian properties. Upon recognition of the 20% holder, a portion of the operating loss is allocated to the minority interest partner.   |
| Foreign exchange loss                       | \$31,365                                   | The Company held more dollars in U.S dollar denominated accounts during 2015 than during 2014. The declining value of the Canadian and Australian dollars against the U.S. dollar in 2015 resulted in this favorable variance.   |
| Insurance                                   | \$7,852                                    | This favorable variance is the result of audit refunds on workers compensation premiums charged in the prior year. Without this adjustment, insurance charges when compared year to year would have been similar.  |
| Travel and entertainment                    | (\$2,667)                                  | This unfavorable variance is due to travel to seek potential Company investor interest in Australia, Europe and North America. In the prior year cash conservation limited this type of expense.   |
| Professional fees                           | (\$28,214)                                 | The unfavourable variance is due to increased legal fees and guidance required on the sale of a royalty in Q4 of 2015.   |
| Salaries and benefits                       | (\$29,079)                                 | Increased salary expenses in the current year relate to the return of the CFO to a more active role in the Company. Also in 2014, certain management staff elected to forgo salary when there was little activity at the Company.  |
| General and administrative                  | (\$44,845)                                 | The higher G&A costs in the year ended December 31, 2015 are a result of higher patent fees, marketing costs and IT support. These costs were partially offset by lower office rent and TSX fees.  |
| Consulting                                  | (\$51,000)                                 | In 2014 the CTO only invoiced the Company for part of the year as efforts were being made to reduce costs to preserve cash. In 2015 this restriction was not in place.   |
| Interest expense                            | (\$111,155)                                | The Company had taken out a promissory note of \$2,500,000 in late Q2 2014. This note had quarterly interest rate increases resulting in the higher cost when compared to year over year.  |
| Stock-based compensation                    | (\$361,936)                                | In the current year, 5,350,000 stock options were granted with 53% of those vesting immediately. In the comparable year there were 3,925,000 options issued resulting in lower expenses. Also the Company, with shareholder approval, extended the life of 4,300,000 options resulting in higher expenses this year. No such extension has taken place in prior years. |



**2015 vs. 2014 - Variance Analysis (US\$)**

| <b>Item</b> | <b>Variance<br/>Favourable /<br/>(Unfavourable)</b> | <b>Explanation</b>   |
|-------------|---|--|
| Exploration | (\$504,570)   | The Company has incurred increased costs this year with a ramp up of Nyngan Scandium Project development and preparation of a DFS on that project. |

***Cash flow discussion for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to December 31, 2014***

The cash outflow from operating activities increased by \$374,670 to \$2,013,595 (2014 - \$1,638,925) due to a costs incurred in preparing the definitive feasibility study.

Cash flows from investing activities increased by \$3,319,652 to \$2,070,000 (2014 - cash flow used of \$1,249,652) due to the sale of a royalty on the Australian projects and to funds not being incurred in the acquisition of properties.

Cash inflows from financing activities decreased by \$745,003 to \$1,775,885 (2014 - \$2,520,888) as a result of no new promissory notes being taken out in 2015.

***Summary of quarterly results (US\$)***

|   | <b>2015</b> |           |           |           | <b>2014</b> |           |           |           |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | <b>Q4</b>   | <b>Q3</b> | <b>Q2</b> | <b>Q1</b> | <b>Q4</b>   | <b>Q3</b> | <b>Q2</b> | <b>Q1</b> |
| Net Sales   | -           | -         | -         | -         | -           | -         | -         | -         |
| Net Income<br>(Loss)                                      | 1,163,542   | (503,537) | (632,698) | (470,654) | (577,174)   | (779,384) | (221,294) | (271,804) |
| Basic and<br>diluted<br>Net Income<br>(Loss) per<br>share | (0.01)      | (0.00)    | (0.00)    | (0.00)    | (0.00)      | (0.01)    | (0.00)    | (0.00)    |

***Financial Position******Cash***

The increase in cash of \$1,832,290 to \$2,249,676 (2014 - \$417,386) results from the issuance of private placements and a sale of a royalty interest in our Nyngan Scandium Project.

***Property, plant and equipment***



Property plant and equipment consists of office furniture and computer equipment at the Sparks, Nevada office. The decrease of \$3,833 to \$2,611 at December 31, 2015 (2014 - \$6,444) is due to the regular amortization of these items.

#### *Mineral interests*

Mineral interests decreased by \$2,070,000 to \$942,723 at December 31, 2015 (2014 - \$3,012,723) due to the funds received from the sale of the royalty reducing the cost base of these properties.

#### *Notes Payable and Accrued Liabilities*

Notes payable and accrued liabilities have increased by \$134,086 to \$207,331 at December 31, 2015 (2014 - \$73,245).

#### *Promissory notes payable (current and long-term)*

Current promissory notes payable decreased by \$2,500,000 due to the conversion of a note payable into a 20% acquisition of the Company's Australian projects (2014 - \$2,500,000).

#### *Capital Stock*

Capital stock increased by \$1,955,864 to \$91,142,335 (2014 - \$89,186,471) as a result of the issuance of common shares in the third quarter of 2015. A non-controlling position on the conversion of debt into a 20% stake in the Australian properties of \$966,588 is now shown on our balance sheet. At December 31, 2014 no such position existed.

Additional paid-in capital increased by \$3,955,622 to \$6,375,237 (2014 - \$2,419,615) as a result of stock options grants and the treatment on conversion of the \$2,500,000 loan that was converted to a 20% interest in the Australian properties.

Treasury shares remained at \$1,264,194 through the 2015 fiscal period.

#### Off-balance sheet arrangements

At December 31, 2015, we had no material off-balance sheet arrangements such as guarantee contracts, contingent interest in assets transferred to an entity, derivative instruments obligations or any obligations that trigger financing, liquidity, market or credit risk to us.

### **Additional Information and Accounting Pronouncements**

#### Outstanding share data

At March 11, 2016 we had 225,047,200 issued and outstanding common shares, 22,470,000 outstanding stock options at a weighted average exercise price of C\$0.13. No warrants are outstanding at March 11, 2016.

### Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting policies requires our management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are based on past experience, industry trends and known commitments and events. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effects on the financial statements of changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant. Actual results will likely differ from those estimates.

#### *Stock-based compensation*

We use the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the fair value of stock options and compensatory warrants granted. This model is subject to various assumptions. The assumptions we make will likely change from time to time. At the time the fair value is determined, the methodology that we use is based on historical information, as well as anticipated future events. The assumptions with the greatest impact on fair value are those for estimated stock volatility and for the expected life of the instrument.

#### *Deferred income taxes*

We account for tax consequences of the differences in the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and our tax bases using tax rates expected to apply when these temporary differences are expected to be settled. When the deferred realization of income tax assets does not meet the test of being more likely than not to occur, a valuation allowance in the amount of the potential future benefit is taken and no future income tax asset is recognized. We have taken a valuation allowance against all such potential tax assets.

#### *Mineral properties and exploration and development costs*

We capitalise the costs of acquiring mineral rights at the date of acquisition. After acquisition, various factors can affect the recoverability of the capitalized costs. Our recoverability evaluation of our mineral properties and equipment is based on market conditions for minerals, underlying mineral resources associated with the assets and future costs that may be required for ultimate realization through mining operations or by sale. We are in an industry that is exposed to a number of risks and uncertainties, including exploration risk, development risk, commodity price risk, operating risk, ownership and political risk, funding and currency risk, as well as environmental risk. Bearing these risks in mind, we have assumed recent world commodity prices will be achievable. We have considered the mineral resource reports by independent engineers on the Nyngan project in considering the recoverability of the carrying costs of the mineral properties. All of these assumptions are potentially subject to change, out of our control, however such changes are not determinable. Accordingly, there is always the potential for a material adjustment to the value assigned to mineral properties and equipment.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Accounting Standards Update 2016 -01 Financial Instruments Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. This accounting pronouncement, which goes into effect December 12, 2017, is far reaching and covers several presentation areas dealing with measurement, impairment, assumptions used in estimating fair value and several other areas. The Company is reviewing this update to determine the impact it may have on its financial statements.

Accounting Standards Update 2015-17 Income Taxes (Topic 740): Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes. This accounting pronouncement requires that deferred tax liabilities and assets be classified as noncurrent in a classified statement of financial position. Currently deferred tax liabilities and assets must be presented as current and noncurrent. The policy is effective December 16, 2016. The Company is evaluating this guidance and believes it will have little impact on the presentation of its financial statements.

Accounting Standards Update 2015-02 - Consolidation (Topic 810) - Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis. This update provides guidance with respect to the analysis that a reporting entity must perform to determine whether it should consolidate certain types of legal entities. The amendments in this Update are effective for public business entities for fiscal years, and for interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company is evaluating this guidance and believes it will have little impact on the presentation of its financial statements.

Accounting Standards Update 2015-01 - Income Statement Extraordinary and Unusual Items (Subtopic 225-20). This Update is part of an initiative to reduce complexity in accounting standards (the Simplification Initiative). This Update eliminates from GAAP the concept of extraordinary items. The amendments in this Update are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company is evaluating this guidance and believes it will have little impact on the presentation of its financial statements.

Accounting Standards Update 2014-15 Presentation of Financial Statements Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40). This accounting pronouncement provides guidance in GAAP about management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. In doing so, the amendments should reduce diversity in the timing and content of footnote disclosures. The policy is effective December 15, 2016. The Company is evaluating this guidance and believes it will have little impact on the presentation of its financial statements.

### **Financial instruments and other risks**

Our financial instruments consist of cash, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, accounts payable with related parties, and promissory notes payable. It is management's opinion that we are not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from our financial instruments. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values unless otherwise noted. The Company has its cash primarily in two commercial banks, one in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada and in one in Chicago, Illinois.

### **ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Not applicable.

### **ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company and the notes thereto are attached to this report following the signature page and Certifications.

### **ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES**

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 we did not have any disagreement with our accountants on any matter of accounting principles, practices or financial statement disclosure.

## ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

### **Disclosure controls and procedures**

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Company's management, including our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company has maintained effective disclosure controls and procedures in all material respects, including those necessary to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports filed or submitted with the SEC (i) is recorded, processed, and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC, and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow for timely decision regarding required disclosure.

### **Management's report on internal control over financial reporting**

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) or 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act). Management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, using criteria established in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework* issued in 1992 by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Even an effective internal control system, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations, including the possibility of human error and circumvention or overriding of controls and therefore can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to reliable financial reporting. Furthermore, the effectiveness of an internal control system in future periods can change with conditions.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

The Company's management has determined that the internal controls over financial reporting are effective as of December 31, 2015.

### **Changes in Internal Control**

There have been no changes in internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

## Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

**PART III**

Information with respect to Items 10 through 14 is set forth in the definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or before April 30, 2016 and is incorporated herein by reference. If the definitive Proxy Statement cannot be filed on or before April 30, 2016, the Company will instead file an amendment to this Form 10-K disclosing the information with respect to Items 10 through 14.

**PART IV****ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SCHEDULES****Financial Statements**

The following Consolidated Financial Statements are filed as part of this report.

| Description  | Page |
|--|------|
| Financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 and audit reports thereon. | F-1  |

**Exhibits**

The following table sets out the exhibits filed herewith or incorporated herein by reference.

| Exhibit     | Description  |
|-------------|--|
| 3.1         | Certificate of Incorporation, Certificate of Name Change dated March 2009, Notice of Articles dated March 2009*<br>Certificate of Name Change dated November 19, 2014 and Notice of Articles dated November 19, 2014 |
| 3.2         | Corporate Articles*<br>Amendment to Corporate Articles dated November 10, 2014   |
| 10.1*       | 2008 Stock Option Plan   |
| 10.2**      | 2015 Stock Option Plan   |
| 10.3*       | Management Contract with George Putnam dated May 1, 2010   |
| 10.4***     | Management Contract with Edward Dickinson dated August 13, 2011  |
| 10.5****    | Loan Agreement dated June 24, 2014   |
| <u>21.1</u> | <u>List of Subsidiaries</u>  |
| <u>23.1</u> | <u>Consent of Davidson &amp; Company LLP</u>   |
| <u>23.2</u> | <u>Consent of Nigel Ricketts</u>   |
| <u>23.3</u> | <u>Consent of Dean Basile</u>  |
| <u>23.4</u> | <u>Consent of Maxel Rangott</u>  |
| <u>31.1</u> | <u>Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 of the Principal Executive Officer</u>  |
| <u>31.2</u> | <u>Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 of the Principal Financial Officer</u>  |
| <u>32.1</u> | <u>Section 1350 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of the Principal Executive Officer</u>  |



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Section 1350 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of the  
Principal Financial Officer

\* Previously filed as exhibits to the Form 10 filed May 24, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference.

\*\* Previously filed as Schedule A to the Form DEF 14A filed October 5, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference.

\*\*\* Previously filed as an exhibit to the Form 10-K/A filed May 1, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.

\*\*\*\* Previously filed as an exhibit to the Form 10-Q filed August 12, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**SCANDIUM INTERNATIONAL MINING CORP.**

By: /s/ George Putnam  
George Putnam  
President and Principal Executive Officer  
Date: March 15, 2016

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <u>Signature</u>                           | <u>Title</u>  | <u>Date</u>    |
|--|---|----------------|
| /s/ George Putnam<br>George Putnam         | President, Principal Executive Officer, and Director            | March 15, 2016 |
| /s/ William Harris<br>William Harris       | Chairman and Director   | March 15, 2016 |
| /s/ James Rothwell<br>James Rothwell       | Director  | March 15, 2016 |
| /s/ Willem Duyvesteyn<br>Willem Duyvesteyn | Director  | March 15, 2016 |
| /s/ Warren Davis<br>Warren Davis           | Director  | March 15, 2016 |
| /s/ Barry Davies<br>Barry Davies           | Director  | March 15, 2016 |
| /s/ Andrew Greig<br>Andrew Greig           | Director  | March 15, 2016 |
| /s/ Edward Dickinson<br>Edward Dickinson   | Principal Accounting Officer and<br>Principal Financial Officer | March 15, 2016 |



**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YE EAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Shareholders and Directors of  
Scandium International Mining Corp.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Scandium International Mining Corp. (the Company), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss, cash flows, and changes in equity for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall consolidated financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Scandium International Mining Corp. as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that Scandium International Mining Corp. will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, Scandium International Mining Corp. has suffered recurring losses from operations. This matter, along with the other matters set forth in Note 1, indicate the existence of material uncertainties that raises substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans in regard to these matters are also described in Note 1. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty

**DAVIDSON & COMPANY LLP**

Vancouver, Canada

Chartered Professional Accountants

March 11, 2016



**Scandium International Mining Corp.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(Expressed in US Dollars)

| <b>As at:</b>  | December 31, 2015   | December 31, 2014   |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                     |                     |
| <b>Current</b>   |                     |                     |
| Cash   | \$ 2,249,676        | \$ 417,386          |
| Prepaid expenses and receivables                                       | 107,529             | 57,433              |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>  | <b>2,357,205</b>    | <b>474,819</b>      |
| <b>Equipment</b> (Note 4)  | <b>2,611</b>        | <b>6,444</b>        |
| <b>Mineral property interests</b> (Note 5)                             | <b>942,723</b>      | <b>3,012,723</b>    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>  | <b>\$ 3,302,539</b> | <b>\$ 3,493,986</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>                             |                     |                     |
| <b>Current</b>   |                     |                     |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                               | \$ 196,322          | \$ 51,343           |
| Accounts payable with related parties                                  | 11,009              | 21,902              |
| Promissory notes payable (Note 7)                                      | -                   | 2,500,000           |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>   | <b>207,331</b>      | <b>2,573,245</b>    |
| <b>Stockholders Equity</b>   |                     |                     |
| Capital stock (Note 9) (Authorized: Unlimited number of common shares; |                     |                     |
| Issued and outstanding: 225,047,200 (2014 198,604,790))                | 91,142,335          | 89,186,471          |
| Treasury stock (Note 10) (1,033,333 common shares)                     | (1,264,194)         | (1,264,194)         |
| Additional paid in capital (Note 9)                                    | 6,375,237           | 2,419,615           |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss                                   | (853,400)           | (853,400)           |
| Deficit  | (91,338,182)        | (88,567,751)        |
| <b>Total Stockholders Equity</b>                                       | <b>4,061,796</b>    | <b>920,741</b>      |
| <b>Non-controlling Interest in a Subsidiary</b> (Note 14)              | <b>(966,588)</b>    | <b>-</b>            |
| <b>Total Equity</b>  | <b>3,095,208</b>    | <b>920,741</b>      |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>                                    | <b>\$ 3,302,539</b> | <b>\$ 3,493,986</b> |
| Nature and continuance of operations (Note 1)                          |                     |                     |
| Subsequent event (Note 15)   |                     |                     |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



**Scandium International Mining Corp.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND  
COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**

(Expressed in US Dollars)

| Year ended  | December 31,<br>2015  | December 31,<br>2014  |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>EXPENSES</b>   |                       |                       |
| Amortization (Note 4)   | \$ 3,833              | \$ 3,834              |
| Consulting  | 102,000               | 51,000                |
| Exploration   | 997,677               | 493,107               |
| General and administrative  | 195,063               | 150,218               |
| Insurance   | 20,816                | 28,668                |
| Professional fees   | 167,786               | 139,572               |
| Salaries and benefits   | 462,034               | 432,955               |
| Stock-based compensation (Note 9)   | 673,224               | 311,288               |
| Travel and entertainment  | 61,048                | 58,381                |
| <b>Loss from operations before other items</b>  | <b>(2,683,481)</b>    | <b>(1,669,023)</b>    |
| <b>OTHER ITEMS</b>  |                       |                       |
| Foreign exchange loss   | (34,282)              | (65,647)              |
| Interest expense  | (226,141)             | (114,986)             |
|   | (260,423)             | (180,633)             |
| <b>Loss and comprehensive loss for the year</b>   | <b>(2,943,904)</b>    | <b>(1,849,656)</b>    |
| <b>Costs allocable to non-controlling interest in a subsidiary</b>  | <b>173,473</b>        | <b>-</b>              |
| <b>Loss and comprehensive loss for the year attributable to Scandium International Mining Corp.</b>                       | <b>\$ (2,770,431)</b> | <b>\$ (1,849,656)</b> |
| <b>Basic and diluted loss and comprehensive loss per common share attributable to Scandium International Mining Corp.</b> | <b>\$ 0.01</b>        | <b>\$ 0.01</b>        |
| <b>Weighted average number of common shares outstanding</b>   | <b>211,264,568</b>    | <b>184,252,595</b>    |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**Scandium International Mining Corp.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Expressed in US Dollars)

| Year ended   | December 31,<br>2015 | December 31,<br>2014 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                      |                      |
| Loss for the year  | \$ (2,770,431)       | \$ (1,849,656)       |
| Items not affecting cash:  |                      |                      |
| Amortization   | 3,833                | 3,834                |
| Stock-based compensation   | 673,224              | 311,288              |
| Shares issued in settlement of interest payable  | 169,262              | -                    |
| Portion of loss allocable to non-controlling interest in a subsidiary                                  | (173,473)            | -                    |
| Changes in non-cash working capital items:   |                      |                      |
| Decrease (increase) in prepaids and receivables  | (50,096)             | 69,977               |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable, accrued liabilities and accounts payable with related parties | 134,086              | (174,368)            |
|  | (2,013,595)          | (1,638,925)          |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                      |                      |
| Restricted cash  | -                    | 149,868              |
| Sale of royalty  | 2,070,000            | -                    |
| Additions to unproven mineral interests  | -                    | (1,399,520)          |
|  | 2,070,000            | (1,249,652)          |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                      |                      |
| Common shares issued   | 1,812,047            | 1,909,345            |
| Share issuance costs   | (60,000)             | (33,582)             |
| Options exercised for common shares  | 23,838               | -                    |
| Receipt of promissory note   | -                    | 2,500,000            |
| Payment of promissory note and convertible debenture   | -                    | (1,854,875)          |
|  | 1,775,885            | 2,520,888            |
| <b>Change in cash during the year</b>  | <b>1,832,290</b>     | <b>(367,689)</b>     |
| <b>Cash, beginning of year</b>   | <b>417,386</b>       | <b>785,075</b>       |
| <b>Cash, end of year</b>   | <b>\$ 2,249,676</b>  | <b>\$ 417,386</b>    |
| <b>Supplemental disclosure with respect to cash flows (Note 13)</b>                                    |                      |                      |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**Scandium International Mining Corp.**

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(Expressed in US Dollars)

|  | Number of<br>Shares | Capital Stock        | Additional<br>Paid in<br>Capital | Treasury<br>Stock     | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Loss | Deficit                | Total<br>Stockholders<br>Equity | cc<br>In<br>S |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Balance,<br/>December 31,<br/>2013</b>  | <b>165,358,337</b>  | <b>\$ 87,310,708</b> | <b>\$ 2,108,327</b>              | <b>\$ (1,264,194)</b> | <b>\$ (853,400)</b>                           | <b>\$ (86,718,095)</b> | <b>\$ 583,346</b>               |               |
| Private<br>placements                      | 33,246,453          | 1,909,345            | -                                | -                     | -   | -                      | 1,909,345                       |               |
| Share issue<br>costs                       | -                   | (33,582)             | -                                | -                     | -   | -                      | (33,582)                        |               |
| Stock-based<br>compensation                | -                   | -                    | 311,288                          | -                     | -   | -                      | 311,288                         |               |
| Loss for the<br>year                       | -                   | -                    | -                                | -                     | -   | (1,849,656)            | (1,849,656)                     |               |
| <b>Balance,<br/>December 31,<br/>2014</b>  | <b>198,604,790</b>  | <b>\$ 89,186,471</b> | <b>\$ 2,419,615</b>              | <b>\$ (1,264,194)</b> | <b>\$ (853,400)</b>                           | <b>\$ (88,567,751)</b> | <b>\$ 920,741</b>               |               |
| Private<br>placements                      | 23,654,930          | 1,812,047            | -                                | -                     | -   | -                      | 1,812,047                       |               |
| Shares issued<br>in settlement<br>of debt  | 2,237,480           | 169,262              | -                                | -                     | -   | -                      | 169,262                         |               |
| Share issue<br>costs                       | -                   | (60,000)             | -                                | -                     | -   | -                      | (60,000)                        |               |
| Stock options<br>exercised                 | 550,000             | 34,555               | (10,717)                         | -                     | -   | -                      | 23,838                          |               |
| Stock-based<br>compensation                | -                   | -                    | 673,224                          | -                     | -   | -                      | 673,224                         |               |
| Sale of 20%<br>of Australian<br>subsidiary | -                   | -                    | 3,293,115                        | -                     | -   | -                      | 3,293,115                       |               |



|                   |   |   |   |   |   |             |             |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|-------------|
| Loss for the year | - | - | - | - | - | (2,770,431) | (2,770,431) |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|-------------|

**Balance,  
December 31,**

|             |                       |                      |                     |                       |                     |                        |                     |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2015</b> | <b>225,047,200 \$</b> | <b>91,142,335 \$</b> | <b>6,375,237 \$</b> | <b>(1,264,194) \$</b> | <b>(853,400) \$</b> | <b>(91,338,182) \$</b> | <b>4,061,796 \$</b> |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**Scandium International Mining Corp.**

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**1. NATURE AND CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS**

Scandium International Mining Corp. (the Company) is a specialty metals and alloys company focusing on scandium and other specialty metals.

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada in 2006. The Company currently trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol SCY.

The Company's focus is on the exploration and evaluation of its specialty metals assets, specifically the Nyngan scandium deposit located in New South Wales, Australia and the Tørdal scandium/rare earth minerals deposit in Norway. In June 2014, the Company made the final installment payment to acquire the Nyngan property. The Company is an exploration stage company and anticipates incurring significant additional expenditures prior to production at any and all of its properties.

In fiscal 2015, the Company settled a \$2,500,000 promissory note payable in exchange for a 20% interest in its Australian subsidiary which holds the Nyngan and Honeybugle properties. Accordingly, the Company holds an 80% interest in its Australian subsidiary as at year end (Note 14).

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis that contemplates the realization of assets and discharge of liabilities at their carrying values in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. These financial statements do not reflect any adjustments that may be necessary if the Company is unable to continue as a going concern.

The Company currently earns no operating revenues and will require additional capital in order to advance both the Nyngan and Tørdal properties. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is uncertain and is dependent upon the generation of profits from mineral properties, obtaining additional financing and maintaining continued support from its shareholders and creditors. These are material uncertainties that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. In the event that additional financial support is not received or operating profits are not generated, the carrying values of the Company's assets may be adversely affected.

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

**a) Basis of presentation**

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles of the United States of America (US GAAP).

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, EMC Metals USA Inc., Wolfram Jack Mining Corp., and The Technology Store, Inc. Non-controlling interest represents the minority shareholders' 20% proportionate share of the net assets and results of the Company's majority-owned Australian subsidiary, EMC Metals Australia Pty Ltd., from the date the 20% interest was disposed by the Company (Note 5). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated on consolidation.

**b) Use of estimates**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent

assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. The Company regularly evaluates estimates and assumptions related to the deferred income tax asset valuations, asset impairment, stock-based compensation and loss contingencies. The Company bases its estimates and assumptions on current facts, historical experience and various other factors that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the other sources. The actual results experienced by the Company may differ materially and adversely from the Company's estimates. To the extent there are material differences between estimates and the actual results, future results of operations will be affected.

**c) Equipment**

Equipment is recorded at cost less accumulated amortization, calculated as follows:

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Computer equipment | 30% straight line |
| Office equipment   | 20% straight line |

**d) Mineral interests and exploration and development costs**

The costs of acquiring mineral rights are capitalized at the date of acquisition. After acquisition, various factors can affect the recoverability of the capitalized costs. If, after review, management concludes that the carrying amount of a mineral interest is impaired, it will be written down to estimated fair value. Exploration costs incurred on mineral interests are expensed as incurred. Development costs incurred on proven and probable reserves will be capitalized. Upon commencement of production, capitalized costs will be amortized using the unit-of-production method over the estimated life of the ore body based on proven and probable reserves (which exclude non-recoverable reserves and anticipated processing losses).

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**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont d )**

**e) Asset retirement obligations**

The Company records the fair value of an asset retirement obligation as a liability in the period in which it incurs a legal obligation associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development, and/or normal use of the long-lived assets. The Company also records a corresponding asset which is amortized over the life of the asset. Subsequent to the initial measurement of the asset retirement obligation, the obligation is adjusted at the end of each period to reflect the passage of time (accretion expense) and changes in the estimated future cash flows underlying the obligation (asset retirement cost).

**f) Long-lived assets**

Long-lived assets held and used by the Company are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. For purposes of evaluating the recoverability of long-lived assets, the recoverability test is performed using undiscounted net cash flows related to the long-lived assets. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

**g) Income taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Under the asset and liability method the effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is recognized if it is more likely than not that some part or all of the deferred tax asset will not be recognized.

**h) Loss per share**

Basic loss per common share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year. To calculate diluted loss per share, the Company uses the treasury stock method and the if converted method. As at December 31, 2015 and 2014 there were no warrants outstanding and 17,610,000 options (2014 15,378,750) outstanding which have not been included in the weighted average number of common shares outstanding as these were anti-dilutive.

**i) Foreign exchange**

The Company's and subsidiaries functional currency is the USD. Any monetary assets and liabilities that are in a currency other than the USD are translated at the rate prevailing at year end. Revenue and expenses in a foreign currency are translated at rates that approximate those in effect at the time of translation. Gains and losses from translation of foreign currency transactions into USD are included in current results of operations. Fixed assets and mineral properties have been translated at historical rates, the rate on the date of the transaction.

**j) Stock-based compensation**

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation under the provisions of Accounting Standard Codification ( ASC ) 718, Compensation-Stock Compensation . Under the fair value recognition provisions, stock-based compensation expense is measured at the grant date for all stock-based awards to employees and directors and is

recognized as an expense over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period. The Black-Scholes option valuation model is used to calculate fair value.

**k) Financial instruments**

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, receivables, accounts payable, accounts payable with related parties and accrued liabilities, and promissory notes payable. It is management's opinion that the Company is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from its financial instruments. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values unless otherwise noted. The Company has its cash primarily in one commercial bank in Chicago, Illinois, United States of America.

**l) Concentration of credit risk**

The financial instrument which potentially subjects the Company to concentration of credit risk is cash. The Company maintains cash in bank accounts that, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. As at December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company has exceeded the federally insured limit. The Company has not experienced any losses in such amounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant risks on its cash in bank accounts.

**m) Fair value of financial assets and liabilities**

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The Company measures the fair value of financial assets and liabilities based on US GAAP guidance which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont d )**

The Company classifies financial assets and liabilities as held-for-trading, available-for-sale, held-to-maturity, loans and receivables or other financial liabilities depending on their nature. Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized at fair value on their initial recognition, except for those arising from certain related party transactions which are accounted for at the transferor's carrying amount or exchange amount.

Financial assets and liabilities classified as held-for-trading are measured at fair value, with gains and losses recognized in net income. Financial assets classified as held-to-maturity, loans and receivables, and financial liabilities other than those classified as held-for-trading are measured at amortized cost, using the effective interest method of amortization. Financial assets classified as available-for-sale are measured at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses being recognized as other comprehensive income until realized, or if an unrealized loss is considered other than temporary, the unrealized loss is recorded in income.

Financial instruments, including receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, accounts payable with related parties and promissory notes payable are carried at amortized cost, which management believes approximates fair value due to the short term nature of these instruments.

The following table presents information about the assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as at December 31, 2015, and indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation techniques the Company utilized to determine such fair value. In general, fair values determined by Level 1 inputs utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets. Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs utilize data points that are observable such as quoted prices, interest rates and yield curves. Fair values determined by Level 3 inputs are unobservable data points for the asset or liability, and included situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset:

|         | <b>December 31,<br/>2015</b> | <b>Quoted Prices<br/>in Active Markets<br/>(Level 1)</b> | <b>Significant Other<br/>Observable Inputs<br/>(Level 2)</b> | <b>Significant<br/>Unobservable Inputs<br/>(Level 3)</b> |
|---------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Assets: |                              |  |  |  |
| Cash    | \$ 2,249,676                 | \$ 2,249,676   | \$   | \$   |
| Total   | \$ 2,249,676                 | \$ 2,249,676   | \$   | \$   |

The carrying value of receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, accounts payable to related parties and promissory notes payable approximate their fair value due to their short-term nature.

The fair values of cash are determined through market, observable and corroborated sources.

**n) Recently Adopted and Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

Accounting Standards Update 2016 -01 Financial Instruments Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. This accounting pronouncement, which goes into effect December 12, 2017, is far reaching and covers several presentation areas dealing with measurement, impairment, assumptions used in estimating fair value and several other areas. The Company is reviewing this update to determine the impact it may have on its financial statements.

Accounting Standards Update 2015-17 Income Taxes (Topic 740): Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes. This accounting pronouncement requires that deferred tax liabilities and assets be classified as noncurrent in a classified statement of financial position. Currently deferred tax liabilities and assets must be presented as current and noncurrent. The policy is effective December 16, 2016. The Company is evaluating this guidance and believes it will have little impact on the presentation of its financial statements.

Accounting Standards Update 2015-02 - Consolidation (Topic 810) - Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis. This update provides guidance with respect to the analysis that a reporting entity must perform to determine whether it should consolidate certain types of legal entities. The amendments in this Update are effective for public business entities for fiscal years, and for interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company is evaluating this guidance and believes it will have little impact on the presentation of its financial statements.

Accounting Standards Update 2015-01 - Income Statement Extraordinary and Unusual Items (Subtopic 225-20). This Update is part of an initiative to reduce complexity in accounting standards (the Simplification Initiative). This Update eliminates from GAAP the concept of extraordinary items. The amendments in this Update are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company is evaluating this guidance and believes it will have little impact on the presentation of its financial statements.

Accounting Standards Update 2014-15 Presentation of Financial Statements Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40). This accounting pronouncement provides guidance in GAAP about management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. In doing so, the amendments should reduce diversity in the timing and content of footnote disclosures. The policy is effective December 15, 2016. The Company is evaluating this guidance and believes it will have little impact on the presentation of its financial statements.

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**3. RESTRICTED CASH**

The Company had a Bank of Montreal letter of credit of up to C\$159,400 as a security deposit related to a Vancouver office lease obligation. The letter of credit was returned to the Bank of Montreal in July 2014 and funds were released for use by the Company.

**4. EQUIPMENT****2015**

|                    | December 31,<br>2014 Net Book<br>Value | Additions<br>(disposals)<br>(write-offs) | Amortization | December 31,<br>2015 Net Book<br>Value |
|--------------------|--|--|--------------|--|
| Computer equipment | \$ 1,696                               | \$ -                                     | \$ (679)     | \$ 1,017                               |
| Office equipment   | 4,748                                  | -  | (3,154)      | 1,594                                  |
|                    | \$ 6,444                               | \$ -                                     | \$ (3,833)   | \$ 2,611                               |

**2014**

|                    | December 31,<br>2013 Net Book<br>Value | Additions<br>(disposals)<br>(write-offs) | Amortization | December 31,<br>2014 Net Book<br>Value |
|--------------------|--|--|--------------|--|
| Computer equipment | \$ 2,375                               | \$ -                                     | \$ (679)     | \$ 1,696                               |
| Office equipment   | 7,903                                  | -  | (3,155)      | 4,748                                  |
|                    | \$ 10,278                              | \$ -                                     | \$ (3,834)   | \$ 6,444                               |

**5. MINERAL PROPERTY INTERESTS**

**December 31, 2015** Scandium and  
other

**Acquisition costs**

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2014</b> | \$ 3,012,723 |
| Sale of royalty                   | (2,070,000)  |
| <b>Balance December 31, 2015</b>  | \$ 942,723   |

**December 31, 2014** Scandium and  
other

**Acquisition costs**

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2013</b> | \$ 1,613,203 |
| Additions                         | 1,399,520    |



|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Balance December 31, 2014</b> | \$ 3,012,723 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|

Title to mineral property interests involves certain inherent risks due to the difficulties of determining the validity of certain claims as well as the potential for problems arising from the frequently ambiguous conveyancing history characteristic of many mineral property interests. The Company has investigated title to all of its mineral property interests and, to the best of its knowledge, title to all of its properties is in good standing.

On October 13, 2015, the Company received US\$2.07M from a private investor in return for the granting of a 0.7% royalty on gross mineral sales from both the Nyngan property and the Honeybugle property. The amount received in return for the royalty interest was deducted from the value of the mineral interests of Nyngan and Honeybugle.

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**SCANDIUM PROPERTIES**

*Nyngan, New South Wales Property*

On February 5, 2010, the Company entered in to an earn-in agreement with Jervois Mining Limited ( Jervois ), whereby it would acquire a 50% interest in the Nyngan Scandium property (the Nyngan Project ) located in New South Wales, Australia. The JV

**5. MINERAL PROPERTY INTERESTS (cont d )**

Agreement, as amended, gave the Company the right to earn a 50% interest in a joint venture with Jervois, for the purpose of holding and developing the Nyngan Project. On June 22, 2012, the Company received notice of a lawsuit filed against the Company with regard to the achievement of certain milestones required under the JV Agreement. On February 6, 2013, the Company announced agreement of an out of court settlement to the dispute with Jervois. The terms of the settlement transferred 100% ownership and control of the Nyngan Project to the Company, in return for AUD\$2.6 million cash payments and a percentage royalty payable to Jervois on sales of product from the project. A total of \$1,108,484 (AUD\$1.2 million) was paid in June 2013 as part of the settlement. A total of \$1,364,031 (AUD\$1.4 million) was paid in June 2014 to fulfill the obligations under the settlement agreement which gives 100% of the property to the Company. During fiscal 2015, the Company settled its \$2,500,000 promissory note payable in exchange for a 20% interest in its Australian subsidiary which holds title to both the Nyngan and Honeybugle properties.

Royalties attached to the Nyngan property include a 1.5% Net Profits Interest royalty to private parties involved with the early exploration on the property, and a 1.7% Net Smelter Returns royalty payable to Jervois for 12 years after production commences, subject to terms in the settlement agreement. Another revenue royalty is payable to private interests of 0.2%, subject to a \$370,000 cap. A NSW minerals royalty will also be levied on the project, subject to negotiation, currently 4% on revenue.

*Honeybugle property, Australia*

In April of 2014 the Company also acquired an exploration license referred to as the Honeybugle property, a prospective scandium exploration property located 24 kilometers from the Nyngan Project. As described in the previous Nyngan Property section, during fiscal 2015, the Company settled its \$2,500,000 promissory note payable in exchange for a 20% interest in its Australian subsidiary which holds title to both the Nyngan and Honeybugle properties.

*Tørdal and Evje-Iveland properties, Norway*

During 2012 the Company entered into an option agreement with REE Mining AS ( REE ) to earn up to a 100% interest in the Tørdal and Evje-Iveland properties pursuant to which the Company paid \$130,000 and issued 1,000,000 common shares valued at \$40,000. The Company subsequently renegotiated the payments required to earn the interest and the Evje-Iveland property was removed from the option agreement. Pursuant to the amendment, the Company earned a 100% interest in the Tørdal property by paying an additional \$35,000 and granting a 1% Net Smelter Return ( NSR ) payable to REE.

**6. CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES**

On February 22, 2013, the Company completed a \$650,000 loan financing consisting of convertible debentures. The convertible debenture had a maturity date of February 22, 2014 and bore interest at 10% per annum. The lenders had the option to convert the loan into 13,000,000 common shares of the Company. This financing was repaid in full in February 2014.

**7. PROMISSORY NOTES PAYABLE**

December 31,      December 31,  
2015                      2014

On June 24, 2014, the Company completed a \$2,500,000 loan financing which includes a convertible feature. The loan had a maturity date of December 24, 2015 and bore loan interest that increased in quarterly increments from 4% to a maximum of 12% with a 5% interest rate penalty should the Company not pay on due dates. The full loan was converted into a 20% interest in the Company's Australian subsidiary in August of 2015. This conversion feature converted at the lender's option or once the Company raised \$3,000,000 in equity. The minority shareholder now has a carried interest until the Company meets two milestones: (1) filing a feasibility study on SEDAR, and (2) receiving a mining license on either the Nyngan or Honeybugle property. The minority shareholder becomes fully participating on development and build costs thereafter. The minority shareholder has an option to convert their 20% non-controlling interest into equivalent value of the Company's shares, at market prices, rather than participate in construction. The minority shareholder's option to convert its project interest to the Company's shares is a one-time option, at such time the partner becomes fully participating on project costs.

|  |    |     |    |           |
|--|----|-----|----|-----------|
|  | \$ | Nil | \$ | 2,500,000 |
|  | \$ | -   | \$ | 2,500,000 |

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**8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The loan financing completed on February 22, 2013, of which \$350,000 was contributed from directors and officers, was repaid during the year ended December 31, 2014.

Of the \$114,986 interest expensed in the year ended December 31, 2014, \$14,375 was payable to a director of the Company. There was no interest paid to related parties in the year ended December 31, 2015.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company expensed \$517,934 for stock-based compensation for stock options issued to Company directors. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company expensed \$113,397 for stock options issued to Company directors.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company paid a consulting fee of \$102,000 for one of its directors. There is \$59,500 for consulting fees incurred during the year ended December 31, 2014.

**9. CAPITAL STOCK AND ADDITIONAL PAID IN CAPITAL**

On September 1, 2015, the Company issued 1,982,850 common shares at a value of C\$0.10 per common share for total proceeds of C\$198,285 (\$150,000).

On August 31, 2015, the Company issued 2,237,480 common shares at a value of C\$0.10 per common share in settlement of interest payable on the promissory note (Note 7) with a fair value of C\$223,748 (\$169,262).

On August 24, 2015, the Company issued 21,672,080 common shares at a value of C\$0.10 per common share for total proceeds of C\$2,167,208 (\$1,662,047). The Company paid \$60,000 in share issuance costs with regard to this common share issue.

On August 26, 2014, the Company issued 5,534,411 common shares at a value of C\$0.085 per common share for total proceeds of C\$470,425 (\$429,900).

On July 11, 2014, the Company issued 4,641,236 common shares at a value of C\$0.085 per common share for total proceeds of C\$394,505 (\$369,300).

On June 26, 2014, the Company issued 10,415,396 common shares at a value of C\$0.085 per common share for total proceeds of C\$885,309 (\$824,458).

On April 24, 2014, the Company issued 4,122,150 common shares at a value of C\$0.025 per common share for total proceeds of C\$103,053 (\$93,687).

On March 25, 2014, the Company issued 8,533,260 common shares at a value of C\$0.025 per common share for total proceeds of C\$213,331 (\$192,000).

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**9. CAPITAL STOCK AND ADDITIONAL PAID IN CAPITAL (continued)****Stock Options and Warrants**

The Company established a stock option plan (the Plan) under which it is authorized to grant options to executive officers and directors, employees and consultants and the number of options granted under the Plan shall not exceed 15% of the shares outstanding. Under the Plan, the exercise period of the options may not exceed ten years from the date of grant and vesting is determined by the Board of Directors.

Stock option and share purchase warrant transactions are summarized as follows:

|                                | Warrants    |  | Stock Options |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--|---------------|--|
|                                | Number      | Weighted average exercise price in Canadian \$ | Number        | Weighted average exercise price in Canadian \$ |
| Outstanding, December 31, 2013 | 3,750,000   | \$ 0.20  | 14,168,750    | \$ 0.12  |
| Granted                        | -           | -  | 3,725,000     | 0.12   |
| Cancelled                      | (3,750,000) | 0.20   | (2,515,000)   | 0.17   |
| Exercised                      | -           | -  | -             | -  |
| Outstanding, December 31, 2014 | -           | -  | 15,378,750    | 0.11   |
| Granted                        | -           | -  | 5,350,000     | 0.14   |
| Cancelled                      | -           | -  | (2,568,750)   | 0.16   |
| Exercised                      | -           | -  | (550,000)     | 0.05   |
| Outstanding, December 31, 2015 | -           | \$ -   | 17,610,000    | \$ 0.12  |
| Number currently exercisable   | -           | \$ -   | 16,550,000    | \$ 0.11  |

As at December 31, 2015, incentive stock options were outstanding as follows:

| Number of options | Exercise Price in Canadian \$ | Expiry Date       |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 4,300,000         | 0.100                         | November 5, 2020* |

|            |       |                    |
|------------|-------|--------------------|
| 250,000    | 0.315 | May 4, 2016        |
| 500,000    | 0.250 | May 16, 2016       |
| 300,000    | 0.155 | September 15, 2016 |
| 2,285,000  | 0.080 | April 24, 2017     |
| 150,000    | 0.120 | July 25, 2017      |
| 1,400,000  | 0.070 | August 8, 2017     |
| 1,000,000  | 0.100 | May 9, 2018        |
| 3,375,000  | 0.120 | July 25, 2019      |
| 200,000    | 0.100 | December 30, 2019  |
| 3,450,000  | 0.140 | April 17, 2020     |
| 400,000    | 0.115 | August 28, 2020    |
| 17,610,000 |       |                    |

\* These options were extended by the Company shareholder s at the Company s annual meeting in October 2015. The Company recognized an additional expense of \$281,962 related to this extension. Black-Scholes option pricing model assumptions used were a risk-free interest rate of 1.49%, expected life of 5 years, with a 0.00% forfeiture and dividend rate as well as a volatility rate of 145.92% .

As at December 31, 2015 the Company s outstanding and exercisable stock options have an aggregate intrinsic value of \$489,509 (2014 - \$92,525).

As at December 31, 2015, there were no warrants outstanding.

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**Stock-based compensation**

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company recognized stock-based compensation of \$673,224 (December 31, 2014 - \$311,288) in the statement of operations and comprehensive loss as a result of incentive stock options granted, vested and extended in the current period. There were 5,350,000 stock options issued during the year ended December 31, 2015 (December 31, 2014 - 3,725,000).

**9. CAPITAL STOCK AND ADDITIONAL PAID IN CAPITAL (cont d )**

The weighted average fair value of the options granted in the year was C\$0.14 (2014 - C\$0.12) .

The fair value of all compensatory options granted is estimated on grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The weighted average assumptions used in calculating the fair values are as follows:

|                         | 2015    | 2014    |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.02%   | 0.86%   |
| Expected life           | 5 years | 5 years |
| Volatility              | 145.72% | 148.81% |
| Forfeiture rate         | 0.00%   | 0.00%   |
| Dividend rate           | 0.00%   | 0.00%   |

**10. TREASURY STOCK**

|   | Number    | Amount       |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Treasury shares, December 31, 2015 and December 31 2014 | 1,033,333 | \$ 1,264,194 |
|   | 1,033,333 | \$ 1,264,194 |

Treasury shares comprise shares of the Company which cannot be sold without the prior approval of the TSX.

**11. SEGMENTED INFORMATION**

The Company's mineral properties are located in Norway and Australia. The Company's capital assets geographic information is as follows:

| <b>December 31, 2015</b>   | Norway     | Australia  | United States | Total      |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Equipment                  | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ 2,611      | \$ 2,611   |
| Mineral property interests | 238,670    | 704,053    | -             | 942,723    |
|                            | \$ 238,670 | \$ 704,053 | \$ 2,611      | \$ 945,334 |
| <b>December 31, 2014</b>   | Norway     | Australia  | United States | Total      |
| Equipment                  | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ 6,444      | \$ 6,444   |
| Mineral property interests | 238,670    | 2,774,053  | -             | 3,012,723  |

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**12. DEFERRED INCOME TAX****A reconciliation of income taxes at statutory rates with the reported taxes is as follows:**

|  | 2015           | 2014           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Loss before income taxes   | \$ (2,770,431) | \$ (1,849,656) |
| Expected income tax (recovery)                                     | (720,000)      | (481,000)      |
| Change in statutory, foreign tax, foreign exchange rates and other | (24,000)       | (9,000)        |
| Permanent difference   | 130,000        | 82,000         |
| Adjustment to prior years provision versus statutory tax returns   | 1,055,000      | -              |
| Change in unrecognized deductible temporary differences            | (441,000)      | 408,000        |
| Total Income tax expense (recovery)                                | \$ -           | \$ -           |

**The Canadian income tax rate declined during the year due to changes in the law that reduced corporate income tax rates in Canada/British Columbia.**

**The significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets that have not been included on the consolidated statement of financial position are as follows;**

|   | 2015        | 2014         |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Deferred Tax Assets (Liabilities)               |             |              |
| Exploration and evaluation assets               | \$ 745,000  | \$ 1,013,000 |
| Property and equipment                          | 61,000      | 79,000       |
| Share issue costs                               | 27,000      | 33,000       |
| Marketable securities                           | 19,000      | 19,000       |
| Allowable capital losses                        | 1,935,000   | 1,945,000    |
| Non-capital losses available for future periods | 3,257,000   | 3,396,000    |
|   | 6,044,000   | 6,485,000    |
| Unrecognized deferred tax assets                | (6,044,000) | (6,485,000)  |
| Net deferred tax assets                         | \$ -        | \$ -         |

**The significant components of the Company's temporary differences, unused tax credits and unused tax losses that have not been included on the consolidated statement of financial position are as follows:**

|                                   | 2015         | Expiry Date<br>Range | 2014         | Expiry Date<br>Range |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Temporary Differences             |              |                      |              |                      |
| Exploration and evaluation assets | \$ 2,866,000 | No expiry<br>date    | \$ 3,897,000 | No expiry<br>date    |
| Property and equipment            | 236,000      | No expiry<br>date    | 304,000      | No expiry<br>date    |
| Share issue costs                 | 104,000      | 2035 to<br>2038      | 127,000      | 2034 to<br>2037      |
| Marketable securities             | 145,000      |                      | 145,000      |                      |

|   |            | No expiry date |            | No expiry date |
|---|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Allowable capital losses                        | 7,442,000  | No expiry date | 7,482,000  | No expiry date |
| Non-capital losses available for future periods | 12,166,000 | 2016 to 2035   | 13,063,000 | 2015 to 2034   |

**13. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE WITH RESPECT TO CASH FLOWS**

|  |  | 2015      | 2014       |
|--|--|-----------|------------|
| Cash paid during the year for interest     |  | \$ 56,250 | \$ 114,986 |
| Cash paid during the year for income taxes |  | \$ -      | \$ -       |

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In the year ending December 31, 2015 the Company exchanged a loan of \$2,500,000 for a 20% interest in its Australian subsidiary which hold both the Nyngan and Honeybugle properties resulting in initial non-controlling interests of \$793,115. There were no significant non-cash transactions in the year ended December 31, 2014.

**14. EMC METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD**

On August 24, 2015 the Company's \$2,500,000 promissory note payable converted into a 20% ownership interest in EMC Metals Australia Pty Ltd ( EMC Australia ), with the Company holding an 80% ownership interest. EMC Australia holds our interests in the Nyngan Scandium Project and Honeybugle Scandium property. Upon conversion of the promissory note payable, EMC Australia is now operated as a joint venture between Scandium Investments LLC ( SIL ) and the Company. SIL holds a carried interest in the Nyngan Scandium Project and is not required to contribute cash for the operation of EMC Australia until the Company meets two development milestones: (1) filing a feasibility study on SEDAR, and (2) receiving a mining license on either joint venture property. At such time as the two development milestones are met, SIL becomes fully participating on project costs thereafter.

Completion of the development milestones by the Company, as described above, activates a second one-time, limited period option for SIL to elect to convert the fair market value of its 20% joint venture interest in the Nyngan Scandium Project and Honeybugle Scandium property into an equivalent value of the Company's common shares, at then prevailing market prices, rather than continue with ownership at the project level.

EMC Australia is consolidated in the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2015.

| Year ended   | December 31,<br>2015 | December 31,<br>2014 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Loss attributable to Scandium International Mining Corp. Shareholders</b>   | \$ (2,770,431)       | \$ (1,849,656)       |
| Increase in Scandium International Mining Corp additional paid in capital on disposal of 20% of subsidiary               | 3,293,115            | -                    |
| <b>Change from loss to Scandium International Mining Corp. shareholders and transfers from non-controlling interests</b> | \$ 522,684           | \$ (1,849,656)       |

**15. Subsequent event**

In February 2016, the company issued 4,860,000 stock options at an exercise price of C\$0.13 with various vesting timetables all of which have a maturity date of February 8, 2021 (5 years).