

**FINLAY MINERALS LTD.**  
**MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
**FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

## **Introduction**

This management's discussion and analysis is intended to supplement the unaudited interim financial statements and the financial condition and operating results of Finlay Minerals Ltd. (the Company or "FYL") for the six months ended June 30, 2023. The discussion should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim financial statements of the Company and the notes thereto for six months ended June 30, 2023 and the year ended December 31, 2022. The unaudited interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and include the operating results of the Company. Unless expressly stated otherwise, all financial information is presented in Canadian dollars. This information is current to August 23, 2023.

## **Operations**

The Company is focused on the exploration for gold-rich copper porphyry, epithermal gold, and mesothermal silver-copper targets in northern British Columbia, Canada. Details of the Company's properties in the Toodoggone (ATTY, PIL-Gold) and the Silver Hope Property near Houston, BC can be found in news releases and on the Company's website at [www.finlayminerals.com](http://www.finlayminerals.com).

On May 8, 2023, the Company announced plans to complete a non-brokered private placement financing to raise gross aggregate proceeds of up to \$500,000 (the "**Private Placement**"). The Private Placement was to consist of the issuance of: (i) up to 3,333,333 flow-through units ("**FT Units**") at a price of \$0.06 per FT Unit (the "**FT Unit Price**"), with each FT Unit comprising one common share of the Company which qualifies as a "flow-through share" within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and one-half of a non-flow-through warrant (each whole warrant a "Unit Warrant"), and (ii) up to 6,000,000 non-flow through units ("**NFT Units**") at a price of \$0.05 per NFT Unit (the "**NFT Unit Price**"), with each NFT Unit comprising one non-flow-through common share of the Company and one-half of a Unit Warrant. Each whole Unit Warrant would entitle the holder thereof to acquire one additional non-flow-through common share of the Company (a "**Warrant Share**") at an exercise price of \$0.10 per Warrant Share for a period of twenty-four months from the closing of the Private Placement.

The Company also advised that a director of the Company had agreed to subscribe for and purchase from the Company all of the FT and NFT Units under the Private Placement that are not acquired by other investors. The Private Placement issuance to this director would constitute a "related party transaction" within the meaning of Policy 5.9 of the TSX Venture Exchange ("**TSX-V**") and Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* ("**MI 61-101**") as a result of the subscriber being a director of the Company.

On May 30, 2023, the Company announced the closing, subject to receipt of final approval from the TSX Venture Exchange ("**TSX-V**"), its private placement financing for total proceeds of \$550,000 (the "**Private Placement**"). The Private Placement consisted of the issuance of: (i) 3,333,333 flow-through units ("**FT Units**") at a price of \$0.06 per FT Unit (the "**FT Unit Price**"), with each FT Unit comprising one common share of the Company which qualifies as a "flow-through share" within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and one-half of a non-flow-through warrant (each whole warrant a "Unit Warrant"), and (ii) 7,000,000 non-flow through units ("**NFT Units**") at a price of \$0.05 per NFT Unit (the "**NFT Unit Price**"), with each NFT Unit comprising one non-flow-through common share of the Company and one-half of a Unit Warrant. Each whole Unit Warrant entitled the holder thereof to acquire one additional non-flow-through common share of the Company (a "**Warrant Share**") at an exercise price of \$0.10 per Warrant Share for a period of twenty-four months from the closing of the Private Placement. All securities issued under the Private Placement are subject to a four-month hold period expiring on September 30, 2023. No finder's fees were paid. The use of the proceeds will be to continue its work on its Silver Hope and ATTY Properties and for working capital.

In connection with the Private Placement, Ilona B. Lindsay ("**Ms. Lindsay**"), a director and officer of the Company, purchased a total of 3,333,333 FT Units and 6,000,000 NFT units. The issuance of such FT and NFT Units to Ms. Lindsay constitutes a "related party transaction" within the meaning of Policy 5.9 of the TSX-V and Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* ("**MI 61-101**") as a result of Ms. Lindsay being a director, officer and an insider (as defined under applicable securities laws) of the Company. The Company is relying on the exemption from the formal valuation requirement in section 5.5(b) of MI 61-101 (as a result of its common shares being listed on the TSX-V) and the exemption from the minority approval requirement in section 5.7(1)(b) of MI 61-101 (as neither the fair market value of the total FT and NFT Units distributed to Ms. Lindsay pursuant to the Private Placement, nor the consideration paid by Ms. Lindsay, exceeded \$2,500,000).

On June 6, 2023, the Company received final approval of the non-brokered private placement financing announced

on May 8, 2023 from the TSX-V.

On June 7, 2023, the Company reported that it had applied to the TSX-V to amend the price of 26,494,748 warrants with an exercise price of \$0.135 and expiring on July 9, 2023 issued under its private placement completed on July 9, 2021 (the "Warrants"). See the Company's press release dated July 12, 2021 (available on SEDAR) for more information regarding the private placement.

The Company applied to amend the warrant price from \$0.135 to \$0.05 subject to regulatory acceptance by the Exchange. In accordance with TSX-V policies prohibiting warrants issued as agent, broker or finders' warrants in compensation for services ("Compensation Warrants"), those Compensation Warrants in the series were not being re-priced. The Company further reported that none of the proposed amended warrants were held by directors, officers or control persons of the Company.

On June 8, 2023, the Company received approval of the warrant price amendment from the TSX-V.

On June 13, 2023, the Company announced that it had engaged ALS GoldSpot Discoveries to undertake a machine-learning data review of the Silver Hope Property to delineate and refine future drill targets. The ALS GoldSpot data review will merge all data on the Silver Hope Property to develop a prospectivity report aiming to identify similar signatures to the known mineralized trends and to further enhance other prospective targets for future drilling. In addition, the Company announced that a LiDAR survey of the Silver Hope Property would be undertaken.

On June 19, 2023, the Company announced and invited investors and interested parties to attend an interview webinar with its President, Robert Brown, and Martin Gagel of Market Radius Research on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 10 AM PT/1 PM ET. The interview was recorded and is now available for viewing on the Company's website.

On June 26, 2023, the Company reported that all matters set before the Annual General and Special Meeting of Shareholders of the Company held on Friday, June 23, 2023 were approved by the shareholders. The Company further reported on the appointment of Gordon Steblin, B.Comm, CPA, CGA, as its Chief Financial Officer.

The management team is lead by Robert F. Brown, P.Eng., President & CEO, who has over 40 years in the mineral exploration field and Wade Barnes, P.Geo, Vice President, Exploration. Ilona Barakso Lindsay, is Vice President, Corporate Relations.

#### **Silver Hope Property:**

The Silver Hope property surrounds and is contiguous with the southern boundary of the past-producing Equity Silver Mine (33,800,000 tonnes at an average grade of 0.4% Cu (copper), 64.9g/t Ag (silver), and 0.46g/t Au (gold) from open pit and underground mining).<sup>\*</sup> The property is road accessible year-round for exploration programs and covers prospective geology believed to be favourable for the discovery of stratabound Cu-Ag-Au mineralization and porphyry Cu-Mo mineralization. (\*Reference: <http://minfile.gov.bc.ca/Summary.aspx?minfilno=093L++001>).

In the second quarter of 2023, the Company engaged ALS GoldSpot to undertake a machine-learning data review of the Silver Hope Property using all available geophysical, surface geology/geochemistry and drilling data on the property to develop a prospectivity report and targets to delineate and refine future drill targets.

#### *Previous Quarters relating to the Silver Hope Property:*

In the first quarter of 2023, the Company reported on the 2022 Silver Hope exploration and drilling program. Follow-up drilling in the Gaul Zone along the Main Trend was completed with **SH22-07** intersecting **31 metres ("m") (from 102 m) grading 0.2% copper ("Cu"), 11.8 g/t silver ("Ag"), and 0.22 g/t gold ("Au"), including 11.42 m (from 121.58 m) grading 0.49% Cu, 30.1 g/t Ag, and 0.41 g/t Au**. This extends the Gaul Zone mineralization to 600 m along strike.

Most of the 1,671 m drill program was reconnaissance drilling divided between the Equity East and Allin areas.

This reconnaissance drilling focused on both porphyry Cu-Mo-Au and Equity Silver Mine replacement Cu-Ag-Au type targets in a 16 square kilometer area containing anomalous soil and till geochemistry, IP geophysical targets, and magnetic features reflecting the Goosly Intrusive Complex ("GIC"). The Equity Silver Mine (Newmont Corp.) mineralization lies along the western contact of the GIC, while the Equity East and Allin areas of Finlay cover the eastern extension of the GIC. This first phase drilling program at Equity East and Allin was conducted to gather subsurface geological knowledge as the area is heavily vegetated and covered in glacial till with little to no outcrop.

### The Main Trend's Gaul Zone:

The Main Trend is a 2 km Cu+Ag+Au mineralized trend that is composed of the Hope, Superstition and Gaul Zones that occur along a similar mineralized trend that hosts the past-producing Equity Silver Mine and the Southern Tail.

Hole **SH22-07**, drilled to a depth of 210 m, which intersected **31 m (from 102 m) grading 0.2% Cu, 11.8 g/t Ag, and 0.22 g/t Au, including 11.42 m (from 121.58 m) grading 0.49% Cu, 30.1 g/t Ag, and 0.41 g/t Au** was drilled to test 100 m south of **SH21-09** which intersected **76.57 m (from 80.23 m) grading 0.45% Cu, 14.6 g/t Ag, and 0.14 g/t Au**.

The Gaul Zone mineralization strikes south-southwest and dips to the west. SH22-07 intersected a small portion of the Gaul mineralized zone and the mineralization remains open down dip, as well as to the south and east. Additional drilling is planned on the Gaul Zone, which Finlay management believes has the potential to host a significant copper resource. The Main Trend, and specifically the Gaul Zone, host significant copper mineralization which is one of the critical elements for the future identified by Natural Resources Canada.

In order to undertake a mineral resource estimate on the Main Trend, further drilling will be necessary including extensional, in-fill and re-drilling the historical partially-assayed core holes.

### Equity East Zone:

The three Equity East drill holes (SH22-01, SH22-05, SH22-06) intersected modest galena and sphalerite mineralization, including **SH22-01** cutting **0.81 m (from 74.92 m) grading 47.9 g/t Ag, 2.5% lead ("Pb"), and 4.53% zinc ("Zn")**. Drilling intersected overlying trachyandesites of the Ootsa Lake Group and mixed monzonites of the GIC. Veining within SH22-05 over the first half of the hole hosted galena, sphalerite, and chalcopyrite 1-4mm veins with a similar orientation to that of mineralized veins at the Main Trend and parallel to the orientation of the drill hole thus not testing the mineralization at the proper drill orientation. Presently, Finlay management is reviewing the oriented-core vein orientations, the Terraspec alteration studies, and the geophysical survey results to further refine targeting.

### Allin Zone:

The three Allin drill holes (SH22-02, SH22-03, SH22-04) intersected flows of trachyandesites, monzonite sills and biotite-rich monzonite dikes. SH22-02 hosted alteration peripheral to a porphyry Cu-Mo-Au system with increasing gypsum veining at depth, spotty quartz veining and increasing chlorite, SH22-03 and SH22-04 displayed weak hydrothermal veining with pyrite and vuggy carbonate veins with increasing clay alteration. Again, the geophysics, alteration, drill hole geology, and geochemistry are being reviewed to further refine targeting.

### Sam Zone:

During the 2022 exploration program, a soil sampling grid was conducted east of the Sam showing covering the past historical drilling. A small soil sampling grid was also conducted west of the former Equity Silver Mine. In total 147 soil samples were collected in the 2 areas. A multi-element anomaly was identified east of the Sam Showing and historical drilling. This multi-element anomaly occurs west of the West Horizon Cu-Mo porphyry system which is next to the Main Trend. Soil sample assays were as high as **68 ppb Au, 11.7 ppm Ag, 487 ppm Cu, 126.5 ppm Pb and 313 ppm Zn**.

Overall, 817 drill core samples were submitted for analysis, along with 151 soil samples taken to the west of the MAIN Trend over the SAM showing, and another 21 soil samples taken over a new gossanous area to the northwest of the former Equity Silver Mine exposed by recent logging. All samples were shipped and analyzed by ALS Global Laboratories.

Certain portions of the following information pertaining to the Company's 2021 exploration and drilling program for the Silver Hope Property is derived from and based on the Company's news release dated January 20, 2022, entitled "*Finlay Minerals drills 76.57m @ 0.45% copper, 14.6g/t silver, and 0.14g/t gold (0.69% CuEq) in the Gaul Zone on the Silver Hope Property*". For more information, please see the news release, which is available on SEDAR at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca)

In the fourth quarter of 2021, the Company started and completed its Phase II drilling program totalling 1,968 meters ("m") of oriented-core drilling in nine drill holes on its Main Trend.

Drill Assay Highlights were:

- All nine holes intersected significant mineralization, however, three drill holes in the Gaul Zone of the Main Trend intersected shallow depth, Cu-Ag-Au mineralization, across appreciable widths, which correlates well with previous Finlay drilling.
- **SH21-09** intersected **76.57m** (from 80.23m) grading **0.45% Cu, 14.6g/t Ag, and 0.14g/t Au (0.68% Copper Equivalent (CuEq\*))** (Reference: Note 2 of the Notes to 2021 Drill Table on page 3 for details of how the CuEq is calculated), including **32.07m** (from 123.00m) grading **0.86% Cu, 26.1g/t Ag, and 0.21g/t Au (1.21% CuEq\*)**.
- **SH21-08** intersected **133.00m** (from 32.00m) grading **0.30% Cu, 7.6g/t Ag, and 0.03g/t Au (0.41% CuEq\*)**, including **57.23m** (from 107.00m) grading **0.51% Cu, 13.8g/t Ag, and 0.06g/t Au (0.71% CuEq\*)**.
- **SH21-07** intersected **121.99m** (from 21.10m) grading **0.23% Cu, 5.1g/t Ag, and 0.03g/t Au (0.30% CuEq\*)**, including **68.40m** (from 21.10m) grading **0.29% Cu, 6.6g/t Ag, and 0.03g/t Au (0.37% CuEq\*)**.
- The Hope Zone drilling (3 holes) intersected multiple shallow high-grade Cu-Ag-Au intervals including **SH21-01** which intersected **0.70m** (from 90.00m) grading **1.14% Cu, 626.0 g/t Ag and 0.09 g/t Au (6.51% CuEq\*)**.
- The Superstition Zone drilling (3 holes) intersected multiple shallow high-grade Cu-Ag-Au intervals including **SH21-04** which intersected **0.43m** (from 88.17m) grading **0.32% Cu, 62.8 g/t Ag and 0.21 g/t Au (1.03% CuEq\*)**. Further details are available on the Finlay website under the **Silver Hope Property**.

## 2021 Silver Hope Property Drill Results Table:

### Hope Zone

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu (%)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	CuEq (%)	AgEq (g/t)
SH21-01	61.50	64.00	2.50	0.03	22.8	0.26	0.00	0.05	0.47	59.4
<b>and</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>90.70</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>626.0</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>6.51</b>	<b>814.8</b>
and	105.00	110.00	5.00	0.05	75.1	0.27	0.09	0.05	0.93	117.0
including	105.00	107.00	2.00	0.03	124.0	0.42	0.06	0.08	1.47	184.1
SH21-02	28.00	35.50	7.50	0.02	4.5	0.14	0.00	0.01	0.19	23.3
and	144.00	144.71	0.71	0.40	14.6	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.37	46.8
SH21-03	81.50	84.00	2.50	0.17	2.1	0.63	0.00	0.00	0.74	93.3
and	98.00	98.70	0.70	0.39	3.1	0.71	0.09	0.49	1.14	142.9
and	106.00	108.00	2.00	0.24	6.0	0.09	0.24	0.22	0.39	49.3
and	127.00	130.55	3.55	0.21	6.6	0.07	0.03	0.19	0.31	39.2
including	129.70	130.55	0.85	0.12	20.1	0.14	0.10	0.77	0.64	79.6
and	204.00	226.40	22.40	0.08	5.5	0.16	0.02	0.10	0.29	36.4
including	206.00	208.00	2.00	0.20	14.4	0.40	0.01	0.05	0.66	82.7
and	270.00	283.00	13.00	0.04	12.8	0.18	0.01	0.04	0.33	41.0
<b>including</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>276.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>279.4</b>
including	277.05	278.29	1.24	0.04	27.4	0.04	0.03	0.28	0.37	47.0

### Superstition Zone

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu (%)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	CuEq (%)	AgEq (g/t)
SH21-04	83.00	84.92	1.92	0.16	17.0	0.16	0.03	0.09	0.43	53.4
<b>and</b>	<b>88.17</b>	<b>88.60</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>129.1</b>
and	106.50	107.74	1.24	0.04	24.6	0.21	0.09	0.25	0.53	66.9
and	183.20	183.60	0.40	0.41	5.9	0.01	0.25	0.43	0.50	62.1
SH21-05	16.00	18.00	2.00	0.26	2.8	0.22	0.08	1.15	0.78	97.2
and	62.29	64.00	1.71	0.02	0.9	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.41	51.4
<b>and</b>	<b>119.18</b>	<b>127.00</b>	<b>7.82</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>89.8</b>

and	165.33	167.00	1.67	0.04	27.2	0.32	0.03	0.51	0.73	90.8
and	193.00	195.00	2.00	0.19	9.0	0.07	0.08	3.23	1.27	159.5
and	205.00	206.00	1.00	0.50	40.3	0.22	0.30	0.27	1.00	124.7
SH21-06	6.20	40.00	33.80	0.02	2.1	0.19	0.00	0.03	0.22	28.1
including	6.20	7.53	1.33	0.05	5.1	0.28	0.02	0.44	0.48	60.7
including	8.36	10.00	1.64	0.03	7.9	0.41	0.01	0.03	0.50	62.1
including	26.00	28.00	2.00	0.03	4.3	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.48	59.8
and	59.00	60.00	1.00	0.02	9.0	0.28	0.01	0.03	0.37	46.6
and	98.98	100.32	1.34	0.13	27.5	0.54	0.02	0.05	0.86	107.5
and	110.00	112.00	2.00	0.02	30.5	0.34	0.06	0.08	0.63	79.4
and	131.57	133.00	1.43	0.22	6.4	0.07	0.06	0.55	0.44	54.7

### **Gaul Zone**

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Cu (%)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	CuEq (%)	AgEq (g/t)
SH21-07	21.10	143.09	121.99	0.03	5.1	0.23	0.01	0.03	0.30	37.6
<b>including</b>	<b>21.10</b>	<b>89.50</b>	<b>68.40</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>46.2</b>
including	23.18	24.00	0.82	0.60	180.0	1.35	0.48	0.06	3.27	409.2
including	30.74	32.13	1.39	0.08	12.0	1.76	0.00	0.03	1.91	239.7
including	52.50	53.26	0.76	0.07	19.4	2.46	0.00	0.01	2.66	333.3
including	70.88	89.50	18.62	0.02	8.5	0.34	0.02	0.02	0.44	54.6
including	70.88	71.40	0.52	0.05	86.3	1.90	0.06	0.08	2.66	332.8
including	83.56	84.00	0.44	0.02	60.9	3.75	0.00	0.02	4.26	532.9
including	114.00	143.09	29.09	0.04	3.7	0.21	0.01	0.04	0.28	35.2
SH21-08	32.00	165.00	133.00	0.03	7.6	0.30	0.02	0.08	0.41	51.0
including	40.00	42.00	2.00	0.03	22.8	1.18	0.02	0.07	1.40	175.5
including	51.50	52.50	1.00	0.02	32.9	1.45	0.02	0.07	1.74	218.4
including	54.00	56.00	2.00	0.02	15.2	0.54	0.02	0.05	0.69	86.6
including	92.00	94.00	2.00	0.11	20.4	0.47	0.00	0.00	0.71	88.5
<b>including</b>	<b>107.00</b>	<b>164.23</b>	<b>57.23</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>89.1</b>
including	129.00	164.23	35.23	0.08	18.0	0.69	0.05	0.19	0.95	119.4
including	160.14	164.23	4.09	0.32	56.8	1.62	0.23	1.01	2.63	328.8
SH21-09	<b>80.23</b>	<b>156.80</b>	<b>76.57</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>84.6</b>
including	80.23	87.00	6.77	0.42	31.2	0.70	0.08	0.09	1.25	156.7
including	81.85	83.08	1.23	1.88	74.5	1.27	0.25	0.33	3.16	396.0
including	84.28	85.30	1.02	0.20	66.7	1.20	0.16	0.01	1.89	236.7
including	123.00	155.07	32.07	0.21	26.1	0.86	0.05	0.01	1.21	151.5
including	135.00	136.20	1.20	0.25	37.2	1.79	0.03	0.01	2.24	281.1
including	142.99	152.85	9.86	0.47	58.7	1.94	0.10	0.01	2.72	340.9
including	144.71	145.25	0.54	0.16	131.0	7.11	0.03	0.02	8.27	1035.1
including	147.92	148.73	0.81	4.70	28.7	0.52	0.06	0.00	3.62	453.4
including	152.20	152.85	0.65	0.15	260.0	5.69	0.74	0.02	8.02	1004.5

## Notes to 2021 Drill Results Table:

1. The Metal prices used in the CuEq and AgEq calculations are as follows: Gold \$1750/oz, Silver \$23.00/oz, Copper \$4.20/lb, Lead \$0.90/lb and Zinc \$1.30/lb;
2. The CuEq formula used for calculations is:  $\text{CuEq \%} = (\text{Cu \%} + (\text{Au g/t} * \$56.2625) + (\text{Ag g/t} * \$0.8038) + (\text{Pb \%} * 19.8414) + (\text{Zn \%} * \$28.6598)) / 92.5923$ ;
3. The AgEq formula used for calculations is:  $\text{AgEq g/t} = (\text{Ag g/t} + (\text{Au g/t} * \$56.2625) + (\text{Cu \%} * \$92.5932) + (\text{Pb \%} * 19.8414) + (\text{Zn \%} * 28.6598)) / 0.80375$ ;
4. True widths of the mineralized zones are approximately 80% of the reported intercepts;
5. Recoveries are assumed to be 100% for the purposes of equivalent calculations.

In the fourth quarter of 2021, the Company announced the completion and results of an Induced Polarization survey over the Equity East and Allin Zones. The completed IP survey successfully outlined two sizeable chargeability and resistivity anomalies, the Equity East and Allin anomalies. The survey was designed to provide a better understanding of the subsurface geology in these areas due to the lack of outcrop, the IP covered the ZTEM and airborne magnetic targets and a historical north-south oriented IP target immediately west of the Allin Zone. Covering a 4.0 by 3.5 km area, a total of 19 line-km were completed and encompassed the Equity East and Allin Zones multi-element soil and rock geochemistry anomalies with 0.5 – 1.0 km spaced east-west lines.

The IP survey successfully outlined two major anomalies within the Equity East and Allin Zones. In combination with the completed airborne magnetic survey in 2020 and the ZTEM survey in 2012, the IP survey helped confirm the subsurface geology with the Goosly Plutonic center underlying the Equity East and Allin Zones. The plutonic center hosts a large magnetic high feature at surface with a large low conductive core at depth. On top and surrounding this geophysical feature are several chargeability and resistivity IP anomalies. The Goosly Plutonic Suite could be the source of the mineralization present at the Main Trend (Newmont's Equity Silver Mine Main & Southern Tail deposits, and Finlay's Superstition, Hope and Gaul Zones). The Equity East and Allin IP anomalies show similarities to the Main Trend with porphyry-type intrusion centers which could host porphyry mineralization.

Further details are available on the Finlay website under the **Silver Hope Property**.

### PIL Property

The PIL property, situated within the Toodoggone mineral district, hosts three deposit types: namely Cu-Mo-Au porphyry (NW, NE, and Pil South Zones), volcanic hosted epithermal Au-Ag (Atlas, Pillar East) and alkalic (monzonite) Cu-Ag (Copper Cliff Zone).

The Company has a 100% interest in 39 mineral tenures (formerly 376 mineral claim units) of which 23 mineral claims were acquired from a private company controlled by common directors of the Company with consideration for the issuance to that private company of nine million common shares (post subdivision) and a 3% NSR. The Company is also obligated to issue a further two million shares to this private company when the property is put into commercial production and may also, prior to that date, purchase a 1 ½ % NSR (½ of the 3% NSR) for two million dollars (the "Buy Back Right").

On February 21, 2022, and subsequently amended on February 28, 2022, the Company entered into an Option Agreement with ATAC Resources Ltd. ("ATAC") pursuant to a binding letter of intent dated January 28, 2022, between the Company and ATAC, with respect to the PIL Property whereby ATAC may exercise the option to acquire a 70% interest in the PIL Property by making aggregate cash payments of \$650,000 and share payments having an aggregate cash equivalent value of \$1,250,000, and incurring an aggregate of \$12,000,000 in exploration expenditures in staged amounts on or before December 31, 2026. Following the exercise of such option, ATAC and Finlay will hold interests in the PIL Property of 70% and 30%, respectively, and a joint venture will be formed. Upon exercise of the option agreement and formation of the joint venture, the Company will transfer the Buy Back Right to the joint venture in consideration for ATAC assuming the obligation to fully fund the \$2,000,000 Buy Back Right as long as ATAC's interest in the joint venture exceeds 50%.

On June 27, 2023, the Company signed a third amending agreement to the PIL Option Agreement with ATAC Resources Ltd. modifying the second- and third-year additional expenditure requirements from \$900,000 in 2023 and \$1,200,00 in 2024 respectively, to \$400,000 in 2023 and \$1,700,000 in 2024. ATAC had exceeded the expenditure requirement in 2022 by over \$250,000 which has accrued to 2023.

On July 10, 2023, ATAC Resources Ltd. announced the completion of its merger with Hecla Mining and the spin-out of the new exploration company, Cascadia Minerals Ltd. As a result of this transaction, the PIL Property Option Agreement was assigned to Cascadia Minerals Ltd. from ATAC Resources Ltd.

#### *Previous Quarters relating to the PIL Property*

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022, ATAC Resources Ltd. ("ATAC"), the property optionor, ATAC Resources Ltd. ("ATAC"), completed field work at the PIL property. Highlights included,

- Prospecting returned high-grade samples, including 78.3 g/t gold with 2,830 g/t silver at the Atlas target and 18.4% copper with 111 g/t silver at the Spruce target.
- Sampling at the PIL South target returned strong mineralization in outcrop, including 3.9% copper and 601 ppm molybdenum in a large underexplored 2.3 x 1.5 km copper-gold ± silver-lead-zinc soil anomaly.
- Geophysical surveys identified a strong chargeability response underlying the PIL South target area within propylitically altered volcanic rocks, and
- Crews completed a Phase 2 program, including additional prospecting at PIL South and Atlas, and re-sampling of historic Atlas core.

This first phase of exploration work at PIL included prospecting, mapping, hyperspectral alteration sampling, soil sampling, and IP surveys. A total of 295 rock samples and 589 soil samples were collected and sent for assaying; 10 line- kms of IP were also completed on the Spruce, PIL South and Copper Ridge targets.

In 2020, Finlay conducted a property-wide data compilation and targeting review which was followed up by a field-based exploration program including mapping, soil sampling and prospecting. The data compilation and subsequent exploration program identified and confirmed 11 targets which includes Cu-Au porphyry and epithermal type of targets. (Reference: News Release 06-20: Finlay Minerals Completes its 2020 PIL Property Field Work dated December 16, 2020.)

No deep drilling has ever been conducted on any of the PIL Property's mineralized zones.

Further details are available on the Finlay website under the **PIL Property**.

#### **ATTY Property:**

The ATTY Property adjoins Centerra Gold's (former AuRico Gold's) Kemess Project. The Kemess Project has three components to it: the existing Kemess South milling facility, the Environmental Assessment approved Kemess Underground deposit, which is within 1.0 km of ATTY's border and under construction, and the Kemess East deposit which is adjacent to the Kemess Underground deposit and contiguous with the ATTY property boundary.

No field work was conducted on the ATTY in the second quarter of 2023, however, an application for a multi-year exploration permit was submitted to the Ministry of Energy, Mines & Low Carbon Innovation on the ATTY Property in the first quarter of the year and the Company has received confirmation of the advancement of the application.

#### *Previous quarters related to the ATTY Property*

On August 26, 2022, the Company announced that, further to its news release issued on July 11, 2022, the Company had closed its acquisition of the ATG Property from Electrum Resource Corporation ("Electrum"), expanding Finlay's ATTY Property by 33% to 4,498 hectares. The acquisition was completed pursuant to the terms of an agreement dated and announced on July 11, 2022, between the Company and Electrum.

The Transaction was subject to acceptance by the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSXV") pursuant to TSXV Policy 5.3. Final approval by the TSXV was obtained on November 17, 2022.

In the third quarter of 2022 a 4-day program of trenching, and soil and rock sampling at the Attycelley and KEM targets was completed. The Attycelley target is an east-northeast-trending, steeply south-dipping, low-sulphidation epithermal vein system along a similar trending fault/shear. The structure exhibits intense oxidation and clay alteration associated with meter-scale quartz-carbonate-galena-sphalerite-chalcopryrite-pyrite veins.



The Attycelley target is east-northeast of the KEM target. Mapping and sampling have demonstrated mineralization over 500 m in length striking to the east and dipping steeply to the south. Based on past and 2022 geological mapping, the Attycelley target coincides with a structure mapped for 2,200 m along strike, with potential for mineralization along its entire length. The structure appears to extend west-southwest to the KEM target.

During the 2022 field program, mineralization along the shear zone was exposed and sampled in three (3) hand-dug trenches, the extents of which were limited by overburden cover; mineralization in all three trenches is open laterally.

#### *Attycelley Trench Assay Results:*

<b>Trench ID</b>	<b>From (m)</b>	<b>To (m)</b>	<b>Interval (m)</b>	<b>Au (g/t)</b>	<b>Ag (g/t)</b>	<b>Cu (%)</b>	<b>Pb (%)</b>	<b>Zn (%)</b>
<b>Trench 1</b>	0	2	2	0.38	11.3	0.07	0.21	0.70
<b>Trench 2</b>	0	11	11	0.04	32.4	0.34	1.07	2.98
<b>including</b>	0	6	6	0.02	3.0	0.16	0.36	4.11
<b>including</b>	6	11	5	0.06	67.8	0.55	1.92	1.63
<b>including</b>	7	8	1	0.18	198.0	1.62	8.23	0.88
<b>Trench 3</b>	0	2	2	0.11	9.3	0.11	0.48	0.35

Trench 1 was sampled across 5 m, and the first two (0-2 m) samples were mineralized within sheared, chloritized, and oxidized volcanic rocks and averaged 11.3 g/t Ag, 0.07 % Cu, 0.21 % Pb, 0.70 % Zn, and 0.38 g/t Au. Mineralization in quartz-carbonate veins included malachite stains, blebby chalcopyrite, and pods of galena.

Trench 2 was the western and longest trench. The trench was 11 m long. Sampling was done on 1 m intervals and included 1 m (7-8 m) grading 198 g/t Ag, 1.62 % Cu, 8.23 % Pb, 0.88 % Zn, and 0.18 g/t Au, within 11 m grading 32.4 g/t Ag, 0.34 % Cu, 1.07 % Pb, 2.98 % Zn, and 0.04 g/t Au.

Trench 3 was sampled across 2 m of sheared, chloritized oxidized volcanic rock, with calcite-quartz veining mineralized by pyrite, malachite, chalcopyrite, and blebby galena. The 2 m interval averaged 9.3 g/t Ag, 0.11 % Cu, 0.48 % Pb, 0.35 % Zn, and 0.11 g/t Au.

Trenches 1 and 3 were sampled using a typical channel saw along the desired length with 1 m continuous sample intervals. Trench 2 was channel sampled by chipping the heavily altered and oxidized rock with a shovel and hammer and sampling composite 1 m sample intervals.

The KEM target consists of a multi-oriented mineralized vein/breccia swarm underlain by a deep high chargeability anomaly as indicated by induced polarization (IP) surveys. KEM is considered a porphyry Cu-Au target due to its characteristic alteration and vein assemblages. The occurrence lies 1.8 km north of the Kemess North Trend which hosts Centerra Gold's Kemess Underground and Kemess East porphyry deposits. The Kemess East deposit is truncated at its eastern margin by a northwest-trending fault which extends onto the ATTY property and west of the KEM target area. The 2022 exploration program expanded the extent of the known mineralization and further supports the potential for a porphyry system at the KEM Target. Alteration mapping north of historic drilling showed a gradational increase in the intensity of propylitic alteration northward, with exposures of weak potassic alteration assemblages in the far north. Multiphase quartz-carbonate-chalcopyrite-malachite-pyrite veins range in thickness from 5 cm – 2.0 m, and trend subparallel to topography for > 1 kilometre.

The 2022 KEM rock samples, of which there were 31 samples, consisted of mineralized veins, breccias and altered country rock. Samples yielded up to 0.61 g/t Au, 49.5 g/t Ag, and 1.10 % Cu. Average assay values for the rock samples were 0.11 g/t Au, 0.29 % Cu and 14.9 g/t Ag.

#### *Selected Rock Sample Highlights from the KEM Target:*

<b>Sample Description</b>	<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Easting</b>	<b>Northing</b>	<b>Au (g/t)</b>	<b>Cu (%)</b>	<b>Ag (g/t)</b>
Composite 1 m chip sample over chloritized and brecciated basalt with	F927467	637361	6329178	0.24	0.5	44.1



Sample Description	Sample ID	Easting	Northing	Au (g/t)	Cu (%)	Ag (g/t)
quartz and calcite matrix						
Quartz-carbonate oxidized vein with malachite	F927466	637368	6329182	0.09	1.08	36.7
Augite phyric basalt cut by quartz and calcite veining and pervasively chlorite and epidote altered	F927482	637843	6328962	0.61	0.29	3.7
Crystalline epidote-hematite-quartz-chalcopryrite-magnetite veins cross-cutting propylitic altered basalt	F927483	637838	6328958	0.47	0.24	1.4
Multiple parallel stages of quartz-chalcopryrite, quartz-calcite-hematite-chalcopryrite and vein breccia	F927464	637388	6329240	0.04	0.85	49.5
Quartz-calcite-chalcopryrite matrix within a brecciated propylitic altered augite phyric basalt	F927462	637430	6329243	0.07	0.64	31.2
Vuggy quartz breccia and parallel wide coxcomb quartz-chalcopryrite vein	F927461	637413	6329227	0.01	0.74	33.5
Cross cutting oxidized quartz-chlorite-malachite vein and oxidized quartz-calcite-chalcopryrite breccia vein	F927484	637803	6328973	0.32	0.23	18.3

These KEM rock samples are from outcrops and the field sampling was selective. The 2022 ATTY program included a total of 71 rock, 18 channel/chip, and 162 soil samples. Additionally, numerous mapping points, structural measurements, and alteration chips for spectral analysis were collected.

Further details are available on the Finlay website under the **ATTY Property**.

### Summary of Quarterly Results

The following table sets forth selected financial information for each of the last eight most recently completed quarters:

	Quarters Ended			
	June 30, 2023	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Revenue	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	(\$60,908)	(\$17,351)	(\$24,149)	(\$122,737)
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) per share	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	\$0.00	(\$0.01)
	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	September 30, 2021
Revenue	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	(\$149,577)	(\$88,375)	\$25,776	(\$942,954)
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) per share	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.01)

### Financial Condition

At June 30, 2023, the Company had Current Assets of \$688,373 (December 31, 2022 - \$345,513). Net mineral property costs for the period totalled \$95,543. Comparatively, mineral property costs for the period ended December 31, 2022, were \$1,267,173.

During the six months ended June 30, 2023, general and administrative expenses for the period were \$155,689

compared to \$284,987 on June 30, 2022. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease of \$68,677 in legal, a decrease of \$44,984 in advertising and promotion, a decrease of \$16,693 in trust and filing fees, a decrease of \$4,954 in office and administration, a decrease of \$3,395 in accounting and a decrease of \$2,910 in bank charges and interest. This was offset by an increase in First Nations consulting fees of \$5,366 and an increase in travel and accommodation of \$5,195. All other general and administrative costs were relatively similar to those incurred in the previous year's six-month period.

At June 30, 2023, the Company had working capital of \$600,210 (December 31, 2022 - \$285,662).

There has been no change in the nature or manner in which business is conducted nor in business conditions which would affect the Company's financial results. All results are reported in Canadian dollars.

### **Capital Resources and Liquidity**

The Company is in the exploration stage and therefore has no cash flow from operations. At June 30, 2023, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$504,756 (December 31, 2021 - \$216,599).

At June 30, 2023, the Company had \$6,846 (December 31, 2022 - \$35,695) in GST receivable.

At present, the Company's operations do not generate cash flows and its financial success is dependent on management's ability to discover economically viable mineral deposits. The mineral exploration process can take many years and is subject to factors that are beyond the Company's control.

The Company currently has sufficient financial resources to meet its current administrative overhead, property commitments and planned exploration activities.

### **Investor Relations**

The Company continues to liaise directly with investors. The Company also maintains a website at [www.finlayminerals.com](http://www.finlayminerals.com) for investor reference.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

### **Proposed Transactions**

None.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

A detailed summary of all the Company's significant accounting policies is included in Note 2 of the Company's December 31, 2022, audited financial statements.

### **Financial Instruments and Financial Risk**

The Company recognizes financial assets and liabilities on the condensed interim balance sheet when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

#### **Financial assets**

Cash and cash equivalents are classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Investment in ATAC Resources Ltd. is classified, at the Company's election, as subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income. Investment transactions are recognized on the trade date with transaction costs included in the underlying balance. Fair values are determined by reference to quoted market prices at the statement of financial position date.

Reclamation deposits are classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost.

#### **Financial liabilities**

Trade payables are non-interest bearing if paid when due and are recognized at face amount, except when fair value is materially different. Trade payables are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Due to related parties is subsequently measured at amortized cost.

### **Outstanding Share Data**

The Company has one class of common share. As at August 23, 2023, there were 138,111,232 common shares outstanding.

No class A or class B preference shares have been issued.

The Company has a stock option plan. As at August 23, 2023, there were 10,400,000 stock options outstanding, all of which have vested.

The Company has 20,815,049 warrants outstanding at August 23, 2023.

The Company has Nil agent compensation options outstanding at August 23, 2023.

### **Subsequent Events**

On July 4, 2023, the Company paid a \$13,400 reclamation bond pursuant to its application to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation for a multi-year exploration permit on its ATTY Property.

On July 9, 2023, 26,565,637 of the Company's warrants expired unexercised.

On July 9, 2023, 1,511,323 Agent's Compensation Options expired unexercised.

On July 10, 2023, ATAC Resources Ltd. announced the completion of its merger with Hecla Mining and the spin-out exploration company, Cascadia Minerals Ltd. As a result of this transaction, the Company's 851,285 ATAC Resources Ltd. shares were converted to 14,131 Hecla Mining Company shares and 85,128 Cascadia Mineral shares. Additionally, the PIL Property Option Agreement was assigned to Cascadia Minerals Ltd. from ATAC Resources Ltd.

On August 9, 2023, the Company reported that a LiDAR survey was completed on its Silver Hope Property covering 180 kilometres<sup>2</sup> of the property including the Main Trend, Equity East, Allin, and the Sam Zones. The survey resulted in the generation of a detailed digital elevation model which will be used to further refine targets. Additional field work is being planned once the ALS GoldSpot targeting report is completed and the forest fire hazards abate.

Also on August 9, 2023, the Company reported that Cascadia Minerals, the optionor and partner on the PIL Property, had funding and plans in place for a summer field program on the PIL consisting of geophysical surveys, prospecting, and mapping to prioritize targets for drilling in 2024.

On August 21, 2023, pursuant to the Company's 10% Rolling Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"), as most recently re-approved by its shareholders on June 23, 2023 and approved by the TSX Venture Exchange on July 20, 2023, the Company granted stock options to six directors and two officers exercisable for the issuance of up to 5,050,000 common shares of the Company. The Stock Options are exercisable at a price of \$0.05 per share for a period of 5 years expiring on August 21, 2028 and are subject to the terms of the Plan. The Stock Options, and any common shares of the Company issued upon exercise of the Stock Options, will be subject to a four-month resale restriction until December 22, 2023.

On August 22, 2023, the Company announced that it had received a multi-year exploration permit for its ATTY Property.

### **Financial Instrument Risks**

The Company's financial instruments are exposed to the following risks:

#### *Credit Risk*

The Company's primary exposure to credit risk is the risk of illiquidity of cash and cash equivalents, amounting to \$504,756 at June 30, 2023 (December 31, 2022 - \$216,599). As the Company's policy is to limit cash holdings to instruments issued by major Canadian banks, or investments of equivalent or better quality, the credit risk is considered by management to be negligible.

#### *Liquidity Risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to pay financial instrument liabilities as they come due. The Company's liquidity risk from financial instruments is its need to meet accounts payable and accrued liabilities and related party balance obligations. The Company maintained sufficient cash and cash equivalent balances to meet these needs at June 30, 2023.

#### *Interest Rate Risk*

The Company has cash balances. The Company's current policy is to invest excess cash in investment-grade short-term deposit certificates issued by its banking institutions. The Company periodically monitors the investments it makes and is satisfied with the credit ratings of its banks.

#### *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

The fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities approximates the carrying amount. Financial instruments measured at fair value are classified into one of three levels in the fair value hierarchy according to the relative reliability of the inputs used to estimate the fair values. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

- Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 – Inputs that are not based on observable market data.

The fair value classification of the Company's financial instruments are as follows:

		June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
	Fair value level	Fair value through other comprehensive income	Fair value through other comprehensive income
		\$	\$
<i>Financial assets:</i>			
Investment in ATAC Resources Ltd.	1	110,667	63,846

Refer to Subsequent Events for ATAC Resources Ltd. now Cascadia Minerals Ltd.

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, and the year ended December 31, 2022, there were no transfers between level 1, level 2 and level 3 classified assets and liabilities.

## **RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES**

Risks of the Company's business include the following:

### ***Mining Industry***

The exploration for and development of mineral deposits involves significant risks, which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. While the discovery of an ore body may result in substantial rewards, few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Major expenses may be required to establish ore reserves, to develop metallurgical processes and to construct mining and processing facilities at a particular site. It is impossible to ensure that the current exploration programs planned by the Company will result in a profitable commercial mining operation.

Whether a mineral deposit will be commercially viable depends on a number of factors, some of which are the particular attributes of the deposit, such as size, grade and proximity to infrastructure, as well as metal prices which are highly cyclical and government regulations, including regulations relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of these factors may result in the Company not receiving an adequate return on invested capital.

Mining operations generally involve a high degree of risk. The Company's operations are subject to all the hazards and risks normally encountered in the exploration, development and production of ore, including unusual and unexpected geology formations, rock bursts, cave-ins, flooding and other conditions involved in the drilling and removal of material, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of, mines and other producing facilities, damage to life or property, environmental damage and possible legal liability. Although adequate precautions to minimize risk will be taken, milling operations are subject to hazards such as equipment failure or failure of retaining dams around tailings disposal areas, which may result in environmental pollution and consequent liability.

The Company's mineral exploration activities are directed towards the search, evaluation and development of mineral deposits. There is no certainty that the expenditures to be made by the Company as described herein will result in discoveries of commercial quantities of ore. There is aggressive competition within the mining industry for the discovery and acquisition of properties considered to have commercial potential. The Company will compete with other interests, many of which have greater financial resources than it will have for the opportunity to participate in promising projects. Significant capital investment is required to achieve commercial production from successful exploration efforts.

### **Government Regulation**

The exploration activities of the Company are subject to various federal, provincial and local laws governing prospecting, development, production, taxes, labour standards and occupational health, mine safety, toxic substance and other matters. Exploration activities are also subject to various federal, provincial and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. These laws mandate, among other things, the maintenance of air and water quality standards, and land reclamation. These laws also set forth limitations on the generation, transportation, storage and disposal of solid and hazardous waste. Although the Company's exploration activities are currently carried out in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, no assurance can be given that new rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be applied in a manner which could limit or curtail production or development. Amendments to current laws and regulations governing operations and activities of exploration, mining and milling or more stringent implementation thereof could have a substantial adverse impact on the Company.

### **Permits and Licenses**

The exploitation and development of mineral properties may require the Company to obtain regulatory or other permits and licenses from various governmental licensing bodies. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain all necessary permits and licenses that may be required to carry out exploration, development and mining operations on its properties.

### **Environmental Risks and Hazards**

All phases of the Company's mineral exploration operations are subject to environmental regulation in the various jurisdictions in which it operates. 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. There is no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect the Company's operations. Environmental hazards may exist on the properties on which the Company holds interests which are unknown to the Company at present, which have been caused, by previous or existing owners or operators of the properties. The Company may become liable for such environmental hazards caused by previous owners and operators of the properties even where it has attempted to contractually limit its liability.

Government approvals and permits are currently, and may in the future be, required in connection with the Company's operations. To the extent such approvals are required and not obtained, the Company may be curtailed or prohibited from proceeding with planned exploration or development of mineral properties.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions thereunder, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. Parties engaged in mining operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of the mining activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

Amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of mining companies, or

more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on the Company and cause increases in exploration expenses, capital expenditures or production costs or reduction in levels of production at producing properties or require abandonment or delays in development of new mining properties.

Production of mineral properties may involve the use of dangerous and hazardous substances such as sodium cyanide. While all steps will be taken to prevent discharges of pollutants into the ground water, the Company may become subject to liability for hazards that cannot be insured against.

### **Commodity Prices**

The profitability of mining operations is significantly affected by changes in the market price of gold and other minerals. The level of interest rates, the rate of inflation, world supply of these minerals and stability of exchange rates can all cause significant fluctuations in base metal prices. Such external economic factors are in turn influenced by changes in international investment patterns and monetary systems and political developments. The price of gold and other minerals has fluctuated widely in recent years, and future serious price declines could cause continued commercial production to be impracticable. Depending on the price of gold and other minerals, cash flow from mining operations may not be sufficient. Any figures for reserves presented by the Company will be estimates and no assurance can be given that the anticipated tonnages and grades will be achieved or that the indicated level of recovery will be realized. Market fluctuations and the price of gold and other minerals may render reserves uneconomical. Moreover, short-term operating factors relating to the reserves, such as the need for orderly development of the ore bodies or the processing of new or different grades of ore, may cause a mining operation to be unprofitable in any particular accounting period.

### **Uninsured Risks**

The Company carries insurance to protect against certain risks in such amounts as it considers adequate. Risks not insured against include environmental pollution or other hazards against which such corporations cannot insure or against which they may elect not to insure.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Certain of the directors of the Company also serve as directors and/or officers of other companies involved in natural resource exploration and development. Consequently, there exists the possibility for such directors to be in a position of conflict. Any decision made by such directors involving the Company will be made in accordance with their duties and obligations to deal fairly and in good faith with the Company and such other companies. In addition, such directors will declare, and refrain from voting on, any matter in which such directors may have a conflict of interest.

### **Land Title**

Although the Company has obtained title opinions with respect to certain of its properties, there may still be undetected title defects affecting such properties. Accordingly, such properties may be subject to prior unregistered liens, agreements, transfers or claims, and title may be affected by, among other things, undetected defects which could have a material adverse impact on the Company's operations.

### **Aboriginal Land Claims**

No assurance can be given that aboriginal land claims will not be asserted in the future in which event the Company's operations and title to its properties may potentially be seriously adversely affected.

### **Forward Looking Information**

This Management Discussion and Analysis includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". All statements in this document, other than statements of historical facts, that address exploration drilling and other activities and events or developments that Finlay Minerals Ltd. ("Finlay") expects to occur, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements in this document include statements regarding the placements and future exploration plans and expenditures. Although Finlay believes the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include market prices, exploration successes, and continued availability of capital and financing and general economic, market or business conditions. These statements are based on a number of assumptions including, among other things, assumptions regarding general business and economic conditions, the timing and receipt of regulatory and governmental approvals for the

transactions described herein, the ability of Finlay and other parties to satisfy stock exchange and other regulatory requirements in a timely manner, the availability of financing for Finlay's proposed transactions and programs on reasonable terms, and the ability of third party service providers to deliver services in a timely manner. Investors are cautioned that any such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Finlay does not assume any obligation to update or revise its forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

**Qualified Person**

Wade Barnes, P.Geo, Vice President, Exploration for Finlay Minerals Ltd., is the Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and has approved the technical and scientific information contained in this Management Discussion and Analysis.

Additional information relating to the Company is available on [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca)

**On behalf of the Board of Directors**

**"Robert F. Brown"**

Robert F. Brown, P. Eng., President & CEO  
Vancouver, August 23, 2023