



# SEMAFO Inc.

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
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### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis

SEMAFO Inc. ("SEMAFO" or the "Corporation") is a Canadian-based mining company with gold production and exploration activities in West Africa. The Corporation operates the Mana Mine in Burkina Faso, which includes the high-grade satellite deposits of Siou and Fofina, and is developing the advanced gold deposit of Natougou. SEMAFO is committed to evolve in a conscientious manner to become a major player in its geographical area of interest. SEMAFO's strategic focus is to maximize shareholder value by effectively managing its existing assets as well as pursuing organic and strategic growth opportunities.

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") provides an analysis of continuing operations, unless otherwise specified, to enable readers to assess material changes in financial condition and results of operations for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2015 compared to the previous year. This MD&A, prepared as of August 4, 2015, is intended to complement and supplement our Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (the "financial statements") as at June 30, 2015. Our financial statements and this MD&A are intended to provide investors with a reasonable basis for assessing our results of operation and our financial performance.

Our financial statements have been prepared using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). All dollar amounts contained in this MD&A are expressed in US dollars, unless otherwise specified.

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements. Particular attention should be given to the risk factors described in the "Risks and Uncertainties" section and to the "Forward-Looking Statements" section of this document.

Where we say "we", "us", "our", the "Corporation" or "SEMAFO", we mean SEMAFO Inc. or SEMAFO Inc. and/or one or more or all of its subsidiaries, as it may apply.

### 1. Financial and Operating Highlights

|                                                                            | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |        | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|---------|
|                                                                            | 2015                                 | 2014   | 2015                               | 2014    |
| Gold ounces produced.....                                                  | 66,000                               | 72,700 | 131,200                            | 107,800 |
| Gold ounces sold.....                                                      | 67,700                               | 68,200 | 128,300                            | 97,600  |
| (in thousands of dollars, except amounts per ounce and per tonne)          |                                      |        |                                    |         |
| <b>From Continuing Operations</b>                                          |                                      |        |                                    |         |
| Revenues – Gold sales.....                                                 | 81,115                               | 87,761 | 155,131                            | 126,234 |
| Operating income .....                                                     | 22,824                               | 20,665 | 34,031                             | 5,986   |
| Net income.....                                                            | 22,115                               | 14,916 | 14,266                             | 1,351   |
| Attributable to:                                                           |                                      |        |                                    |         |
| Equity shareholders .....                                                  | 19,719                               | 12,974 | 11,605                             | 31      |
| Non-controlling interests .....                                            | 2,396                                | 1,942  | 2,661                              | 1,320   |
| Basic earnings per share .....                                             | 0.07                                 | 0.05   | 0.04                               | —       |
| Diluted earnings per share .....                                           | 0.07                                 | 0.05   | 0.04                               | —       |
| Adjusted net income attributable to equity shareholders <sup>1</sup> ..... | 15,579                               | 13,273 | 23,789                             | 445     |
| Adjusted basic earnings per share <sup>1</sup> .....                       | 0.05                                 | 0.05   | 0.08                               | —       |
| Cash flows from operating activities <sup>2</sup> .....                    | 40,748                               | 37,618 | 73,301                             | 39,760  |
| Operating cash flows per share <sup>1</sup> .....                          | 0.14                                 | 0.14   | 0.26                               | 0.14    |
| Average realized selling price (per ounce) .....                           | 1,198                                | 1,287  | 1,209                              | 1,293   |
| Cash operating cost (per tonne processed) <sup>1</sup> .....               | 46                                   | 48     | 50                                 | 50      |
| Total cash cost (per ounce sold) <sup>1</sup> .....                        | 471                                  | 602    | 498                                | 748     |
| All-in sustaining cost (per ounce sold) <sup>1</sup> .....                 | 604                                  | 723    | 624                                | 930     |

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted net income attributable to equity shareholders, adjusted basic earnings per share, operating cash flows per share, cash operating cost, total cash cost and all-in sustaining cost are non-IFRS financial performance measures with no standard definition under IFRS. See the "Non-IFRS financial measures from continuing operations" section of this MD&A, note 16.

<sup>2</sup> Cash flows from operating activities from continuing operations exclude changes in non-cash working capital items.

### SECOND QUARTER 2015 IN REVIEW

Production for the second quarter of 2015 totalled 66,000 ounces at a total cash cost<sup>1</sup> of \$471 per ounce sold and all-in sustaining cost<sup>1</sup> of \$604 per ounce sold at our Mana Mine, which represented year-over-year decreases of 22% and 16%, respectively. In light of favourable fuel prices and exchange rates, we are lowering our 2015 total cash cost<sup>1</sup> guidance from between \$575 and \$605 per ounce to between \$515 and \$540 per ounce, representing an 11% decrease at midpoint.

- Gold production of 66,000 ounces, a 9% decrease compared to the same period in 2014
- Gold sales of \$81.1 million, an 8% decrease compared to the same period in 2014
- Operating income of \$22.8 million compared to \$20.7 million for the same period in 2014
- Net income<sup>3</sup> of \$22.1 million compared to \$14.9 million for the same period in 2014
- Net income from continuing operations attributable to equity shareholders of \$19.7 million or \$0.07 per share compared to \$13.0 million or \$0.05 per share for the same period in 2014
- Adjusted net income from continuing operations attributable to equity shareholders<sup>1</sup> of \$15.6 million or \$0.05 per share<sup>1</sup> compared to \$13.3 million or \$0.05 per share<sup>1</sup> for the same period in 2014
- Cash flows from operating activities from continuing operations<sup>2</sup> of \$40.7 million or \$0.14 per share<sup>1</sup> compared to \$37.6 million or \$0.14 per share<sup>1</sup> for the same period in 2014
- Feasibility study at Natougou over 40% complete and on track for completion in Q2 2016
- Proximal exploration on Natougou returns promising results
- Delineation drill results at Natougou match expectations
- Inferred resources of 1.84 million tonnes at 10.0 g/t Au for 590,000 oz of gold at Nabanga deposit
- Recipient of grand prize for Corporate Social Responsibility of Mining Companies in Burkina Faso (RSE 2014)

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<sup>1</sup> Total cash cost, all-in sustaining cost, adjusted net income attributable to equity shareholders, adjusted basic earnings per share and operating cash flows per share are non-IFRS financial performance measures with no standard definition under IFRS. See the "Non-IFRS financial measures from continuing operations" section of this MD&A, note 16.

<sup>2</sup> Cash flows from operating activities from continuing operations exclude changes in non-cash working capital items.

<sup>3</sup> Net income is from continuing operations.

## 2. Key Economic Factors

### Price of Gold

During the three-month period ended June 30, 2015, the price of gold, based on the London Gold Fix PM, fluctuated from a high of \$1,225 to a low of \$1,165 per ounce. The average market gold price in the second quarter of 2015 was \$1,192 per ounce compared to \$1,288 per ounce for the same period in 2014, representing a decrease of \$96 or 7%.

|                                      | 2015  |       | 2014  |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                      | Q2    | Q1    | Q2    | Q1    |
| (in dollars per ounce)               |       |       |       |       |
| Average London Gold Fix .....        | 1,192 | 1,218 | 1,288 | 1,293 |
| Average realized selling price ..... | 1,198 | 1,221 | 1,287 | 1,309 |

As at August 4, 2015, the London Gold Fix PM was at \$1,091.

### Cost Pressures

We are affected by industry-wide pressures on development and operating costs. Since our mining activities are energy intensive, a change in fuel price can have a significant impact on our operations and associated financial results. As a benchmark for fuel costs, the Brent Crude price averaged \$64 per barrel in the second quarter of 2015 compared to \$109 per barrel in the second quarter of 2014.

We purchase our fuel exclusively from the government of Burkina Faso at a price fixed by decree that reflects market price fluctuations within a time lag. The price fixed by decree was 673 FCFA (equivalent to \$1.14) per litre as at June 30, 2015 compared to 739 FCFA (equivalent to \$1.36) as at December 31, 2014. The decrease in the fuel price had a positive impact on our mining operations expenses for the second quarter of 2015.

### Foreign Currencies

Our mining operations and exploration activities are carried out in West Africa. Accordingly, portions of our operating costs and capital expenditures are denominated in foreign currencies, in particular the Euro. The FCFA currency is fixed against the Euro.

During the three-month period ended June 30, 2015, the US dollar was stronger relative to the Euro when compared to the same period in 2014. As approximately 75% of our costs are nominated in foreign currencies other than the US dollar, the positive impact of the foreign exchange in the second quarter of 2015 reduced our total cash cost<sup>1</sup>, all-in sustaining cost<sup>1</sup> and general and administrative cost.

### Reduction in 2015 Cost Guidance

In light of previously mentioned favourable fuel prices and exchange rates, we have reduced our cost guidance for 2015. The 2015 total cash cost<sup>1</sup> guidance has been lowered from between \$575 and \$605 per ounce to between \$515 and \$540 per ounce, representing an 11% decrease at midpoint. Our all-in sustaining cost<sup>1</sup> guidance for the year has consequently decreased from between \$715 and \$750 per ounce to between \$655 and \$685 per ounce. In addition, the corporate general and administrative expense estimate for 2015 has been lowered from \$15 million to \$14 million.

The Corporation's 2015 production guidance remains unchanged at between 245,000 and 275,000 ounces. The assumptions used to forecast the downward revision of costs for the second half of 2015 include:

|                |                                          |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|
| Price of fuel: | \$1.14 US dollars per litre              |
| Exchange rate: | \$0.80 US dollars to the Canadian dollar |
| Exchange rate: | \$1.11 US dollars to the Euro            |

<sup>1</sup> Total cash cost, all-in sustaining cost, adjusted net income attributable to equity shareholders, adjusted basic earnings per share and operating cash flows per share are non-IFRS financial performance measures with no standard definition under IFRS. See the "Non-IFRS financial measures from continuing operations" section of this MD&A, note 16.

## 2. Key Economic Factors (continued)

Exchange rates are as follows:

|                                | CAD / USD \$  |        | EUR / USD \$  |        |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|
|                                | 2015          | 2014   | 2015          | 2014   |
| December 31 (closing).....     | —             | 1.1601 | —             | 0.8264 |
| March 31 (closing) .....       | <b>1.2683</b> | 1.1053 | <b>0.9310</b> | 0.7259 |
| June 30 (closing) .....        | <b>1.2474</b> | 1.0676 | <b>0.8967</b> | 0.7305 |
| First quarter (average) .....  | <b>1.2370</b> | 1.1018 | <b>0.8852</b> | 0.7297 |
| Second quarter (average) ..... | <b>1.2290</b> | 1.0900 | <b>0.9047</b> | 0.7287 |
| As at August 3 (closing) ..... | <b>1.3026</b> | —      | <b>0.9162</b> | —      |

## 3. Consolidated Results and Mining Operations from Continuing Operations

### Operating Highlights from Continuing Operations

|                                                                                                             | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |        |           | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |         |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
|                                                                                                             | 2015                                 | 2014   | Variation | 2015                               | 2014    | Variation |
| Gold ounces produced.....                                                                                   | 66,000                               | 72,700 | (9%)      | 131,200                            | 107,800 | 22%       |
| Gold ounces sold.....                                                                                       | 67,700                               | 68,200 | (1%)      | 128,300                            | 97,600  | 31%       |
| <b>(in thousands of dollars, except amounts per share)</b>                                                  |                                      |        |           |                                    |         |           |
| Revenues – Gold sales.....                                                                                  | 81,115                               | 87,761 | (8%)      | 155,131                            | 126,234 | 23%       |
| Mining operation expenses<br>(excluding government royalties) .....                                         | 28,638                               | 37,293 | (23%)     | 57,701                             | 67,509  | (15%)     |
| Government royalties.....                                                                                   | 3,259                                | 3,745  | (13%)     | 6,192                              | 5,513   | 12%       |
| Operating income .....                                                                                      | 22,824                               | 20,665 | 10%       | 34,031                             | 5,986   | 469%      |
| Finance costs.....                                                                                          | 171                                  | 584    | (71%)     | 3,210                              | 840     | 282%      |
| Foreign exchange loss (gain).....                                                                           | (1,686)                              | (98)   | (1,620%)  | 4,595                              | 6       | 76,483%   |
| Income tax expense.....                                                                                     | 2,382                                | 5,421  | (56%)     | 12,249                             | 4,026   | 204%      |
| Net income from continuing operations<br>attributable to equity shareholders .....                          | 19,719                               | 12,974 | 52%       | 11,605                             | 31      | 37,335%   |
| Basic earnings per share<br>from continuing operations.....                                                 | 0.07                                 | 0.05   | 40%       | 0.04                               | —       | —         |
| Diluted earnings per share<br>from continuing operations.....                                               | 0.07                                 | 0.05   | 40%       | 0.04                               | —       | —         |
| Adjusted net income from continuing<br>operations attributable to<br>equity shareholders <sup>1</sup> ..... | 15,579                               | 13,273 | 17%       | 23,789                             | 445     | 5,246%    |
| Adjusted basic earnings per share<br>from continuing operations <sup>1</sup> .....                          | 0.05                                 | 0.05   | —         | 0.08                               | —       | —         |
| Cash flows from operating activities<br>from continuing operations <sup>2</sup> .....                       | 40,748                               | 37,618 | 8%        | 73,301                             | 39,760  | 84%       |
| Operating cash flows per share<br>from continuing operations <sup>1</sup> .....                             | 0.14                                 | 0.14   | —         | 0.26                               | 0.14    | 86%       |

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted net income attributable to equity shareholders, adjusted basic earnings per share and operating cash flows per share are non-IFRS financial performance measures with no standard definition under IFRS. See the “Non-IFRS financial measures from continuing operations” section of this MD&A, note 16.

<sup>2</sup> Cash flows from operating activities from continuing operations exclude changes in non-cash working capital items.

### 3. Consolidated Results and Mining Operations from Continuing Operations

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#### Second Quarter 2015 v. Second Quarter 2014

- During the second quarter of 2015, gold sales amounted to \$81,115,000 compared to \$87,761,000 for the same period in 2014. The 8% decrease is caused by a 7% decrease in the average realized selling price. The variation between gold ounces sold and gold ounces produced during the quarter is due to the timing of shipments.
- The decrease in mining operation expenses reflects lower fuel pricing, coupled with the strength of the US dollar relative to the Euro and lower throughput.
- Lower government royalties are a direct result of lower gold sales.
- The increase in operating income compared to the same period in 2014 is mainly due to lower mining operations expenses.
- The foreign exchange gain of \$1,686,000 is due to the revaluation of our monetary assets nominated in foreign currencies following the slight depreciation of the US dollar compared to the first quarter of 2015.
- The decrease in income tax expense is due to the weakening of the US dollar compared to the first quarter of 2015, which increased the tax base of mining assets in foreign jurisdictions and increased future tax deductions when converted into US dollars. These non-cash items amounted to \$2,454,000<sup>1</sup> and are not indicative of the economic value of the underlying tax pools that may be used to reduce cash income taxes in the future.
- Cash flows from operating activities from continuing operations<sup>2</sup> reached \$40,748,000 in the second quarter of 2015 due to the increase in operating income.

#### First Six Months of 2015 v. First Six Months of 2014

- Higher revenues in the first six months of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014 are mainly due to a higher gold sales volume despite a 6% decrease in the average selling price. The higher grade Siou and Fofina pits only started at the end of the first quarter of 2014. The variation between gold ounces sold and gold ounces produced during the six-month period ended June 30, 2015 is due to the timing of shipments.
- Mining operating expenses decreased during the first six months of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014 as a result of lower fuel pricing, coupled with the strength of the US dollar relative to the Euro and lower throughput.
- Higher government royalties are a direct result of higher revenues.
- The increase in operating income in the first six months of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014 is mainly due to higher revenues and lower mining operation expenses.
- The foreign exchange loss amounted to \$4,595,000 due to the revaluation of our monetary assets nominated in foreign currencies following the strengthening of the US dollar compared to December 31, 2014.
- The increase in income tax expense in the first six months of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014 is due to higher taxable income at the Mana Mine and the strengthening of the US dollar, which reduced the tax base in mining assets in foreign jurisdictions and lowered future tax deductions when converted into US dollars. These non-cash items amounted to \$5,069,000<sup>1</sup> and are not indicative of the economic value of the underlying tax pools that may be used to reduce income taxes in the future.
- During the first six months of 2015, following the cancellation of a Credit Facility, we wrote-off financing fees of \$2,520,000, which were capitalized as other non-current assets in the consolidated financial position as at December 31, 2014.
- Cash flows from operating activities from continuing operations<sup>2</sup> reached \$73,301,000 in the first six months of 2015 due to the increase in operating income.

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to note 12 of the financial statements.

<sup>2</sup> Cash flows from operating activities from continuing operations exclude changes in non-cash working capital items.

## 4. Operating Income (Loss) by Segment

|                                  | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |         |           | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |          |           |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
|                                  | 2015                                 | 2014    | Variation | 2015                               | 2014     | Variation |
| <b>(in thousands of dollars)</b> |                                      |         |           |                                    |          |           |
| Mana Mine, Burkina Faso .....    | 26,314                               | 27,341  | (4%)      | 43,319                             | 19,733   | 120%      |
| Natougou, Burkina Faso.....      | —                                    | —       | —         | —                                  | —        | —         |
| Other exploration.....           | —                                    | —       | —         | —                                  | —        | —         |
| Corporate and other .....        | (3,490)                              | (6,676) | 48%       | (9,288)                            | (13,747) | 32%       |
|                                  | 22,824                               | 20,665  | 10%       | 34,031                             | 5,986    | 469%      |

Composition of the reportable segments was modified for the first quarter of 2015 in order to add a new segment, Natougou, which represents the main property acquired through the acquisition of Orbis Gold Limited<sup>1</sup> ("Orbis").

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to note 3 of the financial statements.

## 4. Operating Income (Loss) by Segment (continued)

### Mana, Burkina Faso

#### Mining Operations

|                                                                        | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |           |           | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |           |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                                        | 2015                                 | 2014      | Variation | 2015                               | 2014      | Variation |
| <b>Operating Data</b>                                                  |                                      |           |           |                                    |           |           |
| Ore mined (tonnes).....                                                | 540,100                              | 617,700   | (13%)     | 1,289,900                          | 1,084,900 | 19%       |
| Ore processed (tonnes).....                                            | 600,900                              | 723,900   | (17%)     | 1,138,200                          | 1,365,900 | (17%)     |
| Waste mined (tonnes).....                                              | 5,151,900                            | 4,537,100 | 14%       | 11,714,700                         | 7,986,400 | 47%       |
| Operational stripping ratio.....                                       | 9.5                                  | 7.3       | 30%       | 9.1                                | 7.4       | 23%       |
| Head grade (g/t).....                                                  | 3.71                                 | 3.37      | 10%       | 3.89                               | 2.69      | 45%       |
| Recovery (%).....                                                      | 92                                   | 93        | (1%)      | 92                                 | 91        | 1%        |
| Gold ounces produced.....                                              | 66,000                               | 72,700    | (9%)      | 131,200                            | 107,800   | 22%       |
| Gold ounces sold.....                                                  | 67,700                               | 68,200    | (1%)      | 128,300                            | 97,600    | 31%       |
| <b>Capitalized Stripping Activity</b>                                  |                                      |           |           |                                    |           |           |
| Wasted material – Siou (tonnes)....                                    | 3,001,500                            | 2,732,000 | 10%       | 4,469,800                          | 6,589,600 | (32%)     |
| Wasted material – Fofina (tonnes) .                                    | 496,500                              | 1,407,000 | (65%)     | 1,242,200                          | 1,830,300 | (32%)     |
| Wasted material – Wona-Kona<br>(tonnes) .....                          | —                                    | —         | —         | —                                  | 666,900   | (100%)    |
|                                                                        | 3,498,000                            | 4,139,000 | (15%)     | 5,712,000                          | 9,086,800 | (37%)     |
| <b>Financial Data (in thousands of dollars)</b>                        |                                      |           |           |                                    |           |           |
| Revenues – Gold sales.....                                             | 81,115                               | 87,761    | (8%)      | 155,131                            | 126,234   | 23%       |
| Mining operations expenses<br>(excluding government<br>royalties)..... | 28,638                               | 37,293    | (23%)     | 57,701                             | 67,509    | (15%)     |
| Government royalties.....                                              | 3,259                                | 3,745     | (13%)     | 6,192                              | 5,513     | 12%       |
| Depreciation of property, plant<br>and equipment.....                  | 22,189                               | 18,349    | 21%       | 46,213                             | 31,317    | 48%       |
| General and administrative.....                                        | 581                                  | 963       | (40%)     | 1,246                              | 2,092     | (40%)     |
| Corporate social responsibility<br>expenses .....                      | 134                                  | 70        | 91%       | 460                                | 70        | 557%      |
| Segment operating income .....                                         | 26,314                               | 27,341    | (4%)      | 43,319                             | 19,733    | 120%      |
| <b>Statistics (in dollars)</b>                                         |                                      |           |           |                                    |           |           |
| Average realized selling price<br>(per ounce) .....                    | 1,198                                | 1,287     | (7%)      | 1,209                              | 1,293     | (6%)      |
| Cash operating cost<br>(per tonne processed) <sup>1</sup> .....        | 46                                   | 48        | (4%)      | 50                                 | 50        | —         |
| Total cash cost (per ounce sold) <sup>1</sup> ...                      | 471                                  | 602       | (22%)     | 498                                | 748       | (33%)     |
| All-in sustaining cost<br>(per ounce sold) <sup>1</sup> .....          | 604                                  | 723       | (16%)     | 624                                | 930       | (33%)     |
| Depreciation (per ounce sold) <sup>2</sup> .....                       | 328                                  | 269       | 22%       | 360                                | 321       | 12%       |

<sup>1</sup> Cash operating cost, total cash cost and all-in sustaining cost are a non-IFRS financial performance measure with no standard definition under IFRS. See the "Non-IFRS financial performance measures from continuing operations" section of this MD&A, note 16.

<sup>2</sup> Depreciation per ounce sold is a non-IFRS financial performance measure with no standard definition under IFRS and represents the depreciation expense per ounce sold.

### 4. Operating Income (Loss) by Segment (continued)

#### Mana, Burkina Faso (continued)

#### Mining Operations (continued)

#### Second Quarter 2015 v. Second Quarter 2014

Production for the second quarter of 2015 totalled 66,000 ounces at a total cash cost<sup>1</sup> of \$471 per ounce sold and all-in sustaining cost<sup>1</sup> of \$604 per ounce sold at our Mana Mine. These costs per ounce represent year-over-year decreases of 22% and 16% respectively that are mainly attributable to the higher grade of the ore processed compared to the second quarter of 2014 as well as the reduction in the fuel price and the strength of the US dollar relative to the Euro.

- For the second quarter in 2015, lower ore mined and throughput compared to the same period in 2014 are a direct result of the mine plan sequence.
- The increase in head grade in the second quarter of 2015 reflects a greater percentage of high-grade ore processed from the Fofina and Siou pits compared to the same period in 2014.
- The decrease in gold ounces produced and sold is a direct result of the lower throughput.
- During the second quarter of 2015, gold sales amounted to \$81,115,000 compared to \$87,761,000 for the same period in 2014. The 8% decrease is attributable to a decrease in average realized selling price.
- Lower government royalties are a direct result of lower gold sales.
- The depreciation of property, plant and equipment increased by 21% as a result of accelerated depreciation of the Wona-Kona capitalized stripping cost following the reduction of our reserves at the beginning of 2015.
- The decrease in general and administrative expenses for the three-month period ended June 30, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014, is mainly due to ongoing optimization efforts and the positive impact of the foreign currency fluctuations.

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<sup>1</sup> Cash operating cost, total cash cost and all-in sustaining cost are a non-IFRS financial performance measure with no standard definition under IFRS. See the "Non-IFRS financial performance measures from continuing operations" section of this MD&A, note 16.

### 4. Operating Income (Loss) by Segment (continued)

#### Mana, Burkina Faso (continued)

#### Mining Operations (continued)

#### First Six Months of 2015 v. First Six Months of 2014

- For the six-month period ended June 30, 2015, more ore was mined compared to the same period in 2014 when the mine plan sequence was modified in order to reassign a portion of the Wona-Kona mining fleet to the development of the Siou and Fofina deposits in the first quarter of 2014.
- The decrease in throughput is due to the processing of ore through the secondary ball mill during the five-week shutdown of the SAG mill and to the mining sequence.
- The increase in head grade in the first six months of 2015 reflects the greater percentage of high-grade ore processed from the Fofina and Siou pits compared to the same period in 2014 as the full mining rate was achieved at Fofina and Siou only in the second quarter of 2014.
- The increase in gold ounces produced and sold is a direct result of the 45% higher head grade of ore sourced from the Siou and Fofina pits.
- Higher revenues in the first six months of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014 are mainly due to a higher gold sales volume despite a 6% decrease in the average selling price.
- Mining operating expenses decreased during the first six months of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014 as a result of the lower throughput. Our cash operating cost<sup>1</sup> per tonne processed remained at \$50 due to a higher operational stripping ratio, offset by the lower fuel price and the strength of the US dollar relative to the Euro.
- Higher government royalties are a direct result of higher revenues.
- The depreciation of property, plant and equipment increased by 48% as a result of the increase in gold ounces sold. The depreciation per ounce sold increased as a result of accelerated depreciation of the Wona-Kona capitalized stripping cost following the reduction of our reserves at the beginning of 2015.
- The decrease in general and administrative expenses for the six-month period ended June 30, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014, is the result of our cost control and optimization efforts and the positive impact of the foreign currency fluctuations.

#### Update on Connection to the National Power Grid

Although commissioning of on-site equipment and substations was completed in the first quarter of 2015, Sonabel, the national electricity company in Burkina Faso, is still unable to provide electricity. Sonabel cannot predict when power will be forthcoming. However, the reduction in fuel pricing, coupled with the strength of the US dollar relative to the Euro, positively affected our total cash costs in the quarter.

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<sup>1</sup> Cash operating cost, total cash cost and all-in sustaining cost are a non-IFRS financial performance measure with no standard definition under IFRS. See the "Non-IFRS financial performance measures from continuing operations" section of this MD&A, note 16.

### 4. Operating Income (Loss) by Segment (continued)

#### Mana, Burkina Faso (continued)

##### Mining Operations (continued)

##### Corporate Social Responsibility ("CSR")

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2015, corporate social responsibility expenses, representing contributions made to SEMAFO Foundation, totalled \$460,000 (2014: \$227,000).

In the second quarter of 2015, SEMAFO Foundation activities involved community-support and sanitation measures such as the construction of multi-functional platforms and the renovation of a health and maternity clinic. Foundation funds were also dedicated to the health care sector mainly through support of a cervical cancer project, in addition to supporting income-generating activities and local schools. During the quarter, two work groups within the Foundation's area of intervention obtained enhanced retail marketing support for their products by virtue of the Foundation's partnership with CESO (Canadian Executive Service Organization).

Mine management continued to engage in open dialogue with local communities, in particular with those from displaced villages. In addition, we provided financial support for sanitary projects and children's sport tournaments. In the course of its annual visit, the Board's Environmental, Health & Safety and Sustainable Development Committee visited villages within the mine's area of influence in June 2015 and held discussions with village elders on relations with the mine.

We are committed to fostering an open dialogue with the surrounding communities of the Natougou gold deposit as part of our commitment to sustainable mining. Since the acquisition of Orbis in February, the SEMAFO Foundation has visited the villages surrounding Natougou on two occasions. In June 2015, the general manager of the Foundation and the CSR team made a second visit in order to present the Natougou project and to continue assessment of its social impact and community needs.

During the second quarter of 2015, the Corporation had the honour of being awarded the grand prize for Corporate Social Responsibility of Mining Companies in Burkina Faso (RSE 2014) by the Groupe Redevabilité (Accountability Group), an advocacy group. For evaluation purposes, the six-member jury based its ranking for the grand prize on three of the seven ISO 26000 criteria with regard to CSR: Human Rights, Environment (fairness of practices) and Communities and Local Development. In addition to the grand prize, we were also recipient of a special award for Communities and Local Development.

##### New Mining Code in Burkina Faso

On July 16, 2015, a new mining code was ratified by the interim president of Burkina Faso. The principal changes are:

- Establishment of a Mining Fund for Local Development, which will be funded at the rate of 1% of the monthly value of products extracted.
- Corporate tax rate of 27.5%.

Under its mining agreement, the Mana Mine benefits from fiscal stability clauses.

##### Exploration

An initial exploration budget for 2015 was set at \$18 million, \$12 million of which was allocated to the Mana project and \$6 million to the Banfora project. Following evaluation of our exploration strategy and in light of the weak gold environment, we have decided to cease exploration activities at Banfora in the third quarter, focus on areas within trucking distance of the Mana Mine and Natougou deposit while initiating exploration in Côte d'Ivoire. Accordingly, we maintain the initial budget of \$18 million with \$11 million allocated to the Mana project, \$1.3 million to the Natougou deposit, \$5.4 million to Banfora and \$0.3 million to the Korhogo permits in Côte d'Ivoire.

##### Exploration — Mana Project, Burkina Faso

To date, 36,000 meters of the RC drill program have been completed on Mana.

In the second quarter, a total of 420 meters of core drilling was carried out on target B4 on the Bombouéla permit to follow up from the first quarter reverse-circulation (RC) drill program. Despite some good intersection results on the Bombouéla permit, no continuity was encountered between holes. RC drilling is ongoing on Bombouéla and on other permits within trucking distance of the Mana Mine.

## 4. Operating Income (Loss) by Segment (continued)

### Natougou, Burkina Faso

#### Update on Natougou Feasibility Study

During the quarter, we made strong progress in advancing the feasibility study, which has now passed the 40% completion stage. We continue to target completion of the feasibility study by early second quarter of 2016 with a base case scenario of a 4,000-tonne-per-day processing plant. As at June 30, 2015, a total of \$5.7 million of the estimated budget of \$12.5 million has been disbursed towards completion of the study including:

- Process: 30% completed. This includes conclusion of the trade-off studies and design criteria, in addition to 30% completion of the plant and general layout.
- Geotechnics: 100% completed. Both the ground water exploration program and geotechnical assessment of the open pit wall stability have been conducted.
- Hydrology: 15% completed. This includes 50% completion of the water balance analysis.
- Environmental study: 25% completed.
- 6,000 meters of condemnation drilling: 100% completed.
- 21,630 meters of delineation drilling: 100% completed.

The additional 17,000-meter delineation drill program is already underway in the southwest part of the deposit with the aim of converting a portion of the indicated resources to the measured category in the third quarter.

#### In-fill Drilling — Natougou

##### Delineation Drill Results at Natougou Match Expectations

On July 14, 2015, the Corporation announced it had received 60% of the delineation drill program results, at 40 meter by 40 meter spacing, on Natougou (Boungou Shear Zone). Results are in line with expectations, showing local variations in grade without any significant change in the geometry of the deposit.

The program, which is designed to upgrade the previous in-pit estimated inferred resources into the indicated category ahead of the feasibility study, consisted of 21,630 meters in 227 reverse-circulation "RC" and diamond drill holes, using up to four rigs. All holes were drilled using an RC rig from the collar to approximately 20 meters above the expected position of the Boungou Shear Zone. The remainder of the holes was completed by core drilling in order to improve understanding of the geology and the sampling of the mineralized zones. All planned holes were completed successfully, and samples have been sent to the SGS Minerals Services assay lab in Ouagadougou for gold analysis.

The following table presents the most significant highlights of the program based on results obtained to date:

| Hole No. | From<br>meters | To<br>meters | Length <sup>1</sup><br>meters | Au g/t <sup>2</sup> |
|----------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| TPA0020  | 53.40          | 60.59        | 7.19                          | 13.97               |
| TPA0063  | 46.50          | 48.05        | 1.55                          | 24.89               |
| TPA0069  | 95.50          | 103.50       | 8.00                          | 10.94               |
| TPA0076  | 49.90          | 54.90        | 5.00                          | 16.82               |
| TPA0112  | 61.75          | 67.00        | 5.25                          | 5.19                |
| TPA0114  | 106.00         | 108.44       | 2.44                          | 6.80                |
| TPA0116  | 55.00          | 59.00        | 4.00                          | 4.86                |
| TPA0125  | 79.50          | 82.75        | 3.25                          | 5.98                |
| TPA0161  | 51.00          | 56.50        | 5.50                          | 8.00                |
| TPA0163  | 40.70          | 50.00        | 9.30                          | 5.87                |
| TPA0185  | 45.00          | 48.00        | 3.00                          | 8.69                |

<sup>1</sup> All lengths are measured along the hole axis, and are interpreted to be roughly equivalent to true thickness.

<sup>2</sup> Using uncut assays

## 4. Operating Income (Loss) by Segment (continued)

### Natougou, Burkina Faso (continued)

#### In-fill Drilling — Natougou (continued)

##### Proximal Exploration on Natougou Returns Promising Results

In July, we announced results from an ongoing 10,000-meter proximal drilling program at Natougou designed to explore the lateral extensions of the flat-lying Boungou Shear Zone (BSZ) proximal to the current in-pit resources. A new mineralized area, dubbed the Southwest Extension, has returned values of up to 10.29 g/t Au over 10 meters at depths varying from 8 to 131 meters. The target area measures approximately 200 meters wide and remains open towards the west and northwest. The 14-hole program was designed to provide a better understanding of the geometry of the shear zone while establishing the potential for proximal mineralization that could eventually be included in the resources base.

**TABLE 1**

| Hole No. | FROM<br>(meters) | TO<br>(meters) | Length <sup>1</sup><br>(meters) | Au g/t <sup>2</sup> |
|----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| TPA0102  | 151              | 160            | 9                               | 2.26                |
| TPA0103  | 141              | 151            | 10                              | 10.82               |
| TPA0104  | 70               | 74             | 4                               | 13.04               |
| TPA0224  | 132              | 138            | 6                               | 3.73                |
| TPA0226  | 118              | 127            | 9                               | 2.48                |

<sup>1</sup> All lengths are measured along the hole axis, and are interpreted to be roughly equivalent to true thickness.

<sup>2</sup> Using uncut assays.

As shown in Figure 1 and in Table 2 below, the shear zone is intersected by most holes. Results show that gold mineralization was obtained within a 200-meter wide corridor of the structure that seems to trend roughly northwest. The corridor remains open towards the northwest.

**TABLE 2**

| Hole No. | FROM<br>(meters) | TO<br>(meters) | Length <sup>1</sup><br>(meters) | Au g/t <sup>2</sup> |
|----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| TPA0356  | 82               | 85             | 3                               | 12.89               |
| TPA0357  | 101              | 104            | 3                               | 0.67                |
| TPA0375  | 131              | 142            | 11                              | 3.42                |
| TPA0401  | 76               | 79             | 3                               | 17.04               |
| TPA0403  | 8                | 14             | 6                               | 3.07                |
| TPA0404  | 32               | 41             | 9                               | 0.65                |
| TPA0405  | 82               | 95             | 13                              | 6.40                |
| TPA0406  | 124              | 134            | 10                              | 10.29               |
| TPA0407  | 97               | 101            | 4                               | 1.41                |
| TPA0422  | 115              | 120            | 5                               | 0.63                |
| TPA0426  | 109              | 115            | 6                               | 1.17                |

<sup>1</sup> All lengths are measured along the hole axis, and are interpreted to be roughly equivalent to true thickness.

<sup>2</sup> Using uncut assays.

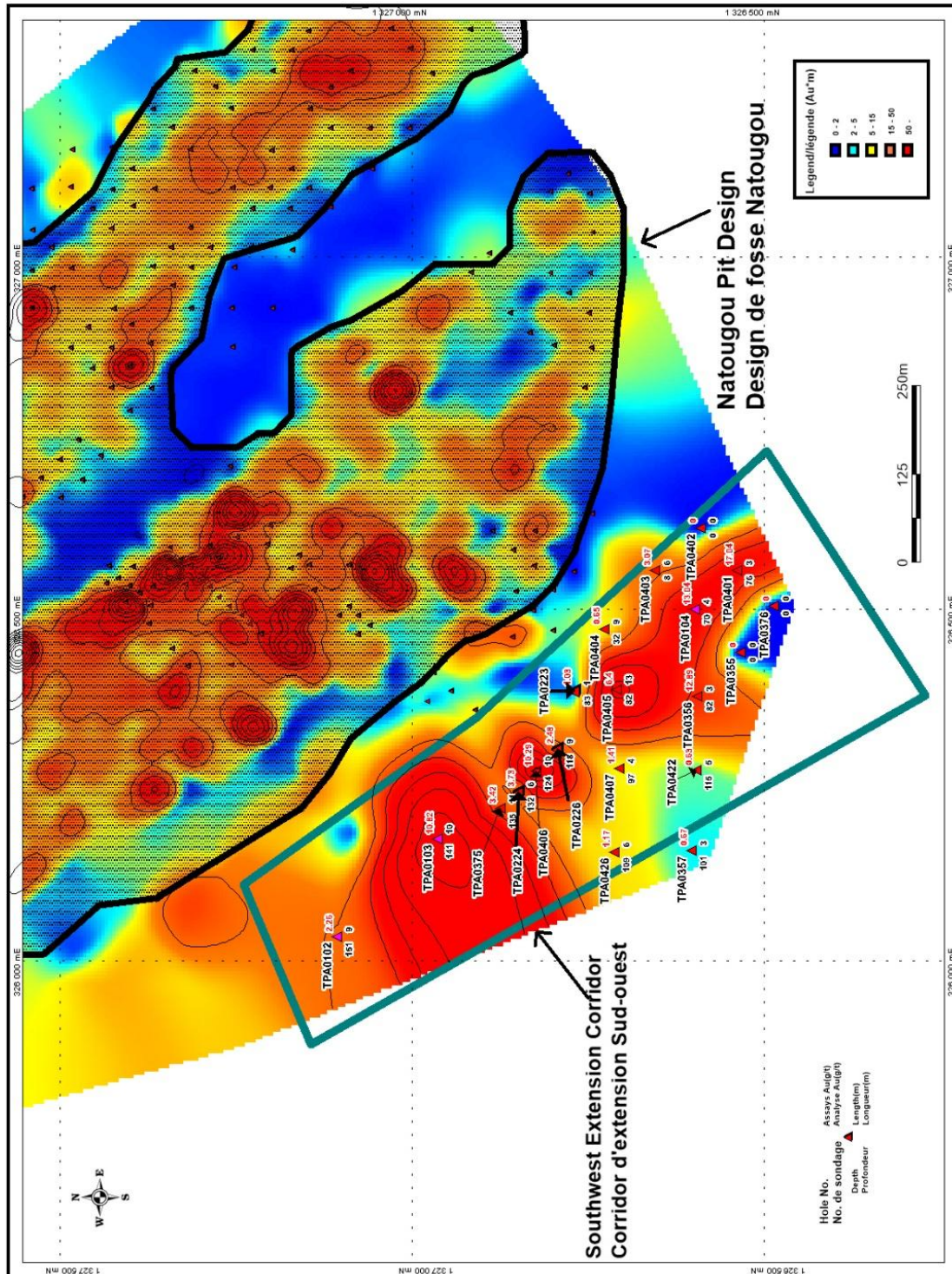
An additional 3,000-meter drill program is being planned to test the lateral continuity towards the west and the northwest in addition to reducing the spacing within the known mineralized area. In addition, the 10,000-meter proximal program will include follow-up exploration towards the east and north of the resource pit. A number of holes are also scheduled to explore the potential of the hangingwall structures previously identified by Orbis in 2014.

#### 4. Operating Income (Loss) by Segment (continued)

Natougou, Burkina Faso (continued)

In-fill Drilling — Natougou (continued)

Figure 1



## 4. Operating Income (Loss) by Segment (continued)

### Natougou, Burkina Faso (continued)

#### In-fill Drilling — Natougou (continued)

##### Regional Exploration

The budget of \$1.3 million is dedicated to carry out regional airborne geophysical surveying, RC drilling and some soil geochemical programs in the second half of 2015 on the Boungou, Dangou and Pambourou permits, within trucking distance of the Natougou deposit.

##### Other Exploration

#### Exploration — Banfora Property, Burkina Faso

An initial exploration budget of \$6 million was assigned to pursue exploration activities on the Banfora properties in 2015. One RC and four auger drills were in operation during the second quarter of 2015. Year to date, 153,662 meters in 18,307 holes of auger drilling have been carried out, in addition to a 154-hole RC drilling program totalling 23,126 meters. Despite some good drilling intersections, the 2015 RC drill campaign did not find continuity between holes and has ended for the year.

#### Commencement of Exploration in Côte d'Ivoire

As a result of the evaluation of our exploration strategy, we intend to initiate a \$0.3 million exploration program on the Korhogo West and Korhogo East permits, two exploration properties in Côte d'Ivoire that comprised part of the Orbis property portfolio. The permits total 780 square kilometers on the south end of the Banfora Greenstone Belt. The Korhogo West permit is located immediately adjacent to Randgold's Fapoha South exploration permit and represents a potential strike extension to Randgold's priority Oubolo gold targets and the Tongon mine. Soil sampling programs on both permits have been scheduled in the second half of 2015.

#### Nabanga — Resources Conversion from JORC to NI 43-101

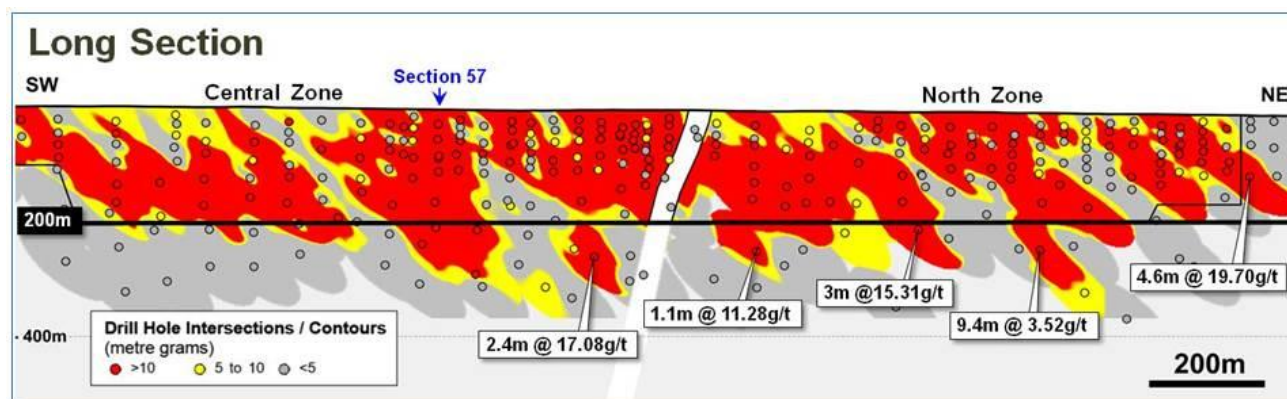
Located 250 kilometers south-east of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso, the Nabanga gold project lies within the Yactibo Permit Group that was previously owned by Orbis. In June 2015, Snowden Mining Industry Consultants prepared a NI 43-101 compliant technical report for the Yactibo Permit Group, Nabanga gold deposit. The Nabanga deposit contains inferred resources of 1.84 million tonnes at 10.0 g/t Au for 590,000 ounces of contained gold.

##### Nabanga Mineral Resource (Yactibo Permit Group) as at June 2015

| Classification        | Oxidation state | Tonnes Mt   | Au g/t      | Ounces Koz |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Inferred Resources    | Oxide           | 0.08        | 8.9         | 20         |
|                       | Fresh           | 1.76        | 10.1        | 570        |
| <b>Inferred total</b> |                 | <b>1.84</b> | <b>10.0</b> | <b>590</b> |

On June 25, 2015, our technical report was filed on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

##### Nabanga drilling long section (looking northwest)



## 4. Operating Income (Loss) by Segment (continued)

### Corporate and Other

|                                                     | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |         | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------|
|                                                     | 2015                                 | 2014    | 2015                               | 2014     |
| (in thousands of dollars)                           |                                      |         |                                    |          |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment ..... | 99                                   | 316     | 185                                | 461      |
| General and administrative .....                    | 2,856                                | 3,245   | 5,806                              | 7,391    |
| Corporate social responsibility expense .....       | —                                    | 157     | —                                  | 157      |
| Share-based compensation .....                      | 535                                  | 2,958   | 3,297                              | 5,738    |
| Operating loss.....                                 | (3,490)                              | (6,676) | (9,288)                            | (13,747) |

### General and Administrative

For the three-month period ended June 30, 2015, general and administrative expenses totalled \$2,856,000 compared to \$3,245,000 for the same period in 2014. For the six-month period ended June 30, 2015, general and administrative expenses totalled \$5,806,000 compared to \$7,391,000 for the same period in 2014. The decrease is mainly due to our optimization efforts and to the strengthening of the US dollar against the Canadian dollar, which positively impacted our general and administrative cost.

### Share-based Compensation

|                                  | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |       | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |       |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|
|                                  | 2015                                 | 2014  | 2015                               | 2014  |
| (in thousands of dollars)        |                                      |       |                                    |       |
| Options plans.....               | —                                    | 40    | —                                  | 580   |
| Deferred Share Unit Plan.....    | (51)                                 | —     | 415                                | —     |
| Restricted Share Unit Plan ..... | 586                                  | 2,918 | 2,882                              | 5,158 |
|                                  | 535                                  | 2,958 | 3,297                              | 5,738 |

### Options Plans

During the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2015, there were no stock option-related expenses because options were already vested and amortized in 2014. There were no new options granted during the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2015, compared to the same periods in 2014, during which charges of \$40,000 and \$580,000 were recorded, respectively.

### Deferred Share Unit ("DSU") Plan

During 2014, we adopted a new DSU Plan<sup>1</sup>. At the beginning of 2015, the Board, on the recommendation of the Human resources and corporate governance committee, decided that independent directors would receive DSUs instead of options. For the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2015, our expense for deferred units outstanding represented a credit of \$51,000 and an expense of \$415,000, respectively (2014: nil).

### Restricted Share Unit Plan ("Unit Plan")

For the three-month period ended June 30, 2015, our share-based compensation expenses included a charge of \$586,000 (2014: \$2,918,000) for our Unit Plan. The \$586,000 charge related to the Unit Plan comprised a \$1,065,000 expense for restricted share units outstanding and a \$479,000 credit due to a change in fair value of our share price.

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2015, our share-based compensation expenses included a charge of \$2,882,000 (2014: \$5,158,000) for our Unit Plan. The \$2,882,000 charge related to the Unit Plan comprised a \$2,134,000 expense for restricted share units outstanding and a \$748,000 expense due to a change in fair value of our share price.

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to note 15 of the financial statements.

## 5. Other Elements of the Statement of Income (Loss)

### Finance Costs

During the first six months of 2015, following the cancellation of a Credit Facility, we wrote-off financing fees of \$2,520,000, which were capitalized as other non-current assets in the consolidated financial position as at December 31, 2014.

### Foreign Exchange Loss

For the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2015, the foreign exchange gain was \$1,686,000 and the foreign exchange loss was \$4,595,000. This was due to the revaluation of our monetary assets nominated in foreign currencies following the overall strengthening of the US dollar in the first six months of 2015, during which a slight depreciation occurred in the second quarter of 2015.

### Income Tax Expense

The income tax expense increase in the six-month period ended June 30, 2015, compared to the same period in 2014, is due to higher taxable income at the Mana Mine and the strengthening of the US dollar, which reduced the tax base of mining assets in foreign jurisdictions with the effect of lowering future tax deductions when converted into US dollars. These are non-cash items and are not indicative of the economic value of the underlying tax pools that may be used to reduce cash income taxes in the future. Further details regarding the income tax expense are provided in note 12 of the financial statements.

The tax assessment received in 2014 for Mana Mineral, for the years 2011 to 2013, was fully settled and paid on June 30, 2015 for an amount of \$255,000, bringing this matter to a close for all parties. Initially, the assessment primarily covered VAT on exploration assets transferred from the exploration entity to the producing entity and VAT on interest expenses and management fees, which amounted to \$11,300,000 plus an additional \$6,700,000 in penalties.

As a tax assessment was received from the Government of Burkina Faso regarding SEMAFO Burkina Faso S.A. in 2012, only penalties remain unsettled.

### Income (Loss) Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests

| (in thousands of dollars)                                            | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |               | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
|                                                                      | 2015                                 | 2014          | 2015                               | 2014          |
| Government of Burkina Faso – 10% in<br>SEMAFO Burkina Faso S.A. .... | 2,396                                | 1,942         | 2,661                              | 1,320         |
| Government of Guinea – 15% in<br>SEMAFO Guinée S.A. ....             | —                                    | 10,737        | —                                  | 9,691         |
|                                                                      | <b>2,396</b>                         | <b>12,679</b> | <b>2,661</b>                       | <b>11,011</b> |

The non-controlling interest of the Government of Burkina Faso is directly linked to our subsidiary's net income. SEMAFO Guinée S.A. was disposed of on May 22, 2014.

## 6. Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our cash flow activities:

| (in thousands of dollars)                                                                  | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |          | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
|                                                                                            | 2015                                 | 2014     | 2015                               | 2014     |
| Cash flows .....                                                                           |                                      |          |                                    |          |
| Operations.....                                                                            | <b>40,748</b>                        | 37,618   | <b>73,301</b>                      | 39,760   |
| Working capital items .....                                                                | <b>(8,672)</b>                       | 12,305   | <b>(8,476)</b>                     | 5,117    |
| Operating activities.....                                                                  | <b>32,076</b>                        | 49,923   | <b>64,825</b>                      | 44,877   |
| Financing activities.....                                                                  | <b>—</b>                             | 1,041    | <b>132,725</b>                     | 3,994    |
| Investing activities .....                                                                 | <b>(18,050)</b>                      | (18,733) | <b>(190,487)</b>                   | (36,395) |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents during the period<br>from continuing operations.....   | <b>14,026</b>                        | 32,231   | <b>7,063</b>                       | 12,476   |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents during the period<br>from discontinued operations..... | <b>—</b>                             | (1,094)  | <b>—</b>                           | (2,088)  |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash<br>and cash equivalents .....                      | <b>1,992</b>                         | 143      | <b>(4,120)</b>                     | 239      |
| Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of period .....                                      | <b>114,853</b>                       | 61,946   | <b>127,928</b>                     | 82,599   |
| Cash and cash equivalents – end of period.....                                             | <b>130,871</b>                       | 93,226   | <b>130,871</b>                     | 93,226   |

### Operating

#### Second Quarter 2015 v. Second Quarter 2014

For the three-month period ended June 30, 2015, operating activities, before working capital items, generated cash flows of \$40,748,000 mainly due to a higher operating income compared to the same period in 2014. Working capital items required liquidities of \$8,672,000 in 2015, mainly due to lower trade payables and accrued liabilities, and offset by lower income tax receivable, while liquidities of \$12,305,000 were generated in 2014.

#### First Six Months of 2015 v. First Six Months of 2014

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2015, operating activities, before working capital items, generated cash flows of \$73,301,000 compared to \$39,760,000 mainly due to an increase in gold ounces sold compared to the same period in 2014. Working capital items required liquidities of \$8,476,000 in the first six months of 2015, mainly due to lower trade payables and accrued liabilities and offset by income tax receivable, while liquidities of \$5,117,000 were generated in 2014.

Further details regarding the changes in non-cash working capital items are provided in note 20 a) of the financial statements.

### Financing

#### Second Quarter 2015 v. Second Quarter 2014

In the second quarter of 2015, cash flow from financing activities amounted to nil, compared to \$1,041,000 in the second quarter of 2014, representing the exercise of 633,000 options.

## 6. Cash Flows (continued)

### Financing (continued)

#### First Six Months of 2015 v. First Six Months of 2014

In the six-month period ended June 30, 2015, cash flow from financing activities amounted to \$132,725,000 compared to cash flow used in financing activities amounting to \$3,994,000 in the same period in 2014.

#### Long-term Debt

On March 3, 2015, we entered into a credit agreement (long-term debt) amounting to \$90,000,000 with Macquarie Bank Limited ("Lender"). We used the proceeds of the debt to fund the acquisition of Orbis. In consideration for the funding of the long-term debt, we paid to the Lender an amount of \$1,200,000 in transaction costs.

#### Shares Issued from the Exercise of Options

A total of 30,000 options were exercised during the six-month period ended June 30, 2015, under the Share Option Plan ("Original Plan") for a cash consideration of \$51,000. For the same period in 2014, a total of 2,165,000 options were exercised under the Original Plan for a cash consideration of \$3,994,000.

#### Bought Deal Private Placement

On February 11, 2015, a syndicate of underwriters purchased on a "bought deal" private placement basis, 13,600,000 of our common shares at \$2.97 (C\$3.70) per common share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$40,412,000 (C\$50,320,000). The underwriters elected to exercise the over-allotment option to purchase an additional 2,040,000 common shares at the same price for total gross proceeds of \$46,474,000 (C\$57,868,000). Share issue expenses related to this private offering totalled \$2,600,000 and were credited to total net proceeds.

The proceeds of our bought deal private placement have been solely used for the acquisition of Orbis.

### Investing

During the first quarter of 2015, we bought Orbis, for which we paid a purchase price of \$138,200,000 (A\$178,169,000). In addition, an amount of \$14,729,000 was disbursed, which included net liability and transaction costs of \$1,621,000, for a total amount invested of \$154,550,000.

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

Investments totalled \$17,484,000 and \$35,371,000, for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to \$18,092,000 and \$35,754,000 for the same periods in 2014. The following table summarizes our 2015 investing activities.

| (in thousands of dollars)                                                 | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |               | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
|                                                                           | 2015                                 | 2014          | 2015                               | 2014          |
| Sustaining capital.....                                                   | 3,875                                | 3,795         | 7,519                              | 7,711         |
| Stripping cost.....                                                       | 5,142                                | 4,441         | 8,622                              | 10,006        |
| <b>Subtotal sustaining capital expenditures .....</b>                     | <b>9,017</b>                         | <b>8,236</b>  | <b>16,141</b>                      | <b>17,717</b> |
| Sioux development.....                                                    | —                                    | 1,560         | —                                  | 6,006         |
| Fofina development .....                                                  | —                                    | 2,636         | —                                  | 4,999         |
| <b>Subtotal growth capital expenditures .....</b>                         | <b>—</b>                             | <b>4,196</b>  | <b>—</b>                           | <b>11,005</b> |
| Exploration expenditure .....                                             | 6,923                                | 6,101         | 12,749                             | 9,451         |
| Capitalized borrowing costs .....                                         | 1,519                                | 1,270         | 2,019                              | 1,270         |
| Feasibility study .....                                                   | 5,305                                | —             | 5,726                              | —             |
|                                                                           | <b>22,764</b>                        | <b>19,803</b> | <b>36,635</b>                      | <b>39,443</b> |
| Variation in unpaid acquisitions of property, plant and<br>equipment..... | (5,280)                              | (1,711)       | (1,264)                            | (3,689)       |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                                        | <b>17,484</b>                        | <b>18,092</b> | <b>35,371</b>                      | <b>35,754</b> |

#### Sonabel Advance

During the three-month and the six-month periods ended June 30, 2015, an advance of \$566,000 was made to Sonabel compared to nil for the same periods in 2014.

## 7. Financial Position

As at June 30, 2015, we maintain a strong financial position with \$130,871,000 in cash and cash equivalents. Further to our private placement and completion of our new long-term debt in the first quarter of 2015, our debt-equity ratio stands at only 15%.

With our existing cash balance and forecasted cash flows from operations, we are well positioned to fund all of our cash requirements for 2015, which relate primarily to the following activities:

- Exploration programs
- Capital expenditures
- Feasibility study for Natougou advanced gold deposit

|                                                         | As at<br>June 30,<br>2015 | As at<br>December 31,<br>2014 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>(in thousands of dollars)</b>                        |                           |                               |
| Total current assets .....                              | <b>216,380</b>            | 223,524                       |
| Property, plant and equipment.....                      | <b>527,055</b>            | 382,388                       |
| Other non-current assets.....                           | <b>10,031</b>             | 12,390                        |
| <b>Total assets</b> .....                               | <b>753,466</b>            | 618,302                       |
| Current liabilities .....                               | <b>71,538</b>             | 58,047                        |
| Non-current liabilities .....                           | <b>91,032</b>             | 29,650                        |
| <b>Total liabilities</b> .....                          | <b>162,570</b>            | 87,697                        |
| <b>Equity attributable to equity shareholders</b> ..... | <b>561,312</b>            | 503,682                       |
| <b>Non-controlling interest</b> .....                   | <b>29,584</b>             | 26,923                        |

As at June 30, 2015, our total assets amounted to \$753,466,000 compared to \$618,302,000 as at December 31, 2014. The increase is mainly due to the addition of property, plant and equipment, resulting from the acquisition of Orbis for \$154,550,000.

As at June 30, 2015, our liabilities totalled \$162,570,000, compared to \$87,697,000 as at December 31, 2014. The increase in our liabilities is mainly due to our new long-term debt of \$90,000,000, which was used to fund the acquisition of Orbis.

## 8. Financial Instruments

The nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments are described in note 17 of our 2014 annual consolidated financial statements.

During the first quarter of 2015, a new financial liability was included in the financial instruments, representing long-term debt that is accounted for using the amortized cost method. There was no material change to the nature of risks arising from financial instruments or classification of financial instruments during the second quarter of 2015. Furthermore, there was no change in the methodology used to determine the fair value of the financial instruments that are measured at fair value on our consolidated statement of financial position.

### 9. Contractual Obligations

#### Asset Retirement Obligations

Our operations are governed by mining agreements that include the protection of the environment. We conduct our operations in such manner as to protect public health and the environment. We implement progressive measures for rehabilitation work during the operation, in accordance with our mining agreements, as well as closing-down and follow-up work upon closure of a mine.

The liability for asset retirement obligations as at June 30, 2015 was \$6,290,000 (December 31, 2014: \$5,897,000). The estimated undiscounted value of this liability was \$11,004,000 (December 31, 2014: \$10,608,000). These disbursements are expected to be made during the years 2015 to 2026.

#### Government Royalties

In Burkina Faso, all shipments with gold spot prices lower or equal to \$1,000 per ounce are subject to a royalty rate of 3%, a 4% rate is applied to all shipments with gold spot prices between \$1,000 and \$1,300 per ounce, and a 5% royalty rate is applied to all shipments with a gold spot price greater than \$1,300 per ounce. In 2015, we were subject to a royalty rate of 4%, which was calculated using the retail market value of gold ounces sold at the time of shipment. In the second quarter of 2015, government royalties amounting to \$3,259,000 (2014: \$3,745,000) were paid to the Government of Burkina Faso. For the six-month period ended June 30, 2015, government royalties amounting to \$6,192,000 (2014: \$5,513,000) were paid to the Government of Burkina Faso.

#### Net Smelter Royalty ("NSR")

We are subject to NSR ranging from 1% to 1.5% on various exploration properties. The NSR comes into effect when we enter into commercial production.

#### Purchase Obligations

As at June 30, 2015, purchase commitments totalled \$3,692,000. In addition, on October 1, 2011, we entered into an agreement with National Electricity Company Sonabel, in Burkina Faso, pursuant to which we will advance funds for the construction of a high-voltage transmission line. As at June 30, 2015, we are committed to advance a remaining amount of \$1,828,000 (1,075,195,000 FCFA) to Sonabel with respect to this project.

#### Payments to Maintain Mining Rights

In the normal course of business, in order to obtain and maintain all the advantages of our mining permits, we must commit to invest a specific amount in exploration and development on the permits during their validity period. Moreover, we must make annual payments in order to maintain certain property titles. As at June 30, 2015, we were in compliance in all material respects with the obligations related to the ownership of our permits.

### 10. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of our financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing material adjustments to our financial statements were disclosed in note 6 to our 2014 annual audited consolidated financial statements and they remain unchanged for the second quarter of 2015.

### 11. New Accounting Standards Issued but not yet in Effect

The new accounting standards issued but not yet in effect were disclosed in note 5 of our 2014 annual audited consolidated financial statement and they remain unchanged for the second quarter of 2015.

### 12. Risks and Uncertainties

As a mining company, we face the financial and operational risks inherent to the nature of our activities. These risks may affect our financial condition and results of operation. As a result, an investment in our common shares should be considered speculative. Prospective purchasers or holders of our common shares should give careful consideration to all of our risks factors.

#### Financial Risks

##### **Fluctuation in Gold Prices**

The profitability of our operations will be significantly affected by changes in the market price of gold. Gold production from mining operations and the willingness of third parties, such as central banks, to sell or lease gold affect the gold supply. Demand for gold can be influenced by economic conditions, gold's attractiveness as an investment vehicle and the strength of the US dollar. Other factors include interest and exchange rates, inflation and political stability. The aggregate effect of these factors is impossible to predict with accuracy. Gold prices are also affected by worldwide production levels.

In addition, the price of gold has on occasion been subject to very rapid short-term changes due to speculative activities. Fluctuations in gold prices may materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operation.

##### **Fluctuation in Petroleum Prices**

Because we use petroleum fuel to power our mining equipment and to generate electrical energy to power our mining operations, our financial condition and results of operation may be materially adversely affected by rising petroleum prices.

##### **Exchange Rate Fluctuations**

Our operations in West Africa are subject to currency fluctuations that may materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operation. Gold is currently sold in US dollars and although the majority of our costs are also in US dollars, certain costs are incurred in other currencies. The appreciation of non-US dollar currencies against the US dollar can increase the cost of exploration and production in US dollar terms, which could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operation.

##### **Interest Rate Fluctuations**

As borrower of a long-term debt amounting to \$90 million, repayable in three years, our operations are subject to interest rate fluctuations. The long-term debt bears interest at LIBOR plus 6.5%. Therefore, a fluctuation in LIBOR could materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operation.

##### **Access to Capital Markets**

To fund our growth, we are often dependent on securing the necessary capital through loans or permanent capital. The availability of this capital is subject to general economic conditions and lender and investor interest in our projects.

#### Operational Risks

##### **Uncertainty of Reserves and Resources Estimates**

Reserves and resources are estimates based on limited information acquired through drilling and various sampling methods. No assurance can be given that anticipated tonnages and grades will be achieved or that level of recovery will be realized. The ore grade actually recovered may differ from the estimated grades of the reserves and resources. Such figures have been determined based upon assumed gold prices and operating costs.

Future production could differ dramatically from reserves estimates for, among others, the following reasons:

- mineralization or formations could differ from those predicted by drilling, sampling and similar examinations
- increases in operating mining costs and processing costs could materially adversely affect reserves
- the grade of the reserves may vary significantly from time to time and there is no assurance that any particular level of gold may be recovered from the reserves, and
- a decline in the market price of gold may render the mining of some or all of the reserves uneconomic.

Any of these factors may translate into increased costs or a reduction in our estimated reserves. Short-term factors, such as the need for the additional development of a deposit or the processing of new or different grades, may impair our profitability. Should the market price of gold fall, we could be required to materially write down our investment in mining properties or delay or discontinue production or the development of new projects.

### 12. Risks and Uncertainties (continued)

#### Operational Risks (continued)

##### **Production and Cash Operating Cost**

No assurance can be given that the intended or expected production schedules or the estimated cash operating costs will be achieved in respect of our operating gold mines. Many factors may cause delays or cost increases, including labour issues, disruptions in power, transportation or supplies, and mechanical failure. Our net income will depend, among other things, on the extent to which expected cash operating costs are achieved. In addition, short-term operating factors, such as the need for the orderly development of ore bodies or the processing of new or different ore grades, may cause a mining operation to be unprofitable in any particular period. Furthermore, our activities may be subject to prolonged disruptions due to weather conditions. Hazards, such as unusual or unexpected formations, rock bursts, pressures, cave-ins, flooding or other conditions may be encountered in the drilling and removal of material.

Our cash operating cost to produce an ounce of gold is further dependent on a number of factors, including the grade of reserves, recovery and plant throughput. Our future performance may hence materially adversely differ from the estimated performance. As these factors are beyond our control, there can be no assurance that our cash operating cost will be similar from year to year.

##### **Nature of Mineral Exploration and Mining**

Our profitability is significantly affected by our exploration and development programs. The exploration and development of mineral deposits involves significant financial risks over a significant period of time, which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. While the discovery of a gold-bearing structure may result in substantial rewards, few properties explored are ultimately developed into mines. Major expenses may be required to establish and replace reserves by drilling and to construct mining and processing facilities at a site. It is impossible to ensure that our current or proposed exploration programs will result in profitable commercial mining operations.

Whether a gold deposit will be commercially viable depends on a number of factors, some of which are the particular attributes of the deposit, such as its size and grade, proximity to infrastructure, financing costs and governmental regulations, including regulations relating to taxes, royalties, infrastructure, land use, import and export of gold, revenue repatriation and environmental protection. The effects of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of these factors may preclude us from receiving an adequate return on invested capital. Our operations are, and will continue to be, subject to all of the hazards and risks normally associated with the exploration, development and production of gold, any of which could result in damage to life or property, environmental damage and possible legal liability for any or all damage.

##### **Integration of Acquired Business**

From time to time, we evaluate potential acquisition opportunities to support and strengthen our business and asset base. Recently, we acquired Orbis. The acquisition and integration of businesses such as Orbis involve a number of risks. Orbis or other future acquired businesses may not achieve expected results of operations and may require unanticipated costs and expenditures. Integration of businesses may also place additional pressures on our systems of internal control over financial reporting. If we are unable to successfully integrate Orbis or other newly acquired businesses or if Orbis or other acquired businesses fail to produce targeted results, it could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operation.

##### **Limited Property Portfolio**

Currently, our only mineral property in operation is our Mana mine in Burkina Faso, which includes the high-grade deposits of Siou and Fofina. Unless we acquire or develop additional mineral properties, any adverse development affecting our Mana property could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operation.

##### **Depletion of our Mineral Reserves**

We must continually replace mining reserves depleted by production to maintain production levels over the long term. This is done by expanding known mineral reserves or by locating or acquiring new mineral deposits. There is, however, a risk that depletion of reserves will not be offset by future discoveries. Exploration for minerals is highly speculative in nature and involves many risks. Many, if not most gold projects are unsuccessful and there are no assurances that current or future exploration programs will be successful. Further, significant costs are incurred to establish mineral reserves, open new pits and construct mining and processing facilities. Development projects have no operating history upon which to base estimates of future cash flows and are subject to the successful completion of feasibility studies, obtaining necessary government permits, obtaining title or other land rights and the availability of financing. In addition, assuming discovery of an economic mine or pit, depending on the type of mining operation involved, many years may elapse before commercial operations commence. Accordingly, there can be no assurances that our current programs will result in any new commercial mining operations or yield new reserves to replace or expand current reserves.

### 12. Risks and Uncertainties (continued)

#### **Operational Risks** (continued)

##### **Water Supply**

Our operations require significant quantities of water for mining, ore processing and related support facilities. Our operations in Africa may be in areas where water is scarce. Continuous production at our mines is dependent on our ability to access adequate water supply. Insufficient water supply, as a result of new regulations or otherwise, could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operation.

##### **Availability of Infrastructure and Fluctuation in the Price of Energy and Other Commodities**

The exploration and development of mineral deposits is dependent on adequate infrastructure. Reliable roads, bridges, power sources and water supply are important determinant susceptible to affect our capital and cash operating costs. Lack of such infrastructure or unusual or infrequent weather phenomena, sabotage, terrorism, government or other interference in the maintenance or provision of such infrastructure could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operation.

More particularly, Sonabel, the National Electricity Company of Burkina Faso, constructed a high-voltage transmission line that connects our Mana Mine to the National power grid. Accordingly, we cannot predict with certainty the extent of the line's reliability. Any failure in the reliability of such Sonabel power line could impair our ability to realize anticipated savings at Mana.

In addition, our profitability is affected by the market price and availability of commodities that are consumed or otherwise used in connection with our operations such as diesel, fuel, electricity, steel, concrete and chemical (including cyanide). Prices of such commodities are affected by factors that are beyond our control. An increase in the cost or decrease in the availability of needed commodities may materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

##### **Licenses and Permits**

We require licenses and permits from various governmental authorities. We believe that we hold all necessary licenses and permits under applicable laws and regulations in respect of our properties and that we presently comply in all material respects with the terms of such licenses and permits. Such licenses and permits, however, are subject to change in various circumstances. There can be no guarantee that we will be able to obtain or maintain all necessary licenses and permits that may be required to continue to operate our current undertakings, explore and develop properties or commence construction or operation of mining facilities and properties under exploration or development. Failure to obtain new licenses and permits or successfully maintain current ones may materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

##### **Political Risk**

While the government of Burkina Faso has supported the development of its natural resources by foreign companies, there is no assurance that this government will not in the future adopt different policies or new interpretations respecting foreign ownership of mineral resources, rates of exchange, environmental protection, labour relations, and repatriation of income or return of capital. Any limitation on transfer of cash or other assets between SEMAFO and our subsidiaries could restrict our ability to fund our operations or materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operation.

Moreover, mining tax regimes in foreign jurisdictions are subject to differing interpretations and constant changes and may not include fiscal stability provisions. Our interpretation of taxation law, including fiscal stability provisions, as applied to our transactions and activities may not coincide with that of the tax authorities. As a result, taxes may increase and transactions may be challenged by tax authorities and our operations may be assessed, which could result in significant taxes, penalties and interest. We may also encounter difficulties in obtaining reimbursement of refundable tax from fiscal authorities.

The possibility that a future government may adopt substantially different policies or interpretations, which might extend to the expropriation of assets, cannot be ruled out. Political risk also includes the possibility of civil disturbances and political instability in this or neighboring countries.

##### **Title Matters**

Title to mineral projects and exploration and exploitation rights involves certain inherent risks due to the potential for problems arising from the ambiguous history characteristics of mining projects. While we have no reason to believe that the existence and extent of any mining property in which we have an interest is in doubt, title to mining properties is subject to potential claims by third parties and no guarantees can be provided that there are no unregistered agreements, claims or defects which may result in our titles being challenged.

In addition, the failure to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including failure to pay taxes and carry out and file assessment work within applicable time period, may invalidate title to all or portions of the properties covered by our permits and licenses.

### 12. Risks and Uncertainties (continued)

#### **Operational Risks** (continued)

##### **Suppliers and Outside Contractors Risk**

We are dependent on various services, equipment, supplies and parts to carry out our operations. The shortage of any needed good, part or service may cause cost increases or delays in delivery time thereby materially adversely affecting our production schedules as well as financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, we may incur liability to third parties as a result of the actions of a contractor. The occurrence of one or more of these risks could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operation.

##### **Competition**

The mineral exploration and mining business is competitive in all of its phases. We compete with numerous other companies and individuals, including competitors with greater financial, technical and other resources, in the search for and the acquisition of attractive mineral properties, equipment and human resources. There is no assurance that we will continue to be able to compete successfully with our competitors.

##### **Qualified and Key Personnel**

In order to operate successfully, we must find and retain qualified employees with strong knowledge and expertise in the mining environment. SEMAFO and other companies in the mining industry compete for qualified and key personnel and if we are unable to attract and retain qualified personnel or fail to establish adequate succession planning strategies, our financial condition and results of operation could be materially adversely affected.

##### **Labour and Employment Relations**

We are dependent on our workforce to extract and process minerals. Our relations with our employees may be impacted by changes in labour relations which may be introduced by, among others, employee groups, unions and governmental authorities. Furthermore, some of our employees are represented by labour unions under collective labour agreements. We may not be able to satisfactorily renegotiate our collective labour agreements upon their expiration. In addition, existing labour agreements may not prevent a strike or work stoppage at our facilities in the future. Labour disruptions at any of our properties could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operation.

##### **Environmental Risks, Hazards and Costs**

All phases of our operations are subject to environmental regulation in the various jurisdictions in which we operate. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which will require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects, and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees. Environmental hazards which are unknown to us at present and which have been caused by previous or existing owners or operations of the properties may exist on our properties. Failure to comply with applicable environmental laws and regulations may result in enforcement actions and may include corrective measures that require capital expenditures or remedial actions. There is no assurance that future changes in environmental laws and regulations and permits governing operations and activities of mining companies, if any, will not materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Production at our mines involves the use of sodium cyanide, which is a toxic material. Should sodium cyanide leak or otherwise be discharged from the containment system, we may become subject to liability for clean-up work that may not be insured. While all steps have been taken to prevent discharges of pollutants into ground water and the environment, we may become subject to liability for hazards that may also not be insured.

In addition, natural resource companies are required to conduct their operations and rehabilitate the lands that they mine in accordance with applicable environmental regulations. Our estimates of the total ultimate closure and rehabilitation costs may be materially different from these actual costs. Any underestimated or unanticipated rehabilitation cost could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

### 12. Risks and Uncertainties (continued)

#### **Operational Risks** (continued)

##### **Insufficient Insurance**

While we may obtain insurance against certain risks in such amounts as we consider adequate, available insurance may not cover all the potential risks associated with a mining company operations. We may also be unable to maintain insurance to cover insurable risks at economically feasible premiums and insurance coverage may not be available in the future or may not be adequate to cover any resulting loss. Moreover, insurance risks such as the validity of ownership of unpatented mining claims and mill sites and environmental pollution or other hazards as a result of exploration and production is not generally available to gold mining companies on acceptable terms. The potential costs which may be associated with any liabilities not covered by insurance or in excess of insurance coverage or compliance with applicable laws and regulations may cause substantial delays and require significant capital outlays, materially adversely affecting our financial condition and results of operation.

##### **Resource Nationalism**

As African governments continue to struggle with deficits and depressed economies, the gold mining sector has been targeted to raise revenues. Governments are continually assessing the terms for a mining company to exploit resources in their country. If translated into applicable law, the trend in resource nationalism could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operation.

##### **Surrounding Communities Relations**

Natural resources companies face increasingly public scrutiny of their activities. We are under pressure to demonstrate that, as we seek to generate satisfactory returns to shareholders, other stakeholders including local governments and the communities surrounding our mines benefit from our commercial activities. The potential consequences of these pressures include reputational damages, lawsuits, increasing social investments obligations and pressure to increase taxes and royalties payable to local governments and surrounding communities. These pressures may also impair our ability to successfully obtain the permits and approvals required for our operations.

In addition, our properties in Burkina Faso may be subject to the rights or asserted rights of various community stakeholders. Moreover, artisanal miners may make use of some or all of our properties which would interfere with exploration and development activities on such properties.

##### **Reliance on Information Technology Systems**

Our operations are dependent upon information technology systems. These systems are subject to disruption, damage or failure from a variety of sources. Failures in our information technology systems could translate into production downtimes, operational delays, compromising of confidential information or destruction or corruption of data. Accordingly, any failure in our information technology systems could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operation. Information technology systems failures could also materially adversely affect the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting.

##### **Litigation**

All industries, including the mining industry, are subject to legal claims, with and without merit. We have in the past been, currently are, and may in the future be, involved in various legal proceedings. While we believe it is unlikely that the final outcome of these legal proceedings will have an adverse material effect on our financial condition and results of operation, defense costs will be incurred, even with respect to claims that have no merit. Due to the inherent uncertainty of the litigation process, there can be no assurance that the resolution of any particular or several combined legal proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operation.

##### **Anti-corruption Laws**

We operate in jurisdictions that have experienced governmental and private sector corruption to some degree. We are required to comply with the *Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act* (Canada), which has recently seen an increase in both the frequency of enforcement and severity of penalties. Although we adopted a formal anti-corruption policy and our Code of conduct mandates compliance with anti-corruption laws, there can be no assurance that our internal control policies and procedures will always protect us from recklessness, fraudulent behavior, dishonesty or other inappropriate acts. Violation or alleged violation of anti-corruption laws could lead to civil and criminal fines and penalties, reputational damage and other consequences that may materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operation.

### 13. Quarterly Information

|                                                                                    | 2015   |         | 2014   |        |        |          | 2013     |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|---------|
|                                                                                    | Q2     | Q1      | Q4     | Q3     | Q2     | Q1       | Q4       | Q3      |
| <b>(in thousands of dollars, except for amounts per share)</b>                     |        |         |        |        |        |          |          |         |
| <b>Results from continuing operations</b>                                          |        |         |        |        |        |          |          |         |
| Revenues – Gold sales.....                                                         | 81,115 | 74,016  | 78,591 | 84,524 | 87,761 | 38,473   | 50,771   | 49,488  |
| Operating income (loss).....                                                       | 22,824 | 11,207  | 14,873 | 25,500 | 20,665 | (14,679) | (8,407)  | (2,935) |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations .....                                 | 22,115 | (7,849) | 5,318  | 12,726 | 14,916 | (13,565) | (7,312)  | (227)   |
| Attributable to:                                                                   |        |         |        |        |        |          |          |         |
| - Equity shareholders .....                                                        | 19,719 | (8,114) | 4,609  | 11,172 | 12,974 | (12,943) | (7,098)  | (815)   |
| - Non-controlling interests .....                                                  | 2,396  | 265     | 709    | 1,554  | 1,942  | (622)    | (214)    | 588     |
| Basic earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations .....                   | 0.07   | (0.03)  | 0.02   | 0.04   | 0.05   | (0.04)   | (0.03)   | —       |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations .....                 | 0.07   | (0.03)  | 0.02   | 0.04   | 0.05   | (0.04)   | (0.03)   | —       |
| Cash flows from operating activities from continuing operations <sup>1</sup> ..... | 40,748 | 32,553  | 40,416 | 40,554 | 37,618 | 2,142    | 12,172   | 16,158  |
| <b>Total results</b>                                                               |        |         |        |        |        |          |          |         |
| Net income (loss) .....                                                            | 22,115 | (7,849) | 5,318  | 12,726 | 15,701 | (15,998) | (4,337)  | (4,815) |
| Attributable to:                                                                   |        |         |        |        |        |          |          |         |
| - Equity shareholders .....                                                        | 19,719 | (8,114) | 4,609  | 11,172 | 3,022  | (14,330) | (18,798) | (5,206) |
| - Non-controlling interests .....                                                  | 2,396  | 265     | 709    | 1,554  | 12,679 | (1,668)  | 14,461   | 391     |
| Basic earnings (loss) per share .....                                              | 0.07   | (0.03)  | 0.02   | 0.04   | 0.01   | (0.05)   | (0.07)   | (0.02)  |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share .....                                            | 0.07   | (0.03)  | 0.02   | 0.04   | 0.01   | (0.05)   | (0.07)   | (0.02)  |

<sup>1</sup> Cash flows from operating activities exclude changes in non-cash working capital items.

## 14. Information on Outstanding Shares

As at August 4, 2015, our share capital comprised 294,086,038 common shares issued and outstanding.

We have two stock option plans for our employees, officers, consultants and directors and those of our subsidiaries: the Stock Option Plan (the "Original Plan") and the 2010 Stock Option Plan (the "2010 Plan"). At the 2010 Annual General and Special Shareholders' Meeting, our shareholders adopted the 2010 Plan. Since the adoption of the 2010 Plan by our shareholders, no further options have been granted under the Original Plan.

The plans provide for the grant of non-transferable options for the purchase of common shares. As at August 4, 2015, stock options allowing its holders to purchase 5,278,526 common shares were outstanding.

## 15. Disclosure Controls and Procedures (DC&P) and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting (ICFR)

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate disclosure controls and internal controls over financial reporting. Any system of disclosure controls and internal controls over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. There have been no changes in our disclosure controls and internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended June 30, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

## 16. Non-IFRS Financial Performance Measures from Continuing Operations

Some of the indicators used by us to analyze and evaluate our results represent non-IFRS financial measures. We provide non-IFRS financial performance measures as they may be used by some investors to evaluate our financial performance. Since the non-IFRS performance measures do not have any standardized definition prescribed by IFRS, they may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. Accordingly, they are intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. For the non-IFRS financial performance measures not already reconciled within the document, we have defined the IFRS financial performance measures below and reconciled them to reported IFRS measures.

### Cash Operating Cost

A reconciliation of cash operating cost calculated in accordance with the Gold Institute Standard to the operating costs is included in the following table:

|                                                                           | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |           | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                           | 2015                                 | 2014      | 2015                               | 2014      |
| <b>Per tonne processed</b>                                                |                                      |           |                                    |           |
| Tonnes of ore processed .....                                             | 600,900                              | 723,900   | 1,138,200                          | 1,365,900 |
| <b>(in thousands of dollars except per tonne)</b>                         |                                      |           |                                    |           |
| Mining operation expenses (relating to ounces sold) .....                 | 31,897                               | 41,038    | 63,893                             | 73,022    |
| Government royalties and selling expenses .....                           | (3,438)                              | (3,981)   | (6,544)                            | (5,894)   |
| Effects of inventory adjustments<br>(doré bars and gold in circuit) ..... | (1,007)                              | (2,498)   | (869)                              | 842       |
| Operating costs (relating to tonnes processed) .....                      | 27,452                               | 34,559    | 56,480                             | 67,970    |
| Cash operating cost (per tonne processed) .....                           | <b>46</b>                            | <b>48</b> | <b>50</b>                          | <b>50</b> |

## 16. Non-IFRS Financial Performance Measures from Continuing Operations

(continued)

### Total Cash Cost

|                                                   | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |        | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |        |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|
|                                                   | 2015                                 | 2014   | 2015                               | 2014   |
| <b>Per ounce sold</b>                             |                                      |        |                                    |        |
| Gold ounce sold.....                              | 67,700                               | 68,200 | 128,300                            | 97,600 |
| <b>(in thousands of dollars except per ounce)</b> |                                      |        |                                    |        |
| Mining operation expenses .....                   | 31,897                               | 41,038 | 63,893                             | 73,022 |
| Total cash cost (per ounce sold) .....            | <b>471</b>                           | 602    | <b>498</b>                         | 748    |

### All-in Sustaining Cost

All-in sustaining cost represents the total cash cost plus sustainable capital expenditures and stripping costs per ounce.

|                                                       | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |        | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|
|                                                       | 2015                                 | 2014   | 2015                               | 2014   |
| <b>Per ounce sold</b>                                 |                                      |        |                                    |        |
| Gold ounce sold.....                                  | 67,700                               | 68,200 | 128,300                            | 97,600 |
| <b>(in thousands of dollars except per ounce)</b>     |                                      |        |                                    |        |
| Sustaining capital expenditure .....                  | 9,017                                | 8,236  | 16,141                             | 17,717 |
| Sustaining capital expenditure (per ounce sold) ..... | 133                                  | 121    | 126                                | 182    |
| Total cash cost (per ounce sold) .....                | 471                                  | 602    | 498                                | 748    |
| All-in sustaining cost (per ounce sold) .....         | <b>604</b>                           | 723    | <b>624</b>                         | 930    |

### Operating Cash Flows per Share

|                                                                       | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |         | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
|                                                                       | 2015                                 | 2014    | 2015                               | 2014    |
| <b>(in thousands except per share)</b>                                |                                      |         |                                    |         |
| Cash flows from operating activities <sup>1</sup> .....               | 40,748                               | 37,618  | 73,301                             | 39,760  |
| Weighted average number of outstanding common shares -<br>basic ..... | 294,086                              | 276,140 | 287,216                            | 275,551 |
| Operating cash flows per share .....                                  | <b>0.14</b>                          | 0.14    | <b>0.26</b>                        | 0.14    |

<sup>1</sup> Cash flows from operating activities exclude changes in non-cash working capital items.

## 16. Non-IFRS Financial Performance Measures from Continuing Operations

(continued)

### Adjusted Accounting Measures

|                                                                                                 | Three-month period<br>ended June 30, |               | Six-month period<br>ended June 30, |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|                                                                                                 | 2015                                 | 2014          | 2015                               | 2014       |
| <b>(in thousands of dollars except per share)</b>                                               |                                      |               |                                    |            |
| Net income from continuing operations attributable to equity shareholders as per IFRS.....      | 19,719                               | 12,974        | 11,605                             | 31         |
| Foreign exchange loss (gain).....                                                               | (1,686)                              | (98)          | 4,595                              | 6          |
| Deferred tax effect of currency translation on tax base .....                                   | (2,454)                              | 397           | 5,069                              | 408        |
| Write-off of financing fees.....                                                                | —                                    | —             | 2,520                              | —          |
| <b>Adjusted net income from continuing operations attributable to equity shareholders .....</b> | <b>15,579</b>                        | <b>13,273</b> | <b>23,789</b>                      | <b>445</b> |
| Weighted average number of outstanding shares.....                                              | 294,086                              | 276,140       | 287,216                            | 275,551    |
| Adjusted basic earnings per share from continuing operations .....                              | <b>0.05</b>                          | 0.05          | <b>0.08</b>                        | —          |

## 17. Additional Information and Continuous Disclosure

This MD&A has been prepared as of August 4, 2015. Additional information on us is available through regular filings of press releases, financial statements and our Annual Information Form on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)). These documents and other information about SEMAFO may also be found on our web site at [www.semafo.com](http://www.semafo.com).

## 18. Forward-Looking Statements

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions and accordingly, actual results and future events could differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. You are hence cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. These forward looking statements include statements regarding our expectations as to the market price of gold, production targets, timetables, mining operation expenses, capital expenditures and mineral reserves and resources estimates. Forward-looking statements include words or expressions such as “committed”, “evolve”, “become”, “maximise”, “pursuing”, “growth”, “guidance”, “estimate”, “continue”, “budget”, “target”, “estimated”, “underway”, “aim of”, “designed to”, “in order to”, “promising”, “could”, “planned”, “follow-up”, “scheduled”, “dedicated”, “forecasted”, “will” and other similar words or expressions. Factors that could cause future results or events to differ materially from current expectations expressed or implied by the forward looking statements include the ability to execute on our strategic focus, the ability to meet our 2015 production guidance of between 245,000 and 275,000 ounces at a total cash cost of between \$515 and \$540 per ounce and an all-in sustaining cost of between \$655 and \$685 per ounce, the ability to meet the corporate general and administrative estimate of \$14 million, the ability to complete the Natougou feasibility study by early second quarter of 2016 within the estimated budget of \$12.5 million, the ability of our Natougou delineation drill program to upgrade the previous in-pit estimated inferred resources into the indicated category ahead of the feasibility study, the ability to improve understanding of the geology and sampling of the mineralized zones at Natougou, the ability of our 14-hole RC program to include proximal mineralization of the shear zone in the resources base, the ability to fund all of our cash requirements for 2015, fluctuations in the price of currencies, gold or operating costs, mining industry risks, uncertainty as to calculation of mineral reserves and resources, delays, requirements of additional financing, increase in tax or royalty rates or adoption of new interpretations related thereto, political and social stability in Africa (including our ability to maintain or renew licenses and permits) and other risks described in this MD&A and in our other documents filed from time to time with Canadian securities regulatory authorities. You can find further information with respect to these and other risks in filings made with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Documents are also available on our website at [www.semafo.com](http://www.semafo.com). We disclaim any obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements, except as required by applicable law.