



**AurCrest Gold Inc.**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2021

(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

## AURCREST GOLD INC. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of the financial condition and results of the operations of AurCrest Gold Inc. ("AurCrest" or the "Company") constitutes management's review of the factors that affected the Company's financial and operating performance for the three and six months ended June 30, 2021. This MD&A was written to comply with the requirements of National Instrument 51-102 – Continuous Disclosure Obligations. This discussion dated August 30, 2021 should be read in conjunction with the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 and the audited annual consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, together with the notes thereto. Results are reported in Canadian dollars and have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The Company trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "AGO". Further information about the Company and its operations can be obtained from the offices of the Company or at the Company's website at [www.aurcrest.ca](http://www.aurcrest.ca) or from [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AurCrest is an Ontario-based mineral exploration company focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral resources. The Company holds several gold properties in Northern Ontario in the Birch-Uchi and Red Lake greenstone belts and a base metal property in the Ring of Fire area, with the Company's prime area of focus being the Ranger Lake and Richardson Lake gold exploration prospects in the Red Lake Mining District. The Company has actively engaged and involved local First Nations communities in advancing exploration projects to date, and will continue to develop indigenous inclusion and participation with the Company's exploration activities and corporate development.

The mission statement of the Company is as follows:

- 1) Create and maintain important relationships with the local indigenous peoples and to share the benefits the industry has to offer through employment and ownership in the Company's efforts;
- 2) Capitalize on the experience and technical abilities of the Company's management team to effectively explore for gold and associated metals deposits in Northwestern Ontario;
- 3) Source and employ the most advanced exploration technologies available;
- 4) Enter into strategic relationships and generate sufficient capital to maintain a continuously high level of exploration and development activity; and
- 5) Increase shareholder value by adhering to AurCrest's objectives.

AurCrest holds several exploration properties in the Red Lake and Birch-Uchi metamorphic belts on which the Company is focusing its exploration activities:

- The **Ranger Lake Gold Property** consists of 236 mineral cell claims totaling approximately 4,790 hectares, held 100% by the Company with no underlying royalty to third parties. The property lies in the Ranger and Little Otter Lake mining townships, partly within the Municipality of Red Lake, and is located approximately 10 kilometres east of the Red Lake and Campbell mining complex. The Company is currently permitted to conduct exploration activities on the property, including diamond drilling. With the assistance of Windfall Geoteks CARDS AI system and Actlabs SGH geochemical modelling the Company has completed an initial diamond drilling program, with results pending. Work has continued while the Company interprets information gathered from this first drill program, SGH has been completed on further targets and field work is ongoing.
- The **Richardson Lake Gold Property** consists of 123 mineral boundary and single cell claims totaling approximately 2,220 hectares, held 100% by the Company with no underlying royalty to third parties. The property lies in the Casummit Lake Area and Brownstone Lake Area mining townships, approximately 8 kilometres from the Springpole gold deposit and adjacent to the past-producing Argosy Mine. The Company has completed several exploration programs on the property, including gold discoveries from drilling programs in 2012 and 2014. The **Richardson**

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**North Extension Gold Property** consists of 50 mineral cell claims totaling approximately 1,010 hectares, held 100% by the Company with no underlying royalty to third parties, and contiguous to the Richardson Lake Gold Property.

- The **Dancing Man Gold Property** consists of 654 mineral cell claims totaling approximately 13,280 hectares, held 100% by the Company with no underlying royalties to third parties. The property lies in the Joyce River Area, South of the Otter Lake, Gerry Lake, and Knott mining townships, spanning approximately 36 kilometres east to west.

The Company also retains an interest in several non-core mineral claim assets across Northwestern Ontario:

- The **Western Fold Gold Property** as an exploration prospect, contiguous to the Richardson Lake Gold Property, consisting of 110 mineral cell claims totaling approximately 2,170 hectares that are currently subject to an option agreement with Newrange Gold Corp. ("Newrange" and the "Newrange Option") for the property. The Newrange Option agreement is in good standing.
- The Company holds a 100% interest in the **McFauld's Lake** base metals property in the Ring of Fire area.
- The Company retains a 35% interest in the **Bridget Lake** property in the Red Lake Mining District. The Bridget Lake property's 65% interest is held by Evolution Gold Mining Operations Ltd.

AurCrest has established two subsidiary corporations to advance innovative partnership opportunities with First Nations to assist financing future exploration activities of the Company:

- Big Tree Carbon Corp. ("BTCC") is involved with the development of long-term greenhouse gas emissions reductions benefits ("ERBs") through sequestration of carbon dioxide by implementing improved forest management techniques (the "Forest Carbon Model") and other potential environmental attributes in the traditional territories of the Company's partner First Nations. At present, the Company is working with the Lac Seul First Nation ("LSFN") and Blue Source Canada ULC ("Bluesource") to develop an ERB project for the LSFN reserve lands and investigate similar opportunities within the LSFN traditional territory. The Company continues to promote the Forest Carbon Model to other First Nations on a more regional scale, including First Nations located in other provincial jurisdictions.
- Wiigwaasaatig Energy Inc. ("WEI") is mandated to establish renewable energy business partnerships with First Nations and the mineral exploration/development industry proximal to those First Nations. WEI is intended to reduce diesel dependency for electrical generation in remote First Nations and mineral development sites, provide an economic base contributor for partner First Nations, and develop supplier-consumer relationships with mineral developments proximal to First Nations communities. WEI continues to work with Cat Lake First Nation ("CLFN") to investigate and develop up to 40 MW of renewable energy in the CLFN traditional territory, including a phased blend of wind, solar, geothermal and biomass technologies. The Company continues to promote innovative energy generation partnerships on a more regional scale.

As a publicly traded corporation, AurCrest benefits from the inclusion of indigenous principles and participation at the management and board levels. A key initiative of the Company remains its relationship-building with First Nations and indigenous communities, through supporting the growth of their role in exploration in Canada. AurCrest implements an "inclusion and participation" approach to consultation with First Nations potentially affected by Company activities and is at the forefront of the important industry relationship developments necessary to support continued exploration.

## ACTIVITIES 2021

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- During the summer of 2021, the Company completed a 9 hole, 1,683 metre drill program at Ranger Lake with results pending.
- During the summer of 2021, the Company completed an SGH soil sampling program at Ranger Lake across the balance of the AI target, with results pending.
- The Company further expanded the *Ranger Lake Gold Property* by staking 86 new mineral cell claims in February 2021 and 28 new claim cells in May 2021, for a total of 236 cells.
- The Company staked the *Dancing Man Gold Property* located 20 km east of the Ranger Lake drilling project and extends Company holdings a further 20 km east to adjoin the "Golden Sidewalk" district of the Birch-Uchi metamorphic belt. Preliminary exploration will begin in the summer of 2021.
- The Company incorporated Big Tree Carbon Corporation ("BTCC") in April 2021 as a subsidiary corporation, to hold and conduct the business of forest carbon offset monetization with the Company's First Nations partner groups.
- Based on the results of the ActLabs geochemistry analysis and the Windfall Geotek Inc. ("Windfall") CARDS AI program the Company issued \$1,136,500 flow-through units at a price \$0.30 with a full warrant at \$0.40 expiring in March 2023 to finance and initiate a preliminary drill program and grass roots prospecting at Ranger Lake and other exploration activities at the Company's main property groupings.
- In February 2021, the Company received the Activation Laboratories Ltd. ("ActLabs") Spatiotemporal Geochemical Hydrocarbon ("SGH") analysis of the 2020 *Ranger Lake Gold Property* soil sampling program which indicated that all the lead indicators used to test for gold anomalies were present in the samples received.

### 2020

- On December 23, 2020, Newrange Gold Corp. ("Newrange") made their required payment of \$70,000 and 350,000 common shares of Newrange keeping the Newrange Option in good standing.
- In December AurCrest completed a \$700,000 working capital private placement at \$0.06 with a half warrant at \$0.10 good for two years.
- On December 8, 2020 the Company acquired the underlying royalty on the *Richardson Lake Gold Property* from the prospector Perry English by paying \$60,000, including transfer of title of all cells in the MLAS registry 100% to AurCrest.
- The Company conducted a preliminary geochemistry sampling program on the *Ranger Lake Gold Property* during November 2020.
- The Company acquired the CARDS AI data modelling dataset from Windfall Geotek Inc. ("Windfall") for the *Ranger Lake Gold Property*, which has indicated three areas of high priority for further exploration work.
- The Company staked an additional 27 mineral cell claims to expand the *Ranger Lake Gold Property* on September 2, 2020.
- The Company staked the 50 mineral cell claims comprising the *Richardson North Extension Gold Property* on August 11, 2020.
- The Company staked the 50 mineral cell claims contiguous to the *Ranger Lake Gold Property* on June 29, 2020.
- On May 15, 2020 the Company signed a Purchase Agreement and a Gross Revenue Royalty Agreement with Star Royalties Ltd. ("Star Royalties") to sell a 16% gross revenues royalty (the "Royalty") to Star Royalties. The Company was paid \$155,000 by Star Royalties pursuant to the Purchase Agreement whereby Star Royalties acquired the right to the Royalty on all funds received by the Company arising from the monetization of carbon offsets derived from forest-based GHG emission sequestration opportunities developed within the Lac Seul Reserve Project. The Royalty is governed by a Gross Revenue Royalty Agreement which also contemplates a right of first refusal for Star Royalties to acquire an interest in AurCrest's annual revenue share from any carbon sequestration project within the overall Lac Seul Forest management unit.
- On May 11, 2020, the Company signed a multi-partner Adoption Agreement (the "Adoption Agreement") between the Company, the Lac Seul and Bluesource to develop a forest carbon project on the forested lands on the Lac Seul reserve northwest of Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

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- On January 24, 2020, the Company accepted an accelerated exercise of option schedule with Pegasus Resources Inc. ("Pegasus") (formerly Pistol Bay Mining Inc.) for the Confederation Lake and Fredart Lake properties. Pegasus paid a final cash payment of \$50,000 to the Company and issued a final share issuance of 2 million common shares of Pegasus.
- On January 17, 2020 the Company acquired 100% of a 5-cell multicell mineral claim with no underlying royalty from the prospector Perry English by paying \$600, contiguous to the *Richardson Lake Gold Property*.

### MINERAL PROPERTIES

#### Ranger Lake

The ***Ranger Lake Gold Property*** is an exploration prospect that originally consisted of 50 mineral cell claims totaling approximately 1,010 hectares staked by the Company in October 2018, located approximately 10 km due east of the Red Lake and Campbell Gold Mines in the world-famous Red Lake mining district. On June 30, 2020 the Company acquired a further 50 claim cell units by staking adjacent and contiguous to the original property. On September 2, 2020 the Company further expanded the Ranger Lake Gold Property through the staking of 27 additional mineral cell claims. The Company staked further sets of 31 and 50 mineral cell claims on February 12, 2021 and February 16, 2021 respectively. The Company staked 28 mineral cell claims on May 18, 2021. The combined acquisition of these claims brings AurCrest's holdings in the area to a total of 236 claim cell units encompassing approximately 4,790 hectares.

The Company acquired the CARDS AI ("CARDS") data modelling in September 2020, which identified three gold targets in the CARDS coverage area on the western portion of property; the CARDS coverage was not available for the eastern portion of the property at the time of acquisition. The Company completed an SGH soil geochemistry sampling program in November 2020 indicating several gold signature returns and identified a potential gold redox zone. The Company has completed an initial drill program testing these targets, and has completed a subsequent SGH soil sampling program in July 2021 to the northwest of the original soil sampling area.

#### Richardson Lake area

##### **(Richardson Lake, Western Fold, and Richardson North Extension)**

The Richardson Lake area properties are situated in the Red Lake Mining Division approximately 100 kilometres northeast of the Municipality of Red Lake within the Birch-Uchi greenstone belt. The reserve lands of the Cat Lake and Slate Falls First Nations are approximately 30 and 50 kilometres from the area property boundary, respectively. The property is 100% owned by the Company, and as of December 8, 2020 the property has no underlying royalty to any third party. The property is known to contain five areas with gold mineralization or gold mineralization potential. The most significant mineralization tested by the Company to date occurs at the Discovery zone, at the westernmost bay of Richardson Lake, where the gold is hosted by quartz veins and breccia which are encompassed by a broad zone of silicification, carbonization, and sericitization.

Drilling on the property commenced in late 2011 and continued into March of 2012. The Company completed the winter 2011/2012 drilling program on Richardson Lake in March 2012 completing eight NQ drill holes for a total of 1,613 metres. Results from this program included a new gold discovery in hole RL-12-07. Located in a new area of the property, this discovery provides the Company with an entirely new and very promising area to drill. Hole RL-12-07 encountered 15 metres of 1.83 g/t gold, including 9 metres of 2.95 g/t, including 4 metres of 6 g/t and 3 metres of 7.4 g/t. The highest individual sample within the Discovery zone was 1 metre of 11.1 g/t gold. In late summer through the fall of 2014, the Company continued drilling on this project. Results include RL-14-08 with an average grade of 1.85 g/t Au over 18 metres, including 2.93 g/t Au over 10 metres including 6.0 g/t Au over 4.5 metres, including 7.57 g/t Au over 3.5 meters, and including 10.4 g/t over 2.5 metres.

The Company owns 100% of legacy claims originally optioned in 2002. The ***Richardson Lake Gold Property*** consists of 123 mineral cell claim units totaling approximately 2,170 hectares, which includes the six legacy claims originally optioned by the Company and four legacy claims. The company acquired

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a 5-cell multicell mineral claim unit in January 2020, with no underlying NSR to the vendor, that brings the Richardson Lake property to approximately 2,220 hectares. The **Western Fold Gold Property** consists of 110 mineral claim units totaling approximately 2,170 hectares staked by the Company. As described above, Newrange Option signed in December 2019 is applicable to the Western Fold property as defined by the Company. The third property held by the Company is the recently staked **Richardson North Extension Gold Property**, consisting of 50 mineral cell claim units totaling approximately 1,010 hectares contiguous to the Richardson Lake property.

**Dancing Man**

The **Dancing Man Gold Property** consists of 654 mineral cell claims totaling approximately 13,280 hectares, held 100% by the Company with no underlying royalties to third parties, staked on April 30, 2021. The property lies in the Joyce River Area, South of the Otter Lake and Gerry Lake Area, and Knott mining townships, spanning approximately 36 kilometres east to west.

**McFaulds Lake**

The Company currently holds a 100% interest in a group of properties (450 hectares) within the area known as 'The Ring of Fire' located in the Lower James Bay region of Ontario, in the proximity of McFaulds Lake.

**Bridget Lake**

The Company holds a 35% interest in 144 hectares at Bridget Lake in Ball Township, Red Lake Mining Division. The 65% balance of interest in the Bridget Lake property is currently held by Evolution Mining Gold Operations Ltd.

**Exploration and evaluation assets**

None of the Company's exploration and evaluation assets have reached the development stage and as a result are considered exploration and evaluation assets. The Company capitalizes acquisition costs that result in the acquisition and retention of exploration and evaluation assets or an interest therein and expenses all exploration and evaluation expenditures. The amount shown for exploration and evaluation assets represents acquisition costs to date and does not necessarily reflect present or future values. If the properties are sold, allowed to lapse or are no longer of interest, accumulated capitalized costs are written off.

Expenditures on properties in which the Company does not have a registered or contractual interest are expensed as incurred.

**SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS**

For the eight most recent quarters:

	<b>June 30 2021</b>	<b>March 31 2021</b>	<b>December 31 2020</b>	<b>September 30 2020</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Net income (loss) for the period	(1,498,230)	(94,256)	(89,136)	(426,443)
Net income (loss) per share (basic and diluted)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)
	<b>June 30 2020</b>	<b>March 31 2020</b>	<b>December 31 2019</b>	<b>September 30 2019</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Net income (loss) for the period	150,773	(41,722)	(41,033)	(93,092)
Net income (loss) per share (basic and diluted)	0.00	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)

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The variations in net loss between quarters are generally due to timing of the Company's exploration activities, including the receipt of property option payments. During the three months ended June 30, 2021, the Company incurred \$835,072 in exploration expenditures and granted 1,950,000 stock options resulting in share-based compensation of \$445,575 for the period. During the three months ended September 30, 2020, the Company granted 8,000,000 stock options resulting in share-based compensation of \$390,400 for the period.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The Company's net loss for the six months ended June 30, 2021 was \$1,592,486 or \$0.02 per share (net loss of \$45,949 or \$0.00 per share for the six months ended June 30, 2020). Net loss in the period results from exploration expenditures of \$836,855, share based compensation of \$445,575 and general and administrative expense of \$288,296.

General and administrative expenses of \$288,296 for the six months ended June 30, 2021 (\$127,873 for the six months ended June 30, 2020) included costs associated with the promotion, financing and regulatory compliance activities of the Company, and the Company's overhead, as noted below.

For the six months ended June 30	2021 \$	2020 \$
Consulting and management fees	163,000	59,000
Professional fees (legal & audit)	68,334	40,985
Shareholder communications, advertising and promotion	22,159	13,687
Regulatory and filing fees	24,003	11,470
Office costs	10,800	2,731
	<b>288,296</b>	<b>127,873</b>

The Company's net loss for the three months ended June 30, 2021 was \$1,492,604 or \$0.01 per share (net loss of \$4,227 or \$0.00 per share for the three months ended June 30, 2020). Net loss in the period results from exploration and project evaluation expenditures of \$835,072, share based compensation of \$445,575 and general and administrative expense of \$183,943.

**EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES**

**Property acquisition cost**

The property acquisition costs of \$12,750 at December 31, 2019 relate to the acquisition of the Company's Western Fold property. During the year ended December 31, 2020 the Company acquired additional mineral claims at Richardson Lake and Ranger Lake and the purchased the NSR nullifying the area of interest at Richardson Lake. In 2021, the Company acquired additional mineral claims creating a new project called Dancing Man.

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<b>Balance, December 31, 2019</b>	<b>12,750</b>
Property acquisition	6,950
Royalty acquisition	60,000
Property option payments	(13,350)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2020</b>	<b>66,350</b>
Property acquisition	38,150
<b>Balance, June 30, 2021</b>	<b>104,500</b>

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**Exploration & project evaluation**

	Cumulative expenditures as at January 1 2021 \$	Expenditures/ receipts for the period \$	Cumulative expenditures as at June 30 2021 \$
Ranger Lake	76,759	846,073	922,832
Richardson Lake	2,117,454	-	2,117,454
Other	14,435,428	-	14,435,428
<b>Amount expensed</b>	<b>16,629,641</b>	<b>846,073</b>	<b>17,475,714</b>

"Other" includes exploration expenditures on projects with minor activity during the period and includes the Confederation Lake, Bridget Lake, McFaulds Lake and the Fredart Lake properties, all of which are in Northern Ontario.

Note: As disclosed in the Company's significant accounting policies (Note 2) exploration and project evaluation expenditure have been reflected in the statement of loss and comprehensive loss.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

As at June 30, 2021 and August 30, 2021, the Company had no sources of operating cash flows. The Company will therefore require additional funding which, if not raised, would result in the curtailment of activities and project delays. As at June 30, 2021, AurCrest had a working capital surplus of \$57,827 (a working capital deficit of \$249,536 as at December 31, 2020), and has an accumulated operating deficit of \$21,717,562. During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Company completed a flow-through financing for gross proceeds of \$1,136,500 and had warrants and stock options exercised for \$326,350 and \$37,500 respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company completed a working capital financing of \$700,000, received \$50,000 from the exercise of warrants, received 2 million common shares and \$50,000 in cash from Pegasus 350,000 common shares and \$70,000 cash from Newrange and \$155,000 in cash from Star Royalties related to its GHG Project. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is uncertain and is dependent upon its ability to continue to raise adequate financing. There can be no assurances that the Company will be successful in this regard, and therefore, there is substantial doubt regarding the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, and accordingly, the use of accounting principles applicable to a going concern. If the going concern assumption is not appropriate, then adjustments to the carrying values of the assets and liabilities, the expenses and the balance sheet classifications, which could be material, would be necessary.

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The carrying amount of financial instruments approximates fair value. The Company's financial assets include cash, cash equivalents, and accounts receivable. The Company does not consider these assets to be subject to credit risk or interest rate risk.

**SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares and an unlimited number of preference shares. As at June 30, 2021, the Company had no preference shares issued and outstanding.

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**Share capital**

Share capital comprises the following:

	Number of shares	Amount \$
<b>Balance, December 31, 2019</b>	<b>80,730,191</b>	<b>18,827,996</b>
Private placement	11,666,667	700,000
Share issue expense	-	(128,560)
Common shares issued for exploration and evaluation expenditures	300,000	18,000
Exercise of warrants	1,000,000	50,000
Expiry of warrants	-	784
<b>Balance, December 31, 2020</b>	<b>93,696,858</b>	<b>19,468,320</b>
Private placement	3,788,333	1,136,500
Share issuance costs	-	(145,814)
Exercise of warrants	5,238,000	335,280
Exercise of stock options	750,000	74,100
Common shares issued for exploration expenditures	400,000	78,000
<b>Balance, June 30, 2021 and August 30, 2021</b>	<b>103,873,191</b>	<b>20,946,296</b>

**Stock options**

The following summary sets out the activity in the Plan:

	Options #	Weighted average exercise price \$
<b>Outstanding and exercisable, December 31, 2019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Granted	8,000,000	0.05
<b>Outstanding and exercisable, December 31, 2020</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>	<b>0.05</b>
Exercised	(750,000)	(0.05)
Granted	1,950,000	0.24
<b>Outstanding and exercisable, June 30, 2021 and August 30, 2021</b>	<b>9,200,000</b>	<b>0.09</b>

On April 7, 2021, the Company granted 1,950,000 stock options at an exercise price of \$0.24 per share exercisable for a period of 5 years.

On July 29, 2020, The Company granted 8,000,000 stock options at an exercise price of \$0.05 per share exercisable for a period of 5 years.

**Warrants**

Certain issuances of common shares include warrants entitling the holder to acquire additional common shares of the Company. A summary of the warrant activity is as follows:

	Warrants #	Weighted average exercise price \$
<b>Balance, December 31, 2019</b>	<b>11,200,879</b>	<b>0.055</b>
Issued – private placement	7,583,331	0.10
Exercised	(1,000,000)	0.05
Expired	(1,804,879)	0.05
<b>Balance, December 31, 2020</b>	<b>15,979,331</b>	<b>0.081</b>
Issued – private placement	4,535,999	0.039
Exercised	(5,238,000)	0.065
Expired	(28,000)	0.075
<b>Balance, June 30, 2021 and August 30, 2021</b>	<b>15,249,330</b>	<b>0.18</b>

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### Fully diluted share capital

As of June 30, 2021 and August 30, 2021 the Company had issued 103,873,191 common shares, 9,200,000 common share stock options and 15,249,330 common share purchase warrants. The number of common shares outstanding, on a fully-diluted basis is 128,322,521.

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND KEY MANAGEMENT REMUNERATION

#### Compensation of key management and directors

Key management compensation expense includes the Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Vice-President, the Chief Financial Officer.

For the six months ended June 30	2021 \$	2020 \$
Management fees	163,000	59,000
Legal fees provided by a law firm related to William Johnstone	59,334	32,985
Share-based compensation	342,750	-
Interest expense	-	975
	<b>565,084</b>	<b>92,960</b>

  

Balances owing as at	June 30 2021 \$	December 31 2020 \$
Legal fees provided by a law firm related to William Johnstone	368,022	440,433
Management fees	181,863	219,389
Directors' loans	9,519	16,019
Accrued interest on directors' loans	4,023	10,213
	<b>563,427</b>	<b>686,054</b>

These amounts were expensed in the period incurred as administrative and general expenses. The amounts paid and owing are measured at the exchange amount, are non-interest bearing and due on demand.

Directors of the Company have loaned the Company working capital in the amount of \$9,520. The loans are in the form of demand promissory notes bearing interest at 10% per annum.

### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

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

### RISK FACTORS

Given the Company's current status as an exploration stage company, there are numerous risk factors that could affect the Company's business prospects and future performance and are detailed in the audited consolidated financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for the year ended December 31, 2020. These risks and uncertainties are not the only ones facing the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Company, or that the Company currently deems immaterial, may also affect the Company's business prospects and future performance.

### COVID-19

Since March 2020, several governmental measures have been implemented in Canada and the rest of the world in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. While the impact of COVID-19 and these measures are expected to be temporary, the current circumstances are dynamic and the impacts of COVID-19 on the Company's business operations cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. The

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Company anticipates this could have an adverse impact on its business, results of operations, financial position and cash flows in 2021. The Company continues to operate its business, and in response to Federal and Provincial emergency measures, has requested that its employees and consultants work remotely wherever possible. These government measures, which could include government mandated closures of the Company or its contractors, along with restrictions on access which may be imposed by Aboriginal/First Nations communities associated with the Company's properties in response to COVID-19, could impact the Company's ability to access its exploration properties and conduct its exploration programs and business in a timely manner. The development of apparently safe and effective vaccines have had a positive effect on the outlook for ending the pandemic however, uptake of the vaccine is in its early stages. The Company is evaluating the best way to move its exploration and other business activities forward during this pandemic and when the emergency measures are lifted.

### **OUTLOOK**

AurCrest Gold Inc. acknowledges that the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has given rise to serious financing and logistical implications to exploration projects on an industry-wide scale, including governmental response for exploration plans and permits. The Company further acknowledges that regional and local responses to the pandemic may continue to be a factor throughout 2021.

It is management's view that exploration and delineation of prospects on the Company's early-stage exploration properties remains possible within a pandemic-restricted environment, through the use of innovative applications of technology that can provide guidance to more traditional exploration activities, and through adherence to public health measures enacted by the provincial government with respect to operation of essential workplaces.

It is management's view that further exploration and delineation of the prospects at Ranger Lake is in the best interests of shareholders, building upon current drilling activities and conducting property-wide prospecting and geochemistry to provide further guidance to drilling programs at other prospects. The evaluation of results from the initial drill program is ongoing and the mineralized system as encountered through drilling and outlined by geophysics and geochemistry, appears to be significant and to warrant continued investigation. Concurrently, the application of innovative technological approaches utilized at Ranger Lake will be applied to the Richardson Lake area and Dancing Man properties to advance the geological understanding of the structures at both properties and their potential as exploration targets in the coming months.. The Company views the recent gold pricing and observed sector activity as supportive of its near-term exploration goals.

AurCrest has and will continue to work diligently to grow its model of partnership and inclusion with neighbouring First Nations and indigenous communities and believes that this ongoing focus will enhance exploration success. Christopher Angecneb of the Lac Seul First Nation, having first joined the Board of Directors in 2011 and performing the role of President & CEO since March 2017, has helped to further implement the Company's exploration of and discovery of gold at the Richardson Lake area in the traditional lands shared primarily by the Cat Lake, Slate Falls, and Lac Seul First Nations.. Mr. Angecneb has been joined on the Board by Alexander Carpenter in May 2018 and Stan Beardy in March 2019; Mr. Carpenter, also a member of the Lac Seul First Nation, has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the mining industry, and Mr. Beardy, a member of the Muskrat Dam First Nation, has served during the course of his career as the Chief of Muskrat Dam First Nation, as the Grand Chief of the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, and as the Ontario Regional Chief as the head of the Chiefs of Ontario at the national level. AurCrest applies the wisdom and experiences of these individuals into our model of inclusion and participation for the mutual benefit of our shareholders and the communities proximal to our mineral exploration areas.

The growth of a positive relationship with the local communities has resulted in two First Nation staking agreements intended to relate the traditional territory knowledge of the local populace to the acquisition and development of new mineral exploration prospects.

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The Company's subsidiary Wiigwaasaatig was formed to deploy and operate site-specific renewable energy technology solutions through business partnerships with First Nations communities and the mineral exploration and development industry proximal to those First Nations. Wiigwaasaatig will continue to work with Cat Lake First Nation to investigate and advance biomass project opportunities that may be of significant use to regional exploration operations and the First Nation.

AurCrest has also grown the positive relationship with our neighbouring First Nations into the development of potentially-significant carbon sequestration projects across the traditional territories of several First Nations in the Boreal Forest, monetizing long-term carbon sequestration opportunities through carbon offset credit trading for the mutual benefit of the First Nations partnership groups and the Company's shareholders. AurCrest and its subsidiary Big Tree Carbon has continued to educate potential First Nations partners to the Forest Carbon Model and will advance the Lac Seul project and other projects as the federal and provincial governments finalize the protocols governing ERB projects.

AurCrest continues to strengthen its relationships with the local communities and believes that this ongoing focus will enhance future exploration success. These valued relationships provide proper access to mineral exploration opportunities and are integral to the Company's success, forming the most important part of our business endeavours.

Greg Davison, P.Geo., a consultant to the Company and a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the technical information contained in this MD&A.

### **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Management's Discussion and Analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, which may cause actual results to differ materially from the statements made. When used in this document, the words "may", "would", "could", "will", "intend", "plan", "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to such risks and uncertainties. Many factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from the statements made, including those factors discussed in filings made by us with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities. Should one or more of these risks and uncertainties, such as actual results of current exploration programs, the general risks associated with the mining industry, the price of gold and other metals, currency and interest rate fluctuations, increased competition and general economic and market factors, occur or should assumptions underlying the forward looking statements prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein as intended, planned, anticipated, or expected. We do not intend and do not assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements except as required by law. Shareholders are cautioned not to put undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.