

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS



(A Development Stage Enterprise)

Condensed Interim Financial Statements For the three months ended September 30, 2018

(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

Responsibility for Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements for Benton Resources Inc. have been prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) consistently applied. Only changes in accounting policies have been disclosed in these unaudited condensed interim financial statements. Recognizing that the Company is responsible for both the integrity and objectivity of the financial statements, management is satisfied that these financial statements have been fairly presented. In accordance with National Instrument 51-102 released by the Canadian Securities Administrators, the Company discloses that its auditors have not reviewed the unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2018.

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CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(Prepared by Management – Unaudited)

As at	September 30, 2018 \$	June 30, 2018 \$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	138,110	180,264
Temporary investments (note 3)	4,061,900	1,035,572
Accounts and other receivables (note 4(iii))	18,310	5,431,105
Prepaid expenses	18,773	22,511
Refundable deposits (note 12)	150,191	148,491
	4,387,284	6,817,943
Long-term investments (note 4)	2,867,788	433,974
Property and equipment, net (note 5)	72,233	76,794
Exploration and evaluation assets (note 6)	1,648,947	1,562,802
	8,976,252	8,891,513
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 8)	58,373	44,954
Shareholders' Equity		
Capital Stock (note 7)		
Share capital	27,626,434	27,626,434
Reserves	1,762,120	1,753,063
Deficit	(20,470,675)	(20,532,938)
	8,917,879	8,846,559
	8,976,252	8,891,513

See Nature of Operations and Going Concern – Note 1
Commitments – Notes 6 and 13
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These financial statements are authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on November 23, 2018. They are signed

“Stephen Stares” President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
“William Harper” Director

See accompanying notes to the condensed interim financial statements

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**CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) AND
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**
(Prepared by Management – Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended Sept. 30, 2018 \$	Three Months Ended Sept. 30, 2017 \$
EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	17,103	15,078
Share-based payments (note 10)	9,057	-
General and administrative	110,615	167,677
Professional fees	15,771	16,535
Consulting fees	-	16,667
Stock exchange and filing fees	1,000	-
Depreciation expense	5,141	6,331
Pre-acquisition exploration and evaluation	8,195	4,103
Write-down of exploration and evaluation assets	339	-
Foreign currency translation adjustment	14,091	17,953
	<u>(181,312)</u>	<u>(244,344)</u>
Other income (expense):		
Interest and investment income	9,931	4,555
Adjustment to fair value for fair value through profit and loss investments	142,844	(56,895)
Gain (loss) on disposal of property and equipment	-	1,523
Gain on sale of long-term investments	90,800	-
	<u>243,575</u>	<u>(50,817)</u>
Income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) for the period	<u>62,263</u>	<u>(295,161)</u>
Income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) per common share		
– basic and diluted (note 9)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic and diluted	<u>83,868,531</u>	<u>79,406,031</u>

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CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
(Prepared by Management – Unaudited)
For the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017

Share Capital

Reserves

BENTON RESOURCES INC.**CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**
(Prepared by Management – Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended Sept. 30, 2018 \$	Three Months Ended Sept. 30, 2017 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN):		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) for the period	62,263	(295,161)
Adjustment to fair value for fair value through profit and loss investments	(142,844)	56,895
Loss (gain) on disposal of property and equipment	-	(1,523)
Depreciation expense	5,141	6,331
Share-based payments	9,057	-
Write-down of exploration and evaluation assets	339	-
Net change in non-cash working capital balances related to operating activities (note 11)	3,088,252	58,720
Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	3,022,208	(174,738)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Exploration and evaluation expenditures	(115,756)	(393,940)
Expenditure recoveries on exploration and evaluation assets	5,272	4,595
Grants received on exploration and evaluation assets	-	5,524
Purchase of property and equipment	(580)	(1,624)
Gain on sale of long-term investments	(90,800)	-
Net proceeds on sale of long-term investments	165,325	-
Proceeds on disposal of property and equipment	-	3,000
Unrealized change in fair market value of temporary investments included in cash	(1,495)	-
Cash flows used in investing activities	(38,034)	(382,445)
Decrease in cash and temporary investments	2,984,174	(557,183)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of period	1,215,836	2,098,901
Cash and cash equivalents – end of period	4,200,010	1,541,718
Cash and cash equivalents consists of the following:		
Cash	138,110	130,493
Temporary investments	4,061,900	1,411,225
	4,200,010	1,541,718
Supplemental cash flow information (note 11)		

See accompanying notes to the condensed interim financial statements

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NOTES TO THE CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2018

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND GOING CONCERN:

Benton Resources Inc. (“Benton” or the “Company”) was incorporated on November 8, 2011 as 0924698 B.C. Ltd. (renamed Benton Resources Inc. on July 25, 2012) under the laws of British Columbia and is a development stage public company whose shares began trading on the TSX Venture Exchange on August 1, 2012. Its principal business activities are the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties. On July 27, 2012, the Company received certain assets by way of a court-approved plan of arrangement (the “Arrangement”) from Benton Capital Corp.

Benton’s head office is located at 684 Squier Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 4A8.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Company will continue as a going concern, which assumes the realization of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business. The appropriateness of the going concern assumption is dependent upon the Company’s ability to generate future profitable operations and/or generate continued financial support in the form of equity financings. These financial statements do not reflect any adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities and the reported expenses and balance sheet classification that would be necessary if the going concern assumption were not appropriate and such adjustments could be material.

September 30, 2018 June 30, 2018

3. TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS:

	September 30, 2018 \$	June 30, 2018 \$
Money Market Mutual funds	3,946,795	918,701
US Treasury note	115,105	116,871
	<u>4,061,900</u>	<u>1,035,572</u>

These funds are available for exploration and other purposes upon the request of the Company.

The mutual funds consist of fully liquid, managed money market fund units that yield regular monthly dividends at market rates. Included in the money market funds are USD denominated money market funds amounting to \$272,136 USD (June 30, 2018 - \$270,426 USD) translated at the USD/CDN conversion rate at September 30, 2018 of \$1.2921 (June 30, 2018 - \$1.2956).

The United States Treasury Note is fully liquid and is due August 15, 2026 and pays interest at a rate of 1.5% per annum in semi-annual coupons. The market value of the note at September 30, 2018 is \$89,084 USD (June 30, 2018 – 90,206 USD) translated at the USD/CDN conversion rate at September 30, 2018 of \$1.2921.

4. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS:

	September 30, 2018		June 30, 2018	
	Market \$	Cost \$	Market \$	Cost \$
Canadian Equities				
Organimax Nutrient Corp. (i)	45,720	183,737	93,980	183,737
Quadro Resources Ltd. (ii)	180,000	440,000	200,000	440,000
Other	162,784	1,047,205	137,474	1,227,386
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>388,504</u>	<u>1,670,942</u>	<u>431,454</u>	<u>1,851,123</u>
Australian Equities				
Matador Mining Ltd. (iii)	2,477,600	2,340,000	-	-
Other	1,684	2,979	2,520	2,979
<i>Subtotal (CAD)</i>	<u>2,479,284</u>	<u>2,342,979</u>	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,979</u>
Total (CAD)	<u>2,867,788</u>	<u>4,013,921</u>	<u>433,974</u>	<u>1,854,102</u>

- (i) The 508,000 Organimax Nutrient Corp. (“Organimax”) (formerly Alset Minerals Corp.) are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol “KMAX” and are valued at the September 30, 2018 closing price of \$0.09 per share (June 30, 2018 - \$0.185). The Company also holds 333,333 common share purchase warrants in Organimax exercisable at \$0.60 (post share consolidation) until October 17, 2018 which subsequently expired unexercised. During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Company realized a gain of \$32,005 on the sale of 1,654,680 shares of Organimax pre-share consolidation (1 for 3) for net proceeds of \$161,726.
- (ii) During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Company disposed of 1,654,680 shares of Organimax pre-share consolidation (1 for 3) for net proceeds of \$161,726. The resulting gain of \$32,005 was recorded in income during the current year.
- (iii) The 4 million shares of Quadro Resources Ltd. (“Quadro”) are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol “QRO” and are valued at the September 30, 2018 closing price of \$0.045 per share (June 30, 2018 - \$0.05). The shares were received pursuant to the Company’s disposition of its 50% interest in the Staghorn gold project in Newfoundland (see note 6(d)(iii)).
- (iv) The 8 million ordinary shares of Matador Mining Ltd. (“Matador”) were received during the period ended September 30, 2018 pursuant to the disposition in fiscal 2018 of the Cape Ray properties. Pursuant to a voluntary share escrow agreement entered into by the Company, 6 million or the 8 million shares of Matador are held in trust for the Company and will be released from escrow restrictions in January 2019. The shares are valued at the September 30, 2018 closing price of \$0.33 AUD translated at the AUD to CAD exchange rate prevailing at the end of the period of \$0.9385.

5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

	September 30, 2018			June 30, 2018		
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net
Computer Equipment	\$ 62,958	\$ 61,348	\$ 1,610	\$ 62,958	\$ 61,103	\$ 1,855
Furniture and Equipment	129,588	93,350	36,238	129,008	91,458	37,550
Computer Software	115,971	115,971	-	115,971	115,971	-
Exploration Camps	220,532	209,048	11,484	220,532	208,117	12,415
Automotive	26,575	23,599	2,976	26,575	23,358	3,217
Leaseholds	36,640	16,715	19,925	36,640	14,883	21,757
Total	\$ 592,264	\$ 520,031	\$ 72,233	\$ 591,684	\$ 514,890	\$ 76,794

6. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS:

Mineral property acquisition, exploration and development expenditures are deferred until the properties are placed into production, sold, impaired or abandoned. These deferred costs will be amortized over the estimated useful life of the properties following commencement of production, or written-down if the properties are allowed to lapse, are impaired, or are abandoned. The deferred costs associated with each property for the period ended September 30, 2018 and year ended June 30, 2018 is summarized in the tables below:

For the three month period ended September 30, 2018

	Saganaga/Q9	Cape Ray	Bedivere	Other	Total
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
June 30, 2018 Acquisition Costs	\$ -	-	208,355	63,808	272,163
Additions	-	-	-	21,532	21,532
Write-downs/Recoveries/Disposals (f)	-	-	-	(29,272)	(29,272)
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ -	-	-	(7,740)	(7,740)
Sept. 30, 2018 - Acquisition Costs	\$ -	-	208,355	56,068	264,423
June 30, 2018 - Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures	\$ 1,018	-	1,093,728	195,893	1,290,639
Assaying	860	-	-	5,169	6,029
Prospecting	5,430	-	117	21,911	27,458
Geological	-	-	-	152	152
Geophysical	-	-	-	7,658	7,658
Line Cutting	-	-	-	-	-
Trenching	-	-	89	42,580	42,669
Diamond Drilling	-	-	1,441	-	1,441
Metallurgy	-	-	-	-	-
Resource Modeling	-	-	-	-	-
NI 43-101 Reporting	-	-	-	-	-
Environmental	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	530	8,287	8,817
Write-downs/Recoveries/Disposals (e)	-	-	-	(339)	(339)
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 6,290	-	2,177	85,418	93,885
Sept. 30, 2018 - Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures	\$ 7,308	-	1,095,905	281,311	1,384,524
Sept. 30, 2018 - Total	\$ 7,308	-	1,304,260	337,379	1,648,947

For the year ended June 30, 2018

	Saganaga/Q9	Cape Ray	Bedivere	Other	Total
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
June 30, 2017 - Acquisition Costs	\$ -	836,412	89,914	148,780	1,075,106
Additions	-	21,435	118,441	79,043	218,919
Write-downs/Recoveries/Disposals (f)	-	(857,847)	-	(164,015)	(1,021,862)
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ -	(836,412)	118,441	(84,972)	802,943
June 30, 2018 - Acquisition Costs	\$ -	-	208,355	63,808	272,163
June 30, 2017 - Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures	\$ -	1,406,990	272,345		

(a) Saganaga Lake/Q9 Property

The Saganaga Lake Property consists of mining rights for 100% in 20 claims totalling 51 units, 100% in one claim totalling 2 units and 99% in 10 claims under option from Wing Resources in the Saganaga Lake area of Thunder Bay. Pursuant to an option agreement dated September 27, 2005, the Company acquired a 100% interest in the mining claims by paying the vendor a total of \$100,000 in cash and issuing 100,000 shares over a four year period. The vendor retains a 3% NSR of which the Company has the right to buy back up to 50% for \$500,000 per 0.5% NSR.

The Q-9 property is located approximately 160km west of Thunder Bay, Ontario and adjoins the Saganaga Gold property. The project was subject to an asset purchase, sale and royalty agreement dated May 8, 2006 between the Company and Stares Contracting Corp., a company controlled by Stephen Stares, Director and Officer and Michael Stares, Director of the Company, whereby the Company has a 100% interest subject to a 2% NSR in the project as a result of the Company having paid \$75,000 and issued 200,000 shares. During Fiscal 2015, the Company wrote off \$2,042,527 in deferred exploration and evaluation expenditures. As a result of limited exploration work on the property and no current plans to explore the project as well as unsuccessful efforts to secure a partner on the project, the Company wrote off \$285,450 in deferred exploration and evaluation costs during fiscal 2017. The Company will continue to work to find a partner for the project.

(b) Cape Ray

The Cape Ray project is comprised of the following groups of claims:

Windowglass Hill and 51 Zone Deposits

During Fiscal 2013, the Company signed a binding letter of intent with Cornerstone Capital Resources Inc. (“Cornerstone”) to acquire up to a 75% interest in Cornerstone’s Windowglass Hill and 51 Zone deposits (collectively the “Property”), located approximately 25km northeast of the town of Port aux Basques in southwestern Newfoundland. The Property consists of a single 183-claim mineral license which covers an area of 4,575 ha. To earn the initial 70%, the Company must make cash payments totaling \$125,000 (\$20,000 paid on signing) and 155,000 common shares of the Company (25,000 shares paid on signing) as well as work commitments totaling \$2 million, all over a period of four years. The Company can earn the additional 5% (taking its interest to 75%) by incurring an additional \$1 million in exploration expenditures at its sole election but such election must be made within a period that is 18 months from the date that the Company’s interest vests at 70%.

During Fiscal 2014, the Company amended its agreement with Cornerstone. Pursuant to the terms of the amended agreement, the Company has acquired a 100% interest in the Cape Ray Gold project by paying, in addition to the on signing payments made above, \$200,000 and issuing 350,000 common shares of the Company. Under the amended agreement, Cornerstone received an additional 0.25% NSR thereby increasing the total NSR on the project to 2%, of which the Company has the right to purchase back 1% for \$1 million.

During Fiscal 2015, the Company executed a Letter of Intent with Nordmin Engineering Ltd. on certain of the deposits at Cape Ray as further described below.

04/41/Isle Aux Mort/Big Pond Deposits

During Fiscal 2014, the Company entered into an option agreement with Tenacity Gold Mining Company Ltd. (“Tenacity”) to purchase a 100% interest in four mining claims which encompasses the 04 , 41 , Isle Aux Mort and the Big Pond gold deposits located in southwest Newfoundland. The Company paid \$400,000 and issued 1.5 million common shares valued at \$105,000 to Tenacity in connection with the agreement. During Fiscal 2015 the Company exercised its option to acquire a 100% interest by issuing a further 1.5 million common shares valued at \$75,000 (accordingly a total of 3 million shares were issued by the Company for the property). The acquired claims are subject to a sliding scale net smelter returns royalty (NSR) on the production of metals: a 3% NSR on production when the price of gold is below \$2,000 per ounce; a 4% NSR when the price of gold is from \$2,000 to less than \$3,000 per ounce subject to the right of the Company to buy back 1% for \$500,000; and a 5% NSR when the price of gold is \$3,000 or above subject to the right of the Company to buy back 1% for \$500,000.

Cape Ray East

The 100% owned Cape Ray East Property was acquired by staking and is comprised of 510 contiguous claims. The property is located approximately 30 km northeast of Port aux Basques, southwestern Newfoundland, at the southernmost point and continues in a northeast and easterly direction for approximately 40 km.

Nordmin Engineering Option/Joint Venture

During Fiscal 2015, the Company entered into a definitive agreement (the “Agreement”) with Nordmin Engineering Ltd. (“Nordmin”) to advance towards production four of the six gold deposits at the Company’s Cape Ray project located in southwest Newfoundland, should the economic viability of the project be established. The Agreement was also amended during the year ended June 30, 2017. The 04, 41, 51 and Windowglass Hill deposits (the “Project”) are included in the Agreement while the Isle Aux Morts and Big Pond deposits will be retained 100% by Benton. Pursuant to the Agreement, Benton and Nordmin will form a joint venture pursuant to which Nordmin will have the right to earn up to a 50% interest in the Project in return for incurring expenditures and providing services at its expense in connection with the Project as further described herein.

Nordmin had the option to earn up to 50% of the Project by completing a series of work commitments and project milestones. During the year ended June 30, 2017, Nordmin notified Benton that they have elected not to complete the necessary milestones required in the agreement to earn a 30% interest in the project and as a result the partners have formed a 80% Benton and 20% Nordmin joint venture and operatorship of the project has returned to Benton. If Nordmin gets diluted to less than 10% its interest will be converted to a 0.5% NSR, one-half of which can be purchased by Benton for \$400,000.

Matador Mining Limited

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Company announced that it signed a binding term sheet with Matador Mining Limited (“Matador”) of Western Australia for the sale of Benton’s 80% interest in the four main Cape Ray Deposits (held in an 80%-Benton 20%-Nordmin Engineering Limited joint venture as described above) as well as a 100% interest in its remaining land positions held in the Cape Ray mining belt, which includes the Isle aux Morts and Big Pond deposits, for a cash payment of AUD \$3.25 million (AUD = Australian dollars) and 8,000,000 ordinary shares of Matador based on an underlying value of AUD \$0.25/share (the “Consideration Shares”) for a total consideration of AUD \$5.25 million. The Company also received 833,333 options exercisable at a price of AUD \$0.30 a share for a period of 2 years following the date of issuance.

Under the terms contained within the binding term sheet, Matador was required to:

- obtain shareholder approval for the issuance of the 8 million Consideration Shares;
- obtain shareholder approval to issue shares in order to complete a capital raise in the amount of not less than AUD \$5 million at AUD \$0.25 per share;
- obtain regulatory approval from the Australian Securities Exchange for the terms of the binding term sheet; and
- pay to Benton the AUD \$3.25 million in cash and issue 8 million Consideration Shares of Matador as well as the 833,333 options.

Matador completed the above conditions during the year ended June 30, 2018 and the Cape Ray mineral licenses were transferred accordingly. The gain on disposition was recorded in the June 30 2018 fiscal year.

In addition, Benton retained a 1% NSR on its 100% owned Cape Ray mineral licenses, more specifically those licenses that contain no other underlying NSR’s that are included in the binding term sheet. Matador will have the right to buy back 50% of this NSR by paying to Benton AUD \$1 million. Matador will assume all other underlying NSR’s associated with the 04/41/51/Windowglass Hill/Big Pond/Isle aux Morts deposit claim packages. Benton has also agreed to enter into a voluntary escrow agreement for 75% of the Consideration Shares whereby Benton will not trade these shares for the first 6 months following their issuance. Benton also agrees not to trade the remaining 25% of the Consideration Shares unless such trading is conducted through a controlled sale arranged by Matador’s appointed broker or as otherwise agreed to Benton and Matador.

(c) **Bedivere**

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Company signed a binding Letter of Intent (“LOI”) to enter into an option agreement with Traxxin Resources (“Traxxin”), a privately owned company, to acquire a 100% interest in their Bedivere Property located 130km west of Thunder Bay, Ontario and 18km north of Highway 11/17 accessible by new logging roads in the area. Under the terms of the option agreement, Benton can earn a 100% interest in the Property which consists of 109 units in 12 claims by paying to Traxxin \$450,000 and issuing 3,000,000 shares over a four year period initially (amended to seven years) on the following schedule, which was amended subsequent to September 30, 2018 and such amendments are reflected below:

- \$45,000 and 300,000 Company common shares on October 31, 2016 (paid and issued);
- \$85,000 and 600,000 Company common shares on October 31, 2017 (paid and issued);
- \$35,000 and 300,000 Company common shares on October 31, 2018; (as amended, subsequently paid and issued)
- \$50,000 and 300,000 Company common shares on October 31, 2019;
- \$65,000 and 400,000 Company common shares on October 31, 2020;
- \$80,000 and 500,000 Company common shares on October 31, 2021, and
- \$90,000 and 600,000 Company common shares on October 31, 2022.

The Company will also be required to expend \$100,000 on exploration on or before October 31, 2018 (previously completed) and a total of \$500,000 in exploration expenditures, inclusive of the \$100,000 referred to above, on or before October 31, 2022. The Company also agrees to issue to Traxxin a further 500,000 common shares upon a NI 43-101 resource report being produced on the property.

The Property will be subject to a 3% NSR royalty in favour of Traxxin of which 1% can be purchased by Benton at the Company’s election for \$1 million. The Company will also grant to Traxxin a 1% NSR on surrounding ground staked by the Company as long as the Company or any of its affiliates holds an interest in the optioned claims.

(d) **Other Properties**

Other Properties consists of several early stage projects that the Company is evaluating for exploration potential. Included in Other Properties are certain projects that are subject to agreements that are more fully described below.

(i) Abernethy Property

The Abernethy property is located 10km southwest of Kenora, Ontario. The Company acquired through staking, a 100% interest in the property which consists of 9 claims totaling 67 units.

Due to no current plans to explore the property and unsuccessful efforts to secure a partner for the project thus far, the Company wrote off \$391,894 in deferred exploration and evaluation expenditures during fiscal 2017. The Company remains committed to finding a partner to advance the project.

(ii) Kingurutik Lake Property

The Kingurutik Lake property was acquired 100% by staking in late October 2006.

The Company entered into a Participation Agreement (the “Teck Agreement”) with Teck Resources Ltd. (“Teck”) whereby the Company and Teck formed the Kingurutik Lake project by amalgamating and jointly exploring certain of their land positions in Labrador. The project is located approximately 60km north of the Voisey’s Bay copper-nickel deposit and consists of the 116 claim units held by the Company, (previously known as the NBK property), and 56 claim units held by Teck.

(iii) Staghorn Option

During Fiscal 2015, the Company executed an option agreement (the “Agreement”) with Metals Creek Resources Corp. (“MEK”) whereby the Company can earn up to a 70% interest in MEK’s 100% owned Staghorn Gold project in Newfoundland.

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Company and Metals Creek entered into an agreement (the “Quadro Option”) with Quadro Resources Ltd. (NEX: QRO) (“Quadro”) whereby Quadro will have an option to acquire a 100% interest in

the Staghorn property and all rights to the newly optioned Rose Gold property which is contiguous with the northern border of the Staghorn property. Under the terms of the option Quadro must complete a 2:1 share consolidation (subsequently completed), settle outstanding debts and payables, complete no less than a \$1 million financing and issue 4,000,000 shares of Quadro (post-consolidation) to each of Benton and Metals Creek (received). Quadro must also assume all obligations of the Rose Gold property option, while the optionor has agreed to accept Quadro shares in place of the 225,000 Benton shares and 225,000 Metals Creek shares (450,000 shares combined) originally negotiated. The Quadro Option will be subject to the certain royalties held by Benton and Metals Creek (the “Benton/Metals Creek Royalty”) as well as a royalty held by Ed Northcott and Gilbert Lushman (the “Northcott/Lushman Royalty”) and a royalty held by Shawn Rose (the “Rose Royalty”) all of which are described below:

- The Benton/Metals Creek Royalty represents a 3km area of interest that is subject to a 3% NSR in favour of Benton/Metals Creek, 2% of which can be purchased at any time for \$2 million;
- The Northcott/Lushman Royalty represents a 3km area of interest that is subject to: (i) a 2% NSR in favour of Ed Northcott and Gilbert Lushman, 1% of which can be purchased at any time for \$1 million; and (ii) a 1% NSR in favour of Benton/Metals Creek; and
- The Rose Royalty together with a 1km area of interest is subject to: (i) a 2% NSR in favour of Shawn Rose, 1% of which can be purchased at any time for \$1 million; and (ii) a 1% NSR in favour of Benton/Metals Creek.

The Company was earning an initial 60% interest in the Staghorn project pursuant to the abovementioned terms however the Company and Metals Creek have agreed to dissolve this agreement in favour of completing the Quadro Option on a 50%-50% basis. The agreement received final acceptance by the TSX Venture Exchange in the current period.

(iv) Bark Lake

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Company executed an option agreement with Rio Tinto Exploration Canada Inc. (“RTEC”) (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rio Tinto) on the Company’s 100%-owned Bark Lake copper, nickel and platinum group elements (“Cu-Ni-PGE”

(vi) Shebandowan

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the company executed an option agreement with White Metal Resources Corp. (“White Metal”) (a company related by common director Michael Stares) on the Company’s Shebandowan project which consists of 135 units in 12 claims in the Burchell Lake, Greenwater Lake and Kashabowie Lake areas in the Thunder Bay mining district. White Metal will have the option to earn a 100% interest in the Shebandowan property under the following terms:

- Paying Benton \$15,000 cash (received) and issuing 200,000 shares (received) of White Metal on signing, acceptance and approval by the TSX Venture Exchange (accepted and approved);
- Benton will retain a 2% NSR on the Shebandowan property with White Metal having the option to buy-back 1% for \$1 million;
- White Metal agrees to keep all claims in good standing and should White Metal elect to drop any claims contained within the option agreement, they will do so with at least six months of assessment credit; and
- Paying Benton \$500,000 in cash, shares or a combination of cash and shares at White Metal’s election upon completion of a NI 43-101 compliant resource on any claims contained within the option agreement.

(vii) Bold Project

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Company acquired by staking a 100% interest in the Bold cobalt-copper-nickel project located 50km northeast of Mine Centre, Ontario. Subsequent to staking the four separate claim blocks that compose the Bold project, the Company entered into an option agreement with ASX-listed Ardiden Limited (ASX: ADV) whereby Ardiden can acquire 100% interest by paying Benton \$10,000 cash (received) and 200,000 ordinary shares (received). Benton will retain a 2% Net Smelter Royalty of which 1% can be purchased by Ardiden for \$500,000.

(viii) GNP Project

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Company acquired a 100% interest in the GNP project in two claim blocks totaling 233 units in northern Newfoundland near St. Anthony.

(viii) Providence

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Company executed a binding letter of intent (“LOI”) with Matador Capital Pty Ltd. (“Matador Capital”), a private Australian-based company, whereby Matador Capital has acquired the right to acquire a 100% interest in Benton’s Providence Copper-Nickel-PGM project (the “Providence Option”) located in the Northwest Territories. Under the terms of the LOI, Benton has granted to Matador Capital the exclusive right (the “Exclusivity Period”) to negotiate the terms of the transaction, enter into a definitive agreement and/or exercise the Option during the 30 day period following execution of the LOI in consideration for the payment of AUD \$10,000 within 10 days of signing the LOI (received). The Exclusivity Period will be automatically extended for the following periods at Matador Capital’s election provided they pay the following amounts to Benton:

- For a further five (5) months by paying Benton AUD \$90,000 within 30 days of executing the LOI (received);
- For a further two (2) months by paying an additional AUD \$100,000 within six (6) months of executing the LOI.

During the Exclusivity Period, Matador Capital may at any time exercise the option to acquire a 100% interest, by paying to Benton an additional AUD \$200,000 (the “Option Exercise Amount”) in cash or equivalent shares (of Matador Capital or a nominee) based on a 10-day weighted average price. At a minimum, Matador Capital must pay to Benton no less than AUD \$300,000 in aggregate of cash and equivalent shares between the Exclusivity Period payments and the Option Exercise Amount regardless of the point in time during the Exclusivity Period the election to exercise the Providence Option is made. In addition, to earn the 100% interest in the Providence Option Matador Capital (or its nominee) must complete either of the following prior to 36 months of executing the LOI;

- Completing a minimum of AUD \$1 million in exploration expenditures on the project; or
- Paying to Benton a further AUD \$1 million; or
- Issuing to Benton tradable shares of Matador Capital (or a nominee) having a value of AUD \$1 million based on the previous 10-day weighted average price of its shares prior to issuance.

In addition, Matador Capital will assume the underlying NSR's on the project (0.75% in favour of Platinum Group Metals and 0.50% in favour of Arctic Star Exploration) and will grant an additional 1% NSR in favour of Benton (2.25% NSR in aggregate) of which 0.5% of Benton's NSR can be purchased by Matador Capital for AUD \$1 million.

Subsequent to September 30, 2018, The Company amended its LOI with Matador Capital and completed the sale of the Providence project for a one-time final cash payment of AUD \$30,000 (in addition to the AUD \$100,000 previously paid to the Company) which was received in the subsequent period. Matador Capital will assign the LOI to AGR Resources Pty Ltd. ("AGR"), an affiliate of Matador Capital. AGR will assume responsibility for the underlying NSR's and will grant an additional 1% NSR in favour of Benton of which 0.5% can be purchased by AGR for AUD \$500,000.

(ix) Cape Eagle

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Company acquired the Cape Eagle project on the Great Northern Peninsula by staking 4 licenses containing 228 claim units.

(x) Bolton Bay

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Company signed a Letter of Intent ("LOI") to acquire the Bolton Bay gold project located 120 km west of Thunder Bay and is adjacent to the east boundary of Benton's Bark Lake project which is currently under option to Rio Tinto Exploration Canada Inc. Benton will have the option to earn a 100% interest in Bolton Bay by making cash payments totaling \$174,000 (\$12,000 paid) and by issuing 425,000 common shares (50,000 issued) over a period of 5 years following the execution of the LOI. The vendor will retain a 2% NSR which the Company can purchase 1% for \$1 million and retains a right of first refusal to purchase the remaining 1% NSR. The Company received regulatory approval in the subsequent period.

(xi) Conche

The Company entered into an option agreement (the "Option") with Quadro Resources Inc. ("Quadro") pursuant to which Quadro has acquired the right to earn the Company's 33.33% interest in the Conche Property (acquired during fiscal 2018 via joint staking efforts with Quadro, Metals Creek Resources Corp. and the Company) on Newfoundland's Great Northern Peninsula. In order to exercise the Option, Quadro is required to issue 1 million Quadro shares to the Company over an eighteen month period with 200,000 shares owed upon receipt of regulatory approval (received on September 27, 2018), a further 300,000 shares to be issued within six months of receipt of regulatory approval (March 27, 2019) and the final 500,000 shares within eighteen months of receiving regulatory approval (March 27, 2020). Upon completion of the share payments, the Company will retain a 1% NSR with Quadro having the right to purchase 50% of the NSR for \$500,000.

(xii) Goodchild

The Company entered into an asset purchase/sale agreement with Canadian Orebodies Inc. ("Canadian Orebodies"), a company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange trading under the symbol "CORE", whereby the Company will sell the southwest portion the Goodchild Lake mining property (the "Property"). The portion of the Property being sold consists of 31 claim cells totaling approximately 500 hectares. As consideration for the purchase, Canadian Orebodies issued Benton 100,000 common shares in the capital stock of the Canadian Orebodies and granted Benton a 1.5% NSR. Canadian Orebodies will have the option to buy-down 50% of the NSR at any time for the sum of \$750,000. The purchase agreement period.

(xiii) Panama Lake

The 100%-owned Panama Lake gold project is hosted in the Red Lake mining district, 55km northeast of the town of Ear Falls and is accessible by road. The project was acquired by staking and consists of 365 claim cells covering 7,446 hectares.

(e) Write-downs/Recoveries/Disposals

Reductions to the carrying costs of mineral properties result from amounts recorded for write-downs and for cost recoveries or earn-ins or dispositions during the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

	September 30, 2018 \$	June 30, 2018 \$
<i>Write-downs:</i>		
Cape Ray	-	19,470
Other Properties	339	61,128
<i>Total</i>	339	80,598
<i>Recoveries/Dispositions:</i>		
Cape Ray	-	2,369,333
Other Properties - Staghorn	-	676,234
Other Properties	29,272	89,680
<i>Total</i>	29,272	3,135,247

7. CAPITAL STOCK:**(a) Share Capital**

Authorized:

Unlimited common shares without par value
One voting preference share

Issued and outstanding:

83,868,531 common shares
Nil preference shares

(b) Share Purchase Warrants

Details of share purchase warrant transactions for the period ended September 30, 2018 and year ended June 30, 2018 is as follows:

	# of Warrants	Amount \$	Wtd. Avg. Ex. Price
Balance, June 30, 2017	-	-	-
Pursuant to private placements	3,812,500	12,774	\$0.25
Finders' warrants pursuant to above	157,500	528	\$0.25
Balance, June 30, 2018/September 30, 2018	3,970,000	13,302	\$0.25

For purposes of valuing the warrants granted, the fair value of each warrant was estimated on the date of grant using an option pricing model, using the following assumptions; a risk free interest rate of 1.4%, dividend yield of 0%, and an expected volatility of 108%.

Pricing models require the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected price volatility. Changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate.

The following table summarizes information about the warrants outstanding at the period ended September 30, 2018 and year ended June 30, 2018:

Expiry Dates	Exercise Price	September 30, 2018 # of Warrants	June 30, 2018 # of Warrants
November 3, 2018	\$0.25	3,970,000	3,970,000

Subsequent to September 30, 2018, all warrants expired unexercised.

(c) Stock Options

Details of stock option transactions for the period ended September 30, 2018 and year ended June 30, 2018 are as follows:

	# of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance, June 30, 2017	11,740,000	\$0.13
Granted during the year	2,525,000	\$0.10
Expired during the year	(7,800,000)	\$0.15
Balance, June 30, 2018	6,465,000	\$0.10
Expired during the period	(100,000)	\$0.10
Balance, September 30, 2018	6,365,000	\$0.10

The following table summarizes information about the options outstanding at the period ended September 30, 2018 and year ended June 30, 2018:

Expiry Date	Exercise Price	September 30, 2018 # of Options	June 30, 2018 # of Options
January 21, 2019	\$0.10	2,020,000	2,020,000
May 13, 2020	\$0.10	2,020,000	2,020,000
November 7, 2022	\$0.10	2,325,000	2,425,000
		6,365,000	6,465,000

(d) Stock Option Plan

The Company has a Stock Option Plan (the “Plan”) for directors, officers, employees and consultants. The Plan authorizes the granting of options to purchase up to a maximum of 15,524,706 common shares of which 6,365,000 are outstanding at September 30, 2018. The Plan provides that:

- i) any options granted pursuant to the Plan shall expire no later than five years after the date of grant;
- ii) any options granted pursuant to the Plan shall be non-assignable and non-transferable;
- iii) the number of common shares issuable pursuant to the Plan to any one person in any 12 month period shall not exceed 5% of the outstanding common shares;
- iv) the number of common shares issuable pursuant to the Plan to any one consultant in any 12 month period may not exceed 2% of the outstanding common shares;
- v) the number of common shares issuable pursuant to the Plan to persons employed in investor relation activities may not exceed 2% of the outstanding common shares in any 12 month period.
- vi) the Plan provides that options shall expire and terminate 30 days following the date the optionee ceases to be an employee, director or officer of, or consultant to, the Company, provided that if such termination is as a result of death of the optionee, the optionee’s personal representative shall have one year to exercise such options.

- vii) The number of common shares: (1) reserved for issuance to insiders of the Company may not exceed 20% of the issued and outstanding common shares; and (2) which may be issued to insiders within a one year period may not exceed 20% of the issued and outstanding common shares.
- viii) the Plan provides that options granted under the plan shall vest in the optionee, and may be exercisable by the optionee as follows: (1) 25% on the date of granting; (2) 25% six months from the date of granting; (3) 25% twelve months from the date of granting; and (4) 25% eighteen months from the date of granting.

(e) Private Placements

- i) During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Company completed a non-brokered flow through private placement by issuing 3,812,500 units at a price of \$0.08 per unit for aggregate proceeds of \$305,000. Each unit consists of one flow-through common share and one common share purchase warrant, each warrant entitling the holder therein to purchase an additional common share of the Company for \$0.25 until November 3, 2018.

In connection with the private placement, the Company paid cash finders' fees totalling \$12,600 as well as 157,500 finders' warrants exercisable at \$0.25 expiring November 3, 2018.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

The Company paid or accrued the following amounts to related parties during the three month periods ended September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017:

Payee	Description of Relationship	Nature of Transaction	September 30, 2018 Amount (\$)	September 30, 2017 Amount (\$)
Stares Contracting Corp.	Company controlled by Stephen Stares, Director and Officer and Michael Stares, Director	Equipment purchases included exploration and evaluation assets	-	1,600
Gordon J. Fretwell Law Corporation	Company controlled by Gordon Fretwell, Officer and former director	Legal fees and disbursements charged/accrued during the period	10,521	11,535
Michael Stares	Director	Equipment rentals included in exploration and evaluation assets	-	1,136
Stares Prospecting Ltd.	Company controlled by Alexander Stares, Brother of Stephen and Michael Stares	Prospecting services, equipment rentals and expenses included in exploration and evaluation assets	-	40,324
Newfie Shores	Partnership controlled by Stephen Stares, Director and Officer, and Michael Stares, Director	Payments for cabin rentals capitalized in deferred development expenditures	-	12,150

The purchases from and fees charged by the related parties are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

During the period ended September 30, 2018, the Company paid director fees to one of its directors totaling \$2,500 for services rendered on the Company's Audit Committee (September 30, 2017 - \$2,500). The director is to receive \$2,500 per quarter.

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities as at September 30, 2018 is \$11,889 (September 30, 2017 - \$13,535) to Gordon Fretwell Law Corporation (inclusive of HST). The repayment terms are similar to the repayment terms of non-related party trade payables.

During the period ended September 30, 2018, the Company invoiced White Metal Resources Corp. (related by common director Michael Stares) \$9,058 (inclusive of HST) for accounting support and office rental and reimbursement of expenses (September 30, 2017 - \$21,536).

Key management personnel remuneration during current period included \$92,108 (September 30, 2017 - \$128,648) in salaries and benefits and \$3,946 (September 30, 2017 - nil) in share-based payments.

9. LOSS PER SHARE:

Basic loss per common share has been calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding in each respective period. As the issue of shares upon the exercise of stock options would be anti-dilutive, diluted loss per common share is equivalent to basic loss per common share.

10. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS:

The Company applies the fair value method of accounting for share-based payments to directors, officers, employees and consultants and accordingly \$9,057 is recorded as share-based payments in profit and loss and under reserves in shareholders' equity as equity settled benefits for the 244,446 options that vested during the year. The fair value of the options vesting below during the year ended September 30, 2018 was estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

Grant Date	# of Options Vested	Exercise Price	Expiry Date	Fair Value of Option	Dividend Yield	Volatility	Risk-free Interest Rate	Expected Life
November 7, 2017	244,446	\$0.10	November 7, 2022	\$0.037	0%	116%	1.59%	5 yrs

11. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:

Net change in non-cash working capital balances related to operating activities consists of:

	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2018
	\$	\$
Accounts and other receivables	3,072,795	(24,709)
Prepaid expenses	3,738	23,504
Refundable deposits	(1,700)	(14,450)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	13,419	74,375
Total	3,088,252	58,720

The following transactions did not result in cash flows and have been excluded from operating, financing and investing activities:

	<u>September 30, 2018</u>	<u>September 30, 2017</u>
	\$	\$
<i>Non-cash operating activities</i>		
Settlement of accounts and other receivables in debtor shares	(2,340,000)	-
<i>Non-cash financing activities</i>		
Common shares issued for mineral property disposal	24,000	-
<i>Non-cash investing activities</i>		
Shares received on disposal of mineral property	(24,000)	-
Shares received on settlement of accounts and other receivables	2,340,000	-

12. REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS:

Refundable security deposits of \$150,191 (June 30, 2018 - \$148,491) represents security deposits paid to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in connection with mineral property claims located in the Province of Newfoundland. These refundable security deposits are refundable to the Company upon submission by the Company of a report covering the first year work requirements, which meets the requirements of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

13. COMMITMENTS:

The Company has commitments as described in note 6 related to its exploration and evaluation assets.

During the year ended June 30, 2016, the Company entered into an office lease agreement for its head office premises. The initial term of the lease is for three years commencing on June 1, 2016 and will terminate on the last day of May, 2019. The lease is a triple net lease paid in monthly installments of \$3,100 plus HST which includes base rent and prescribed additional rents as per the agreement with annual adjustments to additional rents based on actual costs. Pursuant to the lease, the Company is entitled to an extension at the end of the initial three year term for an additional two year term and, following that, an additional extension at the end of the fifth year of the term for an additional five year period at amounts negotiated at that time.

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Company leased a truck from Toyota Financial Services commencing on November 11, 2017 for a term of 36 months and terminating on November 11, 2020. The lease is paid in monthly installments of \$541 plus HST. The lease contains a Lease End Purchase Option that will allow the Company to purchase the truck at the end of the lease for \$24,734 plus HST and any applicable fees.