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2017 Annual Information Form

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For the year ended December 31, 2017
Dated as of March 20, 2018

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Introduction

This annual information form (“**Annual Information Form**” or “**AIF**”) contains important information that will help you make an informed decision about investing in Sherritt International Corporation. It describes Sherritt International Corporation, its businesses and activities as well as risks and other factors that affect its business.

The information contained in this Annual Information Form relates to Sherritt International Corporation, its subsidiaries, its interest in an associate, and its proportionate interest in joint ventures for the year ended December 31, 2017, where applicable, unless otherwise indicated.

The information, including any financial information, disclosed in this Annual Information Form is stated as of December 31, 2017 or for the year ended December 31, 2017, as applicable, unless otherwise indicated. In this Annual Information Form, references to the “**Corporation**” or “**Sherritt**” are to Sherritt International Corporation together with its subsidiaries, its interest in an associate, and its proportionate interest in joint ventures. References to “**management**” are, unless otherwise indicated, to senior management of the Corporation.

Except as otherwise indicated, all dollar amounts in this Annual Information Form are expressed in Canadian dollars and references to “**\$**” are to Canadian dollars. As of December 31, 2017 and March 19, 2018, the United States/Canada Dollar exchange rates, as reported by the Bank of Canada, were US\$0.80/Cdn.\$1.00 and US\$0.76/Cdn.\$1.00, respectively.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Information Form contains certain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the use of statements that include such words as “believe”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “intend”, “plan”, “forecast”, “likely”, “may”, “will”, “could”, “should”, “suspect”, “outlook”, “projected”, “continue” or other similar words or phrases. Specifically, forward-looking statements in this document include but are not limited to, statements respecting certain expectations regarding capital costs and expenditures; capital project completion dates; sales volumes; revenue, costs and earnings; sufficiency of working capital and capital project funding; completion of development and exploration wells; restructuring plan cost savings; and amounts of certain joint venture commitments.

Forward-looking statements are not based on historical facts, but rather on current expectations, assumptions and projections about future events, including commodity and product prices and demand; the level of liquidity and access to funding; share-price volatility; realized prices for production; earnings and revenues; development and exploration wells and enhanced oil recovery in Cuba; environmental rehabilitation provisions; availability of regulatory approvals; compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations; debt repayments; collection of accounts receivable; and certain corporate objectives, goals and plans for 2018. By their nature, forward-looking statements require the Corporation to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. There is significant risk that predictions, forecasts, conclusions or projections will not prove to be accurate, that those assumptions may not be correct and that actual results may differ materially from such predictions, forecasts, conclusions or projections.

The Corporation cautions readers of this Annual Information Form not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement as a number of factors could cause actual future results, conditions, actions or events to differ materially from the targets, expectations, estimates or intentions expressed in the forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, changes in the global price for nickel, cobalt, oil and gas or certain other commodities; share-price volatility; level of liquidity; access to capital; access to financing; risks related to the liquidity of the Ambatovy Joint Venture (as defined below); the risk to Sherritt's entitlements to future distributions from the Ambatovy Joint Venture (as defined below); risk of future non-compliance with debt restrictions and covenants; risks associated with the Corporation's joint venture partners; variability in production at Sherritt's operations in Madagascar and Cuba; potential interruptions in transportation; uncertainty of gas supply for electrical generation; uncertainty of exploration results and Sherritt's ability to replace depleted mineral and oil and gas reserves; the Corporation's reliance on key personnel and skilled workers; the possibility of equipment and other failures; the potential for shortages of equipment and supplies; risks associated with mining, processing and refining activities; uncertainty of resources and reserve estimates; uncertainties in environmental rehabilitation provisions estimates; risks related to the Corporation's corporate structure; political, economic and other risks of foreign operations; risks related to Sherritt's operations in Cuba; risks related to the U.S. government policy toward Cuba, including the U.S. embargo on Cuba and the Helms-Burton legislation; risks related to Sherritt's operations in Madagascar; risks associated with Sherritt's development, construction and operation of large projects generally; risks related to the accuracy of capital and operating cost estimates; reliance on significant customers; foreign exchange and pricing risks; compliance with applicable environment, health and safety legislation and other associated matters; risks associated with governmental regulations regarding greenhouse gas emissions; maintaining the Corporation's social license to grow and operate; risks relating to community relations; credit risks; shortage of equipment and supplies; competition in product markets; future market access; interest rate changes; risks in obtaining insurance; uncertainties in labour relations; uncertainty in the ability of the Corporation to enforce legal rights in foreign jurisdictions; uncertainty regarding the interpretation and/or application of the applicable laws in foreign jurisdictions; legal contingencies; risks related to the Corporation's accounting policies; risks associated with future acquisitions; uncertainty in the ability of the Corporation to obtain government permits; risks to information technologies systems and cybersecurity; failure to comply with, or changes to, applicable government regulations; bribery and corruption risks, including failure to comply with the *Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act* or applicable local anti-corruption law; uncertainties in growth management; the ability to accomplish corporate objectives, goals and plans for 2018; and the Corporation's ability to meet other factors listed from time to time in the Corporation's continuous disclosure documents. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive and should be considered in conjunction with the risk factors described in this Annual Information Form and in the Corporation's other documents filed with the Canadian securities authorities.

The Corporation may, from time to time, make oral forward-looking statements. The Corporation advises that the above paragraph and the risk factors described in this Annual Information Form and in the Corporation's other documents filed with the Canadian securities authorities should be read for a description of certain factors that could cause the actual results of the Corporation to differ materially from those in the oral forward-looking statements. The forward-looking information and statements contained in this Annual Information Form are made as of the date hereof and the Corporation undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any oral or written forward-looking information or statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable securities laws. The forward-looking information and statements contained herein are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

Scientific and Technical Information

Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves and Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources have been estimated in accordance with the definitions of these terms adopted by the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (the "**CIM**") in May 2014 and incorporated in National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* ("**NI 43-101**") by Canadian securities regulatory authorities. All of the Corporation's oil and gas reserves have been evaluated, on an annual basis, in accordance with National Instrument 51-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities* ("**NI 51-101**") and the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook (the "**COGE Handbook**") prepared by the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers.

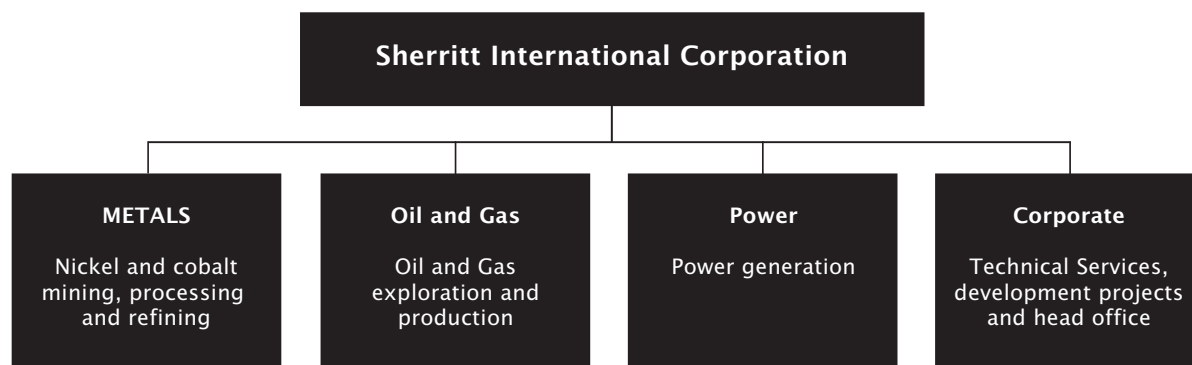
Glossary of Terms

Please see Schedule 'A' of this AIF for a glossary of certain terms and abbreviations used in this document.

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1. Overview of the Business

Sherritt is based in Toronto, Ontario and is a leader in the mining and refining of nickel and cobalt from lateritic ores with projects and operations in Canada, Cuba and Madagascar. The Corporation is the largest independent energy producer in Cuba, with extensive oil and power operations on the island. Sherritt licenses its proprietary technologies and provides metallurgical services to mining and refining operations worldwide. The common shares (“**Shares**”) of the Corporation are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “**TSX**”), trading under the symbol “S”.



METALS

Sherritt is an industry leader in the mining, processing and refining of nickel and cobalt from lateritic ore bodies. Sherritt has a 50/50 partnership with General Nickel Company S.A. (“**GNC**”) of Cuba (the “**Moa Joint Venture**”) and a 12% interest in Ambatovy Minerals S.A. (“**AMSA**”) and Dynatec Madagascar S.A. (“**DMSA**”) and together with AMSA, the “**Ambatovy Joint Venture**”) which owns a significant nickel operation in Madagascar. In addition, Sherritt has wholly-owned fertilizer, sulphuric acid, utilities and storage facilities in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, Canada (“**Fertilizers**”) that provide additional sources of income.

The Moa Joint Venture mines, processes and refines nickel and cobalt for sale worldwide (except in the United States). The Moa Joint Venture is a vertically-integrated joint venture that mines lateritic ore by open pit methods and processes them at its facilities at Moa, Cuba into mixed sulphides containing nickel and cobalt. The mixed sulphides are transported to the refining facilities in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. The resulting nickel and cobalt products are sold to various markets, primarily in Europe, Japan and China. Pursuant to an expansion agreement signed in March 2005, the Cuban State granted the Moa Joint Venture resource concessions ensuring 25 years of production post expansion. At current operating conditions, the concessions of the Moa Joint Venture are planned to be mined until at least 2033.

The Fertilizers’ facilities at Fort Saskatchewan provide inputs (ammonia, sulphuric acid and utilities) for the Moa Joint Venture’s metals refinery, produce agriculture fertilizer for sale in Western Canada and provide storage facilities. The refinery facilities in Fort Saskatchewan have an annual production capacity of approximately 35,000 (100% basis) tonnes of nickel and approximately 3,800 (100% basis) tonnes of cobalt.

The Ambatovy Joint Venture is one of the world’s largest, vertically integrated, nickel mining, processing and refining operations utilizing lateritic ore. Sherritt is the operator of the mine and refining facilities. Sherritt’s partners in the Ambatovy Joint Venture include Sumitomo Corporation (“**Sumitomo**”) and Korea Resources Corporation (“**KORES**”) and together with Sherritt and Sumitomo, the “**Ambatovy Partners**”). The Ambatovy Joint Venture has two nickel deposits located near Moramanga (eastern-central Madagascar) which are planned to be exploited over a 29-year period, based on current reserve and resource estimates.

OIL AND GAS

Sherritt’s Oil and Gas division explores for and produces oil and gas primarily from reservoirs located offshore, but in close proximity to the coastline along the north coast of Cuba. Specialized long reach directional drilling methods are being used to economically exploit these reserves from land-based drilling locations.

1. Overview of the Business (cont.)

Under the terms of its production-sharing contracts (“**PSCs**”), Sherritt’s net production is made up of an allocation from gross working-interest production (cost-recovery oil) to allow recovery of all approved costs in addition to a negotiated percentage of the remaining production (profit oil). The pricing for oil produced by Sherritt in Cuba is based on a discount to U.S. Gulf Coast High Sulfur Fuel Oil (“**USGC HSFO**”) reference prices.

Sherritt currently has an interest in four PSCs, one PSC which is developed and in the production stage and the remaining three PSCs in the exploration phase.

In addition, Sherritt holds working-interests in several oil fields and the related production platform located in the Gulf of Valencia in Spain and a working interest in a natural gas field in Pakistan.

POWER

Sherritt’s primary power generating assets are located in Cuba at Varadero, Boca de Jaruco and Puerto Escondido. These assets are held by Sherritt through its one-third interest in Energas S.A. (“**Energas**”), which is a Cuban joint arrangement established to process raw natural gas and generate electricity for sale to the Cuban national electrical grid. Cuban government agencies Unién Eléctrica (“**UNE**”) and Unión Cubapetróleo (“**CUPET**”) hold the remaining two-thirds interest in Energas.

Raw natural gas is supplied free of charge to Energas by CUPET as part of its obligations as outlined in the Association Agreement (as defined below). The processing of raw natural gas produces clean natural gas, used to generate electricity, as well as by-products such as condensate and liquefied petroleum gas. All of Energas’ electrical generation is purchased by UNE under long-term fixed-price contracts while the by-products are purchased by CUPET or a Cuban entity providing natural gas to the City of Havana at market based prices. Sherritt provides the financing for the construction of the Energas facilities and is repaid from the cash flows generated by the facilities.

The Energas facilities, which are comprised of the two combined cycle plants at Varadero and Boca de Jaruco that produce electricity using steam generated from the waste heat captured from the gas turbines, plus the single cycle plant at Puerto Escondido, combine for a total electrical generating capacity of 506 MW.

CORPORATE AND OTHER

Commercial and Technologies

Sherritt’s Commercial and Technologies group (“**Commercial and Technologies**”) provides technical support, marketing and bulk commodity procurement services to Sherritt’s operating divisions and identifies opportunities for the Corporation as a result of its international activities and research and development activities. Its activities include evaluating, developing and commercializing process technologies for natural resource-based industries, in particular for the hydrometallurgical recovery of non-ferrous metals, marketing Sherritt’s refined nickel and cobalt finished products and securing critical raw materials and feedstocks for the hydrometallurgical operations.

1.1 Three-Year History

2015

Tax Rate Reductions in Cuba

During the first quarter of 2015, clarification was received from the Cuban government regarding the application of tax rate reductions in Cuba due to a new foreign investment law.

Operation	Prior Statutory Tax Rate	Revised Statutory Tax Rate
Oil and Gas	30%	22.5%
Power	30%	15%
Metals – Moa	45%	22.5%

As a result of these changes, for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015 the Corporation recognized a tax recovery of \$40.7 million in Oil and Gas and \$2.6 million in the Moa Joint Venture.

Dividend

On September 17, 2015, the Corporation announced that as part of a comprehensive initiative to cut operating costs and capital spending, the \$0.01 per Share quarterly dividend was suspended. The quarterly dividend has not been reinstated.

Ambatovy Financial Completion

Ambatovy financial completion was announced by press release on September 21, 2015. Ten certificates were filed to meet the financial completion criteria, covering a range of construction, operational, environmental, financial and legal obligations. With financial completion achieved, the financing agreements relating to the Ambatovy Joint Venture (the “**Ambatovy Financing Agreements**”) are now non-recourse to all of the Ambatovy Partners, including the Corporation.

Financings

On September 28, 2015, the Corporation amended the terms of its syndicated revolving-term credit facility (the “**Syndicated Facility**”) to extend the maturity date to November 30, 2016 and increase the maximum credit available from \$90 million to \$115 million.

On September 28, 2015, the Corporation amended the terms of its line of credit to extend the maturity date to November 30, 2016 and increase the maximum credit available from \$20 to \$35 million. This facility was subject to the same financial covenants and borrowing rates as Syndicated Facility. The line of credit was repaid and terminated in February 2016.

LME Acceptance

On September 29, 2015, Sherritt received notice that the Ambatovy Joint Venture’s finished nickel briquettes met the standards to qualify for delivery to London Metal Exchange (“**LME**”) warehouses. With the Ambatovy Joint Venture’s LME acceptance, nickel briquettes from all of Sherritt’s nickel operations are LME deliverable, allowing Sherritt or its customers the flexibility and commercial advantage of delivering nickel product to LME warehouses where logistics benefits exist or to mitigate short term variance in customer demand.

Impairments

In the third quarter of 2015, the Corporation recorded an impairment expense of \$80.6 million on its oil assets in Cuba and Spain. This impairment was a result of lower oil price forecasts and poor drilling results from development wells in respect of the Puerto Escondido/Yumuri extension.

1. Overview of the Business (cont.)

In the fourth quarter of 2015, the Ambatovy Joint Venture recorded an impairment of US\$2.4 billion (100% basis) due to lower forecasted nickel prices. The impairment recorded at the Sherritt level is \$1.6 billion after tax, consisting of \$1.3 billion representing Sherritt's 40% share of the Ambatovy Joint Venture's impairment and \$0.3 billion from the incremental carrying value of Sherritt's Ambatovy Joint Venture assets, primarily related to mineral rights acquired from Dynatec Corporation ("**Dynatec**") in 2007.

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Ambatovy Joint Venture Financing

In August 2016, the Senior Lenders agreed to up to six principal payment deferrals totaling US\$565.1 million (100% basis), which are to be repaid on a schedule starting in June 2021, or earlier subject to cash flow generation. Until June 2019, the Ambatovy Joint Venture will pay semi-annual interest payments only (approximately US\$56.0 million per year) and will not make any principal payments unless there is sufficient free cash flow after required deductions. Deferred principal will be subject to a 2% accrued interest calculated from the date of each deferral.

Financings

In April 2016, Sherritt amended the terms of the Syndicated Facility to revise certain financing terms and covenants.

In July 2016, the extension of maturity dates of (i) the Corporation's 8.00% Senior Unsecured Debentures (the "**8.00% Debentures**"), (ii) the Corporation's 7.50% Senior Unsecured Debentures (the "**7.50% Debentures**"), and (iii) the Corporation's 7.875% Senior Unsecured Debentures (the "**7.875% Debentures**", and together with the 8.00% Debentures and the 7.50% Debentures, the "**Debentures**") by three years from 2018, 2020 and 2022 to 2021, 2023 and 2025 respectively (the "**Extension**"), was approved. The applicable interest rates and existing covenants for the Debentures remain unchanged. The Debenture holders that voted in favour of the Extension received, at the option of the Debenture holder, either: (a) cash consent consideration equal to 2% of the principal amount of the debentures; or (b) 73.25 warrants for each \$1,000 of principal amount of debentures held. The warrants have a term of five years, are not listed on any exchange, have an exercise price of \$0.74 per Share and are exercisable at any time.

Cash consent fees paid to Debenture holders that voted in favour of the extension and other transaction fees totaled \$14.8 million. In addition, 19.1 million warrants were granted to Debenture holders that elected for this option with a fair value of \$0.43 per warrant which totaled \$8.2 million.

Moa Joint Venture Acid Plant

Construction of the third acid plant at the Moa Joint Venture was completed in the second quarter of 2016, with commissioning activities and performance testing undertaken throughout the third quarter of 2016. In September, the acid plant fulfilled all performance tests producing at a 100% rate over a 72 hour period and was deemed fully commissioned.

The project was concluded within the established construction timeline and completion within the budget of US\$65.0 million (100% basis), and was Moa Nickel's first capital project to be fully financed by a Cuban financial institution.

Power Operating Lease Extension

In December 2016, the Power division received approval from the Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba to extend the operating term of the Varadero power facilities from 2018 to 2023.

2017

Financing

On January 31, 2017, the Syndicated Facility was renewed with maximum credit available of \$90.0 million, of which \$13.7 million matured on April 21, 2017. Thereafter, the maximum amount available decreased by 4.167% quarterly beginning on April 28, 2017. The interest rates increased from prime plus 2.50% or bankers' acceptance plus 3.50% to prime plus 3.50% or bankers' acceptance plus 4.50%.

Oil and Gas

In March 2017, the Corporation announced the first drilling results from its Block 10 PSC. The well targeted the previously discovered Lower Veloz formation in the Bay of Cárdenas, Province of Matanzas, Cuba. The results from the first well have provided constructive data to optimize the drilling of the second well, again targeting the Lower Veloz formation. Drilling on the second well at Block 10 has been temporarily suspended to determine the best option to reach the target reservoir. Drilling results from the second well are expected in the third quarter of 2018.

On November 1, 2017, the Corporation was awarded a new PSC, Block 6A, on the north coast of Cuba, west of Havana. The commitments during the first subperiod consist of the collection of existing geological and geophysical information and the reprocessing and interpretation of existing 2D seismic. Based upon results of the interpretation, the Corporation will either continue into the next subperiod or relinquish the Block.

The term of the PSC for Puerto Escondido-Yumuri, which was set to expire in March 2018, was extended on new contract terms until March 20, 2021. The Corporation's PSC for Block II (Varadero West), which expired in November 2017, has reverted to the Cuban government.

Ambatovy Joint Venture

Over the course of 2017, the Ambatovy Partners continued discussions to restructure Sherritt's interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture. On December 12, 2017, Sherritt announced the closing of a restructuring of the Ambatovy Joint Venture that resulted in the transfer by Sherritt of a 28% interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture and the elimination of the Additional Partner Loans (approximately \$1.4 billion as at December 10, 2017) from Sherritt's balance sheet (the **"Ambatovy Restructuring"**). Sherritt retains a 12% ownership interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture, which will continue to secure the Initial Partner Loans of \$127.8 million (as at December 31, 2017). Sherritt has committed to remain as operator of the Ambatovy Joint Venture until at least 2024 and has regained voting rights and certain other rights that were suspended when Sherritt ceased funding.

Sherritt has resumed funding for its 12% interest retroactively to the end of 2015 and paid approximately US\$38 million to fulfill non-funding to closing, including accrued interest. Total cash funding provided by the Ambatovy Partners to fund the Ambatovy Joint Venture cash calls in 2017 was US\$117. At closing of the Ambatovy Restructuring, Sherritt made a payment of approximately US\$10 million into an escrow account to cover potential post-closing funding requirements of the Ambatovy Joint Venture. In early 2018, US\$6.3 million of this amount in escrow was used to fund a cash call for partner funding.

Production Results

Production for finished nickel and cobalt at the Moa Joint Venture in 2017 was 31,523 tonnes and 3,601 tonnes, respectively (100% basis). This production was in line with guidance that Sherritt had previously released. At the Ambatovy Joint Venture, production of finished nickel and cobalt in 2017 was 35,474 tonnes and 3,053 tonnes, respectively (100% basis). This production was below guidance due to a number of factors, including acid plant equipment failures resulting in reduced acid availability and reliability issues relating to the pressure acid leach circuit, and other unplanned maintenance activities.

1. Overview of the Business (cont.)

Gross oil production in Cuba and production by Sherritt's oil and gas operations in 2017 were both within guidance ranges. In 2017, gross oil production in Cuba was 13,479 bopd and net production from all oil and gas operations was 7,856 boepd. Production by Sherritt's Power division in 2017 of 848 GWh (33⅓% basis) was slightly below the 2017 guidance.

2018

Financings

On January 25, 2018, the Corporation completed a public offering of 94,464,440 units of the Corporation (the **"Units"**) at a price of \$1.40 per Unit for gross proceeds of approximately \$132 million. Each Unit sold in the offering consisted of one Share and one-half of one common share purchase warrant linked to the price of cobalt (each full warrant, a **"Cobalt-Linked Warrant"**). Each full Cobalt-Linked Warrant is exercisable at an exercise price of \$1.95 for a period of 36 months from January 25, 2018.

In January 2018, the maturity of the Syndicated Facility was extended to January 30, 2019 and the maximum credit available was increased from \$63.6 million to \$70 million. The total available draw is based on eligible receivables and inventory. The interest rates continue to be prime plus 3.50% or bankers' acceptance plus 4.50%. The Syndicated Facility is subject to certain financial covenants and restrictions. The principal amount outstanding under the Syndicated Facility at December 31, 2017 was \$8 million.

Dutch Auction

On February 16, 2018, the Corporation purchased approximately \$121 million principal amount of Debentures through a modified dutch auction procedure (the **"Dutch Auction"**) at an aggregate cost of approximately \$110 million plus accrued interest. Debentures that were purchased were retired and cancelled and no longer remain outstanding. Following the completion of the Dutch Auction, as of February 16, 2018, the Corporation had an aggregate total of approximately \$599 million of Debentures outstanding.

Strategic Priorities

The table below lists Sherritt's strategic priorities for 2018. As Sherritt executes on the 2018 strategic priorities, protecting the health and safety of its employees, contractors and communities will continue to be a top priority. Sherritt's purpose is to be a leader in the low-cost production of finished nickel and cobalt that creates sustainable prosperity for its employees, investors and communities.

Strategic Priorities	2018 Actions
PRESERVE LIQUIDITY AND BUILD BALANCE SHEET STRENGTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to emphasize de-leveraging of the Corporation's balance sheetOptimize working capital and maximize receivables collectionOperate Metals businesses to maintain a leadership position as a low-cost producer of finished nickel and cobalt while maximizing free cash flow
OPTIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES IN CUBAN ENERGY BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Successfully execute Block 10 drilling programReview opportunities to leverage Oil and Gas experience and relationshipsContinue to maintain strong relationships in Cuba
UPHOLD GLOBAL OPERATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN FINISHED NICKEL PRODUCTION FROM LATERITES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Protect the health and safety of all employees in all operationsAchieve peer-leading performance in environmental, health, safety and sustainabilityMaximize production of finished nickel and cobalt and improve predictability over 2017 resultsContinue to maintain strong relationships with battery manufacturersFurther reduce net direct cash cost towards the goal of being consistently in the lowest cost quartileLeverage technical innovation for the purposes of reducing operating costs and identifying new market opportunities

2. Corporate Structure

2.1 Name and Incorporation

Sherritt International Corporation, formerly Sherritt International Corp., was incorporated on October 4, 1995 by articles of incorporation under the *Business Corporations Act* (New Brunswick). The articles of incorporation were amended in 1995 and in 2004 to provide for the Corporation's current name and capital structure. The articles provide for an authorized capital consisting of an unlimited number of Shares.

On June 14, 2007, Sherritt and Dynatec were amalgamated under the *Business Corporations Act* (New Brunswick), with the amalgamated corporation named Sherritt International Corporation.

On August 1, 2007, Sherritt continued under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) by filing articles of continuance.

On December 1, 2010, Sherritt amalgamated with two of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, with the amalgamated corporation named Sherritt International Corporation.

On June 3, 2016, Sherritt continued under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* by filing articles of continuance.

Sherritt International Corporation's registered and head office is at 181 Bay St., 26th Floor, Toronto, ON M5J 2T3.

2.2 Intercorporate Relationships

Name	Jurisdiction	% of Voting Securities Held (directly or indirectly)
Ambatovy Minerals S.A.	Madagascar	12
Dynatec Madagascar S.A.	Madagascar	12
Energas S.A.	Cuba	33 $\frac{1}{3}$
International Cobalt Company Inc.	Bahamas	50
Moa Nickel S.A.	Cuba	50
Sherritt International Oil and Gas Limited	Alberta	100
Sherritt International (Cuba) Oil and Gas Limited	Barbados	100
The Cobalt Refinery Company Inc.	Alberta	50

3. Description of the Business

3.1 Metals

The Corporation's Metals operations ("**Metals**") consist of (i) a 50% interest in the Moa Joint Venture; (ii) a 12% interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture; and (iii) a 100% interest in Fertilizers.

Sherritt possesses unique capabilities in mining, processing and technical solutions, and provides metallurgical services to mining and refining operations worldwide (excluding the United States). The Corporation also owns certain fertilizer, sulphuric acid, utilities, storage and other assets located in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, Metals incurred a loss from operations of \$77.3 million on revenue of \$739.3 compared to a loss from operations of \$178.5 million on revenue of \$652.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2016. The Ambatovy Joint Venture incurred a loss from operations of \$109.5 on revenue of \$279.2 million compared to a loss from operations of \$150.9 million on revenue of \$264.8 million for the year-ended December 31, 2016. The Moa Joint Venture and Fertilizers had earnings from operations of \$31.3 million on revenue of \$417.0 million compared to a loss from operations of \$28.4 million on revenue of \$339.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Capital spending of \$20.9 million at the Moa Joint Venture (50% basis) and Fertilizers focused on sustaining capital for mining and production equipment. Capital spending of \$10.6 million (12% basis) at the Ambatovy Joint Venture focused on improving plant reliability and addressing corrosion issues, purchasing mining equipment, completing mine development works, continuing construction of the tailings management facility, and completing process improvement projects. During 2017, the Moa Joint Venture incurred exploration and development expenditures of US\$59,847 (50% basis), compared to US\$179,474 (50% basis) in 2016.

MARKET OVERVIEW

Nickel

In recent years, the worldwide nickel market price experienced a continued decline as global production has exceeded demand with significant growth in low grade ferronickel, more commonly referred to as nickel pig iron ("**NPI**"). However, in the second half of 2017, nickel prices increased due to, among other factors, strong stainless steel production in China and optimism surrounding increased nickel demand from electric vehicles. Nickel prices on the LME were higher in 2017 than in 2016. The LME average cash settlement price for 2017 was US\$4.72 per pound, an 8% increase from the 2016 average of US\$4.36 per pound. Nickel opened 2017 at US\$4.63 per pound and closed the year at US\$5.47 per pound, and traded in a range between US\$3.95 and US\$5.82 per pound.

Nickel is a heavy silver-coloured metal whose principal economic value lies in its resistance to corrosion and oxidation and excellent strength and toughness at high temperatures.

Nickel is used in the production of stainless steel, which accounts for approximately two-thirds of worldwide nickel consumption. CRU International Limited, a leading provider of market analysis in the mining and metals industry ("**CRU**"), forecasts that total nickel demand in the battery sector will rise from 4.4% in 2016 to 8.5% by 2022. Nickel is also used in the production of industrial materials, including non-ferrous steels, alloy steels, plated goods, catalysts and chemicals. In 2017, North America, Europe, Japan and China were responsible for approximately 88% of world consumption of primary nickel production. Nickel demand is strongly influenced by world macro-economic conditions, which in turn influence the state of the world stainless steel industry, the single largest consumer of nickel.

According to CRU, in 2017, Vale S.A., a Brazilian company, was the world's largest producer of refined nickel. Nornickel, a Russian company, and Glencore, a Swiss company, were the second and third largest producers, respectively. Combined production from the Moa Joint Venture and the Ambatovy Joint Venture was 66,997 tonnes (100% basis) or approximately 3.3% of annual world refined nickel production, making Sherritt one of the world's top 10 largest nickel producers on a 100% basis. The Moa Joint Venture's 2017 production totaled 31,523 tonnes or approximately 1.6% of 2017 annual world refined nickel production. The Ambatovy Joint Venture produced 35,474 tonnes of nickel in 2017 or approximately 1.7% of 2017 annual world refined nickel

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production. Current world supply of refined nickel is estimated to be approximately 2.035 million tonnes per annum. World nickel supply is broadly classified into primary and secondary nickel. Primary nickel is further subdivided into refined nickel (Class I) having a minimum nickel content of 99%, and charge nickel (Class II) having a nickel content of less than 99%. The main physical forms of Class I nickel are electrolytic nickel (cathode and rondelles), pellets, briquettes, granules and powder. Class II nickel includes ferronickel, nickel oxide sinter and utility nickel. Secondary nickel is the nickel contained in scrap metal, principally stainless steel scrap. World nickel supply has also been impacted by the growth of NPI in China. NPI is the lowest purity of what is considered refined nickel (as low as 2% nickel content) and is primarily used in China to make stainless steel. CRU estimates that NPI production in China was approximately 450,000 tonnes of nickel equivalent in 2017 while an additional 192,000 tonnes was produced in Indonesia. Total NPI production has been reported to have increased by approximately 129,000 tonnes in 2017, making 2017 a new record year for world NPI production.

Most major refined nickel producers supply nickel at grades ranging from 98.4% to 99.9% in purity. The Moa Joint Venture's and the Ambatovy Joint Venture's sintered nickel briquettes, produced at a minimum of 99.8% purity, are well suited for stainless steel, alloy steel production and battery chemical applications, and are expected to continue to be sold to such industries. The Moa Joint Venture's "steel grade" (unsintered) nickel briquettes having a typical purity of 99.4% nickel are well suited for stainless steel production and foundry use. In 2017, the Moa Joint Venture introduced a "dissolving grade" nickel powder having a typical purity of 99.8% nickel suitable for battery chemical applications.

Cobalt

Cobalt is a hard, lustrous, grey metal that is used in the production of high temperature, wear-resistant super alloys, catalysts, paint dryers, cemented carbides, magnetic alloys, pigments, rechargeable batteries and chemicals. The cobalt market is much smaller and more specialized than the nickel market.

The cobalt market has been subject to significant price volatility due to the lack of a liquid terminal market. The LME introduced a 99.3% cobalt contract in February 2010 and in January 2017 announced that it was increasing the minimum purity to 99.8% to assist in contract adoption. Cobalt contract trading volumes were up 81% in 2017 over 2016 reflecting increased interest in the LME cobalt contract. The LME reported that 14,261 tonnes of cobalt traded on the LME in 2017 compared to the 7,894 tonnes of cobalt contracts traded on the LME in 2016. Nevertheless, the LME cobalt contract is still in its infancy and remains a secondary pricing mechanism to the more widely accepted Metal Bulletin, as discussed below. Cobalt supply has evolved over the years from a reliance on unstable output associated with copper production in central Africa, to more diverse supply sources with material coming from a wider geographic area. Refined mainly as a by-product of nickel and copper mining, approximately 64% of cobalt global production is processed through copper refining and 35% through nickel refining. The "copper belt" located in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) contains close to half of the world's cobalt reserves. Australia, Cuba, Zambia, Madagascar, New Caledonia, Canada, Russia and Brazil hold most of the remainder. Cobalt production has not historically responded to cobalt demand. In the longer term, significant increases in supply are planned to be brought on-stream from new large-scale international projects targeting copper production.

The Moa Joint Venture and the Ambatovy Joint Venture are producing finished cobalt (briquettes and powder) at 99.9% purity, which exceeds the current LME specification. Based on data from CRU, worldwide supply of primary cobalt for 2018 is estimated to be approximately 123,800 tonnes, an increase of approximately 15% from the 107,899 tonnes of primary cobalt produced in 2017. Sherritt is among the leading suppliers of metallic cobalt to world markets. In 2017, cobalt was produced by ten Cobalt Development Institute ("**CDI**") member companies, with additional supplies coming from a variety of other companies. The non-CDI sources included individual companies such as Nornickel in Russia, as well as production from multiple refiners in China. Sherritt's operations supplied 6,654 tonnes (100% basis), 3,601 tonnes (100% basis) supplied by the Moa Joint Venture and 3,053 tonnes (100% basis) by the Ambatovy Joint Venture or approximately 6% (3.3% and 2.8% attributable to the Moa Joint Venture and the Ambatovy Joint Venture respectively) of world primary cobalt in 2017. The Corporation is consistently one of the world's top 5 producers of refined cobalt metal and powder (100% basis). The relative importance of the different uses of cobalt has changed over the years, with demand for older, more established uses, such as pigment, magnets and carbides showing only modest, if any, growth over the period. Many of these traditional uses are strongly reliant on industrial growth for demand increases, so demand for these uses tends to rise and fall with global economic performance. Over the last decade growth in the

chemical sector, primarily in battery chemicals, has increased the demand for cobalt. The world's reliance on global communications in the form of mobile phones and tablet technology has been a driving force for increased cobalt consumption. Strong recovery from the superalloy sector has also helped the market remain in relative balance. Over the long term, positive growth is expected in the rechargeable battery sector (hybrid and electric vehicle applications) and coal-to-liquid and gas-to-liquid catalyst sectors.

The Metal Bulletin Low Grade average cobalt price rose strongly during the year starting at US\$14.65 per pound and closing the year at US\$36.00 per pound. In 2017, Low Grade average cobalt was quoted by the Metal Bulletin in a range between US\$14.30 per pound and US\$37.00 per pound, averaging US\$26.53 (Low Grade high/low year average) per pound, 125% higher than the average price for 2016 of US\$11.78 per pound. In 2017, the LME daily cash settlement price averaged US\$25.39 per pound with a low of US\$14.97 per pound and a high of US\$34.25 per pound.

MOA JOINT VENTURE

The Moa Joint Venture is a vertically-integrated nickel and cobalt mining, processing, refining and marketing joint venture between subsidiaries of Sherritt and GNC, a Cuban company. The operations of the Moa Joint Venture are carried on through three companies:

- Moa Nickel S.A. ("**Moa Nickel**") – owns and operates the Moa, Cuba mining and processing facility
- The Cobalt Refinery Company Inc. ("**CRC**") – owns and operates the Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta metals refinery
- International Cobalt Company Inc. ("**ICCI**") – located in Nassau, Bahamas, acquires mixed sulphides from Moa Nickel and other third party feeds, contracts with CRC for the refining of such purchased materials and then markets finished nickel and cobalt.

Sherritt and GNC each hold 50% of the issued and outstanding shares of each of these companies, the financial results of which are equity accounted into Sherritt's consolidated financial statements.

Moa Nickel mines lateritic ore by open pit methods and processes it at its facilities at Moa into mixed sulphides containing nickel and cobalt. The mixed sulphides are purchased, free on board, from Moa Nickel by ICCI pursuant to the terms and conditions of an agreement (the "**Mixed Sulphides Supply Agreement**"), which expires June 30, 2027, between Moa Nickel and ICCI.

The mixed sulphides from Moa Nickel are transported by ocean freight to Canada and then by rail to Fort Saskatchewan. CRC refines this material together with other nickel and cobalt feed materials purchased by ICCI pursuant to the terms and conditions of a tolling agreement between ICCI and CRC, which expires June 30, 2027, with ICCI retaining ownership of the product throughout the refining process.

Once the mixed sulphides and other feed materials are refined by CRC, the resulting nickel and cobalt products are sold by ICCI, directly or indirectly, to various markets, primarily in Europe, Japan and China. ICCI does not sell nickel and cobalt into the United States due to an embargo. For further information, please see 3.7 "*Risk Factors – Risks related to U.S. Government Policy Towards Cuba*".

In 2017, approximately 95% of the nickel input and 88% of the cobalt input for CRC's refinery were derived from mixed sulphides from Moa Nickel. Under the terms of the Mixed Sulphides Supply Agreement, the price paid by ICCI to Moa Nickel is discounted from, in the case of nickel, the official LME cash price and, in the case of cobalt, the price received from ICCI customers. ICCI also purchases other nickel and cobalt feed materials from third parties for refining at CRC's refinery and subsequently sells the finished products in international markets.

Status under Cuban Law

Under the terms of its constitution, the Cuban state is the unconditional owner of all land and natural resources lying within Cuban territory, and in accordance with section 15 thereof, it is authorized to sell land in Cuba when it is in the interest of the development of the country. The property and assets of the Moa Joint Venture were conveyed through a deed of sale, which was approved by the Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers. The Moa Joint Venture also received a mining concession by means of a decree or resolution granting exploration and mining rights. The deed of sale was later registered in the registry of

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property of Cuba, and Moa Nickel was registered in the commercial registry and the registry of the Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Cuba.

The resolution of the Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers forming the Moa Joint Venture provides specific protection and guarantees over and above any future laws that the Government of Cuba may introduce, such as the current Foreign Investment Law of Cuba (“**Law 118**”). Law 118 authorizes the government of Cuba to enter into economic associations (including joint ventures) with foreign investors for the exploitation of natural resources and the development of industrial projects in Cuba. Law 118 provides a variety of guarantees for foreign investors including: (1) a guarantee that their assets cannot be expropriated, except in the public interest and in such case that indemnification must be provided in freely convertible currency equal to the commercial value of the property taken, (2) the right to have such “commercial value” determined by an expert if the parties to the economic association cannot agree on such a price, and (3) a guarantee of the free transference abroad in freely convertible currency of net profits or dividends received from the investment as well as funds received by way of indemnification from the Cuban State.

The Cuban government also required the Moa Joint Venture to obtain an environmental permit in connection with its water and air discharges and a permit to operate bank accounts for each currency in which the joint venture does business in Cuba.

Marketing and Sales

ICCI owns and sells the nickel and cobalt toll refined by CRC. ICCI expects to use both the LME and Metal Bulletin cobalt prices as reference prices for sales contracts in 2018, as the transition to the LME cobalt prices has not been fully adopted. For further information on LME and Metal Bulletin pricing, please refer to “*Description of the Business – Metals – Market Overview – Cobalt*”. Sherritt may act, from time to time, as a distributor for ICCI.

ICCI’s primary markets for nickel and cobalt products are Europe, Japan and China. Products are transported by truck, rail and ship.

The following table sets out the Corporation’s 50% share of sales volumes from the Moa Joint Venture, as well as its average-realized prices for the periods indicated:

Sales Volumes (50% Basis) and Average-realized Prices

	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016
Sales (tonnes)		
Nickel	15,679	16,402
Cobalt	1,783	1,846
Average-realized Prices (dollars per pound)		
Nickel	\$ 6.14	\$ 5.63
Cobalt	\$ 32.98	\$ 14.82

Properties

Certain information with respect to the Moa Joint Venture, being the Central Moa nickel laterite operations and the La Delta and Cantarrana nickel laterite properties (collectively referred to as the “**Eastern Satellites**”), is contained in *Schedule ‘B’ – Technical Information* attached hereto.

AMBATOVY JOINT VENTURE

The Ambatovy Joint Venture is a vertically-integrated nickel and cobalt mining, processing, refining and joint venture between subsidiaries of Sherritt, Sumitomo and KORES. Sherritt now holds a 12% interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture and operates the facilities pursuant to a formal operating agreement. Located in Madagascar, the Ambatovy Joint Venture is the largest finished nickel and finished cobalt operation from lateritic ore in the world.

Commissioning and start-up of the plant facilities were completed in 2012. In February 2014, the Ambatovy Joint Venture reached commercial production. For the full year of 2016, the Ambatovy Joint Venture produced 42,105 tonnes (100% basis) of finished nickel. Full year production in 2017 (100% basis) was 35,474 tonnes of finished nickel. Annual production rates are projected to vary throughout the life of the mine, largely dependent on ore grades and timing of major plant maintenance events.

The Ambatovy Joint Venture is comprised of (i) a mine and an ore preparation plant located in the immediate vicinity of the ore bodies near Moramanga in eastern central Madagascar, (ii) a pipeline, approximately 220 kilometres long, to transport the mined laterite ore in the form of prepared slurry from the ore preparation plant at the mine to the processing plant which is located just south of the port city of Toamasina, (iii) a processing plant, including a refinery, that produces LME-grade finished nickel, as well as cobalt metal and (iv) port operations at the Port of Toamasina.

Ownership and Financing

The Corporation acquired its former 40% interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture through its acquisition of Dynatec in 2007. As at December 31, 2017, the Ambatovy Joint Venture was considered to be an associate of the Corporation. As such, the Corporation's 2017 audited consolidated financial statements, including comparative figures, include the Corporation's equity interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture's assets and earnings (loss) as a single line item on the statement of financial position and statement of comprehensive income, respectively.

The Ambatovy Joint Venture initially borrowed US\$2.1 billion (US\$1.6 billion as at December 31, 2017) to finance construction under the Ambatovy Financing Agreements. All of the Ambatovy Joint Venture's assets and the interests of its shareholders in the Ambatovy Joint Venture have been pledged as security for this financing. In 2015, the outstanding project financing debt became non-recourse to the Ambatovy Partners, including the Corporation, subject to the senior lenders of the Ambatovy Joint Venture (the **"Ambatovy Senior Lenders"**) continuing security interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture's assets and the interests of its shareholders therein.

In August 2016, the Senior Lenders agreed to up to six principal payment deferrals totaling US\$565.1 million (100% basis), which are to be repaid on a schedule starting in June 2021, or earlier subject to cash flow generation. Until June 2019, the Ambatovy Joint Venture will pay semi-annual interest payments only (approximately US\$56.0 million per year) and will not make any principal payments unless there is sufficient free cash flow after required deductions. Deferred principal will be subject to a 2% accrued interest calculated from the date of each deferral.

A portion of the Corporation's pro rata shareholder funding for the Ambatovy Joint Venture construction was initially provided by the other Ambatovy Partners through subordinated partner loans with a 15-year term at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 1.125% (the **"Initial Partner Loans"**). The Initial Partner Loans (\$127.8 million as at December 31, 2017) are generally repayable by Sherritt at maturity in August 2023 and are secured by Sherritt's interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture, which is subordinate to the security interests therein held by the Ambatovy Senior Lenders.

On June 24, 2009 the Corporation finalized arrangements with the other Ambatovy Partners to fund a further portion of the Corporation's pro rata share of shareholder funding for the Ambatovy Joint Venture. The arrangements created a mechanism by which the other Ambatovy Partners provided new loans to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sherritt to fund a portion of the Corporation's pro rata shareholder funding obligations (the **"Additional Partner Loans"**, together with the Initial Partner Loans, the **"Partner Loans"**).

Sherritt ceased funding the Ambatovy Joint Venture in December 2015 and over the course of 2015 through 2017, Sherritt undertook discussions with the other Ambatovy Partners to restructure its interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture. On December 12, 2017, Sherritt announced the closing of the Ambatovy Restructuring, a restructuring of the Ambatovy Joint Venture that resulted in the transfer by Sherritt of a 28% interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture and the elimination of the Additional Partner Loans (approximately \$1.4 billion as at December 10, 2017) from Sherritt's balance sheet. Sherritt retains a 12% ownership interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture, which will continue to secure the Initial Partner Loans of \$127.8 million as at December 31, 2017. The Initial Partner Loans can be repaid in cash at any time through to maturity. As a result of modifications to repayment terms effected by the restructuring referenced below, at maturity, Sherritt can elect to: (i) repay the loans in cash, (ii) repay the

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loans in shares or a combination of cash and shares at 105% of the amount then due, or (iii) repay in 10 equal semi-annual principal installments (plus interest) commencing in December 2024, at an interest rate of LIBOR +5% applied from the original August 2023 maturity date.

Sherritt has committed to remain as operator of the Ambatovy Joint Venture until at least 2024 and has regained voting rights and certain other rights that were suspended when Sherritt ceased funding.

For additional information please see the risks entitled “*Ambatovy Liquidity and Funding Risks*” and “*Restrictions in Debt Instruments, Debt Covenants and Mandatory Repayments*” in section 3.7 “*Risk Factors*”.

Joint Venture Costs

The Ambatovy Joint Venture has required ongoing shareholder funding, due to, among other reasons, weak nickel prices and production rates.

Total post financial completion cash funding provided by Sumitomo and KORES is US\$260 million, pursuant to total post financial completion cash calls of US\$290 million, with cash funding of US\$117 million provided during the year ended December 31, 2017.

As part of the Ambatovy Restructuring, Sherritt has resumed funding for its 12% interest retroactively to December 2015 and at closing of the Ambatovy Restructuring paid approximately US\$38 million to fulfill non-funding to closing, including accrued interest. Sherritt also made a payment at closing of approximately US\$10 million into an escrow account to cover potential future funding requirements of the Ambatovy Joint Venture. In early 2018, US\$6.3 million of this amount in escrow was used to fund a call for partner funding made at that time.

For additional information please see the risks entitled “*Ambatovy Liquidity and Funding Risks*” and “*Restrictions in Debt Instruments, Debt Covenants and Mandatory Repayments*” in section 3.7 “*Risk Factors*”.

Madagascar

The Ambatovy Joint Venture is located on the island nation of Madagascar. Madagascar is the world's fourth largest island, covering approximately 587,000 square kilometres. It is located approximately 500 kilometres east of the African continent with a population of approximately 25 million. The official languages are Malagasy and French. The legal system is based on French civil law. The mine site is inland from the east coast, and just north of the main road that runs between Madagascar's capital city of Antananarivo and the country's principal port of Toamasina.

Mining investment in Madagascar is regulated by the *Code Minier* (the “**Mining Code**”) and the *Loi sur les Grands Investissements Miniers* (Large Mining Investment Act or “**LGIM**”). The Mining Code, which was amended in 2005, covers all aspects of mining, except in the case of LGIM eligible projects, where certain aspects are specifically modified by the LGIM. The Mining Code sets out the conditions for both exploration and exploitation permits which must be applied for sequentially. The exploitation permit requires that an environmental impact assessment be approved by the *Office National pour l'Environnement* (the “**O.N.E.**”). The Corporation is in possession of all mining exploitation permits required for the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

The LGIM, which was enacted in 2002 (and amended in 2005) and developed with the support and assistance of the World Bank, establishes the legal framework for developing and operating large-scale-resource projects in the country and provides the equivalent of a stability agreement for at least 25 years. The LGIM guarantees that the terms of a mining permit will not be changed after it has been granted, except with the project's express consent, or in the case where it would be necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. Additionally, the LGIM provides for legal stability, and provides investment incentives for qualifying projects. The LGIM also contains a guarantee that goods, rights, titles and interests of an eligible project cannot be nationalized or expropriated, except in a very limited number of circumstances, all of which provide for indemnification payments to the project. After five years of political crisis in Madagascar during which an unelected government was in power, Presidential elections were held on October 25, 2013 (first round) and December 20, 2013 (second round). Hery Rajaonarimampianina (the former Minister of Finance) was declared the winner with 54% of the votes and the electoral process was met with general

approval from the international community, including the Southern African Development Community, European Union and African Union. There have been four Prime Ministers since the election. The current Prime Minister, Mr. Olivier Mahafaly Solonandrasana, was appointed on April 15, 2016 and also serves as the minister of Interior and Decentralization, a post which he held under the former Prime Minister, Mr. Jean Ravelonarivo.

Since his election in late 2013, President Rajaonarimampianina has been active in reinstating normal working relationships with the international community and especially with the international financing institutions. As a result, foreign aid to Madagascar resumed at the end of 2014, and this has helped the country to meet certain of its commitments, including certain of its commitments to the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

The government of Madagascar has publicly expressed an interest in updating the legislation governing the mining sector, but has also stated that new legislation would not affect existing projects.

The government presented successive drafts for an amended Mining Code during 2015 and 2016, and engaged in comprehensive consultations with the mining sector as well as with civil society, with the objective of reaching a common agreement on the terms of the future Mining Code. The Ambatovy Joint Venture has been very active on this matter, through the Chamber of Mines of Madagascar. However, in early December 2015, the government put an end to the consultations and announced that it would present its draft to parliament in early 2016. This version, which had been unilaterally modified by government advisors, included provisions that the Corporation felt would be detrimental to the country's attractiveness for future mining investments. The Malagasy government had previously announced that it would be proposing amendments to the Mining Code during the May 2017 parliamentary session. However in June 2017, the President of Madagascar stated that no amendment was envisaged in the short term. The Ambatovy Joint Venture continues to monitor the political climate in Madagascar and to engage in ongoing communication with representatives of the national, regional and local governments as well as multilateral institutions, the business community and key embassies. The Corporation has active communication with relevant Ministers and officials of the Malagasy government and continues its engagement with multilateral institutions and key embassies. As a result, the level of support expressed and demonstrated by the national and regional authorities has steadily increased and opposition to the Ambatovy Joint Venture has decreased in size as well as in intensity.

Presidential elections are planned to be held at the end of 2018. While some early campaigning has begun, not all of the candidates have yet been confirmed. Historically, electoral periods in Madagascar have typically been marred by social unrest, stirred by unsuccessful candidates or provoked prior to elections by politicians wishing to gain power without having to win an election. A comprehensive stakeholder engagement plan has been developed at the Ambatovy Joint Venture to mitigate this, with the key message being that the Ambatovy Joint Venture brings a significant economic contribution to Madagascar. Additionally, the engagement plan highlights that the Ambatovy Joint Venture is not partisan, but is willing to have strong relationships with all elected governments during the course of the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

Marketing and Sales

In 2012, the Corporation established a subsidiary (the **"Metals Marketing Company"**) to buy, market and sell certain Ambatovy Joint Venture nickel production. However, as a result of Sherritt decreasing its interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture from 40% to 12% in December 2017, Sherritt ceased direct sales of the Ambatovy Joint Venture's metal products. As a result, the Metals Marketing Company was dissolved in late 2017. The following table sets out the Corporation's share of sales volumes from the Ambatovy Joint Venture up to December 10, 2017 on a 40% basis, at which time all marketing activities were concluded, and is presented on a 12% basis thereafter for the remainder of 2017.

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Sales Volumes (40% and 12% Basis¹) and Average-realized Prices

	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016
Sales (tonnes)		
Nickel	13,694	16,844
Cobalt	1,220	1,281
Average-realized Prices (dollars per pound)		
Nickel	\$ 6.05	\$ 5.66
Cobalt	\$ 33.35	\$ 16.08

Note:

(1) 40% basis used for 2016 figures, 40% basis used for January 1, 2017 to December 10, 2017 and 12% basis used for December 11, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Property

Certain technical information with respect to the Ambatovy Joint Venture project, being the Ambatovy and Analamay deposits, is contained in *Schedule 'B' – Technical Information* attached hereto.

FERTILIZERS

The Corporation's Metals business also includes Sherritt's 100%-owned fertilizer and utilities operation located in Fort Saskatchewan which provides inputs for the metals refinery and produces agricultural fertilizer for sale in western Canada. The Ambatovy Joint Venture produces ammonium sulphate agricultural fertilizer, as a by-product of the nickel and cobalt refining process. The Ambatovy Joint Venture's ammonium sulphate is sold to international export markets and to the domestic market in Madagascar.

Canada

The Corporation owns certain fertilizer, utilities, storage and other assets located in Fort Saskatchewan. These assets produce ammonia, sulphuric acid and utilities for use in the refinery's hydrometallurgical process and for sale to third parties. The refining of nickel and cobalt produces as a by-product crystalline ammonium sulphate, a fertilizer. Additionally, Sherritt produces a premium grade, granular ammonium sulphate fertilizer for the agricultural market. These assets also serve as a back-up hydrogen supply for CRC's refinery. Results for these operations are included in the Metals results.

Revenue from the fertilizer business is derived from the sale of ammonia and fertilizers principally into the Western Canadian market. Fertilizer revenue also includes third party sulphuric acid sales and the sale of CO₂, a by-product of ammonia production. Demand for fertilizer products is seasonal, consisting of a spring season and a fall season. Sales volumes are usually higher during the spring.

The posted reference price for Sherritt ammonia averaged \$683 per tonne during 2017, 1% higher than the price for 2016 of \$672 per tonne. The average Western Canadian price for Sherritt's ammonium sulphate fertilizer product (ammonium super sulfate) was \$389 per tonne during 2017, similar to the 2016 price of \$390 per tonne.

Including ammonia, granular ammonium sulphate and 50% of the ammonium sulphate from CRC's refinery, Sherritt's Canadian operations sold 178,491 tonnes of fertilizer products in 2017. Nitrogen fertilizer prices in Western Canada are strongly influenced by world prices. Ammonia and ammonium sulphate prices in Western Canada are driven by market conditions in Western Canada and the U.S. Pacific Northwest. These products are transported in bulk by surface means.

Madagascar

The Ambatovy Joint Venture produces crystalline ammonium sulphate as a by-product of nickel and cobalt refining at the refinery in Madagascar, which is then sold primarily into agricultural markets in western Africa and south-east Asia. Timing of fertilizer applications in these and other markets ensures regular shipments throughout the calendar year. The Ambatovy Joint Venture uses a third party marketing and logistics company to sell 100% of its ammonium sulphate production. In 2017, the Ambatovy Joint Venture sold 108,009 tonnes (100% basis) of ammonium sulphate at an average selling price of US\$128.33 per tonne.

MINERAL RESERVE AND MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATES

Moa Joint Venture

Mining Concessions

Moa Nickel received its original mining concessions in the province of Holguin near the town of Moa pursuant to a decree of the Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba dated November 30, 1994 (the “1994 Decree”). The mining concessions initially included a land area of 4,964 ha. Further concessions of 14,548 ha were granted through 2006 and further concessions of 1,323 ha were granted in 2011, 2012 and 2013. As a result of the original concessions, as well as concessions granted subsequent to the 1994 Decree, the current area of the resource concessions at Moa as at December 31, 2017 are as follows:

Central Moa Project	Concession Type	Area (ha)	Expiry
Moa Occidental ⁽¹⁾		1,201	
<i>Zona A and Zona Septentrional</i>	Exploitation	943	2019
<i>Scrap Yard</i>	Exploitation	2	2019
<i>Extension to Zona A, Sector II</i>	Exploitation	8	2032
<i>Extension to Block O-30</i>	Exploitation	9	2032
<i>Transfer – Zona Sur – Pilar Camino</i>	Exploitation	12	2019
<i>Transfer – Zona Sur – Atlantic</i>	Exploitation	227	2018
Moa Oriental ⁽²⁾	Exploitation	1,527	2019
Yagrumaje Oeste	Exploitation	569	2038
Limestone Mud	Exploitation	805	2019
Camarioca Norte	Exploitation	2,007	2030
Camarioca Sur	Exploitation	2,367	2030
Playa la Vaca-Zona Septentrional II ⁽³⁾	Exploration	754	2017
Eastern Satellites Project			
La Delta ^{(4),(5)}	Exploration	1,482	2014
Cantarrana ⁽⁵⁾	Exploration	871	2014
Santa Teresita	Exploration	925	2018
Total		12,508	

Notes:

- (1) Moa Occidental sub-totaled for clarity of expiry dates.
- (2) Change in use of Area 22 resulted in a reduction of 11.5 ha.
- (3) In 2017, exploration reports were submitted by the Moa Joint Venture to ONRM for Playa la Vaca-Zona Septentrional II. Responses to questions from ONRM were submitted in 2017 and a reply is pending.
- (4) Area of mineralization outside Humboldt Park. Approximately 20 additional ha is located inside the park but contains no mineralization and is not intended for exploration.
- (5) Application for exploitation has been submitted and is under review.

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The expansion of both the Moa and Fort Saskatchewan facilities, pursuant to the terms and conditions of an expansion agreement dated March 3, 2005 between GNC and the Corporation (the “**Expansion Agreement**”), is based upon the commitment by GNC to ensure that a competent Cuban governmental authority grants mineral concessions of economic limonite reserves in the Moa area sufficient to permit Moa Nickel to operate at the expanded capacity for a period of no less than 25 years. In 2013, additional concessions in the Central Moa area (Yagrumaje Oeste and Playa la Vaca-Zona Septentrional II) were granted to Moa Nickel.

Moa Nickel pays the Cuban state a royalty calculated on the basis of 5% of the net sales value (free on board Moa port, Cuba) of its production of nickel and cobalt contained in mixed sulphides, and an annual canon of US\$2.00, US\$5.00 or US\$10.00 for each ha of each concession depending on whether the area is a prospecting, exploration or exploitation area.

Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources

The Mineral Resources and Reserves data below are derived from: (a) the Central Moa Technical Report (defined below); (b) the Eastern Satellites Technical Report (defined below); and (c) updated exploration drill results. Resource models have been reviewed by R. Mohan Srivastava, B.Sc., M.Sc., P.Geo, a “qualified person” (as such term is defined in NI 43-101) retained by the Corporation.

The following table provides a summary of the Proven and Probable Reserves for the consolidated Moa Joint Venture (100% basis), which includes the Central Moa Project and the Eastern Satellites Project, as of December 31, 2017.⁽¹⁾

Reserve Classification ⁽²⁾	Tonnage (millions of tonnes)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Contained Metal	
				Ni (000 t)	Co (000 t)
Proven					
Central Moa Project	43.59	1.14	0.12	497.2	51.3
Eastern Satellites Project	11.03	1.18	0.14	130.5	14.9
Sub-total	54.61	1.15	0.12	627.7	66.2
Probable					
Central Moa Project	2.22	1.13	0.11	25.1	2.4
Eastern Satellites Project	0	0	0		
Sub-total	2.22	1.13	0.11	25.1	2.4
Total Proven and Probable Reserves	56.83 ⁽³⁾	1.15	0.12	652.8	68.7

Notes:

- (1) Proven and Probable Reserve estimate, as at December 31, 2016, was 58.46 million tonnes.
- (2) Cut-off grades vary. All assumptions, parameters, and methods used to estimate the mineral resources and reserves are disclosed in the Central Moa Technical Report and the Eastern Satellites Technical Report.
- (3) Totals may not sum exactly due to each component number being rounded to its nearest decimal.

This year the estimate of Proven and Probable Reserves is 1.63 million tonnes lower than as at the end of the prior year, due to mining, drilling and updates to the model.

Moa Nickel has rights to additional Mineral Resources that are exclusive to the Mineral Reserves reported or which have not been sufficiently drilled to allow for the detailed economic analysis required to qualify as Mineral Reserves. Measured and Indicated Resources exclusive of the Mineral Reserves also include encumbrances, some of which may eventually be economically mineable and will be reviewed in the course of Moa Nickel’s five-year planning process.

Moa Nickel also recovers material deposited into reject ponds that is not included in the Mineral Reserve estimates as some of it was previously accounted for as depleted material in the Reserve base. In 2017, approximately 0.08 million tonnes were mined from the reject ponds, and when added to previously recovered material from the reject ponds there is an estimated 1.4 million tonnes of recoverable material remaining as at December 31, 2017.

The following table provides a summary of the Mineral Resources that are exclusive of Mineral Reserves for the consolidated Moa Joint Venture (100% basis), which includes the Central Moa Project and the Eastern Satellites Project, inclusive of the recently granted Yagrumaje Oeste and Playa la Vaca – Zona Septentrional II concessions, as of December 31, 2017.

Moa Joint Venture Mineral Resources not Included in Mineral Reserves

Project	Resources Classification ⁽¹⁾	Tonnage	Ni	Co	Ni	Co
		(millions of tonnes)	(%)	(%)	(000 t)	(000 t)
Central Moa Project	Measured	10.7	1.16	0.14	124.7	14.5
Eastern Satellites Project	Measured	3.29	1.24	0.15	40.7	4.8
Central Moa Project	Indicated	7.54	1.25	0.13	94.1	9.7
Eastern Satellites Project	Indicated	0	–	–	–	–
Total Measured and Indicated Resources		21.53	1.21	0.14	259.6	29.1
Central Moa Project	Inferred	5.60	1.46	0.10	81.7	5.5
Eastern Satellites Project	Inferred	4.36	1.30	0.14	56.6	6.1

Note:

(1) Cut off grades vary. All assumptions, parameters, and methods used to estimate the mineral resources and reserves are disclosed in the Central Moa Technical Report and the Eastern Satellites Technical Report.

In 2013, Moa Nickel was granted the right to mine some of the saprolite underlying limonite in many of its deposits, for feed to the process plant. This recognizes current practices of intentional dilution at the bottom of the limonite ore zone to maximize ore recovery subject to the ability of the plant to process the material. The available quantity of saprolite is unknown, but exceeds that which can be economically processed with the limonite ore. The saprolite has not been quantified and included in the resources statements as the permit only allows it to be extracted in relation to processing capability. Moa Nickel believes that the capacity for including saprolite in the process will diminish, and therefore has not reported it as a Mineral Resource.

Due to the uncertainty which may attach to Inferred Resources, it cannot be assumed that all or any part of an Inferred Mineral Resource will be upgraded to an Indicated or Measured Resource as a result of continued exploration. Confidence in the estimate is insufficient to allow the meaningful application of technical and economic parameters or to enable an evaluation of economic viability.

Historically, the Oficina Nacional de Recursos Minerales (“ONRM”) has defined the limonite zone as that layer of ore where nickel concentration exceeds 1% and iron concentration exceeds 35%. Recognizing that the economic value of the ore comes from both nickel and cobalt, Moa Nickel defines the limonite zone in some deposits using a “nickel equivalent” grade which combines nickel and cobalt. With recoveries of nickel and cobalt being essentially the same at the Moa Nickel plant, a “nickel equivalent” grade cut-off that took into account the relative long-term price expectations for the metals when a minimum nickel grade of 0.9% is used.

In Zona A and Moa Oriental nickel equivalent grades are being used to define the limonite zone. In each of these deposits, comparisons were made of the limonite zone defined using the historical definitions and using an approach that incorporates cobalt into the definition. The following were ultimately selected for reserve estimates: Zona A: %NiEq is greater than or equal to 1.35; %Ni is greater than or equal to 0.90; and %Fe is greater than or equal to 35 and Moa Oriental: %NiEq is greater than or equal to 1.25; %Ni is greater than or equal to 0.90; and %Fe is greater than or equal to 35.

Currently, in all other deposits, including Camarioca Norte and Sur, Yagrumaje Oeste, Playa la Vaca – Zona Septentrional II, La Delta, Cantarrana and Santa Teresita, the definition of the limonite zone follows the historical tradition, using a 1% Ni and 35% Fe cutoff.

Moa Nickel has been producing successfully from the Central Moa Concessions since 1994. At a similar annual production rate as in the recent past, Moa Nickel is continuing its mining operations onto contiguous concessions that contain geologically similar deposits.

The current Mineral Reserves provide very strong assurances of adequate plant feed for years to come. Cost control is well managed by virtue of Sherritt’s and GNC’s management of the Moa Joint Venture. At current world prices for nickel and cobalt, the nickel equivalent cutoff being used to define the limonite zone for mining purposes yields a head grade of nickel plus cobalt that is above the economic breakeven cutoff where revenue meets operating, processing and general and administrative costs.

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The Mineral Reserve estimate also assumes that the exploration concessions currently held by Moa Nickel on the Eastern Satellites Project will be converted by the ONRM into exploitation concessions.

For further detail regarding the extent to which the estimates of Mineral Resources and Reserves may be materially affected by external factors, please refer to section 3.7 “Risk Factors – Uncertainty of Resources and Reserve Estimates”.

Ambatovy Joint Venture

Mining Concessions

The Ambatovy Joint Venture was granted a mining permit for the mine site on September 7, 2006. This permit is valid for 40 years. The permit allows for the extraction of nickel, cobalt, copper, platinum, zinc, and chrome. An annual permit fee of approximately US\$54,132 (174,365,760 MGA) (plus VAT) was paid to the Malagasy Government in 2017. For 2018, the permit fee will be approximately US\$53,118 (169,464,000 MGA) (plus VAT).

Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources

The Mineral Reserve and Resource data below is derived from the NI 43-101 compliant technical report entitled “NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Ambatovy Nickel Project in Madagascar” dated September 29, 2014 (the “**Ambatovy Technical Report**”) and has been reviewed by R. Mohan Srivastava, B.Sc., M.Sc., P.Geo, a “qualified person(s)” (as such term is defined in NI 43-101). Changes to the Mineral Reserve and Resource estimates from those contained in the Ambatovy Technical Report reflect adjustments made for depletion and stockpile movements.

The following table provides a summary of the Proven and Probable Reserves for the Ambatovy Joint Venture (100% basis), as of December 31, 2017.

Reserve Classification ^{(1)(2),(3)(4)(5)}	Tonnage (millions of tonnes)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Contained Metal	
				Ni (000 t)	Co (000 t)
Proven	72.8	0.84	0.07	608.4	54.4
Probable	106.6	0.82	0.08	876.3	89.2
Total Proven and Probable Reserves	179.4	0.83	0.08	1,484.7	144.3

Notes:

- (1) Mineral Reserve estimates are based on a cut-off grade of 0.6% nickel. All assumptions, parameters and methods used to estimate the Mineral Reserves are disclosed in the Ambatovy Technical Report. Cobalt grade does not enter into the definition of reporting cut-off grade since the majority of the Ambatovy Joint Venture’s revenue comes from nickel.
- (2) Totals may not sum exactly due to each component number being rounded to its nearest decimal.
- (3) Mineral Reserves include materials that have been mined and stockpiled at the mine site, and that, as of December 31, 2017, had not yet been slurried and pumped down the pipeline to the processing plant at Toamasina.
- (4) Mineral Reserves are based upon an average mill processing rate of 6.1 Mt/y.
- (5) Mineral Reserves were calculated on a long-term nickel price of US\$7.37/lb and a cobalt price of US\$12.20/lb.

The Ambatovy Joint Venture also has rights to additional Mineral Resources that are exclusive to the Mineral Reserves reported or which have not been sufficiently drilled to allow for the detailed economic analysis required to qualify as Mineral Reserves. Measured and Indicated Resources exclusive of the Mineral Reserves also include encumbrances, some of which may eventually be economically mineable and will be reviewed in the course of the Ambatovy Joint Venture’s five-year planning process.

The following table provides a summary of the Mineral Resources that are exclusive of Mineral Reserves for the Ambatovy Joint Venture (100% basis) as of December 31, 2017.

Resource Classification (exclusive of the Mineral Reserves)	Tonnage (millions of tonnes)	Ni (%)	Co (%)	Ni (000 t)	Co (000 t)
Measured	6.1	0.77	0.06	47.0	3.7
Indicated	18.4	0.75	0.07	138.0	12.9
Total Measured and Indicated Resources⁽¹⁾	24.5	0.75	0.07	185.0	16.6
Inferred	60.5	0.73	0.08	441.7	48.4

Note:

(1) Mineral Resource estimates are based on a cut-off grade of 0.6% nickel. Cobalt grade does not enter into the definition of reporting cut-off grade since the majority of the Ambatovy Joint Venture's revenue comes from nickel. All assumptions, parameters and methods used to estimate the Mineral Reserves are disclosed in the Ambatovy Technical Report.

Due to the uncertainty which may attach to Inferred Mineral Resources, it cannot be assumed that all or any part of an Inferred Resource will be upgraded to an Indicated or Measured Resource as a result of continued exploration. Confidence in the estimate is insufficient to allow the meaningful application of technical and economic parameters or to enable an evaluation of economic viability.

The majority of the Inferred Resource at the Ambatovy Joint Venture is attributable to limonite material on the fringes of the ore body and saprolite material that is located at the base of the limonite material.

For details regarding the extent to which the estimates of mineral resources and reserves may be materially affected by external factors, please see section 3.7 "*Risk Factors – Uncertainty of Resources and Reserve Estimates*".

3.2 Oil and Gas

The Corporation explores for, develops and produces oil and gas from fields in Cuba, Spain and Pakistan. In 2017, approximately 90% of the Corporation's worldwide oil and gas production was produced in Cuba with the remainder produced from its interests in several oil fields off the coast of Spain and from a gas field in Pakistan.

In 2017, the Corporation's Oil and Gas operations generated revenues of \$127.0 million compared with \$108.6 million during 2016, resulting in earnings from operations of \$33.6 million during 2017, compared to a loss from operations of \$16.3 million during 2016 after impairment expense of \$8.5 million (pre-tax). The Corporation invested \$19.4 million in Oil and Gas capital projects during 2017 and \$25.9 million during 2016, all of which were funded by cash flows generated by the Corporation's Oil and Gas operations.

The disclosure regarding the Corporation's Oil and Gas activities in this Annual Information Form is required under NI 51-101, with an effective date of December 31, 2017 and a preparation date of January 31, 2018.

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WORLDWIDE PRODUCTION

The following table sets out the average daily production volumes of crude oil and natural gas for the Corporation for the past three years.

	Production Volumes (boepd)		
	Year Ended December 31		
	2017	2016	2015
Gross Working-Interest Production			
Cuba	13,479	15,452	18,257
Other Countries	769	659	721
Total Gross Working-Interest Production	14,248	16,111	18,978
Net Working-Interest Production Cuba:			
Cost recovery oil	1,857	3,381	4,059
Profit oil	5,230	5,443	6,378
Total Cuba	7,087	8,824	10,437
Other Countries	769	659	721
Total Net Working-Interest Production	7,856	9,483	11,158

OPERATIONS IN CUBA

Within Cuba, the Corporation holds and operates exploration and production rights under PSCs with CUPET, the Cuban state oil company. As operator under the terms of the PSCs, Sherritt International (Cuba) Oil and Gas Limited (“**SICOG**”) enters into long-term leasehold arrangements with the Cuban state for the use of all land required for petroleum operations for the duration of the term of the PSCs. The Corporation indirectly holds 100% working-interests in four PSCs in Cuba, as described in the following table, covering a total of approximately 175,171 net ha:

Block	Location	Current Status
Puerto Escondido/Yumuri	Fold and thrust region – north coast of Cuba	Exploitation phase – development of Puerto Escondido and Yumuri oil fields
Block 8A	Central Cuba	Exploration Phase
Block 10	Fold and thrust region – north coast of Cuba	Exploration Phase
Block 6A	Fold and thrust region – north coast of Cuba	Exploration Phase

The term of the PSC for Block II (Varadero West) expired on November 21, 2017, at which time the PSC reverted back to the Cuban government. The term of the Puerto Escondido/Yumuri PSC, which was set to expire in March 2018, was extended on new contract terms until March 20, 2021. The Corporation will have no rights or obligations in respect of crude oil production from those properties following March 20, 2021.

Since 1992, the Corporation’s Cuban Oil operations have produced over 222 million barrels of heavy oil on a gross working-interest basis. The Corporation has a strong track record in directional drilling in the fold and thrust belt located along the north coast of Cuba. All of the Corporation’s producing wells are directionally drilled from onshore locations along the north coast of Cuba between Havana and Cárdenas. These directional wells target oil reservoirs situated offshore below the adjacent seabed. These oil bearing reservoirs typically produce at depths ranging from 1,200 metres to 2,000 metres below sea level. Using current equipment and technology, the Corporation has drilled directional wells up to 5,600 metres in length, extending laterally up to 4,700 metres from the surface location.

Principal Commercial Oil Fields

The following table summarizes key information regarding the Corporation's principal commercial oil fields, all of which are located in Cuba:

	Puerto Escondido	Yumuri	Varadero West
Working-Interest	100%	100%	100%
Total Proved Reserves (MMbbl):⁽¹⁾			
Gross reserves	0.4	2.9	–
Net reserves	0.2	1.2	–
Average Daily Production (bopd):⁽²⁾			
Gross Working-Interest Production	1,101	4,768	7,620
Net Working-Interest Production	718	2,724	3,645
Oil Quality (API)	12	11.5	10
Number of Operated Wells	14	24	20

Notes:

- (1) The estimates of reserves for Puerto Escondido and Yumuri are based on the December 31, 2017 McDaniel Report (see section 3.3 – “Oil and Gas – Oil and Gas Reserves”). With the expiry of the Varadero West PSC in November 2017 no reserves have been assigned.
- (2) Production rates are daily averages for the year ended December 31, 2017 except for Varadero West which expired on November 21, 2017.

The following table summarizes the Corporation's immediate and near-term development plans for its principal commercial oil fields:

Puerto Escondido	No new development wells are planned in 2018.
Yumuri	No new development wells are planned for 2018.

Exploration Prospects

During 2014 the Corporation was awarded two new PSCs, with effective dates of January 9, 2015, covering Blocks 8A and 10 in Cuba (see section 3.2 “*Properties with no Attributed Reserves*”). The Corporation completed the reprocessing of seismic data in Block 10 and elected to drill an exploratory well entering into the Second Exploration Subperiod on July 9, 2016. An exploration well was started in August 2016 and finished drilling in February 2017. The well did not reach its intended target due to unexpected geological complexities which led to wellbore instability. This resulted in drilling problems and the lower section of the well had to be abandoned. A sidetrack was drilled from the existing wellbore to evaluate the potential of the upper secondary zone. The resulting sidetrack well was tested and produced oil but not at commercial rates. On August 9, 2017, the Corporation commenced drilling a sidetrack from the existing well in order to reach the original target. On December 16, 2017, the Corporation suspended the well due to continued geological complexities including lost circulation and flowing asphaltene. The Corporation has evaluated options as to how to deal with the lost circulation and asphaltene problems and will utilize technology which has not been used in Cuba previously. The well is scheduled to resume drilling in the second quarter of 2018 with results expected in the third quarter of 2018. The Corporation's recent experience has not changed the view regarding Block 10's potential.

On November 1, 2017, the Corporation was awarded a new PSC, Block 6A, on the north coast of Cuba, west of Havana. The commitments during the first subperiod consist of the collection of existing geological and geophysical information and the reprocessing and interpretation of approximately 267 kilometres of 2D seismic. Based upon results of the interpretation, the Corporation will either continue into the next subperiod or relinquish the Block.

Production Sharing Contracts

Under the terms of its constitution, the Cuban state is the unconditional owner of all land and natural resources lying within Cuban territory. Pursuant to its foreign investment law, the government of Cuba is authorized to enter into international economic associations with foreign investors for the exploitation of natural resources and the development of industrial projects in Cuba. Law 118 provides a variety of guarantees for foreign investors including: (1) a guarantee that their assets cannot be expropriated,

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except if required in the public interest, and in such case that indemnification must be provided in freely convertible currency equal to the commercial value of the property taken, (2) the right to have such “commercial value” determined by an expert if the parties to such international economic association cannot agree on such a price, and (3) a guarantee of the free transference abroad in freely convertible currency of net profits or dividends received from the investment as well as funds received by way of indemnification from the Cuban state.

Cuban oil and natural gas exploration and production are governed by various PSCs between CUPET and foreign investors or “contractors” such as the Corporation. Under the PSCs, the contractor has the right to produce crude oil from the contract area until the end of the term and any extensions thereto. Each of the PSCs has a defined term, ranging from 15 to 25 years at the time of grant, subject to earlier termination if a declaration of commerciality is not made or if the contractor does not fulfill its work commitments on a timely basis.

Under the terms of a PSC, the contractor is obliged to supply all capital, machinery, installations, equipment, technology and personnel necessary to carry out operations in accordance with the terms of the contract. During the exploration period, the contractor is obliged to carry out a specified minimum exploration program, which may be divided into two or more sub-periods. At the end of each sub-period, the contractor may elect to enter the next sub-period provided it has fulfilled the exploration work commitments for the current sub-period.

If the contractor discovers crude oil within the contract area during the exploration period, the contractor may conduct an appraisal program to determine whether the discovery can be economically exploited. Any crude oil production during the appraisal period must be delivered to CUPET and the contractor is only entitled to share in such production if a declaration of commerciality is approved by regulatory authorities following completion of the appraisal program. Upon such approval, the contractor is entitled to share retroactively in all cumulative production from the discovery and appraisal wells in the field, and to receive revenue from the sale of that production. Upon approval of a declaration of commerciality, the contractor is obliged to implement a development plan for the field in question.

Once a declaration of commerciality has been made, the contractor will be allocated cost-recovery oil as reimbursement for approved capital and operating costs, including any costs accumulated in cost-recovery pools since the inception of the contract. The volume of cost-recovery oil for each PSC is determined by dividing the balance of approved capital and operating costs in the cost-recovery pool by the average net selling price per barrel of oil produced during such quarter. Allocation of cost-recovery oil may not exceed a specified percentage of total production for a fiscal quarter. However, any unrecovered cost-recovery pool amounts are carried forward to future periods. The remaining profit oil is allocated between the parties in accordance with agreed percentages which may vary depending on oil quality and production rates. The volume of profit oil is calculated by subtracting the cost-recovery oil from gross working-interest production.

Such PSCs are authorized as “international economic association contracts” pursuant to Law 118. Resolutions confirming the authorization and validity of each of these contracts were issued by the Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers. SICOG has a local branch registered with the Chamber of Commerce of Cuba and is also registered with the Office of National Tax Administration. Supplies and materials are imported under license with CUPET as required under Resolution 146, a Cuban regulation regarding imports for international economic associations contracts, although SICOG maintains ownership of the goods. The Cuban government also requires SICOG to obtain environmental licenses and a permit to operate bank accounts for each currency in which SICOG does business in Cuba. As operator under the terms of the PSCs, SICOG enters into long-term lease arrangements with the Cuban state for surface land rights necessary for oil and gas production facilities and for the performance of petroleum operations.

Sales to Cuba

Historically, all profit oil and cost-recovery oil allocated to SICOG under the PSCs has been sold to agencies of the government of Cuba at the first point of sale. In 2017, the selling prices for the Corporation’s share of production have been based on 71% to 75% of the USGC HSFO reference price. In prior years, selling prices were based on a similar discount to the GCFO6 reference price. The USGC HSFO reference price reflects consumption and supply of heavier oil products (such as heating oil, fuel oil and transportation fuels) in the U.S. Gulf Coast region and global consumption and supply of crude oil. The selling contracts are typically made for one-year terms and are re-negotiated on an annual basis.

The following table sets out average historical oil prices for USGC HSFO, WTI and the realized price from sales by the Corporation to agencies of the government of Cuba since 2015.

	Year Ended December 31		
	2017	2016	2015
Prices (\$ per bbl):			
WTI Benchmark (US\$)	50.78	43.37	48.69
USGC HSFO Benchmark (US\$) ⁽¹⁾	46.97	32.13	40.68
Realized price (US\$)	33.04	22.64	30.23

Note:

(1) Average historical prices for the years ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016 are references to GCFO6, which was the relevant benchmark reference price until January 3, 2017.

Cuban Payment Arrangements

During 2017, SICOG received US\$35.7 million from the applicable Cuban government agency for oil payments, resulting in an overdue balance at December 31, 2017 of US\$41.4 million. As at December 31, 2016, the overdue amount was US\$28.3 million.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

Spain

The Corporation holds a 14.5% working-interest in the Casablanca oil field and a 15.6% working-interest in the Rodaballo oil field, a 29% working-interest in the Boquerón oil field, and an 18.4% working-interest in the Barracuda oil field, all located in the Gulf of Valencia, offshore Spain. There are minor amounts of gas produced in association with the light crude oil, which is either used as fuel for power generation or is flared.

During 2017, these fields produced a combined average of approximately 313 bopd of light crude oil, net to the Corporation, using the Casablanca production platform and pipeline infrastructure. The Corporation, in conjunction with its joint venture partners, has completed the reprocessing of existing 3D seismic data over the Casablanca oil field and adjacent lands in order to delineate additional development and exploration opportunities. The interpretation of the 3D seismic data has identified two features that have the potential of being reached from the existing platform. The operator is conducting a feasibility study to determine future operations which is scheduled to be completed by Q4 2018.

The Corporation initiated a claim against the government of Spain in respect of certain exploration licenses in the Alborán Sea which were relinquished in 2015 for reimbursement of expenditures made by the Corporation up to the time of relinquishment in 2015. A final decision is expected to be made during 2018.

Pakistan

The Corporation holds a 15.79% working-interest in an exploitation concession covering the Badar gas field, located in the Indus Basin in central Pakistan.

During 2017, the Badar field produced approximately 2.6 MMcfpd of conventional natural gas, net to the Corporation.

During 2015, the Corporation entered into an agreement for the sale of its interest in the Badar gas field. Various regulatory and governmental approvals are required for the transaction to be completed, which was anticipated to happen during the first half of 2017. However, due to uncertainty regarding certain tax rulings in Pakistan that will affect this transaction, the sale agreement for the Corporation's interest lapsed on September 30, 2017. The Corporation awaits rulings on these issues at which time it will reevaluate the sale of the interest.

OIL AND GAS RESERVES

The following is a summary of the Corporation's estimated oil and gas reserves and the estimated net present values of future net revenue from those reserves. For the purpose of stating the Corporation's oil and gas reserves publicly, Sherritt retained the

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services of McDaniel & Associates Consultants Ltd. (“**McDaniel & Associates**”), who are independent qualified reserves evaluators appointed by the Corporation pursuant to NI 51-101, to conduct independent evaluations of all of the Corporation’s oil and gas properties. McDaniel & Associates has provided the Corporation with an evaluation (the “**McDaniel Report**”) prepared on January 31, 2018 in compliance with NI 51-101 in respect of the Corporation’s oil and gas reserves as at December 31, 2017.

The Corporation determines and reports reserves information in accordance with NI 51-101, using terminology, definitions and categories prescribed therein and in the COGE Handbook. Disclosure of reserves or of sales of oil, gas or associated by-products has been made only in respect of marketable quantities, reflecting the quantities and prices for the product in the condition (upgraded or not upgraded, processed or unprocessed) in which it is to be, or was, sold at the first point of sale.

The estimated future net revenue figures contained in the following tables do not necessarily represent the fair market value of the Corporation’s reserves. There is no assurance that the forecast price and cost assumptions contained in the McDaniel Report will be attained and variances could be material. Other assumptions relating to costs and other matters are included in the McDaniel Report. The recovery and reserves estimates attributed to the Corporation’s properties described herein are estimates only. The actual reserves attributed to the Corporation’s properties may be greater or less than those calculated.

The determination of oil and gas reserves involves the preparation of estimates that have an inherent degree of associated uncertainty. For further information, see section 3.7 – “*Risk Factors – Uncertainty of Resources and Reserve Estimates*”. Categories of proved and probable reserves have been established to reflect the level of these uncertainties and to provide an indication of the probability of recovery. The estimation and classification of reserves requires the application of professional judgment combined with geological and engineering knowledge to assess whether or not specific reserves classification criteria have been satisfied. Knowledge of concepts including uncertainty and risk, probability and statistics, and deterministic and probabilistic estimation methods is required to properly use and apply reserves definitions. These concepts are presented and discussed in greater detail within the guidelines in Section 5.5 of the COGE Handbook.

Sale of Pakistan Interest

During 2015, the Corporation entered into an agreement for the purchase and sale of its interest in the Badar gas field in Pakistan. Although the Corporation expected that the closing of the transaction would occur in the first half of 2017, the Corporation continues to await the Pakistan government’s tax rulings, which will affect this transaction. Accordingly, the reserves pertaining to the Corporation’s interests in the Badar gas field have been included in the McDaniel Report as at December 31, 2017.

Rounding

Please note that columns in certain of the following tables may not add up due to rounding.

Reserves

The following definitions apply to both estimates of individual reserve entities and the aggregate of reserves for multiple entities:

“**Reserves**”, as referred to in section 3.2 of this document, are estimated remaining quantities of oil and natural gas and related substances anticipated to be recoverable from known accumulations, as of a given date, based on:

- analysis of drilling, geological, geophysical and engineering data;
- the use of established technology; and
- specified economic conditions, which are generally accepted as being reasonable, and which are disclosed.

Reserves are classified according to the degree of certainty associated with the estimates:

- “**Proved reserves**” are those reserves that can be estimated with a high degree of certainty to be recoverable. It is likely that the actual remaining quantities recovered will exceed the estimated proved reserves.
- “**Probable reserves**”, as referred to in section 3.2 of this document, are those additional reserves that are less certain to be recovered than proved reserves. It is equally likely that the actual remaining quantities recovered will be greater or less than the sum of the estimated proved plus probable reserves.

Development and Production Status

Each of the reserves categories (proved and probable) may be divided into developed and undeveloped categories:

- **“Developed reserves”** are those reserves that are expected to be recovered from existing wells and installed facilities or, if facilities have not been installed, that would involve a low expenditure (for example, when compared to the cost of drilling a well) to put the reserves on production. The developed category may be subdivided into producing and non-producing.
- **“Developed producing reserves”** are those reserves that are expected to be recovered from completion intervals open at the time of the estimate. These reserves may be currently producing or, if shut-in, they must have previously been on production, and the date of resumption of production must be known with reasonable certainty.
- **“Developed non-producing reserves”** are those reserves that either have not been on production, or have previously been on production, but are shut-in, and the date of resumption of production is unknown.
- **“Undeveloped reserves”** are those reserves expected to be recovered from known accumulations where a significant expenditure (for example, when compared to the cost of drilling a well) is required to render them capable of production. They must fully meet the requirements of the reserves category (proved, probable) to which they are assigned.

In multi-well pools it may be appropriate to allocate total pool reserves between the developed and undeveloped categories or to subdivide the developed reserves for the pool between developed producing and developed non-producing. This allocation should be based on the estimator’s assessment as to the reserves that will be recovered from specific wells, facilities and completion intervals in the pool and their respective development and production status.

Levels of Certainty for Reported Reserves

The qualitative certainty levels referred to in the definitions above are applicable to “individual reserve entities”, which refers to the lowest level at which reserves calculations are performed, and to “reported reserves”, which refers to the highest level sum of individual entity estimates for which reserve estimates are presented. Reported reserves should target the following levels of certainty under a specific set of economic conditions:

- at least a 90% probability that the quantities actually recovered will equal or exceed the estimated proved reserves; and
- at least a 50% probability that the quantities actually recovered will equal or exceed the sum of the estimated proved plus probable reserves.

A quantitative measure of the certainty levels pertaining to estimates prepared for the various reserves categories is desirable to provide a clearer understanding of the associated risks and uncertainties. However, the majority of reserves estimates will be prepared using deterministic methods that do not provide a mathematically derived quantitative measure of probability. In principle, there should be no difference between estimates prepared using probabilistic or deterministic methods.

Significant Factors or Uncertainties

Aside from the potential impact of material fluctuations in commodity prices and foreign exchange rates, other significant factors or uncertainties that may affect either the Corporation’s reserves or the future net revenue associated with such reserves include:

- Certain newly drilled or developed properties may be considered less predictable insofar as estimating reserves and future net revenue are concerned until more historical production performance data is available; and
- Changes to existing taxation, fiscal terms, and regulations may occur.

See section 3.7 “*Risk Factors – Depletion of Reserves*” and “*Risk Factors – Uncertainty of Resources and Reserve Estimates*”.

In addition, the Corporation may incur significant abandonment and reclamation costs in connection with its oil and gas operations. The following criteria have been utilized in determining the abandonment and reclamation costs to be taken into account in the calculation of the future net revenue attribution to the Corporation’s reserves:

- Generally, the Corporation is responsible for its share of abandonment and reclamation costs for oil and gas wells and for related facilities and infrastructure. The Corporation’s financial statements include provisions for these environmental rehabilitation obligations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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- In Cuba, the PSCs permit the Corporation to recover abandonment and reclamation costs from producing contract areas. The Corporation is obligated to abandon and reclaim all of its wells in Cuba together with related facilities and infrastructure. However, agencies of the Cuban government have historically taken over the ownership and operation of most wells that the Corporation has determined to be uneconomic, thereby releasing the Corporation from its associated liabilities for abandonment and reclamation costs. The Corporation estimates abandonment and reclamation costs based on the expectation that it will be responsible for abandonment and reclamation of 15% of all remaining wells in Cuba.
- In Spain, the Corporation's share of the estimated abandonment and reclamation costs of the production platform in the Casablanca oil field, and related oil wells, is currently estimated to be 38.20 million Euros. The cost estimate is based on information provided by the operator of the properties who is ultimately responsible for carrying out the abandonment and reclamation program. Based on current production, anticipated production from new wells in the vicinity (in which the Corporation holds no interest) and selling price forecasts, it is anticipated that abandonment and reclamation activities will be postponed until approximately 2028 upon the identification of further development drilling locations in the Casablanca oil field and adjacent lands. For further information, please see the section entitled "*Other International Operations – Spain*" above.
- In Pakistan, abandonment and reclamation costs for wells are estimated internally based on the Corporation's operational experience.

The following table summarizes the Corporation's estimates of abandonment and reclamation costs for surface leases, wells, facilities and pipelines, net of estimated salvage value. As at December 31, 2017, there were 38.8 net wells to be abandoned in Cuba, 3.1 net wells in Spain and 0.3 net wells in Pakistan, for a total of 42.2 net wells to be abandoned.

Summary of Estimated Future Abandonment and Reclamation Costs
December 31, 2017

	Heavy Crude Oil (Cuba)	Light and Medium Crude Oil (Spain)	Conventional Natural Gas (Pakistan)	Total
	(\$millions)	(\$millions)	(\$millions)	(\$millions)
Estimated costs, without discount	4.3	55.0	1.1	60.4
Estimated costs, 10% discount	4.1	29.0	0.7	33.8
Costs not deducted from future net revenue ⁽¹⁾	1.9	51.3	1.1	54.3
Costs not deducted from future net revenue, 10% discount ⁽¹⁾	1.9	27.3	0.7	29.9
Costs expected to be paid within three years	4.3	0.0	0.0	4.3
Costs expected to be paid within three years, 10% discount	4.1	0.0	0.0	4.1

Note:

(1) Future abandonment and reclamation costs not deducted from future net revenue include the costs of abandoning gathering systems and reclaiming wellsites.

The Corporation estimates that future abandonment and reclamation costs will be \$60.4 million on an undiscounted basis. These costs are reflected in Sherritt's audited consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2017 as an environmental rehabilitation obligation of \$59.9 million.

Reserves Data

The following tables provide information regarding the Corporation's oil and gas reserves as at December 31, 2017 using forecast prices and costs and information regarding the estimated net present value of future net revenue related thereto. The Corporation produces heavy crude oil in Cuba, light crude oil in Spain and conventional natural gas in Pakistan.

Summary of Oil and Gas Reserves Forecast Prices and Costs December 31, 2017

Reserves Category	Heavy Crude Oil		Light and Medium Crude Oil		Conventional Natural Gas	
	Cuba		Spain		Pakistan	
	Gross (Mbbbl)	Net (Mbbbl)	Gross (Mbbbl)	Net (Mbbbl)	Gross (MMcf)	Net (MMcf)
Proved						
Proved developed producing	3,282	1,387	382	382	2,038	1,783
Proved developed non-producing	–	–	–	–	–	–
Proved undeveloped	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total Proved	3,282	1,387	382	382	2,038	1,783
Total Probable	755	311	150	150	1,550	1,356
Total Proved Plus Probable	4,037	1,698	532	532	3,588	3,139

Summary of Net Present Value of Future Net Revenue
Attributable to Oil and Gas Reserves
Forecast Prices and Costs
December 31, 2017

Reserves Category	Net Present Values of Future Net Revenue										Unit Value ⁽¹⁾ before Income Tax Discounted at 10%/year (US\$/Mcf) (US\$/bbl) (US\$/boe)
	Before Income Taxes Discounted at (%/year)					After Income Taxes Discounted at (%/year)					
	0	5	10	15	20	0	5	10	15	20	
	(US \$millions)	(US \$millions)	(US \$millions)	(US \$millions)	(US \$millions)	(US \$millions)	(US \$millions)	(US \$millions)	(US \$millions)	(US \$millions)	
CUBA											
Proved developed producing	12.1	11.6	11.2	10.8	10.4	9.8	9.4	9.1	8.8	8.5	8.07
Proved developed non-producing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proved undeveloped	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total proved reserves	12.1	11.6	11.2	10.8	10.4	9.8	9.4	9.1	8.8	8.5	8.07
Probable	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	5.42
Total Proved Plus Probable Reserves	14.1	13.4	12.9	12.4	11.9	11.4	10.9	10.4	10.0	9.7	7.58
SPAIN											
Proved developed producing	7.8	7.5	7.1	6.8	6.5	7.8	7.5	7.1	6.8	6.5	18.68
Proved developed non-producing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proved undeveloped	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Proved reserves	7.8	7.5	7.1	6.8	6.5	7.8	7.5	7.1	6.8	6.5	18.68
Probable	4.6	4.0	3.4	3.0	2.6	4.6	4.0	3.4	3.0	2.6	22.89
Total Proved Plus Probable Reserves	12.4	11.4	10.6	9.8	9.1	12.4	11.4	10.6	9.8	9.1	19.86
PAKISTAN											
Proved developed producing	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.43
Proved developed non-producing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proved undeveloped	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Proved reserves	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.43
Probable	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.30
Total Proved Plus Probable Reserves	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.37
TOTAL											
Proved developed producing	20.8	19.9	19.1	18.3	17.7	18.5	17.7	17.0	16.3	15.7	9.24
Proved developed non-producing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proved undeveloped	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Proved reserves	20.8	19.9	19.1	18.3	17.7	18.5	17.7	17.0	16.3	15.7	9.24
Probable	7.1	6.3	5.5	4.9	4.4	6.7	5.9	5.2	4.6	4.1	8.03
Total Proved Plus Probable Reserves	27.9	26.2	24.6	23.3	22.1	25.2	23.6	22.2	20.9	19.8	8.94

Note:

- (1) Unit values are calculated using estimated net present value of future net revenue before income taxes using a discount rate of 10%. Unit values are presented on a US\$/bbl basis for heavy crude oil reserves in Cuba and light and medium crude oil reserves in Spain and on a US\$/Mcf basis for conventional natural gas reserves in Pakistan. The unit values for the Corporation's total reserves are presented on a US\$/boe basis. (see "Glossary of Terms" for information regarding presentation of boe information)

Total Future Net Revenue
(Undiscounted)
as of December 31, 2017
Forecast Prices and Costs

Reserves Category	Revenue (US\$millions)	Royalties (US\$millions)	Operating Costs (US\$millions)	Development Costs (US\$millions)	Abandonment and Reclamation Costs (US\$millions)	Future Net Revenue before Income Taxes (US\$millions)	Income Taxes (US\$millions)	Future Net Revenue after Income Taxes (US\$millions)
HEAVY CRUDE OIL (Cuba)								
Proved Reserves	55.3	–	41.3	–	1.9	12.1	2.3	9.8
Proved Plus Probable Reserves	68.3	–	52.2	–	2.0	14.1	2.7	11.4
LIGHT AND MEDIUM CRUDE OIL (Spain)								
Proved Reserves	24.8	–	14.2	–	2.8	7.8	–	7.8
Proved Plus Probable Reserves	35.8	–	20.5	–	2.9	12.4	–	12.4
CONVENTIONAL NATURAL GAS (Pakistan)								
Proved Reserves	2.8	0.3	1.5	–	0.0	0.9	–	0.9
Proved Plus Probable Reserves	4.8	0.6	2.8	–	0.0	1.4	–	1.4
TOTAL								
Proved Reserves	82.9	0.3	57.0	–	4.7	20.8	2.3	18.5
Proved Plus Probable Reserves	108.9	0.6	75.5	–	4.9	27.9	2.7	25.2

Future Net Revenue by Product Type
as of December 31, 2017
Forecast Prices and Costs

Reserves Category	Product Type ⁽¹⁾	Future Net Revenue before Income Taxes (Discounted at 10%/Year) (US\$millions)	Unit Value ⁽²⁾ (US\$/bbl) (US\$/Mcf) (US\$/boe)
Proved Reserves	Heavy Crude Oil	11.2	8.07
	Light and Medium Crude Oil	7.1	18.68
	Conventional Natural Gas	0.8	0.43
	Total	19.1	9.24
Proved Plus Probable Reserves	Heavy Crude Oil	12.9	7.58
	Light and Medium Crude Oil	10.6	22.89
	Conventional Natural Gas	1.2	0.37
	Total	24.6	8.94

Notes:

- (1) Includes associated by-products for each product type.
- (2) Unit values are calculated using estimated net present value of future net revenue before income taxes using a discount rate of 10%. Unit values are presented on a US\$/bbl basis for heavy crude oil reserves in Cuba and light and medium crude oil reserves in Spain and on a US\$/Mcf basis for conventional natural gas reserves in Pakistan. The unit values for the Corporation's total reserves are presented on a US\$/boe basis. See "Glossary of Terms" for information regarding presentation of boe information.

Forecast Prices Used in Estimates

The forecast benchmark reference product price and inflation rate assumptions reflected in the reserves data, together with the Corporation's weighted average historical prices during 2017, are summarized below. All product price assumptions are stated in US\$ and therefore no exchange rate assumptions are required. These forecast assumptions were provided in the McDaniel Report, including McDaniel & Associates price forecasts as of December 31, 2017. For information on the sales price of heavy oil in Cuba, see "Operations in Cuba – Sales in Cuba" above.

Summary of Pricing Assumptions and Inflation Rate December 31, 2017 Forecast Prices and Costs

Year	Heavy Crude Oil (Cuba)	Light and Medium Crude Oil (Spain)	Conventional Natural Gas (Pakistan)	WTI Benchmark	Gulf Coast Fuel Oil #6	Inflation Rates
	(US\$/bbl)	(US\$/bbl)	(US\$/Mcf)	(US\$/bbl)	(US\$/bbl)	(%/Year)
2017 (actual weighted average)	33.70	53.85	1.33	50.78	47.02	
2018	39.37	63.04	1.35	58.50	54.41	2.00
2019	39.66	60.85	1.35	58.70	54.59	2.00
2020	42.79	62.95	1.35	62.40	58.03	2.00
2021	47.34	69.65	1.35	69.00	64.17	2.00
2022		73.73	1.35	73.10	67.98	2.00
Thereafter		+2.0%/year	+0.0%/year	+2.0%/year	+2.0%/year	2.00

Reconciliation of Reserves

The following table provides information regarding the reconciliation of the Corporation's gross reserves by product type during 2017:

Reconciliation of Corporation Gross Reserves by Product Type

Factors	Heavy Crude Oil (Cuba)			Light and Medium Crude Oil (Spain)			Conventional Natural Gas (Pakistan)		
	Gross Proved	Gross Probable	Gross Proved Plus Probable	Gross Proved	Gross Probable	Gross Proved Plus Probable	Gross Proved	Gross Probable	Gross Proved Plus Probable
	(Mbbbl)	(Mbbbl)	(Mbbbl)	(Mbbbl)	(Mbbbl)	(Mbbbl)	(MMcf)	(MMcf)	(MMcf)
December 31, 2016	4,624	307	4,931	376	148	524	2,234	1,806	4,040
Extensions and Improved									
Recovery	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Technical Revisions	1,957	(32)	1,925	120	2	122	802	(256)	545
Discoveries	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Acquisitions	1,550	586	2,136	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dispositions	70	(106)	(36)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Economic Factors	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Production	(4,920)	–	(4,920)	(114)	–	(114)	(998)	–	(998)
December 31, 2017	3,282	755	4,037	382	150	532	2,038	1,550	3,588

Undeveloped Reserves

All of the Corporation's proved and probable undeveloped reserves are located in Cuba. In general, the Corporation will attribute proved and probable reserves only for a maximum of one step-out development drilling location and for any infill development locations where there is satisfactory evidence of reservoir continuity. The Corporation does not intend to drill any additional development wells in the Puerto Escondido and Yumuri oil fields in Cuba in 2018. The following table discloses for each of the Corporation's product types, the volumes of proved undeveloped reserves and probable undeveloped reserves that were first attributed in each of the three most recent financial years. All properties in respect of which undeveloped reserves have been attributed are currently under production. The information under the "Booked" columns represents the Corporation's booked undeveloped reserves as of December 31 of the applicable year.

Undeveloped Reserves by Product Type

	Heavy Crude Oil (Cuba)		Light and Medium Oil (Spain)		Conventional Natural Gas (Pakistan)	
	First Attributed	Booked	First Attributed	Booked	First Attributed	Booked
Proved Undeveloped	(MMbbl)	(MMbbl)	(MMbbl)	(MMbbl)	(MMcf)	(MMcf)
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
2016	-	-	-	-	-	-
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-
Probable Undeveloped	First Attributed	Booked	First Attributed	Booked	First Attributed	Booked
	(MMbbl)	(MMbbl)	(MMbbl)	(MMbbl)	(MMcf)	(MMcf)
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
2016	-	-	-	-	-	-
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-

Future Development Costs

A summary of the estimated development costs, on an undiscounted basis, deducted in the estimation of future net revenue attributable to the proved and the proved plus probable reserves categories, using forecast prices and costs, is presented below.

Summary of Estimated Future Development Costs Attributable to Reserves December 31, 2017

	Heavy Crude Oil (Cuba) (US\$millions)	Light and Medium Crude Oil (Spain) (US\$millions)	Conventional Natural Gas (Pakistan) (US\$millions)	Total (US\$millions)
Proved Reserves				
2018	—	—	—	—
2019	—	—	—	—
2020	—	—	—	—
2021	—	—	—	—
2022	—	—	—	—
Thereafter	—	—	—	—
Total Future Development Costs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proved and Probable Reserves				
2018	—	—	—	—
2019	—	—	—	—
2020	—	—	—	—
2021	—	—	—	—
2022	—	—	—	—
Thereafter	—	—	—	—
Total Future Development Costs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

The Corporation expects no further development costs on the PSC Puerto Escondido Yumuri. Any costs the Corporation may incur in connection with the sale of equity or assets or from borrowing against bank debt facilities are not expected to be material relative to the incremental revenue stream generated.

Producing and Non-Producing Wells

The following table provides information regarding the Corporation's interests in producing and non-producing wells as at December 31, 2017. For additional information regarding the Corporation's principal properties, see "*Operations in Cuba*" above.

Summary of Producing and Non-Producing Wells
December 31, 2017

	Heavy Crude Oil (Cuba) (wells)	Light and Medium Oil (Spain) (wells)	Conventional Natural Gas (Pakistan) (wells)	Total
Gross Wells⁽¹⁾				
Producing ⁽³⁾	30	6	2	38
Non-producing ⁽⁴⁾	9	12	0	21
Total Gross Wells	39	18	2	59
Net Wells⁽²⁾				
Producing ⁽³⁾	29.8	1.0	0.3	31.1
Non-producing ⁽⁴⁾	9.0	2.1	0.0	11.1
Total Net Wells	38.8	3.1	0.3	42.2

Notes:

- (1) "Gross Wells" represent the number of wells in which the Corporation has a working-interest.
- (2) "Net Wells" represent the number of wells obtained by aggregating the Corporation's working-interests in each of its Gross Wells.
- (3) "Producing" includes wells presently producing and contributing revenue or wells presently producing that are expected to contribute revenue in the foreseeable future through the sale of presently produced oil.
- (4) "Non-Producing" includes wells that are presently non-producing or wells presently producing but are not expected to contribute revenue in the foreseeable future through the sale of presently produced oil.

Properties with No Attributed Reserves

The Corporation believes that certain of its undeveloped oil and gas properties have the potential to contain commercial oil and gas deposits even though the Corporation has not assigned proved or probable reserves to such properties.

During 2014, the Corporation was awarded two new PSCs covering Blocks 8A and 10 in Cuba comprising approximately 121,750 gross ha (121,750 net ha) of undeveloped oil and gas properties. The initial work commitments on these blocks included the review and reprocessing of existing seismic data and the acquisition and processing of new seismic data during the initial two years of the term of the contract at an estimated cost of \$8.4 million. The Corporation completed the reprocessing of seismic data in Block 10, as required under the initial work commitment, and elected to enter into the Second Exploration sub-period in Block 10 which included the drilling of an exploratory well. For information regarding the results for the exploration well, please see the section entitled "*Description of the Business – Oil and Gas – Operations in Cuba – Exploration Prospects*". In relation to Block 8A, the Corporation plans to acquire 2D seismic data in 2018, as required under the initial work commitment. Following the completion of the initial work commitments, the Corporation will elect to proceed to the next subperiod or terminate the PSC. On November 1, 2017, the Corporation was awarded a new PSC covering Block 6A comprising approximately 46,871 gross ha (46,871 net ha). The initial work commitment on this block includes the review and reprocessing of existing 2D seismic data and the subsequent integration into a geophysical and geological model. Based upon the results of the interpretation, the Corporation will either enter into the second subperiod or terminate the Block 6A PSC. Total net area of the three exploration blocks is 168,621 gross ha (168,621 net ha).

The Corporation indirectly holds approximately 12,672 gross ha (2,550 net ha) of undeveloped oil and gas properties in the Gulf of Valencia, offshore of Spain. These undeveloped oil and gas properties have no associated work commitments. The Corporation is working with the operator to develop several prospects on these lands for future drilling. None of the Corporation's rights to these properties are scheduled to expire during 2018.

There are no significant abandonment and reclamation costs, unusually high development costs or operating costs or contractual obligations to produce and sell a significant portion of production at subsidized prices that could be reasonably expected to affect the anticipated development or production activities in relation to the Corporation's undeveloped oil and gas properties.

Forward Contracts

The Corporation is not party to any forward contracts regarding the sale of its oil and gas production (see "*Operations in Cuba – Sales to Cuba*" above).

Costs Incurred

The following table provides information regarding the Corporation's costs incurred in relation to its oil and gas properties:

Summary of Costs Incurred
Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Cuba	Spain	Pakistan	Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	(\$millions)	(\$millions)	(\$millions)	(\$millions)	(\$millions)
Acquisition of Proved properties	–	–	–	–	–
Acquisition of Unproved properties	–	–	–	–	–
Total property acquisition costs	–	–	–	–	–
Exploration costs	21.1	–	–	–	21.1
Development costs	(2.1)	0.3	0.1	0.0	(1.7)
Total Capital Expenditures	19.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	19.4

(1) IT purchases and capitalized G&A offset by non-core asset disposal

Exploration and Development Activities

The following table provides information regarding the Corporation's oil and gas exploration and development drilling activities in Cuba, Spain and Pakistan during 2017.

Summary of Exploratory and Development Wells Drilled

Type of Well	Cuba		Spain		Pakistan		2017 Total	
	Gross Wells ⁽¹⁾	Net Wells ⁽²⁾	Gross Wells ⁽¹⁾	Net Wells ⁽²⁾	Gross Wells ⁽¹⁾	Net Wells ⁽²⁾	Gross Wells ⁽¹⁾	Net Wells ⁽²⁾
Exploratory								
Oil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dry	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Stratigraphic Test	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Exploratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development								
Oil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stratigraphic Test	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dry	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Stratigraphic Test	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Drilled	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2

Notes:

- (1) Gross Wells represent the total number of wells in which the Corporation has a working-interest.
- (2) Net Wells represent the number of wells obtained by aggregating the Corporation's working-interests in each of its Gross Wells.

Production Estimates

Estimated production volumes for the first year of the estimates of future net revenue prepared in conjunction with the Corporation's reserves data (and included in the McDaniel Report) are provided in the following table. The Yumuri field in Cuba is estimated to account for more than 20% of estimated production.

Summary of 2018 Production Estimates

Forecast Prices and Costs	Heavy Crude Oil (Cuba) (Mbbbls)	Light and Medium Oil (Spain) (Mbbbls)	Conventional Natural Gas (Pakistan) (MMcf)
Proved reserves – Gross Working-Interest			
Yumuri (Cuba)	1,379	–	–
Other	271	107	875
Total Estimated 2018 Production from Proved Reserves – Gross Working-Interest	1,650	107	875
Probable reserves – Gross Working-Interest			
Yumuri (Cuba)	72		
Other	19	3	54
Total Estimated 2018 Production from Probable Reserves – Gross Working-Interest	91	3	54
Proved and probable reserves – Gross Working-Interest			
Yumuri (Cuba)	1,451	–	–
Other	290	110	929
Total Estimated 2018 Production from Proved and Probable Reserves – Gross Working-Interest	1,741	110	929

Production History

The following table provides information regarding the Corporation's share of average daily oil and gas production and the average netbacks to the Corporation for the periods indicated:

Summary of Production and Netbacks

	Year Ended December 31, 2017				
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Yearly Average
Heavy Crude Oil (Cuba)					
Net Working-Interest Production (bopd)					
Yumuri	2,877	3,182	2,367	2,478	2,724
Varadero West	4,445	4,021	3,890	2,245	3,645
Other	841	807	615	612	718
Total	8,163	8,010	6,872	5,335	7,087
Average netback (\$ per bbl)					
Revenue	43.62	42.10	42.10	48.82	43.81
Royalties	–	–	–	–	–
Production costs ⁽¹⁾	(16.14)	(18.06)	(18.21)	(23.81)	(18.64)
Netback ⁽²⁾	27.48	24.04	23.89	25.01	25.17
Light and Medium Crude Oil (Spain)					
Net Working-Interest Production (bopd)	275	338	326	312	313
Average netback (\$ per bbl)					
Revenue	70.19	66.04	65.08	78.91	69.92
Royalties	(0.71)	(0.66)	(0.66)	(0.76)	(0.70)
Production costs ⁽¹⁾	(60.35)	(43.64)	(40.36)	(44.02)	(46.49)
Netback ⁽²⁾	9.13	21.74	24.06	34.13	22.73
Conventional Natural Gas (Pakistan)					
Net Working-Interest Production (MMcfd)	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7
Average netback (\$ per Mcf)					
Revenue	1.77	1.79	1.66	1.69	1.73
Royalties	(0.33)	(0.17)	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.20)
Production costs ⁽¹⁾	(0.98)	(1.09)	(0.72)	(1.02)	(0.95)
Netback ⁽²⁾	0.46	0.53	0.78	0.53	0.58

Note:

- (1) Calculated using net production costs in accordance with NI 51-101. For the calculation of the Corporation's gross production costs please see page 25 of the Corporation's Management, Discussion and Analysis for the year ending December 31, 2017, available at www.sedar.com.
- (2) Netbacks are calculated by subtracting royalties and production costs from revenue.

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3.3 Power

CUBA

The Corporation holds a one-third interest in Energas, a Cuban joint venture corporation established to operate facilities for the processing of raw natural gas and the generation of electricity for sale and delivery to the Cuban national electrical grid system. The remaining two-thirds interest in Energas is held equally by two Cuban agencies, CUPET and UNE.

The Corporation has financed, constructed and commissioned each of the four integrated gas treatment and three power generation facilities as well as any expansions to the facilities which are located near the Varadero, Boca de Jaruco, and Puerto Escondido oil fields located in Cuba. As at December 31, 2017, these facilities had a total capacity of 506 MW.

The Energas joint venture is authorized as an economic association pursuant to foreign investment laws in Cuba to engage in the generation of electricity for sale to the Cuban electrical grid. Resolutions confirming the authorization and validity of the establishment of Energas and its capacity to construct and operate electrical power generation plants and to sell electricity to Cuban agencies have been issued by the Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers. Energas is registered with the Chamber of Commerce of Cuba and has obtained a customs registration number that allows it to import supplies and materials to the country during the construction phase of any project or expansion and has also registered with the Office of National Tax Administration. The Cuban government also requires that Energas obtain environmental licenses relating to the commissioning and operation of the plant sites operated by Energas and a permit to operate bank accounts for each currency in which Energas does business in Cuba.

Association Agreement

The establishment and operation of Energas is governed by an association agreement entered into among Sherritt, CUPET and UNE, the joint venture partners of Energas (“**Association Agreement**”). The terms of the Association Agreement specify the obligations of each of the joint venture partners – the Corporation provides financing for the capital costs associated with the procurement, construction and commissioning of each power generation project that is approved by the shareholders of Energas and authorized by the Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers. CUPET, as part of their obligations under the Association Agreement, supplies gas as feedstock for the facilities at no cost to Energas, and UNE purchases the electricity produced by Energas under long-term fixed-price contracts.

Under the terms of the Association Agreement, all management decisions concerning Energas require the unanimous agreement of the joint venture partners. Day-to-day operations of Energas are the responsibility of the General Manager of Energas, who is appointed by Sherritt, until such time as it has recovered all its financing costs, and thereafter by mutual agreement of the joint venture partners.

On December 15, 2016, the Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba issued a Resolution extending the operating term of the Energas Varadero power facilities, and the related land rights until 2023.

The following table provides information in respect of each phase of development of the power generation facilities operated by Energas.

Phase	Location	Start Date	End of Term	Capacity (MW)	Economic Unit	Description
1	Varadero	1998	2023	65	Base	2 gas turbines, gas processing facility
2	Varadero	1998	2023	33	Base	1 gas turbine, gas processing facility
3	Varadero	2003	2023	75	Base	Combined cycle facility with supplementary firing
4	Boca de Jaruco	1999	2023	33	Base	1 gas turbine, gas processing facility
6	Puerto Escondido	2006	2023	20	Expansion	1 gas turbine, gas processing facility
6	Boca de Jaruco	2006	2023	65	Expansion	2 gas turbines, pipeline
7	Boca de Jaruco	2007	2023	65	Expansion	2 gas turbines
8	Boca de Jaruco	2014	2023	150	Expansion	Combined cycle facility with supplementary firing
Total capacity				506		

Pursuant to the terms of the Association Agreement, the operations of Energas have been divided into two economic units. The first economic unit (“**Base**”) comprises phases 1 through 4 noted above and the second economic unit (“**Expansion**”) comprises Phases 6 through 8 noted above.

The profits from each of the Base and Expansion economic units are paid out in the following order of priority: first, to the Corporation in repayment of financing costs for the construction of the facilities; second, to the government of Cuba for land rights granted in connection with the power plant sites; and finally, subject to mutual agreement, to the Energas shareholders in the form of dividends. In the event there is a shortage in the supply of natural gas that results in the curtailment of operations at the Expansion facilities, the joint venture partners of Energas have agreed to contribute their respective dividends from the Base facilities, to the extent required, to ensure that the Corporation recovers its financing costs pertaining to the Expansion facilities.

During 2005, Energas completed the repayment of financing in respect of the construction of the Base facilities. Subsequently, payment was made to the government of Cuba for the land rights to these facilities. As a result, the profits from the Base facilities are distributed to the joint venture partners of Energas in the form of dividends. Regular dividend payments commenced during 2006 and profits from the Base facilities are subject to a Cuban profit tax.

As for the Expansion economic unit, the profits from the Expansion facilities are used for repayment to the Corporation for all financing costs for the construction of the facilities and an agreed annual amount is paid to the government of Cuba for land rights during the term of the Association Agreement.

The Corporation believes that, to the extent its share of dividends from Energas are reinvested in construction of the Expansion facilities, the Corporation is entitled to receive reinvestment credits. Such credits are payable in cash directly to the Corporation funded by income taxes paid by Energas to the extent of the Corporation’s one third interest. The Cuban tax authority has indicated they will make payments to Sherritt in accordance with the Cuban tax authority’s interpretation of the amount entitled, however during 2017, no payments were received.

Energas and UNE have entered into an agreement providing for the purchase by UNE of all of the electric power generated by Energas from the Base facilities up to a maximum of 1,680 GWh per year. The purchase obligation commenced in October 1998, when the first phase of the Varadero facility commenced commercial production, and will continue as long as the Association Agreement is in effect. The electricity tariff was US\$0.045/kWh prior to completion of the repayment of financing and payment of land rights. The tariff is now US\$0.038/kWh. A second agreement provides for the purchase by UNE of all of the electricity generated from the Expansion facilities up to a maximum of 1,180 GWh per year. Under this third agreement, the electricity tariff is set at US\$0.045/kWh during the period prior to repayment of financing for the Expansion facilities and payment of land rights. Subsequently, the tariff will be US\$0.038/kWh.

In addition to the agreements with UNE, Energas has entered into agreements with other agencies of the government of Cuba, on the basis of international reference prices, for the purchase and sale of sulphur, LPG and natural gas condensates which are recovered from the processing of raw gas.

During 2017, the Corporation’s Power division had earnings from operations of \$5.2 million on revenue of \$51.2 million compared to a loss from operations of \$5.3 million in 2016 on revenue of \$58.6 million. Total non-expansion capital expenditures during 2017 in respect of power operations were \$1.5 million and were primarily directed towards sustaining capital for Cuban operations.

Locations

Energas does not own the surface land rights for its power facilities in Cuba, but has entered into leases with the Cuban State for the duration of the term of the joint venture.

Varadero

The Varadero facility is located approximately 140 kilometres east of Havana, Cuba. The facility consists of two integrated raw gas processing plants, three gas turbines and associated electric generators, a heat exchange system for generating high-pressure

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steam, and a steam turbine and associated electric generator. In addition, the Varadero site includes an electrical substation and transformers to facilitate connection of the facility to the Cuban national grid system and an integrated maintenance facility. The aggregate net power capacity of this facility is approximately 173 MW. Sherritt's share of 2017 electricity sales was 268,259 MWh. In 2016, Sherritt's share of electricity sales was 269,982 MWh.

The two integrated gas plants at the Varadero site have a combined rated capacity of approximately 50 MMcfpd of raw gas inlet, which would yield approximately 43 MMcfpd of sweet gas, 60 Tpd of sulphur, 438 bopd of LPG, and 226 bopd of condensate.

Boca de Jaruco and Puerto Escondido

The Boca de Jaruco facilities, located approximately 50 kilometres east of Havana, Cuba, consist of a raw gas processing plant and five gas turbines and associated electric generators, a heat exchange system for generating high pressure steam and a steam turbine and associated electric generator. The aggregate net power capacity of this facility is approximately 313 MW. The gas plant has a rated capacity of approximately 12 MMcfpd of raw gas inlet, which would yield approximately 10 MMcfpd of processed natural gas and 58 bopd of condensate. The Boca de Jaruco site also includes an electrical substation and transformers to facilitate connection to the Cuban national grid system and an integrated administrative and maintenance facility.

The Puerto Escondido facilities, located approximately 75 kilometres east of Havana, Cuba consist of two integrated raw gas processing plants and a gas turbine and associated electrical generator with a net power capacity of 20 MW. The gas plant has a rated capacity of 70 MMcfpd of raw gas inlet, yielding approximately 61.5 MMcfpd of processed natural gas, 400 bopd of condensate and 475 bopd of LPG. The Puerto Escondido site also includes an electrical substation and transformers to facilitate connection to the Cuban national grid system.

In 2017, Sherritt's share of electricity sales at the Boca de Jaruco and Puerto Escondido sites was 579,795 MWh. In 2016, Sherritt's share of electricity sales was 624,428 MWh. The reduction in sales was largely due to reduced gas supply in 2017.

Under the terms of the Association Agreement, Energas has assumed responsibility for the processing of all the gas produced in the regional vicinity of the Yumuri, Puerto Escondido and Seboruco oil fields, including the portion of gas used by CUPET for the supply of domestic fuel to Havana for which CUPET pays a tariff to Energas.

Cuban Payment Arrangements

During 2017, Sherritt received payment of US\$39.4 million for overdue receivables, resulting in an overdue balance at December 31, 2017 of US\$91.2 million. As at December 31, 2016, the overdue amount was US\$46.3 million.

Gas Supply from CUPET

Under the terms of the Association Agreement, CUPET is obligated to supply, at no cost to Energas, gas that is owned by CUPET and is produced in association with crude oil from oil fields in the regional vicinity of the Varadero, Boca de Jaruco, Yumuri and Puerto Escondido plant sites (the **"Oilfields"**) up to maximum plant capacity. CUPET's obligation to supply such gas is subject to its pre-existing obligation to supply clean, processed gas from the Puerto Escondido, Yumuri and Canasí fields for domestic fuel to Havana. Energas does not own the gas reserves in the Oilfields, nor does it control the rate or manner in which such gas reserves are produced. Continuing shortages in gas supply occurred throughout 2017 at both the Varadero and Boca de Jaruco plant sites (see section 3.7 *"Risk Factors – Uncertainty of Gas Supply to Energas"*).

During 2014, the Corporation carried out a program involving the attempted recompletion of two existing wells and the drilling of a third well to test potential zones for the production of natural gas from the Puerto Escondido and Yumuri oil fields. The program was unsuccessful. In 2016, the Corporation constructed a pipeline from the Seboruco and Yumuri oil fields to transport an additional 7.0 MMcfpd of raw gas to the Puerto Escondido gas plant.

MADAGASCAR

The Corporation leased a 25 MW heavy oil-fired facility to Madagascar's national water and electricity company, JIRAMA. The term of that lease expired in November 2017. The Corporation had previously fully impaired its investment in this facility in June 2013 and no further write-downs were recorded as a result of the lease expiration.

3.4 Commercial and Technologies

Information regarding Sherritt's marketing and logistics activities is included in the sections entitled "*Description of the Business – Metals – Moa Joint Venture*", "*Description of the Business – Metals – Moa Joint Venture – Marketing & Sales*", and "*Description of the Business – Metals – Ambatovy Joint Venture – Marketing & Sales*". The Technologies aspect of Commercial and Technologies is comprised of project managers, research scientists, engineers, technologists and support staff focused on the development and commercial application of hydrometallurgical technologies and the use of high pressure autoclave technologies in other applications in support of the Corporation's business units as well as provision of such technologies to existing and emerging external producers. The group also aids in identifying opportunities for the Corporation as a result of its international activities and research and development activities. More than 35 commercial plants worldwide have adopted Commercial and Technologies' hydrometallurgical processes for the treatment of a wide range of ores, concentrates, mattes and other feed materials for the recovery of non-ferrous and precious metals. Hydrometallurgical and high pressure autoclave processes are developed, tested and demonstrated extensively at Technologies' laboratory and pilot plant facilities, the data from which forms the basis for Commercial and Technologies' engineers to design commercial plants. The Ambatovy Joint Venture, for example, features the Commercial and Technologies' proprietary process technology for nickel and cobalt recovery from laterite ores, which has been successfully applied at the commercial scale for more than half a century. Commercial and Technologies continues to provide technical assistance to the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

In addition to technologies for extracting and refining nickel and cobalt, proprietary technologies for the recovery of gold, silver and other precious metals, and for copper, zinc and other industrial metals from sulphidic feeds have been widely commercialized by many of the world's major non-ferrous mining companies, Sherritt's technologies for sulphidic materials can provide an environmentally preferable option to conventional processing as there is not a corresponding production of sulphur dioxide. The group remains active in the development of commercial facilities for gold, copper and zinc projects in China, Brazil, the Middle East, South Africa, Canada and Chile and in the development and application of hydrometallurgical and associated technologies to other resource-based industries.

With Sherritt's divestiture of its coal business in early 2014, Technologies is no longer focused on the development of clean coal initiatives. However, Technologies is continuing to examine the application of the use of high pressure autoclave technology to add value to hydrocarbon processing.

3.5 Environment, Health and Safety and Sustainability

Enterprise oversight of Environment, Health, Safety & Sustainability ("**EHS&S**") is provided by the Corporate Affairs and Sustainability Department and the Corporate Director of Environment, Health and Safety ("**EH&S**"). Both Corporate Affairs and Sustainability and EH&S report to the Chief Operating Officer. The EHS&S functions are managed within a sustainability framework that was introduced in 2013.

SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

Sherritt's sustainability framework (the "**Framework**") provides a focused and practical approach to prioritizing, managing and measuring sustainability performance. The Framework consists of a core commitment to sustainability and a series of issue-specific commitments, which are supported by management systems with standards and guidelines to inform planning, implementation, measurement, reporting and assurance of sustainability efforts across Sherritt. All of the Corporation's operations are in the process of ensuring they meet the requirements of these minimum standards for sustainability management.

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The Framework addresses the sustainability issues most material to the achievement of the Corporation's goals and future business needs. To develop the Framework sustainability issues important to the Corporation's business were identified based on potential risks, corporate policies and a review of current and emerging sustainability issues facing the natural resources sector.

Each issue was analysed on the basis of the level of expected business impact and degree of stakeholder interest. Generally, the most material sustainability issues are addressed in individual commitments in the Framework shown below. These issues are reviewed periodically to ensure emerging issues are properly identified and captured in the Framework. In 2017, Sherritt updated its assessment of material sustainability issues to align with the latest requirements of the Global Reporting Initiative, an internationally recognized industry reporting standard that Sherritt applies. The Corporation's material issues were largely unchanged since the previous assessment; however, minor updates to the Framework are expected to be introduced in 2018, as a result of the 2017 assessment.



The standards designed to support the Framework align with international good practice, including the requirements of the Towards Sustainable Mining (“**TSM**”) program, the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights, the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, the International Finance Corporation's Performance Standards, the Incident Command System, and the United Nation's Awareness and Preparedness of Emergencies at the Local Level Programme. In Madagascar, Ambatovy's biodiversity management approach aligns with the principles of the Business and Biodiversity Offsets Programme. Sherritt's approach to sustainability is also informed by the International Council on Mining and Metals' Principles, the Sustainable Development Goals, the Global Compact, the Equator Principles, and the Organization of Economic Co-Operation and Development.

Memberships

In 2017, Sherritt became a member of the Mining Association of Canada (“**MAC**”). As a condition of membership, the Corporation is required to implement and report on TSM at its Canadian operations. TSM's six core management protocols include: Aboriginal and Community Outreach, Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions' Management, Tailings Management, Biodiversity Conservation Management, Safety and Health, and Crisis Management and Communications Planning. TSM also provides additional guidance on mine closure, the prevention of child and forced labour, and water management. As Sherritt's Framework was initially designed to align with TSM, the Corporation has already made progress on implementing TSM at facilities in Canada, Cuba and Madagascar. As a MAC member, Sherritt is now in a position to leverage MAC's resources and expertise to accelerate TSM implementation,

which will help sustainability risks to be managed consistently across the business. Sherritt will begin to report to MAC on TSM in 2019. External verification on TSM conformance will occur in 2021, when site-level results will be made public through MAC.

The Corporation also gleans insights into sustainability trends and developments through its membership in Fertilizer Canada, the Devonshire Initiative, the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada, the Nickel Institute, and the Cobalt Institute; and meets the membership obligations of the Voluntary Principles Initiative and the Extractive Sector Transparency Initiative.

EHS&S Committee of the Board

The Corporation's EHS&S Committee assists Sherritt's board of directors (the "**Board**") in its oversight of EH&S and Sustainability issues by providing corporate direction to, and monitoring and reviewing of, environment, health and safety, security, stakeholder relations, and other sustainability management systems, policies, programs and targets. The mandate of the EHS&S Committee can be found on the Corporation's website.

Sustainability Reporting

The Corporation publishes its sustainability performance in an online report available at sustainability.sherritt.com. The latest report, which contains 2016 data, was prepared in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative's G4 Sustainability Reporting Guidelines Core Option. Sherritt's 2017 sustainability report, to be published in 2018, will conform to the requirements of the Global Reporting Initiative's new standards.

ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY

Environmental

In addition to meeting the voluntary commitments articulated in Sherritt's Framework, the Corporation's operations are also subject to certain EH&S laws and conventions in various jurisdictions. These laws and conventions cover areas such as employee health and safety; air quality; water quality and availability; the protection and enhancement of the environment (including the protection of plants and wildlife); development approvals; the generation, handling, use, storage, transportation, release, disposal and cleanup of regulated materials, including wastes; and the reclamation and restoration of mining properties after mining is completed, among others. The consequences of a breach of EH&S laws can be serious and could include the temporary suspension of operations, the imposition of fines, other penalties (including administrative penalties and regulatory prosecution), and government orders, which could potentially have a material adverse effect on operations.

The Corporation's compliance with relevant environmental laws begins with its assessment of environmental impacts before it initiates major new projects or undertakes significant changes to existing operations and how compliance will be demonstrated and managed. In Madagascar, the Ambatovy Joint Venture was required to complete a comprehensive social and environmental assessment in order to design an environmental and social management plan ("**ESMP**"). The ESMP was designed in accordance with International Finance Corporation's ("**IFC**") Performance Standards. Terms of reference for the assessment were developed in consultation with the Malagasy government and included both environmental and social issues.

Once planning and development have been completed, the Corporation's various operations must remain in compliance with their permits and the relevant environmental laws. Throughout its operations, the Corporation actively investigates, tests and implements continuous improvement opportunities to mitigate any effects of the operations on the environment as well as on the health and safety of workers and adjacent residents. The Corporation is in material compliance with the applicable environmental laws and conventions relating to its current operations.

In Cuba, Moa Nickel has been working under specific operating standard regimes since 1994, which provide for Moa Nickel to work with the Cuban authorities in understanding, assessing and mitigating Moa Nickel's effects on the environment. Cuban agencies conduct periodic inspections to ensure that Moa Nickel is in compliance with the site-specific operating standard issued by the Cuban regulatory authorities.

At the Corporation's Oil, Gas and Power operations, a Cuban agency conducts ground water and air quality surveys several times per year to monitor compliance with emission standards under Cuban law.

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The Corporation holds an operating approval under the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* for the refinery in Fort Saskatchewan which expires on January 31, 2019. A renewal application was submitted in 2018. Environmental management activities are coordinated with other companies in the Fort Saskatchewan area through the refinery's active involvement with the Northeast Capital Industrial Association ("**NCIA**"). The NCIA endorses principles which promote sustainable industrial growth and high quality of life, and works with provincial authorities. Anticipated and actual changes to federal and provincial legislation regarding emission levels – including the implementation of the Alberta Climate Leadership Plan, the adoption of the Air Quality Management System in Alberta, and the implementation of federal Base Level Industrial Emissions Requirements – will require that certain air emissions from the refinery be reduced, which will require capital expenditures on the part of the Corporation. For more information on some of these requirements, see "*Greenhouse Gas Emission Frameworks*" below.

The Ambatovy Joint Venture's operations are subject to regular inspections by the O.N.E., the Malagasy environmental regulator, and an independent engineer on behalf of the Ambatovy Senior Lenders to confirm compliance with applicable Malagasy environmental laws, the ESMPs and the IFC Performance Standards as required pursuant to the Ambatovy Financing Agreements.

All Ambatovy Joint Venture facilities were designed and built, are operated and are expected to be reclaimed in a manner that materially complies with applicable Malagasy laws and regulations, World Bank guidelines, the Equator Principles and IFC Performance Standards. For example, the mine site is located within a forest zone of low commercial timber value but of high biodiversity importance. Extensive work was undertaken to evaluate and minimize potential impacts and develop suitable mitigation and compensation measures. This includes a commitment to maintaining a forest buffer zone around the mining area, two forest set-asides over the ore-body, forest de-fragmentation work through targeted reforestation as well as a plan to establish forest conservation areas (offsets) in the mine region and in an area of similar ecological value elsewhere in the eastern rainforest corridor. The offset areas are being implemented as a pilot project for the Business and Biodiversity Offset Programme, an international partnership of industry, NGOs and conservation experts to develop common standards for biodiversity offsets. The Ambatovy Joint Venture's offset program is run in collaboration with various international and national NGOs.

Reclamation

The Corporation includes provisions in its financial statements for environmental rehabilitation obligations based on estimates of future site restoration costs, estimated remaining lives of properties, environmental laws and regulations, and estimated lives of reserves. The current estimate of the Corporation's share of the total anticipated undiscounted future cost of abandonment and reclamation costs to be incurred over the life of the Corporation's various assets and investments is estimated at approximately \$95.3 million (excluding operating expenses). See Note 17 to the Corporation's audited consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2017. The Corporation's reclamation of its mine sites is continuous and on-going. The Corporation has received certain indemnifications from its predecessor, Viridian Inc., with respect to any claims for environmental damage relating to the operations at the Fort Saskatchewan refinery prior to 1994 and with respect to any claims in relation to the Corporation's fertilizer business prior to 1996. The Corporation has assumed Viridian's obligations to GNC in respect of environmental indemnities, but has also received indemnification from Viridian to the same extent, with respect to matters occurring prior to the commencement of operations of the Moa Joint Venture in 1994.

The Corporation and Moa Nickel have been indemnified by GNC with respect to a number of environmental matters. More particularly, damage arising from claims concerning identified or latent conditions relating to the operation of Moa Nickel facilities prior to the formation of the Moa Joint Venture, including health-related claims and required remediation of environmental damage done prior to the formation of the Moa Joint Venture, are subject to indemnification by GNC.

Moa Nickel is obliged to maintain a financial reserve for the purpose of reforestation of the areas that Moa Nickel has mined. Moa Nickel is not responsible for the reforestation of areas mined prior to November 30, 1994.

The Power division's Varadero, Boca de Jaruco and Puerto Escondido plant sites are subject to regulation under Cuban environmental laws. The area in the vicinity of these sites has been used for the development and production of petroleum and natural gas and other industrial activity for many years. Baseline environmental surveys conducted prior to commencement of operations have confirmed the presence of pre-existing ground water contamination at each of the Varadero, Boca de Jaruco and

Puerto Escondido plant sites. The Corporation believes that Energas has no liability under Cuban law for any pre-existing contamination at these sites.

For information on the Corporation's abandonment and reclamation costs for its oil and gas business, see "*Oil and Gas Reserves – Abandonment and Reclamation Costs*" above.

Health and Safety

In addition to meeting the voluntary commitments articulated in Sherritt's sustainability Framework, the Corporation is also subject to legal requirements governing the health and safety of the workforce. The Corporation believes that safe operations are essential for a productive and engaged workforce and sustainable growth. The Corporation is committed to workplace incident prevention and makes expenditures towards the necessary human and financial resources and site-specific systems to ensure compliance with its health and safety policies. Sherritt continuously enhances health and safety and tailings management systems to improve how significant risks are identified, controlled, and monitored.

Sherritt's approach to workplace health and safety includes involving its stakeholders, such as Sherritt's employees and the communities in which it operates, along with customers, investors, partners and service providers. The Corporation's commitment to health and safety extends throughout the entire enterprise, starting with the Board.

The Corporation continuously enhances its enterprise-wide program to eliminate fatalities and improve the safety culture through fatality prevention standards, visible leadership, and management systems implementation. The Total Recordable Injuries frequency rate was 0.26 and its Lost-Time Injuries frequency rate was 0.12, compared to targets of 0.28 and 0.11 respectively. Any injuries that occur are investigated to determine root cause and to establish necessary controls with the goal of preventing recurrence.

Greenhouse Gas Emission Frameworks

Federal

The most recent periodic conferences of the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (the "**Convention**") have not resulted in a legally binding GHG emissions reduction commitment to succeed the Kyoto Protocol, which expired at the end of 2012. However, most nations, including China, Brazil, India and Canada entered into a commitment referred to as the Paris Agreement in December 2015, under which countries submit voluntary mitigation targets and plans and revisit those targets and plans every five years. Under the Paris Agreement, the Canadian federal government has proposed to reduce its emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030.

On December 9, 2016, the Government of Canada, eight provinces (including Alberta) and three territories signed the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change (the "**Climate Change Framework**"). The key feature of the Climate Change Framework is a federal benchmark for pricing greenhouse gas emissions. To meet the benchmark, provinces and territories can implement either: (i) an explicit price-based system (e.g., a carbon tax, or Alberta's carbon levy tied to a performance-based emissions system); or (ii) a cap-and-trade system. For price-based systems, the benchmark carbon price would start at a minimum of \$10 per tonne in 2018, rising to \$50 per tonne in 2022. In contrast, jurisdictions that adopt cap-and-trade are expected to achieve: (i) emissions reductions of at least 30% below 2005 levels by 2030; and (ii) declining annual caps to at least 2022 that correspond, at a minimum, to the projected emissions reductions resulting from the carbon price that year in price-based systems. As a backstop, the federal government plans to impose a price-based system in provinces and territories that do not meet the benchmark, with revenues returned to home jurisdictions. Certain regulations necessary to implement the Climate Change Framework are still forthcoming.

Alberta

In November 2015, Alberta announced its Climate Leadership Plan. Key aspects of the Plan include an economy-wide price on greenhouse gas emissions; the phasing out of coal-fired electricity generation by 2030; a strategy to reduce methane emissions in the oil and gas sector; and an annual cap of 100 megatonnes of greenhouse gas emissions from oil sands operations, subject to

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certain exemptions. Although many of these proposals, such as the cap on oil sands emissions, have yet to be finalized, the economy-wide carbon price took effect as of January 1, 2017.

This price will be applied to the combustion of transportation and heating fuels through a carbon levy on the distribution of these fuels. The levy has been set at \$30/tonne of greenhouse gas emissions as of January 1, 2018, and is expected to rise to \$40/tonne in 2021, in line with federal legislation. For certain large industrial facilities, the carbon price will be applied through a performance-based emissions system established under the Climate Change and Emissions Management Act (“**CCEMA**”).

The Specified Gas Emitters Regulation (“**SGER**”) under the CCMEA has required certain existing facilities that released 100,000 tonnes or more of GHG emissions in certain calendar years to reduce their emissions intensity (excluding exempt industrial process emissions) or else to cover emissions through the purchase of emission offsets or emission performance credits. As a further alternative, facilities that are unable to meet their intensity requirements can purchase fund credits at a price of \$30/tonne of GHG emissions. Any money used to purchase fund credits is paid into the Climate Change and Emissions Management Fund (the “**Fund**”). The Fund will invest in projects and technology to reduce GHG emissions in Alberta.

As of January 1, 2018, the SGER has been replaced by the Carbon Competitiveness Incentive Regulation (“**CCIR**”), setting output-based intensity allocations for large emitters, starting in 2018. This regulation sets benchmarks based on 2013-15 performance of either the mix of Alberta facilities producing the same product, or the facility emissions intensity for unique producers. The CCIR includes both direct emissions and indirect ones related to the import of electricity, process heat, or hydrogen using Alberta-specific standard intensities. The CCIR includes a two-year phase-in period before the full compliance obligation must be met, and a 1% tightening rate on non-process emissions from 2020 onwards.

For the 2017 compliance period, the SGER reduction obligation for the Fort Saskatchewan site was 20% of direct emissions on an intensity basis, compared to that of the 2003-2005 period. The 2017 GHG emissions by the Fort Saskatchewan site were 349 kt CO₂e in total or 64 kt CO₂e greater than the legislated limit. Accordingly, the Fort Saskatchewan site will be purchasing 64 kt of credits for its 2017 emissions. It is anticipated that for the next several years, Fort Saskatchewan will continue to comply with the CCIR by purchasing credits and contributing to the Fund and will consider emerging GHG emission efficiency options as they are developed.

Other Jurisdictions

The Power division has registered a project with the United Nations clean development mechanism which allows GHG emission-reduction projects in developing countries to earn certified emission reduction (“**CER**”) credits, each equivalent to one tonne of CO₂. These CERs can be traded and sold, and used to meet certain emission reduction targets. The mechanism is intended to stimulate sustainable development and emission reductions and to provide flexibility in meeting certain emission reduction targets. The Energas Varadero Conversion from Open Cycle to Combined Cycle Project, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Project 0918, achieved a verified GHG reduction of 342,235 metric tonnes CO₂ equivalent from January 2007 to June 2008. Verification of a further 638,392 CER credits for the period from July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010 has been completed. Verification of CER credits for the period from January 1, 2011 to the present has been suspended for the time being as a result of low market prices for CERs. No sales of CERs were recorded in 2017.

The process of registering the 150 MW Boca de Jaruco Combined Cycle Project with United Nations authorities has been suspended until market prices for CERs have improved.

As many of these proposals are still being finalized and implemented, it is not yet possible to estimate the extent to which such regulations will impact the Corporation’s operations. However, the Corporation’s Canadian operations involve large facilities, so the setting of emissions targets (whether in the manner described above or otherwise) may well affect them and may have a material adverse effect on the Corporation’s business, results of operations and financial performance. In addition to directly emitting GHGs, the Corporation’s operations require large quantities of power. Current or future taxes on or regulation of power producers or the production of oil and gas or other products may also add to the Corporation’s operating costs. The increased regulation of GHG emissions may also reduce the demand for the Corporation’s products.

To monitor the potential impact of, and opportunities arising out of, climate change, the Corporation has conducted a number of meetings with politicians and regulators at both the federal and provincial levels and closely monitors the regulatory activities of these governments. The Corporation's facilities have implemented programs for the collection of emissions data as part of an overall environmental monitoring system. Any eventual costs related to emissions targets may be partially offset by credits earned through internal measures and research and development projects. The Corporation has already engaged in one such project utilizing waste exhaust heat to generate power for Energas facilities in Cuba, resulting in a reduction of GHG emissions. The environmental benefits achieved through the reduction of GHG emissions at the Energas operations were recognized by the granting of Kyoto Clean Development Mechanism status for the Phase 3 facilities of Energas pursuant to the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Sherritt's Community Investment initiatives focus on projects which support socio-economic development, public health and safety and natural and cultural heritage in the communities in which the Corporation operates.

In 2017, the long-standing Cuba Community Investment program continued to provide support for public infrastructure and community development in Moa, Cárdenas, Matanzas, Santa Cruz del Norte and in several smaller communities near the Corporation's operating sites. Recent projects undertaken include the installation of public lighting, the purchase of used buses for public transportation, the procurement of road repaving equipment, the construction of an urban agricultural farm, the donation of freezers to food rationing outlets, and the provision of specialized laboratory equipment to hospitals. The Corporation also routinely makes personnel and equipment available to assist with cleanup and recovery from hurricanes, as was the case in the fall of 2017 when Hurricane Irma impacted much of the island nation, including public infrastructure and major agricultural sites. To support the recovery, Sherritt provided in-kind support to communities near its operations and made donations to the Cuban government and United Nations' agencies undertaking specific projects.

The refinery in Fort Saskatchewan, which is a well-developed city near Edmonton, Alberta, administers a modest community investment budget to support worthwhile local initiatives and employee engagement. As the first major investor in the city in more than 60 years ago, Sherritt has been an active and supportive development partner to Fort Saskatchewan for decades, contributing to many public, health, cultural and educational facilities and institutions.

Specific initiatives in Madagascar have included support to regional programs to improve the capacity of educators, training programs, agricultural techniques at schools in Toamasina, Brickaville and Moramanga, the development of small-, micro-, and-medium-sized businesses (through the Ambatovy Local Business Initiative run by the Ambatovy Joint Venture's supply chain management department), training of local youth in maintaining healthy lifestyles and avoiding HIV/AIDS, and close collaboration with local authorities to establish measures that will protect the community from potential industrial accidents. In partnership with UNICEF, the Ambatovy Joint Venture built four cyclone-proof eco-schools (with a clean-water source and latrine facilities, as well as a sports field) made of ecologically friendly materials. The structured assistance plan that was put in place in earlier years to help workers transition from employment at the Ambatovy Joint Venture to new employment elsewhere was completed in 2013.

3. Description of the Business (cont.)

3.6 Employees

At December 31, 2017, the Corporation, including its subsidiaries and joint ventures, employed 6,751 individuals as set forth in the following table:

Metals ⁽¹⁾	6,030
Oil and Gas ⁽²⁾	321
Power ⁽³⁾	294
Commercial & Technologies	38
Corporate ⁽⁴⁾	68
Total	6,751

Notes:

- (1) Includes Sherritt and GNC employees seconded to the Moa Joint Venture (100% basis) and local employees of Sherritt seconded to the Ambatovy Joint Venture (100% basis) and others working at the Ambatovy Joint Venture.
- (2) Includes employees of the entities through which the Corporation carries on its Oil and Gas business.
- (3) Includes employees of Energas.
- (4) Includes employees in the Havana corporate office.

The table above does not include contractors or service providers. 5,665 contractors were working at the Ambatovy Joint Venture as of December 31, 2017.

3.7 Risk Factors

Before making any investment decision, investors should carefully consider all the information contained in this Annual Information Form. An investment in securities of the Corporation is subject to certain risks, including risks related to the business of the Corporation, risks related to mining operations and oil and natural gas operations and risks related to the Corporation's securities described below and in this Annual Information Form. These risks may not be the only risks faced by the Corporation. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known by the Corporation or which are presently considered immaterial may also adversely impact the Corporation's business, results of operations, and financial performance.

MARKET CONDITIONS

Commodity Risk

Sherritt's principal businesses include the sale of several commodities. Revenues, earnings and cash flows from the sale of nickel, cobalt, oil and gas are sensitive to changes in market prices, over which the Corporation has no control. The Corporation's earnings and financial condition depend largely upon the market prices for nickel, cobalt, oil, gas and other commodities, which are volatile. Significant reductions in commodity prices or sustained low commodity prices could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance. The prices for commodities produced by the Corporation can be affected by numerous factors beyond the Corporation's control, including expectations for inflation, speculative activities, relative exchange rates to the U.S. dollar, production activities of mining and oil and gas companies, global and regional supply and demand, supply and market prices for substitute commodities, political and economic conditions and production costs in major producing regions. The prices for these commodities have fluctuated widely in recent years. Forecasts of commodity prices can prove to be inaccurate as factors such as supply and demand fundamentals (such as the potential growth in the electric vehicle market), speculative market participation by financial entities, and structural and economic changes may not behave as predicted.

Sherritt's current businesses are dependent upon commodity inputs such as natural gas, sulphur, sulphuric acid, coal, electricity, fuel oil, diesel, limestone and related products, and materials that are subject to prevailing commodity prices. Costs and earnings from the use of these products are sensitive to changes in market prices over which Sherritt has no control.

Securities Market Fluctuations and Price Volatility

The securities markets in Canada and elsewhere can experience significant price and volume volatility which can affect the prices of Sherritt's securities. The prices of Sherritt's securities have been, and may continue to be, affected by this market volatility, as well as varying in response to a number of other events and factors. These factors may include, but are not limited to: the price of commodities; Sherritt's operating performance; the public's reaction to the Corporation's press releases, other public announcements and the Corporation's filings with the various securities regulatory authorities; and changes in earnings estimates or recommendations by research analysts who trade the Shares or the shares of other companies in the resource sector.

Securities of the Corporation listed on these markets or traded over the counter can experience wide fluctuations which are not necessarily related to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of the Corporation. Such securities can be affected by a number of factors outside the Corporation's control and which affect the price and value of securities more generally, these factors may include, but are not limited to: changes in interest rates, tax policy, and economic growth rates. As such, the Corporation's securities have been, and could continue to be, subject to significant volatility in trading volumes and market prices. There can be no assurance that the market price of the Corporation's securities will accurately reflect the value of the Corporation's underlying assets and future business prospects at any time (including the value of its interests in commodities and their current and forecasted market prices).

Liquidity and Access to Capital

Sherritt's ability to fund its capital and operating expenses and to meet its financial obligations depends on being able to generate sufficient cash flow from its operations and its ability to obtain additional financing and/or refinance its existing credit facilities and loans on terms that are acceptable to the Corporation. As noted in the risk factor entitled "*Commodity Risk*" above, Sherritt's earnings and financial condition are highly dependent upon the market prices for nickel, cobalt, oil, gas and other commodities, which are highly volatile in nature. Should a negative trend in commodity prices prevail, Sherritt may find itself unable to access sufficient capital to fund its operations in the manner required for the long-term viability of the business and/or remain in compliance with its debt covenants. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that Sherritt will have sufficient funds to repay its Debentures at maturity, nor can there be any assurance that Sherritt will be able to refinance its Debentures or raise funds in the equity capital markets on terms and conditions that would be acceptable. Failure to adequately fund its operations or meet its financial obligations could have a material adverse effect on Sherritt's business, results of operations and financial performance.

Sherritt's current financing includes, among other things, the Syndicated Facility. The total available draw under the Syndicated Facility is based on eligible receivables and inventory. If prices for nickel and cobalt decline, this could result in a material reduction in the amount of funding available under the Syndicated Facility. Certain debt covenants under the Syndicated Facility are based on ratios involving the Corporation's EBITDA and/or interest expense and other covenants require the maintenance of minimum cash balances. The Corporation's ability to satisfy these covenants could also be negatively affected by decreases in commodity prices. As a result, there can be no assurance that this Syndicated Facility can be extended or renewed at any time, or otherwise replaced with a different credit facility on similar terms.

Agencies of the Cuban government have significant payment obligations to the Corporation in connection with the Corporation's Oil and Gas, Metals and Power operations in Cuba. This exposure to the Cuban government and its potential inability to timely or fully pay such amounts could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations. Please see the risk factor entitled "*Risks Related to Sherritt's Operations in Cuba*" for additional information.

Please see the risk factor entitled "*Ambatovy Liquidity and Funding Risk*" for information regarding liquidity and access to capital risks associated with the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

Please see the risk factor entitled "*Restrictions in Debt Instruments, Debt Covenants and Mandatory Repayments*" for more information on Sherritt's loans and borrowings and on the effect of non-compliance with certain debt covenants.

3. Description of the Business (cont.)

AMBATOVY LIQUIDITY AND FUNDING RISKS

The Ambatovy Joint Venture borrowed US\$2.1 billion (US\$1.6 billion as at December 31, 2017) under the Ambatovy Financing Agreements and all of the Ambatovy Joint Venture's assets and the interests of its shareholders in the Ambatovy Joint Venture have been pledged as security for the financing. If the Ambatovy Joint Venture is unable to make semi-annual interest and principal repayments in 2019, the Ambatovy Senior Lenders could realize upon their security and seize all of the Ambatovy Joint Venture's assets and all of Sherritt's interest therein. This would have a material adverse effect on Sherritt's investment in the Ambatovy Joint Venture, and on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

Due to the current nickel pricing environment, and current production and pricing forecasts, the Ambatovy Joint Venture may require ongoing financing in order to support debt service interest payments and continued operations through 2018 and thereafter, as well as debt service principal repayments that are deferred through 2018 and recommence in 2019. The Ambatovy Joint Venture secured funding commitments from KORES and Sumitomo (and the Corporation has funded its pro rata share of such commitments into an escrow account) which were expected to cover debt service requirements and continued operations through 2018. However, such funding commitments may not be sufficient to do so, and may not be renewed in future. Although the Ambatovy Joint Venture has successfully secured sufficient financing from its shareholders and third party lenders in the past, there can be no assurance that it will be successful in securing additional financing or creditor concessions when required or on favourable terms. If the Ambatovy Joint Venture is unable to continue operations, this would have a material adverse effect on Sherritt's investment in the Ambatovy Joint Venture, and could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance. Please see the risk factors entitled "*Liquidity and Access to Capital*", above, and "*Restrictions in Debt Instruments, Debt Covenants and Mandatory Repayments*" and "*Reliance on Partners*" below.

If the escrow account has been fully drawn and the Ambatovy Joint Venture makes a cash call approved by the majority shareholders, absent a waiver from the other shareholders, Sherritt would become a defaulting shareholder should it fail to fund its pro rata share of such cash call. Such default could result in, among other things, the following: (a) Sherritt would not receive any Ambatovy Joint Venture distributions; (b) Sherritt would lose its voting rights at the Ambatovy Joint Venture's Executive Committee, its corporate boards of directors and its shareholder meetings; (c) Sherritt would lose its right to attend and be represented at meetings of the Ambatovy Joint Venture's Executive Committee and its corporate boards of directors; (d) Sherritt will be required to offer its 12% shareholder interest pro rata to the other Ambatovy Partners who have the right to purchase at the lower of fair market value and book value; (e) the other Ambatovy Partners can elect to cure Sherritt's funding deficit by funding on Sherritt's behalf, in which case such funding is deemed to be a loan to Sherritt, payable on demand, which accrues interest at LIBOR +3% and is limited recourse to Sherritt's interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture and repayable from future distributions; (f) the other Ambatovy Partners can elect to dilute Sherritt's interest by converting such deemed loans or by funding on Sherritt's behalf and electing dilution of Sherritt's interest, without any deemed loan; and (g) the other Ambatovy Partners can elect to fund additional subordinated debt to the Ambatovy Joint Venture, which accrues interest at a preferential rate and is repaid in priority to all other shareholder distributions ("**Preferred Debt**"). In the event that any of the other Ambatovy Partners elect to purchase the Corporation's interest pursuant to paragraph (d), there can be no assurance that the Corporation will receive any proceeds once such purchase price is offset against amounts outstanding under the Initial Partner Loans (as defined below). Preferred Debt lenders under paragraph (g) can also elect to exercise an enhanced dilution remedy entitling them to an equivalent amount of subordinated shareholder loans (and to the extent such loans are not available, equity) held by the defaulting shareholder for nil consideration. This enhanced dilution mechanism may not alter the defaulting shareholders equity interest, but could have a significant adverse effect on other shareholders future distributions from the Ambatovy Joint Venture and its effective economic interest therein.

Due to the Ambatovy Joint Venture's current and projected funding requirements, in a persistently low nickel price environment there can be no certainty that Sherritt will receive any distributions from the Ambatovy Joint Venture. Accordingly, Sherritt's future funding to the Ambatovy Joint Venture may not be commercially or economically justified. Whether as a result of Sherritt not funding future cash calls or otherwise, Sherritt's interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture and entitlements to future distributions could be at risk if Sherritt becomes a defaulting shareholder and there is no assurance that it will be able to retain all or any portion of its 12% interest or entitlement to future distributions, which could have a materially adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations, and financial performance.

RESTRICTIONS IN DEBT INSTRUMENTS, DEBT COVENANTS AND MANDATORY REPAYMENTS

Sherritt is a party to certain agreements in connection with the Syndicated Facility, as well as the trust indenture governing the Debentures (collectively, the **"Indenture"**). Sherritt is also a party to various agreements with the Ambatovy Senior Lenders relating to the US\$2.1 billion (US\$1.6 billion as at December 31, 2017) Ambatovy Financing Agreements. In addition, Sherritt has received the Initial Partner Loans that were used to fund part of Sherritt's contributions to the Ambatovy Joint Venture. These agreements and loans contain covenants which could have the effect of restricting Sherritt's ability to react to changes in Sherritt's business or to local and global economic conditions. In addition, Sherritt's ability to comply with these covenants and other terms of its indebtedness may be affected by changes in the Corporation's business, local or global economic conditions or other events beyond the Corporation's control. Failure by Sherritt to comply with any of the covenants contained in the Indenture, the Syndicated Facility, the Ambatovy Financing Agreements, the Partner Loans or any future debt instruments or credit agreements, could materially adversely affect the Corporation's business, results of operations, and financial performance.

The Corporation provided certain completion guarantees to the Ambatovy Senior Lenders under the Ambatovy Financing Agreements. These guarantees became non-recourse to the Corporation once the Ambatovy Joint Venture achieved financial completion in September 2015. As a result, the Ambatovy Senior Lenders' recourse under the Ambatovy Joint Venture Financing Agreements, including for repayment of semi-annual principal and interest, is limited to the Ambatovy Joint Venture and Sherritt's and the other Ambatovy Partners' interests therein.

The Initial Partner Loans (\$127.8 million as at December 31, 2017) are generally repayable by Sherritt at maturity in August 2023 and are secured by Sherritt's interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture, which is subordinate to the security interests therein held by the Ambatovy Senior Lenders. The Initial Partner Loans can be repaid in cash at any time through to maturity. At maturity, Sherritt can elect to: (i) repay the loans in cash, (ii) repay the loans in shares or a combination of cash and shares at 105% of the amount then due, or (iii) repay in 10 equal semi-annual principal installments (plus interest) commencing in December 2024, at an interest rate of LIBOR +5% applied from the original August 2023 maturity date.

If Sherritt becomes a defaulting shareholder under the terms of the Ambatovy Joint Venture Shareholders Agreement (the **"Shareholders Agreement"**), for example, by failing to fund a cash call, a cross-default to the Initial Partner Loans would be triggered and the lenders could, among other things, elect to accelerate repayment. However, due to the limited recourse nature of the loans, such acceleration will not require Sherritt to repay the loans until maturity and the lenders' recourse is effectively limited to their subordinated security interest over Sherritt's interest in, and future distributions from, the Ambatovy Joint Venture until that time. Sherritt is also obligated to repay any outstanding amount of the Initial Partner Loans if the Ambatovy Senior Lenders exercise remedies as a result of a default by the Ambatovy Joint Venture under the Ambatovy Financing Agreements. In such a circumstance, Sherritt has the option to repay in cash or, provided its Shares are trading on the TSX at the time of payment, in Shares. Unless the lenders otherwise agree, the Initial Partner Loans also require repayment in cash within five business days in the event of the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of Sherritt, the acquisition of more than 50% of the Shares or a corporate restructuring of Sherritt. Repayment of the Initial Partner Loans in cash could have significant consequences for Sherritt's liquidity and could materially adversely affect the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance. In those cases where it has the option, if Sherritt elects to repay all or any portion of the Initial Partner Loans in Shares this could result in significant dilution to existing shareholders depending on the prevailing Share price at the time of payment.

If Sherritt becomes a defaulting shareholder under the terms of the Shareholders Agreement, a cross-default to the Initial Partner Loans would be triggered, which in turn could trigger a cross-default under the Syndicated Facility.

If a cross-default to the Initial Partner Loans is triggered, and the lenders under those loans were to accelerate repayment, although generally such acceleration would not require repayment by Sherritt until after maturity it could in turn trigger a cross-default under the Indenture. Such a cross-default under the Indenture could result in acceleration of the Debentures unless the default is cured by repaying the Initial Partners Loans or is waived in accordance with the Indenture. Sherritt may not have sufficient cash and short term investments to repay all or any portion of the amounts outstanding under any or all series of outstanding Debentures (in the aggregate, \$720 million principal amount as at December 31, 2017) and there can be no assurance that Sherritt could refinance such amounts. Acceleration of the Initial Partner Loans and/or the Debentures would, in

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turn, trigger an event of default under the Syndicated Facility. Accordingly, acceleration of any one or more series of debentures could materially adversely affect the Corporation's business, results of operations, and financial performance.

DEPLETION OF RESERVES

Subject to any future expansion or other development, production from existing operations at the Corporation's mines and wells will typically decline over the life of the mine or well. As a result, Sherritt's ability to maintain or increase its current production of nickel, cobalt and oil and gas and generate revenues therefrom will depend significantly upon the Corporation's ability to discover or acquire and to successfully bring new mines and wells into production and to expand mineral and oil and gas reserves at existing or new operations. Exploration and development of mineral and oil and gas properties involves significant financial risk. Very few exploratory properties are developed into operating mines or wells. Whether a deposit will be commercially viable depends on a number of factors, including: the particular attributes of the deposit, such as size, grade and proximity to infrastructure; commodity prices, which are highly cyclical; political and social stability; and government regulation, including regulations relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, importing and exporting of natural resources and supplies and environmental protection. Even if the Corporation identifies and acquires an economically viable deposit, several years may elapse from the initial stages of development. Significant expenses could be incurred to locate and establish reserves, to develop the required extractive processes and to construct mining facilities, drill wells and construct oil and gas processing facilities.

In 2017, the Corporation's share of oil and gas production from its original PSCs in Cuba provided significant operating cash flow to the Corporation. In November 2017 the PSC for Block II (Varadero West) reverted to the Cuban Government. Any future oil and gas production will depend on new reserves in Blocks 10, 8A and 6A and/or the ability to obtain and develop additional PSCs. Sherritt cannot provide assurance that its exploration or development efforts will result in any new commercial operations or yield new mineral or oil and gas reserves to replace or increase current reserves. Failure to obtain significant oil production on Blocks 10, 8A and 6A to replace Sherritt's currently declining and expiring production volumes could have a material adverse effect on Sherritt's financial condition and operations.

RELIANCE ON PARTNERS

The Corporation holds its interest in certain projects and operations through joint ventures or partnerships. A failure by a partner to comply with its obligations under applicable partnership or similar joint venture arrangements, to continue to fund such projects or operations, or a breakdown in relations with its partners could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

OPERATING RISKS

Variability in production at the Sherritt's operations in Madagascar and Cuba is most likely to arise from the following categories of potential risk: (i) Parts and Equipment – the inherent risk that parts and equipment may fail or fail to perform in accordance with design due to mechanical or engineering issues (given the location and associated logistics, replacement components may not be immediately available); (ii) Operational Risk – production is directly affected by the performance of core operators and maintenance teams; and (iii) Weather and Natural Disasters – risks related to increased frequency of severe weather events, including hurricanes and cyclones, and other natural disasters, such as forest fires, that can impede operations before, during and after such events.

Please see the Risk Factors entitled "*Risks Related to Sherritt's Operations in Madagascar*", "*Risks Related to Sherritt's Operations in Cuba*", and "*Climate Change/Greenhouse Gas Emissions*" for additional information.

TRANSPORTATION

Sherritt's operations depend on an uninterrupted flow of materials, supplies, equipment, services and finished products. Due to the geographic location of many of Sherritt's properties and operations, this flow is highly dependent on third parties for the provision of rail, port, marine, shipping and other transportation services. Sherritt negotiates prices for the provision of these services in circumstances where it may not have viable alternatives to using specific providers, or have access to regulated rate setting mechanisms. Contractual disputes, demurrage charges, classification of commodity inputs and finished products, rail,

marine and port capacity and infrastructure issues, availability of vessels and rail cars, weather problems, labour disruptions or other factors could have a material adverse effect on Sherritt's ability to transport materials according to schedules and contractual commitments and could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

In particular, the Corporation's metals process plants rely on access to rail, port and marine shipping for certain raw material inputs and for the export of products and fertilizers. These services are owned and operated by third parties, and in the case of rail and port access, the Corporation may rely on a single supplier.

UNCERTAINTY OF GAS SUPPLY TO ENERGAS

Energas does not own the gas reserves contained in the Oilfields located in the vicinity of the Energas plant sites, nor does it control the rate or manner in which such gas reserves are produced. CUPET reserves the right to produce crude oil from such fields at such rates as the Government of Cuba deems appropriate in the national interest, which may affect the future supply of gas to Energas. Although the Corporation believes that generation of electricity will remain a key priority of the Government of Cuba and that the Oilfields will be operated in a manner which optimizes gas production, gas reserves are being depleted and there can be no certainty that sufficient quantities of gas will be available to operate the Energas facilities at maximum or economic capacity for the duration of the term of the Energas joint venture. Adequate future supplies of gas may depend, in part, upon the successful development of new oil fields in the vicinity of the Energas plant sites as the existing fields are being depleted and the continuation of production practices designed to optimize the recovery of oil and gas reserves. No independent reserve report has been prepared with respect to gas reserves in Cuba, due to a lack of available technical information from CUPET.

RELIANCE ON KEY PERSONNEL AND SKILLED WORKERS

Sherritt's operations require employees and contractors with a high degree of specialized technical, management and professional skills, such as engineers, trades people and plant and equipment operators. In some geographic areas, the Corporation competes with other local industries for these skilled workers. For example, in its Cuba operations, the Corporation is dependent on the government for the provision of skilled workers. In its Madagascar operations, the Corporation is required to recruit many skilled workers internationally and train locally, due to the limited number of local skilled workers in Madagascar. This challenge is further intensified by high expectations, from both the Malagasy government and the local community, for Sherritt to provide local employment.

If Sherritt is unable to find an adequate supply of skilled workers, a decrease in productivity or an increase in costs may result which could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance. The success of Sherritt's operations and activities is dependent to a significant extent on the efforts and abilities of its senior management team, as well as outside contractors, experts and its partners. The loss of one or more members of senior management, key employees, contractors or partners, if not effectively replaced in a timely manner, could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

EQUIPMENT FAILURE AND OTHER UNEXPECTED FAILURES

Interruptions in Sherritt's production capabilities would be expected to increase its production costs and reduce its profitability. The Corporation may experience material shutdowns or periods of reduced production because of equipment failures and this risk may be increased by the age of certain of the Corporation's facilities or facilities of third parties in which the Corporation's products are processed. In addition to equipment failures, the Corporation's facilities are also subject to the risk of loss due to unanticipated events such as fires, explosions or adverse weather conditions. Shutdowns or reductions in operations could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance. Remediation of an interruption in production capability could require the Corporation to make large expenditures. Further, longer-term business disruptions could result in a loss of customers. All of these factors could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

3. Description of the Business (cont.)

MINING, PROCESSING AND REFINING RISKS

The business of mining, processing and refining involves many risks and hazards, including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, labour-force disruptions, supply problems and delays, unusual or unexpected geological or operating conditions, geology-related failures, change in the regulatory environment, weather conditions, floods, earthquakes and water conditions. Such occurrences could result in damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties or production facilities, personal injury or death, environmental damage, delays in mining, monetary losses and possible legal liability. As a result, Sherritt may incur significant liabilities and costs that could have a material adverse effect upon its business, results of operations and financial performance. In addition, failure to maintain high levels of safety, health and security could adversely affect the Corporation's operations, financial performance, reputation and social license to operate.

Other risks and uncertainties which could impact the performance of mining projects include factors such as the ore characteristics; adverse impacts from construction or commissioning activities on ongoing operations; and difficulties with commissioning, changing geological conditions and integrating the operations of newly constructed mines and processing facilities.

The Corporation's business is also inherently subject to the risk of disruptive successful technological change in nickel and cobalt processing or otherwise and to market shifts to substitute products.

UNCERTAINTY OF RESOURCES AND RESERVE ESTIMATES

Sherritt has reserves of nickel, cobalt, oil and gas. Reserve estimates are imprecise and depend partly on statistical inferences drawn from drilling, which may prove to be unreliable. Future production could differ from reserve estimates for the following reasons:

- mineralization or formations could be different from those predicted by drilling, sampling and similar examinations;
- declines in the market price of nickel, cobalt, oil and gas or increases in operating costs and processing costs may render the production of some or all of Sherritt's reserves uneconomic;
- the grade or quality of reserves may vary significantly from time to time and there is no assurance that any particular level of nickel, cobalt, oil or gas may be recovered from the reserves; and
- legislative changes and other political changes in jurisdictions in which Sherritt operates may result in changes to Sherritt's ability to exploit reserves.

Any of these or other factors may require Sherritt to reduce its reserve estimates, reduce its production rates, or increase its costs. Past drilling results are not necessarily indicative of future drill results. Should the market price of any of the above commodities fall, or unit operating costs prove to be higher than expected, Sherritt could be required to materially write down its investment in its resource properties or delay or discontinue production or the development of projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS AND LIABILITIES

The Corporation is subject to risks related to environmental liability, including liability for reclamation costs and related liabilities, tailings facility failures and toxic gas releases. Mining, like many other extractive natural resource industries, is subject to potential risks and liabilities associated with the effects on the environment resulting from mineral development and production. Environmental regulation and increasing environmental awareness is broadening the scope of environmental stewardship responsibilities. The Corporation may be held responsible for the costs of addressing contamination at, or arising from, current or former activities. The costs associated with such responsibilities and liabilities may be substantial. The payment of such liabilities would reduce funds otherwise available and could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation.

Sherritt has estimated environmental rehabilitation provisions which management believes will meet current regulatory requirements. These future provisions are estimated by management using closure plans and other similar plans which outline the requirements that are expected to be carried out to meet the provisions. The provisions are dependent on legislative and regulatory requirements which could change. Because the estimate of provisions is based on future expectations, a number of assumptions and judgments are made by management in the determination of these provisions which may prove to be incorrect.

As a result, estimates may change from time to time and actual payments to settle the provisions may differ from those estimated and such differences may be material.

The provision for: (i) costs incurred due to the October 31, 2013 breach at the Obed Mountain mine; and (ii) future costs of reclamation activities at the Coal Valley mine are subject to uncertainties. Such uncertainties are caused by the dynamic nature of a response effort, the range of remediation alternatives available and the corresponding costs of various cleanup methodologies and uncertainty regarding the extent and nature of the cost of remediation activities that may be necessary to meet the Corporation's reclamation obligations, respectively. Sherritt is awaiting approval from regulatory agencies regarding certain portions of the Obed Mountain remediation plan which will determine the nature of the remaining remediation efforts. The outcome of the regulatory agencies' review, along with various other factors such as adverse weather and temperature changes, could escalate total costs.

The Corporation has an obligation under applicable mining, oil and gas and environmental legislation to reclaim certain lands that it disturbs during mining, oil and gas production or other industrial activities. The Corporation is required to provide financial security to certain government authorities for some of its future reclamation costs. Currently, the Corporation provides this reclamation security by way of bank guarantees, corporate guarantees and irrevocable letters of credit issued under its senior credit facilities. The Corporation may be unable to obtain adequate financial security or may be required to replace its existing security with more expensive forms of security, including cash deposits, which would reduce cash available for operations. In addition, any increase in costs associated with reclamation and mine closure or termination of oil and gas field operations resulting from changes in the applicable legislation (including any additional bonding requirements) could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

RISKS RELATED TO SHERRITT'S CORPORATE STRUCTURE

The Corporation holds its interest in certain operating companies, joint ventures or partnerships in Canada, Cuba, Spain, Pakistan and Madagascar through one or more wholly-owned intermediary holding companies located in jurisdictions outside Canada, including the Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Barbados, Spain and the Netherlands. Certain payments, including payment of dividends or other distributions by these subsidiaries to the Corporation is subject to statutory regimes applicable to those entities. There can be no assurance that the applicable Canadian government, or some or all of the holding company jurisdictions will not adopt laws and/or regulations more restrictive than those currently in effect which could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's financial performance. While these jurisdictions have experienced political stability for some time, the Corporation continues to regularly monitor changes to applicable laws and regulations.

POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER RISKS OF FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Sherritt has operations located in Cuba, Madagascar, Spain and Pakistan. There can be no assurance that assets of companies operating in industries which are deemed of national or strategic importance in the countries in which the Corporation operates or has assets, including energy, mineral and petroleum exploration, development and production, will not be nationalized. Changes in policy that alter laws regulating the mining, oil and gas or energy sectors could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation. There can be no assurance that the Corporation's assets in these countries will not be subject to nationalization, requisition or confiscation, whether legitimate or not, by an authority or body.

Sherritt is also subject to other political, economic and social risks relating to foreign operations which include, but are not limited to, forced modification or cancellation of existing contracts or permits, currency fluctuations and devaluations, unfavourable tax enforcement, changing political conditions, political unrest, civil strife, uncertainty regarding the interpretation and/or application of applicable laws in foreign jurisdictions, and changes in governmental regulations or policies with respect to, among other things, currency, production, price controls, profit repatriation, export controls, labour, taxation, trade, and environmental, health and safety matters or the personnel administering those regulations or policies. Any of these risks could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

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RISKS RELATED TO SHERRITT'S OPERATIONS IN CUBA

The Corporation directly or indirectly holds significant interests in mining, metals processing, exploration for and production of crude oil and the generation of electricity in Cuba. The operations of the Cuban businesses may be affected by economic pressures on Cuba. Risks include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in official or convertible currency exchange rates and high rates of inflation. Any changes in regulations or shifts in political attitudes are beyond the control of Sherritt and may adversely affect its business. There can be no assurance as to the impact of changes in Cuban leadership on the Cuban Government or policy in the short, medium or long term. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by such factors as Cuban government regulations with respect to currency conversion, production, project approval and execution, price controls, import and export controls, income taxes or reinvestment credits, expropriation of property, environmental legislation, land use, water use and mine and plant safety.

Operations in Cuba may also be affected by the fact that, as a Caribbean nation, Cuba regularly experiences hurricanes and tropical storms of varying intensities. The risk of damage is dependent upon such factors as intensity, footprint, wind direction and the amount of precipitation associated with the storm and tidal surges. While the Corporation, its joint venture partners and agencies of the Government of Cuba maintain comprehensive disaster plans and the Corporation's Cuban facilities have been constructed to the extent reasonably possible to minimize damage, there can be no guarantee against severe property damage and disruptions to operations.

The Cuban government has allowed, for more than two decades, foreign entities to repatriate profits out of Cuba. However, there can be no assurance that allowing foreign investment and profit repatriation will continue or that a change in economic conditions will not result in a change in the policies of the Cuban government or the imposition of more stringent foreign investment or foreign exchange restrictions. Such changes are beyond the control of Sherritt and the effect of any such changes cannot be accurately predicted.

All sales of Sherritt's oil production in Cuba are made to an agency of the Government of Cuba, as are all electricity sales made by Energas. The access of the Cuban government to foreign exchange is severely limited. As a consequence, from time to time, the Cuban agencies have had difficulty in discharging their foreign currency obligations. During such times, Sherritt has worked with these agencies in order to ensure that Sherritt's operations continue to generate positive cash flow to the extent possible. However, there is a risk, beyond the control of Sherritt, that receivables and contractual performance due from Cuban entities will not be paid or performed in a timely manner, or at all. If any of these agencies or the Cuban government are unable or unwilling to conduct business with Sherritt, or satisfy their obligations to Sherritt, Sherritt could be forced to close some or all of its Cuban businesses, which could have a material adverse effect upon Sherritt's results of operations and financial performance.

Sherritt is entitled to the benefit of certain assurances received from the Government of Cuba and certain agencies of the Government of Cuba that protect it in many circumstances from adverse changes in law, although such changes remain beyond the control of the Corporation and the effect of any such changes cannot be accurately predicted.

RISKS RELATED TO U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARDS CUBA

The United States has maintained a general embargo against Cuba since the early 1960s, and the enactment in 1996 of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (Libertad) Act (commonly known as the **"Helms-Burton Act"**) extended the reach of the U.S. embargo. In December 2014, President Obama announced his intention to normalize diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba and to reduce certain restrictions on travel, commercial and personal transactions between Americans and Cubans. Bilateral discussions between the U.S. and Cuba continued to advance for the remainder of the Obama administration. However, President Trump has since reversed many of these changes.

The U.S. Embargo

In its current form, apart from the Helms-Burton Act, the embargo applies to most transactions involving Cuba, Cuban enterprises, and Cuban nationals and it bars all "U.S. Persons" from participating in such transactions unless such persons have general or specific licenses from the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("**U.S. Treasury**") authorizing their participation in the transactions. U.S. Persons include U.S. citizens, U.S. residents, individuals or enterprises located in the United States, enterprises organized

under U.S. laws and enterprises owned or controlled by any of the foregoing. Subsidiaries of U.S. enterprises are subject to the embargo's prohibitions. The embargo also targets dealings directly or indirectly involving entities deemed to be owned or controlled by Cuba and listed as specially designated nationals ("**SDNs**"). The three entities constituting the Moa Joint Venture in which Sherritt holds an indirect 50% interest have been deemed SDNs by U.S. Treasury. Sherritt, however, is not an SDN. The U.S. embargo generally prohibits U.S. Persons from engaging in transactions involving the Cuban-related businesses of the Corporation. Furthermore, despite the relaxation of certain restrictions over the past two years, generally U.S.-origin technology, U.S.-origin goods, and many goods produced from U.S.-origin components or with U.S.-origin technology cannot under U.S. law be transferred to Cuba or used in the Corporation's operations in Cuba. Additionally, the embargo also prohibits imports into the United States of Cuban-origin goods, or of foreign goods made or derived, in whole or in part, of Cuban-origin goods, including Cuban nickel. In 1992, Canada issued an order pursuant to the *Foreign Extraterritorial Measures Act* (Canada) to block the application of the U.S. embargo under Canadian law to Canadian subsidiaries of U.S. enterprises. However, the general embargo limits Sherritt's access to U.S. capital, financing sources, customers, and suppliers.

The Helms-Burton Act

Separately from the general provisions of the embargo summarized above, the Helms-Burton Act authorizes sanctions on non-U.S. individuals or entities that "traffic" in Cuban property that was confiscated from U.S. nationals or from persons who have become U.S. nationals. The term "traffic" includes various forms of use of Cuban property as well as "profiting from" or "participating in" the trafficking of others.

The Helms-Burton Act authorizes damage lawsuits to be brought in U.S. courts by U.S. claimants against those "trafficking" in the claimants' confiscated property. No such lawsuits have been filed because all Presidents of the United States in office since the enactment of the Helms-Burton Act have exercised their authority to suspend the right of claimants to bring such lawsuits for successive periods of up to six months. Pursuant to this authority, the President has suspended the right of claimants for successive six-month periods since 1996; the latest suspension extends through to August 1, 2018. The Corporation has nevertheless received letters from U.S. nationals claiming ownership of certain Cuban properties or rights in which the Corporation has an indirect interest. Even if the suspension were permitted to expire, Sherritt does not believe that its operations would be materially affected by any Helms-Burton Act lawsuits, because Sherritt's minimal contacts with the United States would likely deprive any U.S. court of personal jurisdiction over Sherritt. Furthermore, even if personal jurisdiction were exercised, any successful U.S. claimant would have to seek enforcement of the U.S. court judgment outside the U.S. in order to reach material Sherritt assets. Management believes it unlikely that a court in any country in which Sherritt has material assets would enforce a Helms-Burton Act judgment.

The *Foreign Extraterritorial Measures Act* (Canada) was amended as of January 1, 1997 to provide that any judgment given under the Helms-Burton Act will not be recognized or enforceable in any manner in Canada. The amendments permit the Attorney General of Canada to declare, by order, that a Canadian corporation may sue for and recover in Canada any loss or damage it may have suffered by reason of the enforcement of a Helms-Burton Act judgment abroad. In such a proceeding, the Canadian court could order the seizure and sale of any property in which the defendant (i.e., a claimant under the Helms-Burton Act) has a direct or indirect beneficial interest, or the property of any person who controls or is a member of a group of persons that controls, in law or in fact, the defendant. The property seized and sold could include shares of any company incorporated under the laws of Canada or a province.

The Government of Canada has also responded to the Helms-Burton Act through diplomatic channels. Other countries, such as the members of the European Union and the Organization of American States, have expressed their strong opposition to the Helms-Burton Act as well.

Nevertheless, in the absence of any judicial interpretation of the scope of the Helms-Burton Act, the threat of potential litigation discourages some potential investors, lenders, suppliers and customers from doing business with Sherritt.

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In addition to authorizing private lawsuits, the Helms-Burton Act also authorizes the U.S. Secretary of State and the U.S. Attorney General to exclude from the United States those aliens who engage in certain “trafficking” activities, as well as those aliens who are corporate officers, principals, or controlling shareholders of “traffickers” or who are spouses, minor children, or agents of such excludable persons. The U.S. Department of State has deemed Sherritt’s indirect 50% interest in Moa Nickel S.A. to be a form of “trafficking” under the Helms-Burton Act. In their capacities as directors or officers of the Corporation, certain individuals have been excluded from entry into the U.S. under this provision. Management does not believe the exclusion from entry into the U.S. of such individuals will have any material effect on the conduct of the Corporation’s business.

The U.S. Department of State has issued guidelines for the implementation of the immigration provision, which state that it is “not sufficient in itself for a determination” of exclusion that a person “has merely had business dealings with a person” deemed to be “trafficking”. Also, the statutory definition of “traffics” relevant to the Helms-Burton Act’s immigration provision explicitly excludes “the trading or holding of securities publicly traded or held, unless the trading is with or by a person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury to be a specially designated national”.

The embargo has been, and may be, amended from time to time, including the Helms-Burton Act, and therefore the U.S. sanctions applicable to transactions with Cuba may become more or less stringent. The stringency and longevity of the U.S. laws relating to Cuba are likely to continue to be functions of political developments in the United States and Cuba, over which Sherritt has no control. The process initiated by President Obama to relax the general embargo has been reversed in a number of respects under President Trump, and the pace and extent of any future changes are uncertain and beyond Sherritt’s control. There can be no assurance that the general embargo and the Helms-Burton Act will not have a material adverse effect on the Corporation’s business, results of operations or financial performance.

RISKS RELATED TO SHERRITT’S OPERATIONS IN MADAGASCAR

The Corporation is the operator of, and indirectly holds a minority interest in, the Ambatovy Joint Venture in Madagascar. Sherritt is subject to political, economic and social risks related to operating in Madagascar.

In 2002, the government of Madagascar passed the LGIM, which is legislation to manage large-scale mining projects. The Ambatovy Joint Venture is the first and currently the only project to be developed under the LGIM’s terms and provisions, which have been largely untested. Although the Ambatovy Joint Venture has received its eligibility certification under the LGIM, it is possible that the LGIM could be interpreted or amended in a manner that has a material adverse effect on the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

Madagascar has a history of political instability and there is no assurance that continuing political stability will be achieved.

In 2009, Madagascar experienced an unexpected change of government and the Transitional Government of Madagascar took control of the country. At several points during the following five year political crisis, the Transitional Government indicated that the Ambatovy Joint Venture’s status under the LGIM could be subject to review. However, the Ambatovy Joint Venture’s eligible status under the LGIM has since been confirmed by the *Commission sur les Grands Investissements Miniers (“CGIM”)*, the government body responsible for overseeing the LGIM, and by the current democratically elected Malagasy government. The Malagasy government had previously announced that it would be proposing amendments to the Mining Code during the May 2017 parliamentary session. However in June 2017, the President of Madagascar stated that no amendment was envisaged in the short term. While the Government has publicly confirmed that the proposed amendments will not affect the Ambatovy Joint Venture’s rights under the LGIM, there is no guarantee that such amendments could not be made in the future.

The government may continue to have direct or indirect impact on the Ambatovy Joint Venture and may adversely affect the Corporation’s business. Any changes in regulations or shifts in political attitudes are beyond the control of Sherritt and may adversely affect its business. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by the Government of Madagascar’s regulations with respect to production, price controls, export controls (including the recent requirement for the registration of imports and exports), income taxes or investment tax credits, tax reimbursements, royalties and fees, expropriation of property, environmental legislation, land use, water use and mine and plant safety or changes to the LGIM.

Presidential elections are planned to be held at the end of 2018. Historically, electoral periods in Madagascar have typically been marred by social unrest, stirred by unsuccessful candidates or provoked prior to elections by politicians wishing to gain power without having to win an election. For the Ambatovy Joint Venture, the risk exists that opposition politicians will try to mobilize crowds by agitating against foreign interests or against major mining companies. The Ambatovy Joint Venture has developed a comprehensive stakeholder engagement plan to mitigate this risk. However, no guarantee can be given that unrest, if it happens, may not restrict temporarily or otherwise, the Ambatovy Joint Venture's capacity to produce and export nickel and cobalt or otherwise have a material adverse effect on the Ambatovy Joint Venture's business, results of operations or performance.

Operations in Madagascar may also be affected by the fact that Madagascar's location exposes it to cyclones and tropical storms of varying intensities. The risk of damage is dependent upon such factors as intensity, footprint, wind direction and the amount of precipitation associated with the storm and tidal surges. While the Ambatovy Joint Venture maintains comprehensive disaster plans and its facilities have been constructed to the extent reasonably possible to minimize damage, there can be no guarantee against severe property damage and disruptions to operations.

Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world, with low levels of economic activity and high levels of unemployment. These conditions are conducive to social unrest and instability that could, under certain circumstances, have an impact on the Ambatovy Joint Venture's ability to produce and export its products. The Ambatovy Joint Venture continues to foster active working relations with relevant Malagasy authorities and civil society to mitigate social risk, maintain its social license, and facilitate operational activities.

Agencies of the Malagasy government have significant payment obligations to the Corporation in connection with the Ambatovy Joint Venture. This exposure to the Malagasy government and its potential inability or failure to fully pay such amounts could have an adverse effect of the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Generally

Sherritt's business includes the development, construction and operation of large mining, metals refining projects and electrical generation projects. Unforeseen conditions or developments could arise during the course of these projects that could delay or prevent completion of, and/or substantially increase the cost of construction and/or could affect the current and projected level of production, the sustaining capital requirements or operating cost estimates relating to the projects. Such conditions or developments may include, without limitation, shortages of equipment, materials or labour; delays in delivery of equipment or materials; customs issues; labour disruptions; poor labour productivity; community protests; difficulties in obtaining necessary services; delays in obtaining regulatory permits; local government issues; political events; regulatory changes; investigations involving various authorities; adverse weather conditions; unanticipated increases in equipment, material and labour costs; unfavourable currency fluctuations; access to financing; natural or man-made disasters or accidents; and unforeseen engineering, technical and technological design, geotechnical, environmental, infrastructure or geological problems. Any such event could delay commissioning, and affect production and cost estimates. There can be no assurance that the development or construction activities will proceed in accordance with current expectations or at all.

These risks and uncertainties could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

Capital and Operating Cost Estimates

Capital and operating cost estimates made in respect of the Corporation's operations and projects may not prove accurate. Capital and operating costs are estimated based on the interpretation of geological data, feasibility studies, anticipated climatic conditions and other factors. Any of the following, among the other events and uncertainties described herein, could affect the ultimate accuracy of such estimates: unanticipated changes in grade and tonnage to be mined and processed; incorrect data on which engineering assumptions are made; unanticipated transportation costs; the accuracy of major equipment and construction cost estimates; failure to meet scheduled construction completion dates and metal production dates due to any of the foregoing events and uncertainties; expenditures in connection with a failure to meet such scheduled dates; unsatisfactory construction

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quality resulting in failure to meet such scheduled dates; labour negotiations; unanticipated costs related to commencing operations, ramping up and/or sustaining production; changes in government regulation (including regulations regarding prices, cost of consumables, royalties, duties, taxes, permitting and restrictions on production quotas or exportation of the Corporation's products); and unanticipated changes in commodity input costs and quantities.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND PRICING RISKS

Many of Sherritt's businesses operate in currencies other than Canadian dollars and their products may be sold at prices other than prevailing spot prices at the time of sale. Sherritt is also sensitive to foreign exchange exposures when commitments are made to deliver products quoted in foreign currencies or when the contract currency is different from the product-pricing currency. The Moa Joint Venture derives the majority of its revenue from nickel and cobalt sales that are typically based on U.S. dollar reference prices over a defined period of time and collected in currencies other than U.S. dollars in accordance with sales terms that may vary by customer and sales contract. Similarly, Oil and Gas and Power derives substantially all of their revenues from sales in U.S. dollars. Additionally, input commodities for Metals and other operating costs for Metals and the Corporation's other operations are denominated in U.S. dollars. Accordingly, fluctuations in Canadian dollar exchange rates and price movements between the date of sale and final settlement may have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Corporation's worldwide operations are subject to extensive EH&S laws including: employee health and safety; air quality; water quality and availability; the protection and enhancement of the environment (including the protection of plants and wildlife); land-use zoning; development approvals; the generation, handling, use, storage, transportation, release, disposal and cleanup of regulated materials, including wastes; and the reclamation and restoration of mining properties after mining is completed. The Corporation's operations are regulated by a variety of federal, provincial or state legislation and local by-laws. A breach of EH&S laws may result in the temporary suspension of operations, the imposition of fines, other penalties (including administrative penalties and regulatory prosecution) and government orders, which could potentially have a material adverse effect on operations.

EH&S laws require the Corporation to obtain certain operating licenses and impose certain standards and controls on the Corporation's activities, and on the Corporation's distribution and marketing of its products. Compliance with EH&S laws and operating licenses can require significant expenditures, including expenditures for pollution control equipment, cleanup costs and damages arising out of contaminated properties or as a result of other adverse environmental occurrences. There can be no assurance that the costs to ensure future or current compliance with EH&S laws would not materially affect the Corporation's business, results of operations or financial performance.

Sherritt believes that its projects currently are in material compliance with applicable laws. The Corporation endeavours to comply with international best practice at all of its projects, however, not all applicable laws conform with international best practice and accordingly there can be no assurance that certain projects will comply with international best practice from time to time or that international best practice will remain the same.

The Corporation must comply with a variety of EH&S laws that restrict air emissions. Because many of the Corporation's mining, drilling and processing activities generate air emissions from various sources, compliance with EH&S laws requires the Corporation to make investments in pollution control equipment and to report to the relevant government authorities if any emissions limits are exceeded. The Corporation is also required to comply with a similar regime with respect to its wastewater. EH&S laws restrict the amount of pollutants that the Corporation's facilities can discharge into receiving bodies of water, such as groundwater, rivers, lakes and oceans, and into municipal sanitary and storm sewers. Other EH&S laws regulate the generation, storage, transport and disposal of hazardous wastes and generally require that such waste be transported by an approved hauler and delivered to an approved recycler or waste disposal site. Regulatory authorities can enforce these and other EH&S laws through administrative orders to control, prevent or stop a certain activity; administrative penalties for violating certain EH&S laws; and regulatory proceedings.

In addition, the operations of the Ambatovy Joint Venture in Madagascar are conducted in environmentally sensitive areas. In particular, the mine footprint is partly on first growth forest and portions of the pipeline traverse environmentally sensitive areas. Although the Ambatovy Joint Venture believes it is currently in material compliance with applicable laws, there can be no guarantee that it will remain in compliance or that applicable laws or regulations will remain the same.

The Corporation's tailings storage facilities are subject to various EH&S laws and/or applicable management practices that govern the design, operation, and closure of such facilities. Risks associated with the failure of the tailings storage facilities include but are not limited to: biological and land use impacts, material property and economic loss, serious health and safety impacts, regulatory censure, and public concern. The Corporation believes that it is taking every reasonable precaution to prevent failures of its tailings storage facilities however, there can be no assurance that such incidents will not occur or that such incidents would not have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations or financial performance.

The Corporation assesses environmental impacts before initiating major new projects and before undertaking significant changes to existing operations. The approval process can entail public hearings and may be delayed or not achieved, reducing the ability of the Corporation to continue portions of its business at expanded or even existing levels. Furthermore, the Corporation's existing approvals could potentially be suspended, or future required approvals denied, which would reduce the ability of the Corporation to meet project schedules or cost objectives and to continue portions of its business at expanded or even existing levels.

The Corporation is subject to legal requirements governing the health and safety of the workforce. The Corporation believes that safe operations are essential for a productive and engaged workforce and sustainable growth. The Corporation is committed to workplace incident prevention and makes expenditures towards the necessary human and financial resources and site-specific systems to ensure compliance with its health and safety policies. Any injuries that may occur are investigated to determine root cause and to establish necessary controls with the goal of preventing recurrence. While the Corporation has implemented extensive health and safety initiatives to ensure the safety of its employees, contractors and surrounding communities, there can be no assurance that such measures will eliminate the occurrence of accidents or other incidents which could result in personal injury or property damage or result in regulatory fines or civil suits.

New or amended EH&S laws may further require the protection and enhancement of the environment, and, as a consequence, mining activities may be even more closely regulated. Such legislation and changes to legislation, as well as future interpretations of laws and increased enforcement, may require substantial increases in mining equipment and operating costs and delays, interruptions or a termination of operations, the extent of which cannot be predicted.

The potential impact of evolving regulations, including on product demand and methods of production and distribution, is not possible to predict. However, the Corporation closely monitors developments and evaluates the impact such changes may have on the Corporation's financial condition, product demand and methods of production and distribution. Independently and through involvement in various associations, the Corporation responds to potential changes to EH&S laws by participating, as appropriate, in the public review process, thus ensuring the Corporation's position is understood and considered in the decision-making process. The Corporation seeks to anticipate and prepare for public and regulatory concerns well in advance of such projects. Communication with regulators and the public is considered a key tool in gaining acceptance and approval for new projects.

CLIMATE CHANGE/GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The Canadian government implemented a national climate plan in 2016, which includes direction to the provinces to implement a carbon price strategy by 2018, that can be in the form of a carbon tax, starting at a minimum of \$10 per tonne and increasing to \$50 per tonne by 2022 or a cap-and-trade system focused on emission reductions. Regulations requiring significant reductions of GHG emissions by Canada's largest industrial sectors could impact the Corporation. This includes the industrial sectors to which the Corporation provides its products, the majority of the facilities in Canada from which the Corporation ultimately obtains power and some of the Corporation's facilities. In addition, uncertainty around when and how regulations may change or be adopted is not an ideal operating environment.

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To align with the federal plan, several provincial and territorial governments continue to move ahead with GHG reduction and other initiatives designed to address climate change, including Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan. While the climate agenda continues to evolve, there continues to be a level of uncertainty over the application of specific provisions in any federal regulations and the impact of other provincial or regional initiatives, thus it is not yet possible to estimate with specificity the impact to the Corporation's operations. However, the Corporation's Canadian operations are large facilities, therefore the establishment of emissions regulations (whether in the manner described above or otherwise) may well affect them and may have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance. In addition, the Corporation's operations require large quantities of power and future taxes on or regulation of power producers or the production of oil and gas or other products may also add to the Corporation's operating costs.

In addition, over the last few years the frequency and impact of major weather events – such as hurricanes in Cuba and cyclones in Madagascar – pose increasing operating risks to the Corporation's facilities. Sherritt has crisis preparedness, emergency response and recovery procedures and plans at all facilities that address such events.

Please refer to the section "*Greenhouse Gas Emissions Framework*" for more information on this topic.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SOCIAL LICENSE TO GROW AND OPERATE

The Corporation's relationship with the communities in which it operates is critical to ensure the future success of its existing operations and the further development of its projects. There is an increasing level of public concern relating to the perceived effect of mining activities on the environment and on communities impacted by such activities. Certain organizations and individuals are vocal critics of the resource industries and their practices. Adverse publicity generated by such organizations or individuals related to extractive industries generally, or to the Corporation's operations specifically, could have an adverse effect on the Corporation's reputation or financial condition and may impact its relationship with the communities in which it operates. While the Corporation is committed to sustainable practices and has implemented certain initiatives with respect thereto, there is no guarantee that the Corporation's efforts will mitigate this potential risk.

CREDIT RISK

Sherritt's sales of nickel, cobalt, oil, gas and electricity expose the Corporation to the risk of non-payment by customers. Sherritt manages this risk by monitoring the creditworthiness of its customers, covering some exposure through receivables insurance, documentary credit and seeking prepayment or other forms of payment security from customers with an unacceptable level of credit risk. There are also certain credit risks that arise due to the fact that all sales of oil and electricity in Cuba are made to agencies of the Cuban government (see "*Risks Related to Sherritt's Operations in Cuba*"). Additionally, there are credit risks that arise due to the fact that there are currently value-added tax receivables and receivables related to the Corporation's Power business that are outstanding from the Malagasy government (see "*Risks Related to Sherritt's Operations in Madagascar*"). Although Sherritt seeks to manage its credit risk exposure, there can be no assurance that the Corporation will be successful in eliminating the potential material adverse impacts of such risks.

SHORTAGE OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

The global demand for some of the equipment and related goods used in Sherritt's operations vary and may exceed supply. If equipment or other supplies cannot be procured on a timely or competitive basis, Sherritt's expansion activities, production, development or operations could be negatively affected.

COMPETITION IN PRODUCT MARKETS

The business of mining, processing and refining is intensely competitive and even if commercial quantities of mineral resources are developed, a profitable market may not exist for the sale of these commodities. Sherritt competes with companies that may have greater assets and financial resources, and may be able to sustain larger losses than Sherritt to develop or continue business. The Corporation's competitive position is determined by its costs in comparison to those of other producers in the world. If Sherritt's costs increase relative to its competitors, its earnings may be adversely affected.

FUTURE MARKET ACCESS

Sherritt's access to markets in which it operates may be subject to ongoing interruptions and trade barriers due to policies and tariffs of individual countries and the actions of interest groups to restrict the import of certain commodities. There can be no assurance that Sherritt's access to these markets will not be restricted.

INTEREST RATE CHANGES

The Corporation's exposure to changes in interest rates results from investing and borrowing activities undertaken to manage its liquidity and capital requirements. The Corporation has incurred indebtedness that bears interest at fixed and floating rates. There can be no assurance that the Corporation will not be adversely affected by interest rate changes.

INSURABLE RISK

Sherritt employs risk management practices to reduce and mitigate operational risks and other hazard risks and exposures, although it is impossible to completely protect its operations from all such risks. The Corporation places types and an amount of insurance that it considers consistent with industry practice to the extent coverage is available and cost effective. Such coverage includes third party liability insurance and property and business interruption insurance. Such insurance, however, contains exclusions and limitations on coverage. Accordingly, the Corporation's insurance policies may not provide coverage for all losses related to the Corporation's business. The occurrence of losses, liabilities or damage not covered by insurance policies could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

Sherritt cannot be certain that insurance will be available to the Corporation, or that appropriate insurance will be available on terms and conditions acceptable to the Corporation. The difficulty in obtaining certain levels of insurance has increased over time as a result of reduced market capacity due to the limited participation of insurers in certain industries and also Caribbean- and Madagascar-based risks. In some cases, coverage is not available or considered too expensive relative to the perceived risk. The Corporation may also become liable for damages arising from unforeseen events which it cannot insure or chooses to self-insure. Costs incurred to repair uninsured damage or to pay associated liabilities may have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operation and financial performance.

LABOUR RELATIONS

Some of the Corporation's employees are unionized. Strikes, lockouts or other work stoppages could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance. In addition, any work stoppage or labour disruption at key customers or service providers could impede the Corporation's ability to supply products, to receive critical equipment and supplies for its operations or to collect payment from customers encountering labour disruptions. Work stoppages or other labour disruptions could increase the Corporation's costs or impede its ability to operate one or more of its operations.

LEGAL RIGHTS

In the event of a dispute arising in respect of Sherritt's foreign operations, Sherritt may be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of foreign courts or arbitration tribunals or may not be successful in subjecting foreign persons to the jurisdiction of courts in Canada or international arbitration. If Sherritt is unsuccessful in enforcing its rights under the agreements to which it is a party, it could have a material adverse effect on Sherritt's business, results of operations and financial performance.

LEGAL CONTINGENCIES

Sherritt may become party to legal claims arising in the ordinary course of business, including as a result of activities of joint ventures in which it has an interest. There can be no assurance that unforeseen circumstances resulting in legal claims will not result in significant costs.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Corporation's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed on SEDAR, were prepared using accounting policies and methods prescribed by IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. Significant accounting policies under IFRS are described in more detail in the notes to the audited consolidated financial statements.

Sherritt has internal controls over financial reporting. These controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized, assets are safeguarded against unauthorized or improper use, and transactions are properly recorded and reported. These controls cannot provide absolute assurance with respect to the reliability of financial reporting and financial statement preparation.

RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH FUTURE ACQUISITIONS

Sherritt continually examines opportunities to replace and expand its reserves through the exploration of its existing properties and through acquisitions of interests in new properties or of interests in companies which own such properties. The development of Sherritt's business will be in part dependent on management's ability to identify, acquire and develop suitable acquisition targets in both new and existing markets. In certain circumstances, acceptable acquisition targets might not be available. Sherritt may also not be able to identify suitable partners with whom it could make such acquisitions. Acquisitions involve a number of risks, including: (i) the possibility that the Corporation, as a successor owner, may be legally and financially responsible for liabilities of prior owners; (ii) the possibility that the Corporation may pay more than the acquired company or assets are worth; (iii) the additional expenses associated with completing an acquisition and amortizing any acquired intangible assets; (iv) the difficulty of integrating the operations and personnel of an acquired business; (v) the challenge of implementing uniform standards, controls, procedures and policies throughout an acquired business; (vi) the inability to integrate, train, retain and motivate key personnel of an acquired business; and (vii) the potential disruption of the Corporation's ongoing business and the distraction of management from its day-to-day operations. These risks and difficulties, if they materialize, could disrupt the Corporation's ongoing business, distract management, result in the loss of key personnel, increase expenses and otherwise have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

GOVERNMENT PERMITS

Government approvals and permits are currently required in connection with a number of the Corporation's activities and further approvals and permits may be required. The duration and success of the Corporation's efforts to obtain permits are contingent upon many variables outside of the Corporation's control. Obtaining government permits may increase costs and cause delays depending on the nature of the activity to be permitted and the interpretation of applicable requirements implemented by the permitting authority. There can be no assurance that all necessary permits will be obtained and, if obtained, that the costs involved will not exceed the Corporation's estimates or that the Corporation will be able to maintain such permits. To the extent such approvals are not obtained or maintained, the Corporation may be prohibited from proceeding with planned drilling, exploration, development or operation of properties which could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

RISKS TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES SYSTEMS AND CYBERSECURITY

The Corporation may be negatively affected by cybersecurity incidents or other IT systems disruption. The Corporation relies heavily on its information technology systems including, without limitation, its networks, equipment, hardware, software, telecommunications, and other information technology (collectively, "**IT systems**"), and the IT systems of its vendors and third party service providers, to operate its business as a whole, including mining operations. Although the Corporation has not experienced any material losses to date relating to cybersecurity, or other IT systems disruptions, there can be no assurance that the Corporation will not incur such losses in the future. Despite the Corporation's mitigation efforts including implementing an IT systems security risk management framework, the risk and exposure to these threats cannot be fully mitigated because of, among other things, the evolving nature of cybersecurity threats. As a result, cybersecurity and the continued development and enhancement of controls, processes and practices designed to protect IT systems from cybersecurity threats remain a priority. As these threats continue to evolve, the Corporation may be required to expend additional resources to continue to modify or

enhance protective measures or to investigate and remediate any cybersecurity vulnerabilities. Any cybersecurity incidents or other IT systems disruption could result in production downtimes, operational delays, destruction or corruption of data, security breaches, financial losses from remedial actions, the theft or other compromising of confidential or otherwise protected information, fines and lawsuits, or damage to the Corporation's reputation. Any such occurrence could have an adverse impact on the Corporation's financial condition and operations.

GOVERNMENT REGULATION

The Corporation's activities are subject to various laws governing exploration, development, production, environment, taxes, labour standards and occupational health, mine safety, toxic substances and other matters. Mining, drilling and exploration activities are also subject to various laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. Although the Corporation believes that its activities are currently carried out in all material respects in accordance with 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 that could limit or curtail production or development of the Corporation's properties or otherwise have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations and financial performance.

ANTI-CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY

Sherritt is subject to Canada's *Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act* ("**CFPOA**"), as well as various local anti-corruption laws. The CFPOA prohibits Canadian (and Canadian-controlled) corporations and their intermediaries from making or offering to make an improper payment of any kind to any kind of foreign public official, or any other person for the benefit of foreign public official, where the ultimate purpose is to obtain or retain a business advantage.

Sherritt's Anti-Corruption Policy prohibits the violation of the CFPOA and other applicable anti-corruption laws. Some of the Corporation's operations are located in jurisdictions where governmental and commercial corruption presents a significant risk. The Corporation uses a risk-based approach to mitigate risks associated with corruption which includes training for employees and the logging of government payments and interactions. Despite the safeguards the Corporation has put in place, there can be no assurance that violations of the CFPOA or other applicable anti-corruption law by the Corporation, its employees or agents will not occur. Such violations of the CFPOA could result in substantial civil and criminal penalties and could have a material adverse effect on the business, operations or financial results of the Corporation.

MANAGEMENT OF GROWTH

In order to manage its current operations and any future growth effectively, the Corporation will need to continue to implement and improve its operational, financial and management information systems and to hire, train, motivate, manage and retain its employees. If and when any such growth occurs, there can be no assurance that the Corporation will be able to manage such growth effectively, that its management, personnel or systems will be adequate to support the Corporation's operations or that the Corporation will be able to achieve the increased levels of revenue commensurate with increased levels of operating expenses associated with this growth, and failure to do so could have an adverse effect on the Corporation's business, financial condition and results of operations.

3.8 Other Disclosure Relating to Operations in Emerging Markets

Controls Relating to Corporate Structure Risk

The Corporation has adopted several measures to ensure control of its wholly-owned subsidiaries and oversight of its non-controlled joint ventures. These measures are overseen by the Board, and implemented by the Corporation's senior management. Some of these measures are listed below.

Corporation's Control and Oversight of Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures

The Corporation's corporate structure has been designed to ensure that the Corporation controls, or has a measure of direct oversight over the operations of its subsidiaries and material joint ventures. Sherritt's subsidiaries which are engaged in its Oil and Gas and Power businesses in Cuba and elsewhere are wholly-owned by the Corporation and the Corporation directly controls the

3. Description of the Business (cont.)

appointment of all the directors of these subsidiaries. In the case of the Corporation's material joint ventures Cuba and Madagascar, the Corporation directly controls the appointment of a number of directors (or, in the case of the Ambatovy Joint Venture, assuming it is not a Defaulting Shareholder pursuant to the Shareholders Agreement, may appoint members to vote on the Executive Committee which controls AMSA and DMSA) which reflects its proportional ownership interest of its subsidiaries. The directors of the Corporation's subsidiaries or joint ventures who are appointed by the Corporation are ultimately accountable to the Corporation (as the shareholder appointing him or her), and therefore are accountable to the Board and senior management.

Appointment of Local Management

The Corporation's foreign subsidiaries which are engaged in its Oil and Gas and Power businesses are typically managed by a senior officer or employee of the Corporation who holds the most senior title or second most senior title in the local organization.

In the case of the Ambatovy Joint Venture, the Corporation exercises effective operating control of the local day-to-day operations through an operating agreement, subject to the direction of the Ambatovy Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, on which Sherritt has proportional representation (so long as it is not a Defaulting Shareholder), must approve the appointment of the CEO of the Ambatovy Joint Venture and is responsible for approving the higher level decisions of the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

In addition, in the case of its material joint ventures, Sherritt has personnel seconded from the Corporation to the local organization and resident in the local jurisdiction, which ensures a degree of oversight and control in the day-to-day operations which would not be present in a passive investment.

Strategic Direction

The Board is responsible for the overall stewardship of the Corporation and, as such, supervises the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation. More specifically, the Board is responsible for reviewing the strategic business plans and corporate objectives, and approving acquisitions, dispositions, investments, capital expenditures and other transactions and matters that are thought to be material to the Corporation including those of its material subsidiaries and joint ventures.

Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

For significant operations in the foreign jurisdictions over which the Corporation has operational control ("**foreign operations**"), internal controls over financial reporting are designed to operate in accordance with Canadian business, accounting and internal control standards and practices. These foreign operations are subject to the same internal reporting processes, policies and timelines as the Corporation's domestic operations, specifically:

- (i) Foreign operations, specifically in Cuba and Madagascar, are under the senior leadership of persons or expatriates familiar with Canadian business, accounting and internal control standards and practices;
- (ii) The Corporation has established and oversees entity-wide policies and procedures which are applicable to all domestic and foreign operations;
- (iii) Each of the Corporation's foreign operations has its own audit committee which includes representation from the Corporation's management or from Canadian-based senior management;
- (iv) Foreign operations have a compliance department which undertakes periodic reviews of operations in accordance with the Corporation's compliance program. This program is directly overseen by corporate management who report to the Corporation's Audit Committee;
- (v) Each of the Corporation's foreign operations has an established National Instrument 52-109 – *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings* ("**NI 52-109**") internal control over financial reporting evaluation program (overseen by corporate management) designed to address risks and identify controls specific to the local business, cultural and accounting environment;

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- (vi) As part of its quarterly reporting process, the Corporation's foreign operations' management are required to provide corporate management with certifications based on Form 52-109F2, quarterly, and Form 52-109F1, annually. These certifications confirm that internal controls over financial reporting for the foreign operations are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements of the foreign operations in accordance with the Corporation's generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, the foreign operations' management are required to report to corporate management any material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting design and/or operating effectiveness;
 - (vii) Internal control over financial reporting design and operating effectiveness at the foreign operations is evaluated annually by applying the Committee of Sponsoring Commissions of the Treadway Commission (COSO-2013) framework consistent with the Corporation's domestic operations;
 - (viii) The Corporation's management reviews the foreign operations' reporting documents, certifications, disclosure controls and procedures checklists and internal control over financial reporting design/results of effectiveness testing memos and provides reports, as necessary, to the Board;
 - (ix) Reporting documents containing material information of the foreign operations are reviewed quarterly by the Corporation's senior management and the Audit Committee;
 - (x) Management undertakes independent, periodic reviews of the foreign operations' NI 52-109 compliance and reports to the Audit Committee;
 - (xi) Periodic internal control reviews of the foreign operations are initiated by the Board using the Corporation's independent internal audit department (separate from the Corporation's NI 52-109 internal control over financial reporting compliance program) in accordance with identified priorities as per the annual internal audit plan; and
 - (xii) The Corporation has established, among other policies governing operating activities, a code of conduct, reportable concerns and foreign anti-corruption policies which are applicable to the foreign operations.

The Corporation has also taken steps to ensure that it is collecting the information required to comply with the *Extractive Sectors Transparency Measures Act* ("**ESTMA**") which came into force on June 1, 2015 and applies to the parts of the Corporation's business engaged in extractive activities.

Fund Transfers to the Corporation

Cash management is overseen by the Corporation's Canadian-based treasury department and in accordance with the Corporation's Delegation of Authority Policy. In addition to the internal control procedures identified above, the Corporation has implemented the following controls specific to the flow of funds between Canada and its foreign operations:

- (i) the Corporation's treasury department oversees or reviews the cash management policies specific to the foreign operations; and
- (ii) annually, operating effectiveness of cash management controls for the Corporation and its foreign operations are evaluated and, as necessary, results are reported to the Board as part of the Corporation's annual CEO/CFO certification process.

The Corporation's Anti-Corruption Policy contains specific references to prohibited uses of funds in foreign countries.

3. Description of the Business (cont.)

Funds are transferred by the foreign subsidiaries to the Corporation pursuant to a variety of methods. In the case of wholly-owned subsidiaries, the Corporation has majority control of the boards of directors and therefore through the actions of the shareholders or boards of directors, is able to determine if and when funds are distributed. Funds are typically distributed, when available and appropriate, to the shareholders by way of dividends. Other distributions are made to repay principal and interest in accordance with various agreements between the Corporation and the subsidiaries or joint ventures.

In addition, the foreign subsidiaries may transfer funds to the Corporation for chargeback of costs undertaken on behalf of the foreign subsidiaries via intercompany invoices by the Corporation and repayment of loans related to project funding. The method of transfer varies and is dependent on the funding arrangement established between the Corporation and the applicable foreign subsidiary.

Removal of Directors of Subsidiaries

The removal of directors of subsidiaries is done in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the particular subsidiary is incorporated.

The agreements governing the operations of the Corporation's joint ventures set out the rights of the shareholders relating to the appointment and removal of directors of the applicable boards which are based on the Corporation's proportional ownership interest in each joint venture company.

Records Management of the Corporation and its Subsidiaries

The original minute books and corporate seals, where applicable, of the material foreign subsidiaries and joint ventures are kept at the offices of their representative agent in the local jurisdiction and/or the Corporation's head office in Toronto.

The corporate records of the material foreign subsidiaries and joint venture are maintained at their registered offices or operating sites. In certain circumstances, e.g., transaction record books, copies are also maintained at the Corporation's head office in Toronto.

4. Dividends

Dividends are payable on the Shares of the Corporation if and when declared by the Board.

Dividends are, and future dividends will be, designated as "eligible dividends" within the meaning given to that term in subsection 89(1) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

As part of a comprehensive initiative to manage liquidity, the Board suspended the \$0.01 per share quarterly dividend, effective September 2015.

Total dividends per Share declared by the Corporation in the three years ended December 31, 2017 are as follows:

Year	Total Dividends per Common Share
2015	\$ 0.020
2016	\$ 0.000
2017	\$ 0.000

5. Capital Structure

The Corporation's authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of Shares. Each Share is entitled to one vote with respect to matters brought before shareholders for approval. In the event of dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, or any other distribution of assets of the Corporation among its shareholders for the purpose of winding up its affairs, holders of the Shares will be entitled to receive the remaining property and assets of the Corporation.

The Corporation also has several series of senior unsecured debentures outstanding:

- (a) the 8.00% Debentures (\$400 million in aggregate principal) issued November 2, 2011 pursuant to a trust indenture dated November 2011 between the Corporation and Computershare Trust Company of Canada, as trustee (as amended or supplemented, the **"2011 Indenture"**) and a first supplemental indenture dated November 2, 2011. On October 10, 2014 the Corporation completed the purchase of \$150 million of the 8.00% Debentures and certain amendments to the 2011 Indenture (the **"2014 Amendments"**) were adopted. In June 2016, the Corporation completed the repurchase of \$30 million of the 8.00% Debentures. On July 29, 2016 the maturity date of the 8.00% Debentures was extended by three years until November 15, 2021 pursuant to a court approved plan of arrangement under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*. The 2014 Amendments were amended and restated to reflect the extended maturity date (the **"2016 Indenture"**). The Corporation completed the purchase of \$50 million of the 8.00% Debentures on February 16, 2018 through the Dutch Auction.
- (b) the 7.50% Debentures (\$500 million in aggregate principal) issued September 24, 2012 pursuant to the 2011 Indenture and a second supplemental indenture dated September 24, 2012, as amended by the 2014 Amendments (the **"Amended Indenture"**). The Corporation completed the purchase of \$250 million of the 7.50% Debentures on October 10, 2014. On July 29, 2016 the maturity date of the 7.50% Debentures was extended by three years until September 24, 2023 pursuant to a court approved plan of arrangement under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*. The Amended Indenture was amended by the 2016 Indenture. The Corporation completed the purchase of \$44 million of the 7.50% Debentures on February 16, 2018 through the Dutch Auction.
- (c) the 7.875% Debentures (\$250 million in aggregate principal) issued October 10, 2014, pursuant to the Amended Indenture. On July 29, 2016 the maturity date of the 7.875% Debentures was extended by three years until October 11, 2025 pursuant to a court approved plan of arrangement under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*. The Amended Indenture was amended by the 2016 Indenture. The Corporation completed the purchase of \$27 million of the 7.875% Debentures on February 16, 2018 through the Dutch Auction.

As of December 31, 2017, \$220 million principal amount of the 8.00% Debentures, \$250 million principal amount of the 7.50% Debentures and \$250 million principal amount of the 7.875% Debentures were outstanding. As of February 16, 2018, upon the completion of the Dutch Auction, \$170 million principal amount of the 8.00% Debentures, \$205 million principal amount of the 7.50% Debentures and \$222 million principal amount of the 7.875% Debentures were outstanding. The Amended Indenture under which the Debentures are issued contains covenants limiting the Corporation's ability and that of certain of its material subsidiaries to incur indebtedness, create certain security interests and sell assets, and restricting its ability and that of certain of its material subsidiaries to amalgamate or merge with a third party or transfer all or substantially all of its assets. The Indentures also contain covenants requiring an offer to purchase in a change in control.

The Amended Indenture contains optional redemption provisions and provide for customary events of default, which include non-payment of principal or interest, failure to comply with covenants, the bankruptcy or insolvency of the Corporation or a material subsidiary, unsatisfied final judgment against the Corporation or a material subsidiary in excess of 5% of the Corporation's net worth, and failure by the Corporation or a material subsidiary to pay or otherwise comply with the terms of other indebtedness which singly or in the aggregate is in excess of 5% of the net worth of the Corporation, which default results in an acceleration of such indebtedness.

The Debentures are direct, unsecured obligations of the Corporation which rank equally and rateably with each other and all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Corporation, except to the extent prescribed by law.

5. Capital Structure (cont.)

Ratings

On December 22, 2016, DBRS downgraded Sherritt's Debenture rating to B (low) from B and the related Recovery Rating to RR5 from RR4. Sherritt's Issuer Rating was confirmed at B with a stable trend.

DBRS's rating system ranges between "AAA" to "D". The definition of the B rating is published on DBRS's web site and is defined as follows:

"Highly speculative credit quality. There is a high level of uncertainty as to the capacity to meet financial obligations."

Credit ratings are not recommendations to purchase, sell or hold a financial obligation in as much as they do not comment on market price or suitability for a particular investor. Ratings are subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the rating organization.

6. Market for Securities

Sherritt's Shares are listed and posted for trading on the TSX under the symbol "S". The Corporation's 8.00% Debentures, the 7.50% Debentures and the 7.875% Debentures trade in the over-the-counter bond market.

The following table sets out the 2017 monthly price ranges and volume data for the Shares and the price ranges for the 8.00% Debentures, the 7.50% Debentures and the 7.875% Debentures.

2017	Shares			8.00% Debentures ⁽¹⁾		7.50% Debentures ⁽¹⁾		7.875% Debentures ⁽¹⁾	
	High(\$)	Low(\$)	Volume	High(\$)	Low(\$)	High(\$)	Low(\$)	High(\$)	Low(\$)
January	1.67	1.31	24,789,445	85.00	74.00	81.00	73.00	80.00	71.00
February	1.52	1.14	17,118,879	85.50	81.00	81.50	77.00	79.50	75.00
March	1.19	0.88	12,741,033	82.00	70.00	77.00	66.00	75.00	64.00
April	1.09	0.79	10,203,520	74.00	65.00	71.00	61.00	70.00	59.00
May	1.11	0.78	15,813,447	72.00	65.00	70.00	62.00	67.00	61.00
June	0.85	0.74	7,210,229	65.00	64.00	63.00	62.00	61.00	60.00
July	0.92	0.76	6,023,902	67.00	63.00	66.00	61.00	63.00	59.00
August	1.20	0.78	16,029,693	74.00	67.00	70.00	63.00	68.00	60.00
September	1.20	1.02	20,107,745	79.00	75.00	74.00	71.00	71.00	69.00
October	1.48	1.05	23,362,686	82.00	76.00	77.00	72.00	75.00	70.00
November	1.52	1.23	27,035,903	84.25	82.00	79.00	77.00	76.25	75.00
December	1.82	1.32	25,686,031	87.00	86.00	83.00	81.00	81.00	79.25

Notes:

- (1) The highs and the lows for the 8.00% Debentures, the 7.50% Debentures and the 7.875% Debentures are provided by a particular dealer and therefore may not reflect all trading in such debentures. Volume data is not available.

7. Directors and Officers

The following table sets forth, as at March 19, 2018, the names, place of residence and principal occupation of the directors of the Corporation and the period of service as a director of the Corporation.

Name and Place of Residence	Principal Occupation	Director Since
1) Peter Gillin ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ (Ontario, Canada)	Corporate Director	January 2010
2) Sir Richard Lapthorne ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ (London, England)	Corporate Director	September 2011
3) Adrian Loader ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾ (London, England)	Corporate Director	July 2013
4) Timothy Baker ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾ (Ontario, Canada)	Corporate Director	May 2014
5) David Pathe (Ontario, Canada)	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation	January 2012
6) Lisa Pankratz ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾ (British Columbia, Canada)	Corporate Director	November 2013
7) John Warwick ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ (Ontario, Canada)	Corporate Director	June 2017
8) Maryse Bélanger (British Columbia, Canada)	Chief Operating Officer & Director of Atlantic Gold Corporation	February 2018

Notes:

- (1) Member of the Reserves and Projects Committee.
- (2) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (3) Member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.
- (4) Member of the Environment, Health, Safety and Sustainability Committee.
- (5) Member of the Human Resources Committee.

Directors hold office until the next annual meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation.

The following sets out as at March 19, 2018 the principal occupations of the directors for the past five years and provides additional information about the directors:

Timothy Baker has served as a director of the Corporation since May 2014. Mr. Baker currently serves as a director of Antofagasta PLC (where he is a member of the Compensation Committee) and Rye Patch Gold Corp., as well as being the Chairman of Golden Star Resources Ltd. He retired from his positions as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Kinross Gold Corporation in October 2010. Prior to joining Kinross in 2006, Mr. Baker was with Placer Dome, where he served in several key roles including Executive General Manager of Placer Dome Chile and of Placer Dome Tanzania, and Senior Vice President of the copper producing Compañía Minera Zaldívar. Mr. Baker also served as a director of Pacific Rim Mining Corp. (until November 2013), Augusta Resource Corporation (until October 2014) and Eldorado Gold Corporation (until December 2012). Mr. Baker holds a B.Sc. (Geology) and the ICD.D certification from the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Maryse Bélanger has served as a director of the Corporation since February 2018. Ms. Bélanger has more than 30 years of experience in the global mining sector, with proven strengths in operational excellence, technical services and efficiency. Currently, she is Chief Operating Officer of Atlantic Gold Corp., where she is responsible for the overall operational and technical management of the company. Previously, Ms. Bélanger served as the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Mirabela Nickel Ltd., where she led the restructuring of the Santa Rita open pit nickel operations in Brazil. Ms. Bélanger holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Université du Québec à Chicoutimi and a graduate certificate in Geostatistics. She is fluent in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

Peter Gillin has served as a director of the Corporation since January 1, 2010 and has been Lead Director of the Corporation since June 13, 2017. Mr. Gillin is currently a director of Silver Wheaton Corp., Dundee Precious Metals Inc., TD Mutual Funds Corporate Class Ltd., Turquoise Hill Resources Ltd. (formerly Ivanhoe Mines Inc.) and Barlow Mine Inc. (a private company) and has been a member of the Independent Review Committee of TD Asset Management Inc. since 2003. He is a member of the Compensation Committees of Silver Wheaton Inc. and Dundee Precious Metals Inc. and is also the Chairman of the board of directors of Turquoise Hill Resources Ltd. Mr. Gillin also served as a director of HudBay Minerals Inc. from April 2008 to March 2009. From October 2003 to September 2008, Mr. Gillin served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Tahera Diamond Corporation (“**Tahera**”), a diamond exploration, development and production company. In January 2008, Tahera filed for protection under the CCAA. As a consequence of its financial difficulties, Tahera failed to file financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007 and subsequent financial periods. As a result, Tahera was delisted from the TSX in November 2009 and issuer cease trade orders were issued in 2010 by the securities regulatory authorities of Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia, which orders have not been revoked. Tahera subsequently sold its tax assets to Ag Growth International and certain properties, including the Jericho diamond mine, to Shear Minerals Ltd., and the monitoring process under the CCAA concluded by order of the Superior Court of Justice in September 2010. From October 2002 to March 2003, Mr. Gillin was President and Chief Executive Officer of Zemex Corp, an industrial minerals producer. Prior thereto, Mr. Gillin served as Vice Chairman of NM Rothschild and Sons Canada Limited. Mr. Gillin is a CFA and also holds the ICD.D certification from the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Sir Richard Laphorne has served as a director of the Corporation since September 2011. Sir Richard has served as a Finance Director or as Chairman of various FTSE 100 and non-quoted companies in the United Kingdom since 1986, and is an advisor to and Chair of the Public Interest Body of PricewaterhouseCoopers. He was the Chairman of Cable & Wireless Communications plc and Cable & Wireless plc. until 2016. Between June 2009 and April 2010, he served as Chairman of McLaren Group Limited. From 1996 to May 2003 he was Chairman of Amersham International plc (now GE Healthcare) having joined its board as a Non-executive Director in 1989. He was Finance Director of British Aerospace plc from July 1992 and Vice Chairman from April 1998 until his retirement in 1999. He is also a fellow of each of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, Chartered Institute of Certified Accountants and the Institute of Corporate Treasurers in the United Kingdom.

Adrian Loader has served as a director of the Corporation since July 2013. Mr. Loader has extensive international experience from Royal Dutch Shell in energy management, projects, strategy, business development and new market entry. He held regional responsibility for Royal Dutch Shell’s operations in Latin America/Africa, Middle East/Far East and Europe. He was subsequently the Royal Dutch Shell Director responsible for Strategy and Business Development, as well as for Scenarios, Group Planning, Health, Safety & Environment, and External Affairs. Before retiring from Royal Dutch Shell at the end of 2007, Mr. Loader served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Shell Canada (“**Shell Canada**”) where he was responsible, *inter alia*, for Shell Canada’s oil sands open pit mining activities and their expansion. Mr. Loader has served on the following public company boards – Alliance-Unichem, Shell Canada Ltd., Alliance-Boots, Candax Energy Inc. and Compton Petroleum. In January 2008, he joined the Board of Toronto-based Candax Energy Inc. and was Chairman until June 2010. He then served as Chairman of Compton Petroleum, Calgary, until August 2012 and was also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Oracle Coalfields PLC, London (an international coal developer in Pakistan) from 2011 to 2016. He is currently a director of LarfargeHolcim Ltd. (a Swiss global supplier of cement and aggregates) and Alderon Iron Ore Corp. (a Canadian iron ore project developer), as well as the Chairman of Resero Gas Limited (a private UK company developing LNG to power projects). Mr. Loader is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and holds a Master’s degree in History from Cambridge University, England.

Lisa Pankratz has served as a director of the Corporation since November 2013. Ms. Pankratz has over 30 years’ experience in the investment industry and capital markets in both executive and advisory capacities working with multinational and international companies. For over 16 years, she has served as a board member of corporations in the financial services and global media industries. Ms. Pankratz currently serves on the boards of IA Clarington Investments Inc., CIR Investment Research Ltd., UBC Investment Management Trust Inc. and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Ms. Pankratz is also a member of the HSBC Independent Review Committee of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited.

She previously served on the boards Canwest Media, Inc. (2005-2008), The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (2001-2007), and was a member of the Accounting Policy and Advisory Committee advising the Ministry of Finance for the Province of British Columbia (2002-2004). From 2006 to 2010, Ms. Pankratz served as the President of Mackenzie Cundill

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Investment Management Ltd. and from 2002 until 2006 as the President, Chief Compliance Officer and Director of Cundill Investment Research Ltd. and the Chief Compliance Officer of The Cundill Group.

Ms. Pankratz also served on the board of CanWest Global Communications Corp. from 2005 until her resignation in February 2010. CanWest Global Communications Group filed for court protection from its creditors October 2009. CanWest's newspaper subsidiary filed separately under the CCAA in January 2010.

Ms. Pankratz is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia and a Chartered Financial Analyst charter holder. She received an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario.

David Pathe has served as a director of the Corporation since January 2012. Mr. Pathe was appointed as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation effective January 1, 2012 and Chairman of the Corporation effective June 13, 2017. Prior to that, he served as Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation from March 2011, as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary from July 2009, as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary from October 2008 and as Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary from June 2007.

John Warwick has served as a director of the Corporation since June 2017. Mr. Warwick is a special advisor to Paradigm Capital Inc., as well as being a director of Canadian Zinc Corporation where he is Chairman of both the Audit and Compensation committees. Prior to 2015, he was the Managing Director, Investment Banking, founding partner and Head of Corporate Finance of Paradigm Capital Inc. where he advised and assisted companies on financing and capital structure matters.

Prior to 1999, Mr. Warwick was Executive Vice President and Vice Chairman of Gordon Capital Corporation and previously a mining analyst at Burns Fry, where he was a top ranked base metals analyst, and Gardner Watson. Mr. Warwick is a CFA and holds an MBA from the University of Toronto.

The following table sets forth as at March 19, 2018 the names, province of residence and office of the executive officers of the Corporation.

Name and Province of Residence	Office with the Corporation
1. David Pathe (Ontario, Canada)	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
2. Stephen Wood (Ontario, Canada)	Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer
3. Timothy Dobson (Alberta, Canada)	Senior Vice President, Metals
4. Elvin Saruk (Alberta, Canada)	Senior Vice President, Oil & Gas and Power
5. Edward (Ward) Sellers (Ontario, Canada)	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
6. Andrew Snowden (Ontario, Canada)	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
7. Karen Trenton (Ontario, Canada)	Senior Vice President, Human Resources
8. Martin Vydra (Alberta, Canada)	Senior Vice President, Commercial & Technologies

The following sets out as at March 19, 2018, the principal occupations of the executive officers (other than Mr. Pathe, in respect of whom information is provided above) for the past five years:

Timothy Dobson was appointed Senior Vice President, Metals effective September 1, 2017, having most recently served as Senior Vice President, Ambatovy since March 1, 2015 and previously serving as Vice President, Operations at the Ambatovy Joint

Venture. Prior to joining the Ambatovy Joint Venture, Mr. Dobson served as the Project Executive for Southern Cross Goldfields Limited from August 2013 to May 2014 and as Managing Director/CEO of Anova Metals Limited/Kimberly Rare Earths Limited from June 2011 to August 2013.

Elvin Saruk was appointed Senior Vice President, Oil & Gas and Power effective April 3, 2012, having previously served as Senior Vice President, Ambatovy Construction from August 2009, and as Senior Vice President, Oil & Gas and Power from July, 2007.

Edward (Ward) Sellers was appointed Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary effective October 9, 2013. Prior to joining the Corporation, Mr. Sellers was a partner in a major Canadian law firm from 1996, serving in various capacities, including as Co-Chair of the firm's M&A group, and as head of its Montreal office and corporate department.

Andrew Snowden was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer effective January 1, 2017. Mr. Snowden joined Sherritt in 2012 and progressed through a number of senior roles, including controller and Vice-President, Finance. Prior to starting at Sherritt, he had 12 years' experience with Ernst & Young in the UK, Australia and Canada specializing in public company reporting and complex accounting matters. Mr. Snowden is a Chartered Professional Accountant, a member of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

Karen Trenton was appointed Senior Vice President, Human Resources effective February 2014. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Trenton served as Vice President, Human Resources from February 2007.

Steve Wood was appointed Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer in April 2015. Prior to joining the Corporation, Mr. Wood served as the President and CEO of ArcelorMittal Mining Canada G.P. from February 2013 and Vice-President, ArcelorMittal from November 2011 until January 2013.

Martin Vydra was appointed Senior Vice President, Commercial and Technologies effective October 17, 2016. Prior to this appointment Mr. Vydra served as Senior Vice President, Metals from February 16, 2012, Managing Director, Sulawesi from October 2011 and Managing Director, Commercial Contracts and Marketing from February 2009.

The number and percentage of voting securities of the Corporation beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised by all directors and executive officers of the Corporation as a group, as at March 19, 2018, was as follows:

Security	Number of voting securities	Approximate percentage of outstanding voting securities ⁽¹⁾
Common shares	1,276,019	0.32%

(1) Sherritt had 397,082,880 Shares issued and outstanding as of March 19, 2018.

Effective September 19, 2014, the non-executive director shareholder requirement increased from three times to five times, the cash component of non-executive director annual remuneration which is required to be held in either common shares or director deferred share units ("**DDSUs**"). Each non-executive director has 5 years from the later of: (1) the date of election or appointment to the board; and (2) the date of the policy change to comply with the policy. For purposes of determining compliance with the non-executive director share ownership policy Shares owned and/or controlled by the non-executive director along with DDSUs are valued using the greater of the acquisition/grant date value and the market value on December 31. The number of DDSUs granted to each non-executive director is calculated by dividing the compensation value of the award by the market price in respect of the specific acquisition/grant date. The number of DDSUs held by all non-executive directors, as at March 19, 2018, was as follows:

Security	Number of securities
Directors' Deferred Share Units	1,549,505

8. Transfer Agent and Registrar

The Corporation's transfer agent and registrar for its Shares is AST Trust Company (Canada) ("**AST**"). The Corporation's transfer agent and registrar for its Debenture is Computershare Trust Company of Canada ("**Computershare**"). The location at which transfer of the Corporation's securities may be affected by AST or Computershare (as applicable) is as follows:

Security	Transfer Locations
Shares	Toronto, Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver
8.00% Debentures	Toronto
7.50% Debentures	Toronto
7.875% Debentures	Toronto

9. Material Contracts

Set out below are descriptions of Sherritt's material contracts, as filed on SEDAR www.sedar.com.

Warrant Indenture dated January 25, 2018 between Sherritt and AST in connection with the Corporation's public offering in January 2018.

Fourth Amendment and Restatement of the Shareholders Agreement dated October 18, 2006, among Sherritt, Madagascar Mineral Investments Ltd. ("**MMI**"), KORES, Sumitomo, Summit Ambatovy Mineral Resources Investment B.V. ("**SAMRI**"), Ambatovy Holdings Limited, DMSA and AMSA dated December 11, 2017, which relates to, among other things, the Ambatovy Restructuring, and governs, among other things, the management of the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

Development Carry Finance Agreement among Sherritt, MMI, the Export-Import Bank of Korea ("**K-EXIM**") and KORES dated March 26, 2008, as amended by the Supplemental Agreement dated June 24, 2009, which relates to, among other things, financing provided by K-EXIM to Sherritt in connection with the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

Development Carry Finance Agreement among Sherritt, MMI, SAMRI and Sumitomo dated March 26, 2008, as amended by the Supplemental Agreement dated June 24, 2009, and amended and restated on December 11, 2017, which relates to, among other things, financing provided by SAMRI to Sherritt in connection with the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

Development Carry Finance Agreement among Sherritt, MMI, SAMRI (previously assigned from SNC-Lavalin Inc. ("**SNC**")) and Sumitomo dated March 26, 2008, as amended by the Supplemental Agreement dated June 24, 2009, and amended and restated on December 11, 2017, which relates to, among other things, financing provided by SAMRI to Sherritt in connection with the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

Implementation Agreement dated November 10, 2017 among Sherritt, MMI, KORES, Sumitomo, SAMRI, DMSA, and AMSA, which relates to, among other things, the Ambatovy Restructuring.

Second Amended and Restated Indenture dated July 29, 2016 among Sherritt, certain Sherritt subsidiaries (as guarantors) and Computershare regarding the Debentures.

Warrant Indenture dated July 29, 2016 between Sherritt and AST in connection with the Extension.

KORES Additional Loan Agreement dated June 24, 2009, among Sherritt, MMI, BVI, K-EXIM, KORES and Ambatovy Project Investments Ltd. ("**APIL**"), as amended and restated on April 8, 2011, whereby KORES provided an additional \$275.4 million to APIL, as contemplated in the Shareholders Agreement, for the purpose of fulfilling Sherritt's shareholder funding requirements in connection with the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

SAMRI Additional Loan Agreement dated June 24, 2009, among Sherritt, MMI, BVI, SAMRI and APIL, as amended and restated on April 8, 2011, whereby SAMRI provided APIL with an additional US\$275.4 million, as contemplated in the Shareholders Agreement, for the purpose of fulfilling Sherritt's shareholder funding requirement in connection with the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

Restated SNC Additional Loan Agreement dated June 24, 2009 among Sherritt, MMI, BVI, SNC-Lavalin Inc. and APIL, as amended and restated on April 8, 2011, whereby SNC provided APIL with an additional US\$50.1 million as contemplated in the Shareholders Agreement, for the purpose of fulfilling Sherritt's shareholder funding requirement in connection with the Ambatovy Joint Venture. This loan agreement was assigned to SAMRI upon Sumitomo's purchase of SNC's 5% interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture.

10. Interest of Experts

Auditors

Deloitte LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants (“**Deloitte**”), are the Corporation’s auditors and have issued an opinion with respect to Sherritt’s consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Deloitte are independent within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

Qualified Persons

The technical information regarding the Moa Joint Venture and the Ambatovy Joint Venture included in this AIF has been approved by R. Mohan Srivastava, B.Sc., M.Sc., P.Geo and has been included in reliance on Mr. Srivastava’s expertise. Mr. Srivastava is a “qualified person” as such term is defined in NI 43-101. P.M. Taylor, C. Eng. MEI, P.Eng., of McDaniel & Associates prepared a report pursuant to NI 51-101 relating to the Corporation’s oil and gas reserves presented in this AIF.

The Corporation has been advised that each of the foregoing experts holds less than 1% of the securities of any class issued by the Corporation.

11. Additional Information

Additional information relating to Sherritt may be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

11.1 Additional Documents

Additional information, including directors’ and officers’ remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of the Corporation’s securities and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, is contained in the Corporation’s information circular dated May 5, 2017 for its most recent annual meeting of shareholders held June 13, 2017 and involving the election of directors.

Additional financial information is provided in the Corporation’s financial statements and management’s discussion and analysis for the 2017 financial year, filed on SEDAR and available at www.sedar.com.

11.2 Audit Committee

The Audit Committee may from time to time request that an audit service proposal be sent to certain select audit firms, including the incumbent, and make a recommendation to the Board to propose the appointment by shareholders of a certain auditor. In early 2006, the Audit Committee received proposals. Following a review of the proposals, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Audit Committee to propose the appointment by shareholders of Deloitte, as auditor, which was approved by shareholders at the annual meeting held on May 25, 2006. The Corporation annually proposes, at shareholder meetings, the appointment of its auditor by shareholders.

The mandate of the Audit Committee, along with the mandates of the Board and all other committees of the Board, are reviewed annually. The current mandate of the Audit Committee is attached as Schedule C.

COMPOSITION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The members of the Audit Committee are: Ms. Lisa Pankratz (Chair), Sir Richard Lapthorne and Mr. John Warwick. Each member is independent and financially literate as those terms are defined in National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees*.

11. Additional Information (cont.)

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Ms. Lisa Pankratz has served as chair of the Audit Committee since June 2017 and has been a member of the Audit Committee since November 2013. Ms. Pankratz is a Chartered Professional Accountant and a Chartered Financial Analyst. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia, and a member of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario, the Vancouver Society of Financial Analysts, and the CFA Institute.

Sir Richard Laphorne has served as a member of the Audit Committee since 2011. Sir Richard holds a Bachelor of Commerce, specialized in accounting and served as a Finance Director at various FTSE 100 companies between 1986 and 1998. He is also a fellow of each of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, Chartered Institute of Certified Accountants and the Institute of Corporate Treasurers in the United Kingdom.

John Warwick has served as a member of the Audit Committee since June 13, 2017. Mr. Warwick is a Chartered Financial Analyst. He holds an MBA from the University of Toronto and has 40 years of experience in investment research and banking.

PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

In accordance with its mandate, the Audit Committee pre-approves the nature and fees of all non-audit services provided by the external auditor.

AUDIT FEES

The following table sets out total fees paid to the Corporation's external auditor, Deloitte relating to audit fees, audit-related fees, tax fees and other fees during 2017 and 2016:

	2017	2016
Audit fees ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,806,000	\$ 2,828,000
Audit-related fees ⁽²⁾	\$ 135,000	\$ 9,000
Tax-related fees ⁽³⁾	\$ 306,000	\$ 359,000
Other fees ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 57,000	\$ 22,000
Total fees	\$ 3,304,000	\$ 3,218,000

Notes:

- (1) Audit fees consist of fees for the audit and review of the Corporation's annual and quarterly consolidated financial statements, respectively, or services that are normally provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements. During 2017 and 2016, the services provided in this category included research of accounting and audit-related issues and assurance audits.
- (2) Audit-related fees consist of fees for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Corporation's consolidated financial statements and are not reported as audit fees.
- (3) Tax-related fees consist of fees for assistance and advice in relation to the preparation of corporate income tax returns and expatriate services, other tax compliance and advisory services.
- (4) Other fees related to training and development, and strategy consulting services.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following are brief explanations of certain terms and abbreviations used in this document:

“abandonment and reclamation costs” means all costs associated with the process of restoring a reporting issuer's property that has been disturbed by oil and gas activities to a standard imposed by applicable government or regulatory authorities.

“API” or **“degrees API”** refers to the generally accepted measurement standard for the density of oil using the American Petroleum Institute Scale.

“appraisal program” means a series of activities, including drilling of wells, necessary to determine whether a discovery of hydrocarbons can be developed for commercial production.

“bbl” means barrel or 34.962 imperial gallons or 42 U.S. gallons or 158.987 litres.

“block” or **“Block”** means a geographic area that is subject to a production-sharing contract or other form of oil and gas permit.

“boe” means barrels of oil equivalent derived by converting gas to oil in the ratio of six thousand cubic feet of gas to one barrel of oil (6 Mcf: 1 bbl). Expressing natural gas volumes in boe may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A boe conversion ratio of 6 Mcf: 1 bbl is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead.

“boepd” means barrels of oil equivalent per day.

“bopd” means barrels of oil per day.

“Co” means cobalt.

“CO₂” means carbon dioxide.

“COGE Handbook” means the “Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook” prepared by the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers (Calgary Chapter), as amended from time to time.

“condensate” means a mixture of pentanes and heavier hydrocarbons recovered as a liquid from field separators, scrubbers or other gathering facilities or at the inlet of a processing plant before gas is processed.

“conventional natural gas” means natural gas that has been generated elsewhere and has migrated as a result of hydrodynamic forces and is trapped in discrete accumulations by seals that may be formed by localized structural, dispositional or erosional geologic features.

“cost-recovery oil” means the crude oil allocated to the Corporation under a production-sharing contract in respect of eligible capital and operating expenses.

“cost recovery pool” means, in respect of a production-sharing contract, cumulative eligible capital expenditures and operating expenses, less the value of cumulative cost-recovery oil allocated from past production, which may be recovered against future crude oil production.

“crude oil” or **“oil”** means a mixture consisting mainly of pentanes and heavier hydrocarbons that exists in the liquid phase in reservoirs and remains liquid at atmospheric pressure and temperature. Crude oil may contain small amounts of sulphur and other non-hydrocarbon compounds but does not include liquids obtained from the processing of natural gas.

“development well” means a well drilled inside the established limits of an oil or gas reservoir, or in close proximity to the edge of the reservoir, to the depth of a stratigraphic horizon known to be productive.

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“directional drilling” or **“directional well”** means the intentional deviation of the trajectory of an oil and gas well to a target that is not located vertically beneath a drilling rig.

The **“Equator Principles”** is a risk management framework, adopted by financial institutions, for determining, assessing and managing social and environmental risk in projects. It is primarily intended to provide a minimum standard for due diligence to support responsible risk decision-making.

“exploratory well” means a well that is not a development well, a service well or a stratigraphic test well.

“Fe” means iron.

“field” means a defined geographic area consisting of one or more oil pools.

“first point of sale” means the first point after initial production at which there is a transfer of ownership of a product type.

“fold and thrust belt” means a geological trend where geological formations have undergone compressional stress and have been either thrust over one another so that they are repeated, or bent into large scale folds.

“forecast prices and costs” means future prices and costs that are: (a) generally accepted as being reasonable outlook of the future; (b) if, and only to the extent that, there are fixed or presently determinable future prices or costs to which the reporting issuer is legally bound by contractual or other obligation to supply a physical product, including those for an extension period of a contract that is likely to be extended, those prices or costs rather than the prices and costs referred to in subparagraph (a).

“free on board” means that the seller pays for transportation of the goods to the port of shipment, plus loading costs. The buyer pays the cost of marine freight transport, insurance, unloading, and transportation from the arrival port to the final destination.

“future net revenue”, in the context of Oil and Gas, means a forecast of revenue, estimated using forecast prices and costs, arising from the anticipated development and production crude oil, net of associated royalties, operating costs, development costs and abandonment and reclamation costs.

“gas” or **“natural gas”** means a naturally occurring mixture of hydrocarbon gases and other gases.

“GCFO6” means U.S. Gulf Coast Fuel Oil No.6, 3% Sulphur, a benchmark residual fuel oil.

“GHG” means greenhouse gas and, more specifically, can be any of the commonly used gasses that are known to have the potential to add to global warming. These are carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆). Some of these have subcategories. Each GHG has a global warming potential in relation to CO₂.

“gross reserves” means a working-interest (operating or non-operating) share of oil and gas reserves before deduction of royalty obligations and of reserves to be allocated to government authorities under a production-sharing contract or other oil and gas permit and without including any royalty interests of the Corporation.

“gross wells” means the total number of wells in which the Corporation has a working interest.

“gross working-interest production” means a working-interest (operating or non-operating) share of gross oil and gas production before deduction of royalty obligations and of production to be allocated to government authorities under a production-sharing contract or other oil and gas permit.

“GW” means gigawatt; equivalent to one million kilowatts.

“GWh” means a gigawatt hour; equivalent to one million kilowatt hours.

“ha” means hectares, a metric unit of land measure equal to 10,000 square metres or 2.47 acres.

“heavy crude oil” means crude oil with a relevant density greater than 10 degrees API and less than or equal to 22.3 degrees API.

“hydrocarbon” means a compound consisting of hydrogen and carbon, which, when naturally occurring, may also contain other elements such as Sulphur.

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

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

“kW” means a kilowatt; equivalent to 1,000 watts of electric power.

“kWh” means kilowatt hour; equivalent to the supply of one kilowatt of electric power for a continuous one hour period.

“laterite” means a soil layer that is rich in iron oxide and derived from a wide variety of rocks weathering under strongly oxidizing and leaching conditions.

“LIBOR” means the London Inter-Bank Offer Rate.

“light crude oil” means crude oil with a relative density greater than 31.1 degrees API.

“limonite” means the yellow-brown clay-like material that is the principal ore-bearing layer in nickel laterite deposits, synonymous with ferralite.

“LPG” means liquefied petroleum gases consisting predominantly of propane, butanes and ethane.

“Mbbbl” means thousands of barrels.

“Mcf” means thousand cubic feet.

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

“medium crude oil” means crude oil which a relative density greater than 22.3 degrees API and less than or equal to 31.1 degrees API gravity.

“Metal Bulletin Low Grade” means metallic cobalt typically 99.3% to 99.6% in cobalt content.

“Mineral Resource” means, in respect of mineral properties, an Inferred, Indicated or Measured Resource.

“Mineral Reserve” means, in respect of mineral properties, a Proven or Probable Reserve.

“MMbbbl” means millions of barrels.

“MMcf” means million cubic feet.

“MMcfpd” means millions of cubic feet per day.

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“MT” means millions of tonnes.

“MW” means a megawatt; equivalent to one thousand kilowatts.

“MWh” means a megawatt hour; equivalent to one thousand kilowatt hours.

“net reserves” means a working-interest (operating or non-operating) share of oil and gas reserves after deduction of royalty obligations and of reserves to be allocated to government authorities under a production-sharing contract or other oil and gas permit plus including the Corporation’s royalty interests in reserves.

“net wells” represents the number of wells obtained by aggregating the Corporation’s working-interest in each of its gross wells.

“net working-interest production” means a working-interest (operating or non-operating) share of oil and gas production after deduction of royalty obligations and of production allocated to government authorities under a production-sharing contract or other oil and gas permit plus the Corporation’s interest in production. Under a production-sharing contract, “net working-interest production” equals the sum of the volume of cost-recovery oil and the share of profit oil allocated to the contractor.

“Ni” means nickel.

“overburden” means materials that overlie a mineral deposit.

“pool” means a subsurface oil accumulation.

“production sharing contract” or **“PSC”** means a form of contract between a contractor and an agency of the government of the Republic of Cuba under which the contractor acquires the right to explore for and develop hydrocarbon deposits within a specified geographic area.

“profit oil” means the volume of oil to be allocated under a production-sharing contract after cost-recovery oil has been allocated to the contractor.

“Probable Reserve” means, in a context other than oil and gas, the economically mineable part of an Indicated Resource and, in some circumstances, a Measured Resource demonstrated by at least a preliminary feasibility study. This study must include adequate information on mining, processing, metallurgical, economic, and other relevant factors that demonstrate, at the time of reporting, that economic extraction can be justified.

“Proven Reserve” means, in a context other than oil and gas, the economically mineable part of a Measured Resource demonstrated by at least a preliminary feasibility study. This study must include adequate information on mining, processing, metallurgical, economic, and other relevant factors that demonstrate, at the time of reporting, that economic extraction is justified.

“reservoir” means a porous and permeable subsurface rock formation that contains a separate accumulation of petroleum that is confined by impermeable rock or water barriers and is characterized by a single pressure system.

“saprolite” – means a soft, decomposed rock that is rich in clay; a secondary ore – bearing layer in nickel laterite deposits that lies beneath limonite and that has high magnesium, making it undesirable as feed to a PAL process.

“service well” means a well drilled or completed for the purpose of supporting production in an existing field. Specific purposes of service wells include gas injection, water injection, steam injection, air injection, salt water disposal, water supply for injection, observation or injection for combustion.

“stratigraphic test well” means a drilling effort, geologically directed, to obtain information pertaining to a specific geologic condition. Ordinarily such wells are drilled without the intention of being completed for hydrocarbon production. They include wells for the purpose of core tests and all types of expendable holes related to hydrocarbon production.

“sulphur” for the purposes of the Oil and Gas business, means elemental sulphur recovered by the coversation of hydrogen sulphide and other sulphur compounds extracted from crude oil or natural gas.

“supernatant liquid” means the usually clear liquid overlying material deposited by settling, precipitation, or centrifugation.

“Tpd” means tonnes per day.

“USGC HSFO” means U.S. Gulf Coast High Sulfur Fuel Oil, a benchmark residual fuel oil and has replaced GCF06 as a reference benchmark as of January 3, 2017.

“working-interest” means the interest held by the Corporation in an oil or gas property, which interest normally bears its proportionate share of the costs of exploration, development and operation as well as any royalties or other production burdens, including the allocation of crude oil to government authorities under a production-sharing contract.

“workover” means the re-entry of an existing well to conduct various operations intended to restore or increase production.

“WTI” means West Texas Intermediate, a benchmark crude oil.

SCHEDULE B

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

MOA JOINT VENTURE

Properties

The resources comprising the Moa Joint Venture are the Central Moa Project and the Eastern Satellites Project. Certain information set out below is derived from the technical report entitled “43-101 Technical Report on the Central Moa Nickel Laterite Operation in Eastern Cuba” dated September 22, 2011 (the “**Central Moa Technical Report**”) and the technical report entitled “La Delta and Cantarrana Nickel Laterite Properties in Cuba” dated May 8, 2009 (the “**Eastern Satellites Technical Report**”), respectively.

Central Moa Project

Property Description, Location and Access

The Central Moa property consists of six separate mineral concessions which cover approximately 8,199 ha (see the section entitled “*Mineral Reserves and Resources – Moa Joint Venture*” for more information) (the “**Central Moa Concessions**”) and are located approximately four kilometres to the south and southeast of the city of Moa in the province of Holguin in northeastern Cuba. The main open pit lateritic ore mines lie south of the city. The Moa nickel plant site, which processes the mined ore into mixed sulphides using high-pressure acid leaching, lies on the southern edge of the residential area of the city of Moa.

The operating mining areas are connected to the plant site through a well-developed network of secondary paved roads and dirt roads. The processing plant and the technical and administrative offices can be accessed from Moa city streets. The City of Moa is connected to the provincial capital of Holguin by both paved highway and a small commercial airport with limited schedules to other Cuban cities. The closest large international airports are at Holguin and Santiago de Cuba.

In Cuba, mineral rights are the property of the state. Mineral exploration and mining rights are granted under decrees or resolutions administered by the ONRM, the Cuban government agency that oversees and regulates mining activity. In the case of the rights granted to Moa Nickel, the key features of the decrees and resolutions are:

- Moa Nickel has the right to mine the limonite, along with normal mining dilution at the top and bottom of the limonite horizon;
- Moa Nickel has received official approval to mine and utilize in the existing process a portion of the saprolite underlying the limonite ore in the deposit areas. Moa Nickel has the right to utilize saprolite underlying the Moa Oriental deposit and portions of the Moa Occidental deposit (total 2504 ha), and to utilize saprolite with more than 1% nickel and 25% to 35% iron underlying the Camarioca Norte and Camarioca Sur deposits (total 4374 ha); and
- when the property rights revert to the ONRM, the mining rights to the saprolite may be granted to another company.

Of the six separate mineral concessions comprising the Central Moa Concessions, Moa Occidental and Moa Oriental were granted under the 1994 Decree; Camarioca Norte and Camarioca Sur were granted under Resolution 40/2005 and Yagrumaje Oeste and Playa La Vaca-Zona Septentrional were granted under Agreements 7361 and 7401, respectively, in 2013. The Central Moa Concessions cover a total of 8,199 ha.

History

Viable nickel and cobalt resources in eastern Cuba were first identified in the 1940s. By the late 1950s, just prior to the Cuban Revolution, open pit mining had begun on the nickel laterites near Moa.

From the early 1960s to the early 1990s, the Cuban government’s state mining company mined the Moa Occidental concession. In 1994, the Corporation and GNC formed Moa Nickel. Moa Nickel was granted mining rights on December 1, 1994. It continued mining operations at the Moa Occidental concession and initiated mining operations at Moa Oriental in 2000.

The Camarioca Concessions were first explored in the early to mid-1970s by Soviet geologists. Evaluation of the Camarioca Concessions was resumed by Empresa Geominera Oriente, the Cuban state contractor for geological and exploration activities, (“**Geominera**”) in 2003. In 2005, Moa Nickel was granted the right to continue the exploration and evaluation of the Camarioca Concessions deposits.

Moa Nickel obtained its rights to the Yagrumaje Oeste and Playa La Vaca-Zona Septentrional II deposits in 2013, with data regarding previous exploration results provided to the Moa Nickel by the ONRM. Parts of the Yagrumaje Oeste deposit had been mined prior to Moa Nickel obtaining its rights and mineralized zone had been drilled on a 33 metre grid.

Geological Setting Mineralization and Deposit Types

The Central Moa Concessions are situated on the Moa-Baracoa complex. The Moa-Baracoa complex is composed primarily of a tectonised harzburgite that is highly depleted by 20 – 30% partial melting. To the east of the Central Moa Concessions, a number of podiform chromitite bodies lie along a west-northwest trending line. Several intersections of chromitite also exist in the northwest extremity of Camarioca Norte. The region also contains several bodies of gabbros and north-east trending gabbroic dikes.

The nickeliferous laterite deposits in the Moa region occur as a thick surface blanket of residual soils, clays and partially decomposed rock. The thickest and most homogenous laterite deposits are generally associated with rounded ridge crests and spurs representing the least eroded portion of the laterite blanket.

The upper zone of the commercial laterite profile called limonite is defined either by a nickel cut-off of 1% and an iron cut-off of 35% or, in certain deposits, by a 'nickel equivalent' grade cut-off that reflects the relative long-term price expectations for nickel and cobalt. The nickel equivalent cut-off grade typically ranges between 1.25% and 1.35%, depending mainly upon the ore haulage distance and overburden stripping ratios for the ore body. The limonite zone as defined typically varies from three to seven metres in thickness, locally increasing to a thickness of up to 20 metres. The lower contact of the limonite zone is defined by the 35% iron grade cut-off and is highly irregular with frequent 'ribs' and 'pinnacles' of decomposing bedrock material projecting up into the limonite. Saprolite zone mineralization is usually encountered below the limonite zone. The original mining concession granted the right to mine in the limonite zone only. However, the ONRM has granted the Moa Joint Venture the rights to mine the upper portions of the saprolite zone on certain mineral concessions.

Exploration and Drilling

The drilling campaigns conducted at the Central Moa Project have generally been carried out on surveyed square grid patterns, using continuous-spiral and hollow-stem auger drills to extract samples from each metre of penetration in vertical holes.

The majority of the deposits were drilled prior to the formation of the Moa Joint Venture using progressively closer grid spacings from 300 to 33 metres. In addition, test pits were excavated to yield information on mineralogy, moisture content and tonnage factors. Drilling campaigns conducted by the Moa Joint Venture have generally drilled exploration on grids of 100 metres and 33-35 metres-spacings and drilled exploration grids at 16 metre-spacing for definition of the overburden thickness, grade control and metallurgical characterization of the ore. In 2017, 376 drillholes were completed on the 16 metre grid for Camarioca Norte and 649 drillholes were completed on a combination of 16 metre × 16 metre grids and offset 35 metre × 35 metre grids in Camarioca Sur.

In addition to drilling, Moa Nickel also dug several dozen criollo pits in four of the mineral concession areas prior to production and conducted field trials of ground penetrating radar technology in the Camarioca Concessions.

A hollow core auger with an 89 millimetre outer diameter and 71 millimetre inner diameter was also used to penetrate bedrock regions where mapping of the bedrock geology had been recommended. Moa Nickel contracted Geominera to conduct various drilling programs using a truck-mounted 135 millimetre diameter spiral auger drill between 2005 and 2008.

In 2008, Moa Nickel acquired its own Canadian-built rotary-head M5Xd drilling machine mounted on a Japanese-built MST 800 Morooka Carrier for use in the large development drilling programs on the Camarioca Concessions. The drill fleet consists of four units capable of drilling 178 millimetre diameter solid stem auger holes, 95 millimetre diameter hollow auger holes, and 71 millimetre diameter core holes.

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Sampling, Analysis and Data Verification

Sample Preparation

Drill cuttings are logged manually by field geologists in a notebook at the drill site. Logged notes are then later entered into a computer data base in the office. Each interval, usually 1 metre, is divided in half, one part for chemical analysis and the other for metallurgical test work, including sedimentation tests. The samples are removed from the auger spirals, placed in plastic bags and tagged with the sample number. The sample numbers are simple sequences without the borehole number. In selected holes, a composite sample of 3-4 kilograms is taken for leaching tests. For every tenth sample, the geologist takes a duplicate assay sample for use as an internal control and another duplicate sample for use as an external control.

When external contractors, like Geominera, have been contracted to perform the drilling and sampling, a Moa Nickel geologist checks the contractor's activities in the field.

Through early September 2007, samples were shipped by truck to Geominera's facilities in Santiago de Cuba. Since September 2007, assay pulp preparation has been carried out at a new facility in Moa and the pulps shipped to Santiago de Cuba for assay at the Elio Trincado Figueredo Laboratory operated by Geominera. An independent consultant retained by the Corporation has examined the sample preparation facilities and the Geominera assay laboratory and reviewed their procedures, and believes that they are satisfactory. The Geominera work at the new sample preparation facility in Moa has been directly monitored by a Moa Nickel geologist.

Sample analyses

Analysis of Ni, Co, Al₂O₃, Cr₂O₃, Fe₂O₃, MgO, MnO and SiO₂ are done by sodium carbonate fusion inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES), an emission spectrophotometric technique that uses the fact that excited electrons emit energy at a given wavelength as they return to their ground state. The quality assurance and quality control program used to monitor the reliability of the analyses is externally reviewed annually. For the past many years, the annual production reconciliations have confirmed that there is no systematic bias in resources and reserves calculated from the drill hole data.

From time to time, Fe is checked volumetrically by titration with potassium dichromate.

Routine assays are done by the Geominera assay laboratory in Santiago de Cuba; external check assays have been done by Laboratorios Isaac del Corral in Havana and by SGS Labs in South Africa. In the producing areas of the mine, check analyses are also done at the Moa Nickel process control laboratory where routine production sampling of trucks and thickener slurry is done. The process control lab uses pressed pellet XRF analysis calibrated regularly by atomic absorption analysis.

Security of Samples

The lateritic material from auger holes is laid on the polyethylene sheet at the drill site and visually logged to record its geological characteristics. The clayey material is then cut into samples 1 metre in length, numbered and sealed in polyethylene bags. The sample bags are transported by truck from the field directly to the processing facility operated by Geominera in Moa. At no point are the bags re-opened until the laboratory begins its preparation work. If bags are broken, have become unsealed or appear to be contaminated with other material, which occurs very rarely, the laboratory does not process the sample and no analytical data is available for that sample interval.

Data Verification

Quality assurance and quality control ("**QA/QC**") of the analytical data and the assay data bases is conducted by Geominera, who uses reference materials to monitor the accuracy of assay data and to detect systematic biases, and internal duplicates to monitor the precision or repeatability of assays. Additional duplicate samples checked by external labs provide additional data for monitoring the reliability of assay data. Blanks are currently not used; these would provide information on any cross-contamination that may be occurring during sample preparation.

Geominera's procedures for the analysis of this data, and the use of it to reject batches of unreliable assays, are not as rigorous and intensive as current international norms. The Corporation's personnel and consultants continue to work with Geominera, and the Corporation continues to conduct check assays at an external lab to ensure validity of results.

To address the specific weaknesses in Geominera's QA/QC protocols and procedures, the Corporation's consultants have met with the Geominera staff to discuss how to resolve certain issues. The Geominera staff have been willing to implement practical ideas to ensure alignment with approaches used by commercial assay laboratories faced with similar problems elsewhere in the world.

Despite the issues mentioned above, there is a general consistency between grades predicted from Geominera assay data and grades actually mined, as measured by Moa Nickel's own plant process control data, as well as with the external check assays.

Mining and Processing, Refining, Expansion, Marketing and Sales

Mining Operations

The mining method used by Moa Nickel consists of an excavator/truck operation. Bench mining is executed in opened deposits using hydraulic backhoe excavators equipped with 6.0 m³ buckets and a combination of rigid and articulated mine haulage trucks. The mine operates 365 days per year, weather permitting.

Mining has been carried out within the area covered by the Moa Occidental concession for close to 60 years. Prior to the formation of the Moa Joint Venture, the property was operated by the Cuban state and, prior to the Cuban Revolution, private mining companies. Prior to the Moa Joint Venture, the annual mining rate averaged approximately 1.6 million tonnes of ore. In the past 20 years, improvements in mining operations and at the processing plant have allowed the annual production rate to rise. In 2017, a total of 3.44 million tonnes of ore was mined, as compared to 3.18 million tonnes in 2016.

Processing and Recovery Operations

Ore is processed through the ore preparation plant where the ore is slurried with water and the resultant slurry is screened to reject partially or wholly unweathered material which has high magnesium content. The oversize reject material is processed through a reject treatment circuit that achieves a high recovery of the limonite contained in the material. The final dry-rock reject is used for road construction or is deposited into mined-out areas.

The fine fraction of the screened ore is thickened and pumped to an acid pressure leaching circuit consisting of vertical, steam-agitated pachuca (reactors). Sulphuric acid is added to dissolve nickel and cobalt from the ore. The leach discharge slurry is processed through a countercurrent decantation wash circuit to separate the nickel and cobalt-containing solution from the leach residue slurry that is impounded in a land pond with surface water reclaimed for the process. Excess sulphuric acid in the solution is neutralized with calcium carbonate and the gypsum residue is processed through the wash circuit with the leach tailings. Nickel and cobalt are recovered from the solution by precipitation, at an elevated temperature and pressure, with hydrogen sulphide gas to produce mixed sulphides.

As mining progresses, additional capacity will be required in the existing tailings disposal facility to accommodate the tailings that will be generated from the life of mine ore. Moa Nickel continues to examine long term solutions for tailings management.

In 2017, production of nickel and cobalt contained in mixed sulphides at Moa Nickel was 34,595 tonnes (100% basis), compared to production of 33,845 tonnes (100% basis) in 2016.

Refining

In the refining process, which occurs in Fort Saskatchewan, nickel and cobalt present in the Moa mixed sulphides and various other feeds are blended and leached in an ammonia and ammonium sulphate solution. Nickel, cobalt and other metals are dissolved and sulphide sulphur is oxidized and combined with ammonia to form ammonium sulphate. Any unleached material is separated from the metal-rich solution, washed, filtered and either shipped and recycled back through Moa Nickel's process or sold pursuant to short-term contracts.

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Nickel is recovered in powder form. After washing and drying, powder can be packaged or compacted into briquettes, which can be sintered (passed through a furnace) or left unsintered. The relative proportion of powder, sintered and unsintered material changes and is based upon prevailing market conditions. Cobalt is also recovered in powder form and is compacted and sintered into briquettes or packaged as powder for sale.

The remaining, essentially metal-free, solution is evaporated to crystallize ammonium sulphate, which is dried and sold as fertilizer. The on-site ammonium sulphate plant has an annual capacity of approximately 190,000 tonnes. Other metals present in the feed, such as copper and zinc, are collected in the form of sulphide residues and sold.

In 2017, total production of finished nickel and cobalt was 31,523 tonnes and 3,601 tonnes (100% basis), respectively, compared to 32,927 tonnes and 3,693 tonnes (100% basis), respectively, in 2016.

The refinery updated its ISO 9001 certification to ISO 9001:2015 for nickel and cobalt production.

Expansion

The Expansion Agreement provides for an expansion of the annual production capacity at the Moa Nickel facilities by 16,000 tonnes of nickel plus cobalt in mixed sulphides, to a total of 49,000 tonnes, and a corresponding expansion of the CRC facilities to process the additional mixed sulphides. Following completion of basic engineering for the expansion in the fall of 2006 at both the Moa and Fort Saskatchewan facilities, the Corporation and GNC agreed to execute the expansion in phases.

The first phase of expansion was completed in 2008, increasing annual production capacity to a total of 37,000 tonnes of nickel plus cobalt contained in mixed sulphides. In response to weakening commodity markets, the Corporation announced a temporary suspension of capital contributions to the Moa/Fort Saskatchewan expansion in the fourth quarter of 2008. Demobilization of the construction workforce was substantially completed by the end of 2008 and equipment and material on the site are being preserved, where possible, to allow for resumption of the expansion project. While expansion at Moa Nickel remains an important growth initiative, no decisions have been made on the completion of expansion circuits beyond the completion of the sulphuric acid plant. Additionally, at the time of suspension, a 2,000 tonne per day sulphuric acid plant was under construction at Moa to coincide with the completion of expansion. In October 2013, the Moa Joint Venture partners reached an agreement to complete this plant at an estimated cost of approximately US\$65.0 million. On July 19, 2016, the Corporation announced the successful start-up of the plant within the approved budget. As a result, it is no longer necessary to purchase sulphuric acid to support Moa Nickel day-to-day operations.

Infrastructure, Permitting and Compliance Activities

The City of Moa has a population of approximately 75,000 (2016) and is the source, together with several surrounding towns, of most of the unskilled and semi-skilled labour required for both the mining and processing operations.

The water supply for the processing plant comes from a water-bore near the plant-site and from the Nuevo Mundo reservoir which feeds into the Moa river. Both the plant site and the mine site are served by the national electric power grid and grid power lines cross the mine site. Moa Nickel has the required surface rights and necessary infrastructure, including bridge access, roads, maintenance shops, power supplies and offices to support its current mining operations.

For information regarding Environment, Health and Safety and Community Investment please see the section 3.5 *Environment, Health and Safety and Sustainability*.

Eastern Satellites Project

Property Description, Location and Access

The Eastern Satellite Project is comprised of the La Delta, Cantarrana and Santa Teresita mineral concessions (together, the “**Eastern Satellites Concessions**”) which lie 10 to 15 kilometres southeast of the Moa Nickel processing plant and cover approximately 3,277 ha. These concessions can be accessed by network of secondary dirt roads that provide access from the paved coastal highway, although accessibility can be difficult in the wet season.

For information regarding access to the nearest city and the region, please see the section entitled “*Central Moa Project – Property Description, Location and Access*” above.

History

Cantarrana and La Delta were first explored in the 1960s. A second exploration program was conducted by Geominera for Gencor Ltd. in 1996 (the “**Gencor Campaign**”) as a due diligence check on the earlier work. In 2006, Moa Nickel was granted the right to explore and evaluate the Eastern Satellite Concessions. Inferred Resources have been estimated for Santa Teresita, but its reserve potential has not yet been reliably established. For further detail regarding the history of exploration in the region, please see “*Central Moa Project – History*” above.

Geology and Mineralization

The Cantarrana ultramafic body is surrounded by gabbro and the same gabbro body sets the eastern limit of the La Delta ultramafic. Isolated in the ultramafic is a small body of gabbro, approximately 2x1 kilometres, which limits the southern extent of the La Delta deposit.

The analysis of mineralization of the Eastern Satellites Concessions is based on the assays taken from the drilling programs discussed in “*Eastern Satellites Concessions – Exploration and Drilling*” below. The drilling campaign conducted in the 1960s assayed for Fe, Ni and Co. The Gencor Campaign analyzed for Fe, Ni, Co, Mg, Mn, Al, Si and Ca and the moisture content of each sample was also reported. The 2008 campaign assayed for Fe, Ni, Co, Mg, Mn, Al, Cr and Si.

For a discussion of the regional geology, please refer to “*Central Moa Project – Geology and Mineralization*” above.

Exploration and Drilling

Exploration on the Eastern Satellites Concessions began in the 1960s and included drilling on a 100 metre square grid. The Gencor Campaign in-filled a number of the existing lines to 33 metre spacing. In 2008, Moa Nickel undertook a drilling campaign (conducted by Geominera) in certain regions where the historical data suggested high laterite block mineralization. The 2008 drilling was done on a square 100 metre grid, offset from the historical grid, creating a regular grid with hole spacing of approximately 70 metres along the diagonals of the grid.

All stages of drilling used truck-mounted spiral augers.

Sampling and Analysis and Security of Samples

Please see “*Central Moa Project – Sampling and Analysis and Security of Samples*”.

Mining and Processing, Refining, Expansion, Marketing and Sales

Please see “*Central Moa Project – Mining and Processing, Refining, Expansion, Marketing and Sales*”.

Infrastructure, Permitting and Compliance Activities

Please see the section entitled “*Central Moa Project – Infrastructure, Permitting and Compliance Activities*” for a general description of permitting in Cuba and information regarding the infrastructure available in the Moa region.

Resolutions 5859 and 5860, dated December 29, 2006, of the Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba granted Moa Nickel the right and obligation to evaluate the limonitic nickel mineralization on the La Delta and Cantarrana concessions. These Resolutions detail 28 obligations, most of which relate to: 1) geological education and safety of employees; 2) road construction, protection of environment near rivers, protection of forest cover; and 3) rehabilitation measures after work programs have been completed.

The Eastern Satellites Concessions cover a total of 3,277 ha. The boundaries of the Eastern Satellites Concessions are subject to review and potential adjustment every three years by the ONRM.

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For mining to commence on the Eastern Satellites Concessions, Moa Nickel will have to apply to the ONRM at the appropriate time to have the exploration concessions set out above converted to exploitation concessions.

In 2017, exploration reports were submitted by the Moa Joint Venture to ONRM for Playa la Vaca and Zona Septentrional. Responses to questions from ONRM were submitted in 2017 and a reply is pending. Previously filed exploitation permits for La Delta and Cantarrana are currently awaiting approval.

AMBATOVY JOINT VENTURE

Property

The Technical Information in this Annual Information regarding the Ambatovy Joint Venture has been prepared under the supervision of, or reviewed by, R. Mohan Srivastava, a qualified person under NI 43-101, who is independent of the Corporation.

Project Description, Location and Access

The Ambatovy Joint Venture consists of an open-pit mine located 11 kilometres north of the town of Moramanga in Eastern-Central in Madagascar, an approximately 220 kilometre pipeline ("**Pipeline**") which transports a prepared slurry to a processing plant and refinery (the "**Plant Site**") located 10 kilometres from the city of Toamasina on the eastern coast of the island. The Ambatovy Joint Venture also has a port facility (the "**Port**") at the Port of Toamasina, which is used primarily for the import of raw materials and equipment and the export of finished products, as well as a tailings management facility ("**TMF**") approximately 10 kilometres from the Plant Site.

The mine site is located approximately 80 kilometres east of the capital city of Antananarivo and can be reached via a major asphalt-paved national road (120 kilometres) and high quality gravel road (11 kilometres).

The Plant Site, Port and TMF can be accessed from the town of Toamasina by major asphalt-paved national roads in the case of the Plant Site and Port and high-quality gravel road in the case of the TMF. Both Toamasina and Antananarivo are served by regular commercial air flights (National and International). Additionally, a charter plane, operated on behalf of the Ambatovy Joint Venture, flies regularly between Antananarivo, Toamasina and Moramanga.

The mine property covers 144 kilometres² and is divided into 368 blocks (carrés) of 625 metre by 625 metre for administrative purposes. AMSA, one of the two companies which form the Ambatovy Joint Venture, holds all of the necessary titles and permits for the mine.

The key permits and agreements include:

- **Exploitation Permit** (issued by the Ministry of Mines and Energy September 7, 2006) which grants AMSA the right to mine nickel, cobalt, copper, platinum, chrome and a zinc from the known nickel laterite deposits (the Ambatovy Deposit and the Analamay Deposit) on the mine site until September 6, 2046 and is conditional on AMSA filing an annual report with the Ministry of Mines, paying an annual administration fee of approximately US\$36,320 (117,171,200 MGA) (plus VAT) and following an Environment and Social Management Plan ("**ESMP**"), which is attached as an appendix to the environmental permit.
- **50-year Surface Rights Lease** between AMSA and the Malagasy State which is registered with the Malagasy fiscal authority and the lease is registered at the appropriate local land titles registry. The lease is conditional upon AMSA paying annual fees, complying with stated land usage (mining) and establishing a forest conservation area in accordance with the mine site ESMP. The mine site property is also subject to a US\$250,000 annual fee (subject to adjustment every two years for inflation) for the term of the lease.
- The Ambatovy Joint Venture is also subject to the following additional payments under Malagasy law:
 - Annual land tax (IFT) which is equivalent to 1% of the value of the land (land tax capped at approximately US\$100,000 pursuant to the LGIM);
 - Annual property tax on buildings which is equivalent to 1% of the annual rental value of the buildings. The Ambatovy Joint Venture is entitled to a five-year exemption upon the completion of construction in 2012 pursuant to the LGIM; and
 - Mining royalties payable on the production which are equivalent to 1% of finished metal sales pursuant to the Mining Code and the LGIM.

History

The Malagasy Service Géologique discovered the presence of the Ambatovy and Analamay Deposits in 1960 and conducted limited pitting and auger drilling to assess surface iron potential. The first major exploration work on the Deposits was not carried out until the 1970s by a consortium composed of Société Le Nickel, Ugine Kuhlman, Anglo American and *Bureau des Recherches Géologiques et Minières*. This work included drilled 368 vertical diamond drill holes, an aerial photographic survey, geological mapping and geochemical surveys.

Further exploration work was conducted on Ambatovy West region of the Ambatovy deposit between 1995 and 1998 when PD Madagascar SARL (“**PD**”) carried out a program which included a total 442 vertical diamond drill holes, test pits, various surveys and metallurgical testwork. This work culminated in a feasibility study.

PD and Dynatec signed a joint venture agreement in 2003 to continue the development of the property, which later resulted in Dynatec receiving a 53% interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture. Dynatec and PD conducted exploratory drilling and started to develop a thorough feasibility study with a detailed environmental and social impact assessment.

In 2005, Dynatec acquired the remaining 47% interest in the Ambatovy Joint Venture from PD and Sumitomo took up a 25% stake in the Ambatovy Joint Venture. In preparation for the filing of a 43-101 compliant Technical Report dated February 2005, Dynatec drilled 545 vertical diamond drill holes between 2003 and 2005. The report was revised in May 2005. Definition drilling continued in 2006 and 2007, mostly in the Ambatovy Central sub-block, with 100 HQ holes drilled for a total of 5,675 metres. A subsequent NI 43-101 technical report was filed in October 2011, as discussed in “*Property*” above.

In 2007, the Ambatovy Joint Venture was certified by the Government of Madagascar under the LGIM. The Corporation acquired Dynatec in June 2007 for approximately US\$1.7 billion. The Corporation assumed Dynatec’s ownership position in the Ambatovy Joint Venture and was named project operator.

In 2008, the Ambatovy Joint Venture received construction permits for work at the port and plant site. Definition drilling started again, mainly on the Ambatovy West sub-block. A total of 168 drill holes for a total of 8,605 metres were drilled between June 2008 and November 2009.

In 2010, commissioning of the mining equipment commenced. Mining of material for stockpiling started in July. In 2011, commissioning of the ore preparation plant at the mine site commenced, as well as commissioning of the utilities facilities at the plant site. This was followed in 2012 with the start of ore processing in the pressure acid leach autoclaves and with mixed sulphides being delivered to the refinery in May 2012. The first finished nickel and cobalt briquettes were produced from the refinery in September 2012, and the Ambatovy Joint Venture continued its ramp-up towards full production.

In January 2014, Sherritt announced that the requirements for commercial production, defined as an average of 70% of ore throughput based on nameplate capacity, in the pressure acid leach circuit, over a 30 day period, had been achieved by the Ambatovy Joint Venture. Throughout the year, the Ambatovy Joint Venture continued ramping up towards full production. Nearly 8.2Mt of material was mined, 4.4Mt of ore was sent to the Plant Site and 39,968 tonnes of finished nickel and cobalt were produced.

In March 2015, the Ambatovy Joint Venture completed an average of 90% production of the nameplate capacity over a 90 day period. Financial completion was achieved September 30, 2015.

Geological Setting, Mineralization and Deposit Types

The Ambatovy and Analamay deposits are large, thick and weathered ultramafic lateritic deposits located approximately 3 kilometres apart in the Ambatovy ore body (the “**Ambatovy Deposit**” and the “**Analamay Deposit**”, or collectively, the “**Deposits**”).

The regional geology consists of a north-south belt of basic gneisses and migmatites, which are part of the high grade metamorphic rocks underlying the eastern two-thirds of Madagascar. The Antampombato Complex, a large intrusive that cuts the metamorphic rocks, is the dominant feature of the geology of the Deposits. The intrusive is composed of gabbroic to syenitic

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rocks with two small outer ultramafic bodies rimming the intrusive. Exploration suggests that the complex represents multiple, magmatic intrusions that commenced with the ultramafic intrusive, then was followed by gabbroic intrusives and terminated with the more felsic intrusive.

The Ambatovy Deposit is approximately 3 kilometres by 2.4 kilometres and oriented in a WNW-ESE direction and is located toward the southern margin of the Antampombato Complex. A north-west trending gabbroic intrusive cuts the Ambatovy Deposit divided into three: Ambatovy West, Central and Southeast. The Analamay Deposit is approximately 4 kilometres by 2.8 kilometres, oriented north-south and occurs at the eastern margin of the Antampombato Complex. It is divided into sub-blocks known as Analamay North, Central and South. Ambatovy West is cut by numerous block faults that strike northwest/southeast with a conjugate set, striking northeast/southwest. Evidence indicates that faulting continued during the laterization.

The Deposits cover an area of about 1,300 ha, and range in thickness from 20 to 100 metres, with the average thickness being approximately 40 metres. Within the lateritic profile, there are three distinct zones:

- **Ferricrete** is the uppermost layer, and forms an extremely hard, coherent crust of iron oxides up to 3 metres thick and acts as a deterrent to mechanical erosion.
- **Limonite**, referred to locally as ferralite, constitutes more than 90% of the economic grade nickel mineralization and is predominately a spongy mass with iron concentrations of 40 to 50%, predominately in goethite. Enriched nickel and cobalt grades are largely achieved by depletion of other elements through the weathering process, rather than additions to the system. The nickel grade of the laterite is influenced by the nickel content of the underlying bedrock.
- **Saprolite** lies at the base of the lateritic zone, on top of the bedrock.

Exploration and Drilling

The Ambatovy Joint Venture has carried out continuous definition drilling on the property since 2009, focusing first in completion of 50-metre spacing diamond drill holes in Ambatovy West and Southeast to improve resources definition and increase information on the surrounding contacts with gabbroic material. This part of the deposit is expected to enter the mining sequence in 2021.

In-fill drilling in Analamay was initiated in 2016 and will continue in 2018 with both 100 metre × 100 metre and 50 metre × 50 metre drill patterns to enable the transfer of Indicated Mineral Resources to Measured Mineral Resources and further define the deposit's Mineral Reserves.

Pre – production drillings are also conducted prior to mining. Twenty metre-spaced air core drill holes are drilled down to the bedrock and supplementary 10-metre spaced auger drill holes are implemented on the active benches for a depth of 12 metres. This combination of pre-production drilling data is used to design the mining panels, separating the different qualities of ore.

Sampling and Analysis and Data Verification

At the mine site, the core is measured and the depths marked in metres, photographed and logged according to the principal lithologies and degrees of weathering. Sampling is done at one-metre intervals and broken at sub-metre intervals at significant lithological contacts with highly weathered core being split in half with a knife. For the boulder saprolite, the sections with minus 10 centimetre boulders and fines are divided in half and the boulders sawn. The plus 10 centimetre “fresh” boulders are measured and their percentage of interval recorded, but the boulders are not sampled.

Until 2009, the half-core samples were shipped to UltraTrace Analytical Laboratories (“**UltraTrace**”) in Perth Australia after being placed in plastic bags, tagged and sealed in plastic drums. The remaining half-core sample was sheathed in polythene tubes, placed in a core box and sent to an on-site storage area. Since 2009, all analytical measures have been done by the AMSA laboratory with duplicate samples sent to UltraTrace for validation.

When the on-site lab became operational in 2009, there has been a continuous QA/QC program that uses certified standards and duplicates to monitor the accuracy and precision of the analytical data. In the years when the on-site laboratory has been

operating, there has been no systematic problem with the reliability of the analytical data, and the data have been deemed reliable for resource and reserve evaluation by the qualified person, as defined by NI 43-101, responsible for that section of the Ambatovy Technical Report. Prior to 2009, the QA/QC program in place during the drilling coordinated by Dynatec was reviewed by the qualified persons, as defined by NI 43-101, of the technical report prepared in 2005, who found that these data were reliable for resource and reserve estimation. During the 2005 feasibility study, it was established through analysis of duplicates at umpire laboratories that there were small systematic biases in the aluminum and cobalt assays from the PD drilling campaign in the early 2000s. These biases have been corrected by making an across-the-board adjustment to the aluminum and cobalt assays from the PD drill holes.

As of 2005, the complete sample preparation has been done on site. The procedure for sample preparation remains equivalent to the UltraTrace procedure described above. The pulps produced during the sample preparation on site were shipped to Dynatec Fort Saskatchewan (“**DYFS**”) in Canada and UltraTrace in Australia. The facility and the procedures were kept the same when the Corporation took over Dynatec.

Samples at the Ambatovy Joint Venture are also collected for metallurgical pilot plant and batch tests. More than 26,000 total samples were processed at DYFS and UltraTrace with 14 analytical determinations carried out on each sample.

A QA/QC program has been implemented for the assays from the beginning by Dynatec. This specific QA/QC program was reviewed by AMEC in 2006. This review led to the introduction of a bench scale which directly measures the dry weight of core samples, as well as the weight when immersed in water, and led to improved consistency when calculating the moisture content and dry density of the samples.

The samples are collected and handled at the drill site by Ambatovy Joint Venture personnel. The samples are under the direct control of Ambatovy Joint Venture personnel from the drilling site to the on-site laboratory or until they are shipped to UltraTrace. This ensures control of custody by the Ambatovy Joint Venture from the drill sites to the analytical laboratory.

Processing and Recovery Operations

The mine-site facilities includes, among other things, the ore preparation plant (the “**OPP**”) and the slurry transfer pumping plant. These facilities are located between the Deposits.

Ore mined at the Ambatovy mine site is either directly fed to the ore preparation plant, or stockpiled for future processing.

Ore processed through the OPP is slurried with water in a rotary drum scrubber and the resultant slurry is screened at <0.8 millimetres to reject partially or un-weathered material with a high magnesium content. The screened oversize material is processed through a second scrubber and screening circuit that achieves high recovery of the limonite contained in the ore. The final reject material is used for road construction or is deposited into mined-out areas. The product ore slurry is thickened and transported down a 600 millimetre diameter pipeline that is approximately 220 kilometres to the Plant Site.

The route selected for the pipeline is as direct as practical, but some significant deviations were required to avoid environmentally and culturally sensitive areas.

The design for the pipeline was prepared by Pipeline Systems Incorporated, a Canadian company.

Processing Facilities

The nickel and cobalt recovery process from lateritic ores that has been selected by the Ambatovy Joint Venture uses Sherritt-developed technology which is in operation at other facilities.

The Plant Site, includes, among other things, a pressure acid leaching plant, a metals refinery, and associated utility and ancillary plants including: water treatment, steam and power, hydrogen, hydrogen sulphide, sulphuric acid, air separation, limestone comminution, and lime-calcining and slaking. The Ambatovy Joint Venture holds several long-term leases for the land on which the plant and nearby tailings management facility are located. Such leases are registered at the appropriate local land titles registries.

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At the processing plant, the slurry is thickened and pumped to an acid pressure leaching circuit consisting of horizontal, mechanically-agitated autoclaves. Sulphuric acid is added to the autoclaves to dissolve nickel and cobalt from the slurried ore. The discharged slurry is partially neutralized with limestone and processed through a counter-current decantation wash circuit to separate the nickel and cobalt-containing solution from the leach residue. The leach residue is impounded in a tailings pond, following further neutralization with limestone and lime. In the nickel and cobalt rich solution, any excess sulphuric acid is neutralized with limestone and the resulting gypsum residue is processed through the wash circuit. Nickel and cobalt are recovered from the solution by precipitation, at elevated temperature and pressure, with hydrogen sulphide gas to produce mixed sulphides.

In the refining process, nickel and cobalt present in the mixed sulphide feed are leached in an oxidizing solution in autoclaves at elevated temperature and pressure. From the mixed sulphides, cobalt, nickel and other metals are dissolved and the sulphur is oxidized. Following solution purification, nickel and cobalt are separated by solvent extraction. Nickel is then recovered in powder form, and, after washing and drying, is compacted into briquettes. Cobalt is also recovered in powder form and compacted into briquettes or packaged as powder. The remaining, essentially metal-free, solution is evaporated to crystallized ammonium sulphate which is to be dried and sold as fertilizer. Ammonium sulphate fertilizer, a by-product of this refining process, is produced at an on-site ammonium sulphate plant, which is expected to have an annual output of approximately 210,000 tonnes. Other metals present in the feed, such as copper and zinc, are collected in sulphide residues and sold.

The TMF, located several kilometres inland from the plant site, has been designed to specific international standards as set out by the Canadian Dam Association, International Commission on Large Dams, and the Mining Association of Canada. The design provides for neutralization and precipitation of the tailings slurry with limestone and lime prior to discharge to the tailings basin. At its current size, the tailings facility has capacity remaining to sustain operations through the second quarter of 2019. Construction of the third phase of the TMF is in progress with the first stage due to be finished by mid-2019. This stage will provide sufficient storage capacity to sustain operations through to 2023.

Containment in the tailings basin is achieved by progressive elevation of embankments encompassing the tailings facility. Groundwater modeling indicates that due to the low permeability of the regional soils and subsequent tailings layer that will be present, seepage losses will be low. A network of groundwater interception wells is in place to identify and prevent any contaminant migration.

The entire tailings surface area will continue to be utilized through to the end of the life of the Ambatovy Joint Venture, at which point the surface will be contoured, drained and revegetated.

Various tests were completed to determine the characteristics of the tailings, and to estimate the in-situ density that will be achieved in the tailings basin after deposition. A dry density of 1.0 tonne/cubic metre was subsequently selected for the tailings.

Consideration of water management for the tailings basin is essential in this rainfall region. The water management plan involves containing supernatant and surface water run-off to allow for solids settlement to permit ultimate discharge to the ocean. A portion of this discharge is recycled back to the plant site for re-use. Extensive study produced a water management system design and discharge criteria that are established to result in no adverse effects on the local environment.

Infrastructure, Permitting and Compliance Activities

Infrastructure

Mine Site

In addition to the OPP and the slurry transfer pumping plant, the mine site facility includes three camps, mine infrastructure (including offices, workshops, change-house, clinic, etc.), the Mangoro pumping station.

Local resources include a small nearby aggregate quarry, the Mangoro River which is the water supply for the mine site (via a 600 mm diameter and 24 kilometre pipeline) and a 138 kV power line which passes approximately 8 kilometres south of the mine site property.

The Ambatovy Joint Venture has access to the requisite mining personnel through the use of the local population from the town of Moramanga (population of approximately 30,000) for unskilled and semi-skilled labour, as well as having on-site residential facilities for necessary expatriate and national senior staff employees. Buses run between Moramanga and the Mine site for the local employees.

Pipeline

As mentioned earlier, the slurry pipeline is approximately 220 kilometres and carries a prepared slurry from the Mine Site to the Plant Site. AMSA holds the necessary “rights-of-way” to allow the pipeline to pass through both private and government owned land either through contractual arrangements or a public grant (*déclaration utilité publique*). The pipeline is accessed by a series of “access roads” which run along the length of the pipeline.

Plant Site and Surrounding Area

In addition to the structures mentioned in “Processing Facilities” above, the Plant Site includes: a coal fired steam and power facility (the “**Power Plant**”) (to provide power to the Plant Site and the steam used in the Processing Plant), a permanent operations camp, a housing village for residential expatriate employees and office buildings, as well as an air strip and a rail linking the Plant Site to Port. Water for the Plant Site is provided by the Ivondro River pump station.

Naphtha, diesel fuel and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (“**LPG**”) required for the operation of the Processing Plant are provided by third parties suppliers and delivered to the Plant Site via pipeline (in the case of naphtha) and trucks (in the case of diesel and LPG) to: two days tanks (for naphtha); dry tanks and then to a fuel dispensing stations (for diesel) and to bullets (for LPG).

The coal, sulphur and limestone used during processing are delivered by ocean vessels at the Port, and then transported by train to the Plant Site. These materials are stockpiled by a stacker and carried by front-end loaders to hoppers and feeding belt conveyors that deliver them to the Plant.

Tailings Management Facility

The TMF will be constructed in three phases, two of which have been completed, and will provide sufficient storage for the remaining mine life. The TMF has been designed in accordance with the Equator Principles, as well as the standards set out by the Canadian Dam Association, International Commission on Large Dams, and the Mining Associations of Canada and includes containing supernatant and run-off (which can be pumped to the Plant Site for re-use or pumped after being neutralized and diluted by rainwater for discharge into the ocean); a tailings pond where tailings slurry is neutralized with limestone and lime, prior to discharge to the tailings storage and dilution by rainfall.

The tailings area will be progressively reclaimed through the life of the Processing Plant.

Permitting and Compliance

All material permits and rights to conduct operations at the Mine Site, Port, Pipeline and Plant Site have been obtained and are in good standing.

Environmental Permit (issued December 1, 2006 by the ONE) – The environmental permit covers the mine, Plant Site, TMF, pipeline and port site and is conditional upon the implementation of ESMPs relating to each site, which are subject to an annual review process. The mine site ESMP includes, among other things, the requirement for a ‘no net loss’ biodiversity strategy based on measures to avoid or minimize impacts, as well as requiring that off-sets be used to compensate for unavoidable biodiversity loss.

In addition to the environmental permit, the Ambatovy Joint Venture is also obliged to obtain forest cutting permits for each parcel cleared, as well as water usage permits are both the Plant Site and the Mine.

Environmental management actions are accompanied by social support and compensation measures. A reclamation and closure plan has been prepared by consultants and will be put in place for all aspects of the Ambatovy Joint Venture. The cost of project remediation and reclamation in connection with the mine site is estimated at US\$39.0 million. **For more information on the Ambatovy Joint Venture’s environmental and social performance and reclamation activities please see the sections entitled ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY and COMMUNITY INVESTMENT.**

SCHEDULE C

MANDATE OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Mandate

The mandate of the Audit Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Sherritt International Corporation (the “Corporation”) is to assist the Corporation in ensuring the integrity and accuracy of the Corporation’s financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures. The Committee shall fulfill its mandate by providing an open avenue of communication among management, the auditors (external and internal) and the Board.

2. Duties and Responsibilities

- (a) review and approve the Corporation’s interim financial statements, MD&A and earnings press releases prior to disclosure;
- (b) review and recommend for approval to the Board the Corporation’s annual financial statements, MD&A and earnings press releases and report to the Board thereon;
- (c) ensure the adequacy of procedures for the review of other corporate disclosure that is derived or extracted from the financial statements and periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures;
- (d) ensure that management fulfills its responsibilities to maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and an effective system of internal control over financial reporting; report any deficiencies to the Board;
- (e) ensure management adequately identifies, manages, monitors and discloses the principal financial and business risks that could impact the Corporation’s financial results and reporting;
- (f) recommend and propose guidelines for the disclosure of information, such that relevant information is disclosed in a timely manner and is not selective;
- (g) ensure that, taken together, the work of the external and internal auditors provides an appropriate level of audit coverage and is effectively coordinated, to the extent appropriate;
- (h) oversee procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received regarding accounting, internal controls or auditing matters, and procedures to allow confidential and anonymous submission of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;
- (i) review all material public documents relating to the Corporation’s financial performance, financial position or financial analyses prior to release, including the AIF;
- (j) review the accounting principles and practices to be applied and followed by the Corporation during the fiscal year and any significant changes from those applied and followed during the previous year;
- (k) review all litigation and claims involving the Corporation which could materially affect its financial position and which the auditors or General Counsel may refer to the Committee;
- (l) review the Corporation’s tax status, significant tax issues and reviews by tax authorities;
- (m) review the adequacy of insurance coverage;
- (n) review management identification and evaluation of risks and risk mitigation procedures (including hedging);
- (o) review other information provided by management relating to the financial affairs of the Corporation;
- (p) review, at least annually, the quality and sufficiency of the Corporation’s accounting and financial personnel; and
- (q) perform any other duties or responsibilities expressly delegated to the Committee by the Board from time to time.

With regard to fulfilling their obligations as set out above, Committee members or the Board may request management, from time to time, to present information to the Committee on such matters relating to the financial affairs of the Corporation as deemed appropriate.

Relationship with External Auditors

The external auditors report directly to the Committee and are accountable to the Board and the Committee. The Committee shall:

- (a) recommend for approval to the Board the appointment and oversee the work of the external auditors engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditors' report or performing other audit, review or attest services;
- (b) approve the audit plan (including scope, timing and materiality);
- (c) review the qualifications and performance of the external auditors and recommend approval of fees;
- (d) report to the Board regarding the nomination, remuneration and other material terms of the engagement of the external auditors as well as their performance;
- (e) review the results of the external auditors' work. The external auditors' report on the results of their work should include their views on the quality, not just the acceptability, of the implementation of generally accepted accounting principles, with a particular focus on the accounting estimates made by management and management's selection of accounting principles;
- (f) assess working relationships with management and resolve any disagreements between management and the external auditors about financial reporting;
- (g) pre-approve the nature and fees of non-audit services; and
- (h) review and approve the hiring policies regarding partners and employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditors.

The Committee should review and discuss written reports by the external auditors detailing all factors that might have an impact on the external auditors' independence, including all services provided and fees charged. The Committee should satisfy itself regarding the independence of the external auditors and report its conclusions and the basis for those conclusions to the Board.

The external auditors are entitled to receive notice of every meeting of the Committee and be heard thereat.

The external auditors are entitled to and are responsible for providing their views directly to the shareholders if they disagree with an approach being taken by the Committee.

Relationship with Internal Auditors

The Internal Audit function reports to the Chief Financial Officer and is accountable to the Committee. The Committee shall:

- (a) approve the mandate for the internal audit department and annually review its objectives and goals and staffing levels;
- (b) approve the internal audit charter;
- (c) approve the internal audit plan;
- (d) approve the internal audit budget and resource plan;
- (e) receive communications from the Internal Audit function on performance relative to its plan and other matters.
- (f) ensure that the Internal Auditor function has direct and open communication with the Committee with respect to progress on planned audits, significant audit findings, recommendations made and management's response;

SCHEDULE C (cont.)

- (g) approve the appointment or removal of the Chief Internal Auditor; and
- (h) review management's decisions related to the need for an internal audit.

3. Composition and Chair

The members of the Committee shall, subject to appointments made as a result of resignations or retirements, be appointed annually by the Board on the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The Committee shall consist of not less than three directors, each of whom shall be "independent" as determined under applicable Canadian securities laws. All members of the Committee are required to be financially literate. The requirements for qualification of Committee members shall be determined and interpreted by the Board from time to time based upon recommendations by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The Board shall annually designate a Committee Chair from among the Committee members on the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. If, in any year, the Board does not appoint a Chair, the Committee members shall appoint a Chair from their number.

4. Meetings

The Committee shall meet as often as the Committee determines is necessary to fulfill its responsibilities and not less than four times a year.

Notice of every meeting will be given to each member.

A majority of the Committee members will constitute a quorum. No business may be transacted by the Committee except at meetings at which a quorum is present.

Any Board member not currently sitting on the Committee shall have a standing invitation to attend and participate in all Committee meetings.

The Committee may invite such members of management or such outside advisors as it may see fit from time to time to attend its meetings and assist in the discussion and consideration of any matter.

A meeting of the Committee may be convened by the Chair, any two Committee members or the Corporation's external auditor.

An in-camera session will be held at each regularly scheduled Committee meeting with the following groups:

- management;
- external auditors; and
- internal auditors

5. Reporting

The Committee will:

- regularly report to the Board on all significant matters it has addressed and with respect to such other matters that are within its responsibilities; and
- oversee the preparation of any disclosure required under applicable Canadian securities laws with respect to matters that are within its responsibilities.

6. Resources and Authority of the Committee

The Committee shall have the resources and authority appropriate to discharge its duties and responsibilities, including the authority to select, retain, terminate and approve the fees and other retention terms of special counsel or other experts or consultants, as it deems appropriate, provided that if the fees and expenses of any such special counsel or other experts or

consultants retained by the Committee exceed, or are expected to exceed C\$150,000, the approval of the full Board will be obtained.

The Committee has the authority to communicate directly with the internal and external auditors.

The Committee may engage outside experts to provide education relevant to the mandate of the Committee.

The Committee must pre-approve any experts or consultants retained by the Corporation if such experts or consultants are currently or have previously been retained by the Committee.

7. Tenure

Each member shall hold office until his or her term as a Committee member expires or is terminated.

8. Removal and Vacancies

Any Committee member may be removed and replaced at any time by the Board and shall cease to be a Committee member upon ceasing to be a director. The Board shall fill vacancies in the Committee by appointment from among the members of the Board. If a vacancy exists on the Committee, the remaining members shall exercise all of the Committee's powers so long as a quorum remains in office.

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