



## **Talon Metals Corp.**

### **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012

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*This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the consolidated financial position for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Talon Metals Corp. ("Talon" or the "Company") and notes thereto for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012.*

Unless otherwise indicated, all monetary statements in this document are in Canadian dollars.

## **FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

This MD&A contains certain "forward-looking information". All information, other than information pertaining to historical fact, which addresses activities, events or developments that the Company believes, expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future, including, among other things, estimates in respect of mineral resource quantities, mineral resource qualities, the preparation of mineral resource estimates and the timing thereof, the Company's targets, goals, objectives and plans (including the Company's plans regarding further mineralogical and metallurgical test work, the creation of optimal flow sheets and mine design work and the commissioning of a preliminary economic assessment and the respective timing thereof) the potential for further metallurgical and mineralogical results on the basis of further testing, the Company's business plans and priorities and the budget, including those associated with the Trairão Project (defined below), the Company's plans to actively look for new projects that could generate near-term cash flow for the Company and to review the use and allocation of its existing financial resources, projections in respect of capital expenditures, plans and expectations concerning the period following implementation of IFRS (defined below), the Company's expectations regarding funds to be held in Brazil, the Company's liquidity and capital resources (including any plans to dispose of marketable securities), information relating to the plans and objectives of Tlou Energy (defined below), including Tlou Energy's intention to pursue a listing on a stock exchange and the timing thereof.

Forward-looking information reflects the current expectations or beliefs of the Company based on information currently available to the Company. With respect to forward-looking information contained in this MD&A, the Company has made assumptions regarding, among other things, future currency and interest rates, the regulatory framework (including tax and trade laws and policies) in the countries in which the Company conducts its business, and the Company's ability to obtain suitably qualified staff and equipment in a timely and cost-efficient manner to meet the Company's needs.

Forward-looking information is subject to significant risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking information, and even if such actual results are realized or substantially realized, there can be no assurance that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on the Company. Factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations include, but are not limited to: failure to establish estimated mineral resources and any reserves; the grade, quality and recovery of mineral resources varying from estimates; risks related to the exploration stage of the Company's properties; the possibility that future exploration results and metallurgical testing will not be consistent with the Company's expectations (including identifying additional and/or more extensive mineralization and/or recovery); changes in iron-ore prices; delays in obtaining or failures to obtain necessary regulatory permits and approvals from government authorities, including approval of applications for licences required to conduct field based programs on Talon's iron ore projects and approval of environmental impact assessment applications; failure of Tlou Energy to obtain

a listing on a stock exchange or to advance the development of its projects through further investment and exploration; availability of new projects suitable for Talon; uncertainties involved in interpreting drilling results, and the beneficiation process and other geological and product related data; changes in the anticipated demand for iron and steel; changes in equity and debt markets; inflation; changes in exchange rates; declines in U.S., Canadian and/or global economies; uncertainties relating to the availability and costs of financing needed to complete exploration activities and demonstrate the feasibility of the Company's projects; exploration costs varying significantly from estimates; delays in the exploration, mineral processing and development of, and/or commercial production from the properties Talon has an interest in; equipment failure; unexpected geological or hydrological conditions; political risks arising from operating in Brazil; imprecision in preliminary resource estimates; success of future exploration and development initiatives; the existence of undetected or unregistered interests or claims, whether in contract or in tort, over the property of Talon; changes in government regulations and policies (including proposed changes to Brazilian mining legislation); risks relating to labour; other exploration, development and operating risks; liability and other claims asserted against Talon; volatility in prices of publicly traded securities; and other risks involved in the mineral exploration and development industry and risks specific to the Company, including the risks discussed in this MD&A under "*Risks and Uncertainties*".

Forward-looking information speaks only as of the date on which it is made and, except as may be required by applicable securities laws, the Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise. Although the Company believes that the assumptions inherent in the forward-looking information are reasonable, forward-looking information is not a guarantee of future performance and accordingly undue reliance should not be put on such information due to the inherent uncertainty therein.

The mineral resource figures referred to in this MD&A are estimates, and no assurances can be given that the indicated levels of iron ore will be produced. Such estimates are expressions of judgment based on knowledge, mining experience, analysis of drilling results, beneficiation tests and industry practices. Valid estimates made at a given time may significantly change when new information becomes available. While the Company believes that the resource estimates included in this MD&A are well established, by their nature, resource estimates are imprecise and depend, to a certain extent, upon statistical inferences which may ultimately prove unreliable. If such estimates are inaccurate or are reduced in the future, this could have a material adverse impact on the Company.

Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. Inferred mineral resources are estimated on limited information not sufficient to verify geological and grade continuity or to allow technical and economic parameters to be applied. Inferred mineral resources are too speculative geologically to have economic considerations applied to them to enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves. There is no certainty that mineral resources can be upgraded to mineral reserves through continued exploration.

*Additional information relating to the Company, including the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2011, is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).*

### **SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS**

The following table provides selected quarterly consolidated financial information that is derived from the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and the audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Company. All numbers below are unaudited.

	2012			2011			2010	
	Sept 30	June 30	March 31	Dec 31	Sept 30	June 30 <sup>(1)</sup>	March 31 <sup>(1)</sup>	Dec 31
Total revenues	56,654	70,219	371,695	591,420	3,615	25,175	8,541	3,398,102
Net gain/(loss) from continuing operations	(650,444)	(2,717,326)	(1,538,262)	(1,971,839)	(2,903,468)	(5,917,928)	(3,158,972)	1,433,780
Net gain/(loss) from continuing operations per share – basic and diluted	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.04)	0.02
Net gain/(loss) and comprehensive gain/(loss)	(813,299)	(2,655,830)	(1,527,970)	(2,353,665)	(2,770,687)	(5,917,928)	(3,158,972)	1,433,780
Net gain/(loss) and comprehensive gain/(loss) per share – basic and diluted	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.04)	0.02

**Notes:**

(1) These numbers include the accounts of Rio Verde Minerals Development Corp. ("Rio Verde") which were deconsolidated from Talon's accounts in July 2011.

\* The amounts above were prepared in accordance with IFRS for periods beginning after January 1, 2011 and prior to that were prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP. The amounts above are unchanged from those previously reported under Canadian GAAP as no changes resulted from the Company's conversion to IFRS.

Quarterly trends in total revenues reflect in most part interest received on cash balances and the gain on sale of projects. Trends in quarterly expenses are driven primarily by office and general expenses and salaries, benefits, consulting and management fees. The most variable component of total expenses generally over the past eight quarters has been share-based payment expense.

## **REVIEW OF QUARTERLY AND YEAR-TO-DATE RESULTS**

The Company's loss was reported under IFRS for the first time in the first quarter of 2011. The IFRS conversion did not have a significant impact on the financial statements.

### **REVENUE**

Revenue is comprised solely of interest income on the Company's cash and cash equivalents balance. The amount in Q3 2012 of \$56,654 increased slightly compared to the same quarter last year (\$3,615) on account of higher interest rates. Revenues for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 increased compared to the same period last year, mainly due to a larger cash and cash equivalents balance following on from the Company's prospectus offering in April 2011, resulting in more interest income being received on such balances. In addition, due to certain regulatory requirements, the Company held a large amount of funds in Brazil in the first quarter of 2012 where interest rates are significantly higher than those where the Company historically keeps its cash and cash equivalents. The Company does not expect to hold large amounts of funds in Brazil in the future.

### **EXPENSES**

Professional fees decreased considerably in Q3 2012 (\$83,367), compared to Q3 2011 (\$194,674), and also decreased considerably in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 (\$282,595), compared to the same period last year (\$654,660). Legal fees are the major portion of the professional fees expense. There are two main factors driving this decrease in 2012. Firstly, in 2011 the company undertook a number of corporate transactions which required extensive advice from outside legal counsel, including a prospectus financing (which also resulted in an increase in listing and filing expense in 2011) and the majority of work on the Rio Verde share distribution. Secondly, the Company continues to make a concerted effort to preserve cash and reduce expenses wherever possible. In this regard, the Company has performed more legal work in-house and, when possible, expects to continue to do so going forward.

Share-based payments were lower in Q3 2012 (\$216,803), compared to Q3 2011 (\$574,980). This was also the case for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 (\$615,631) as compared to the same period last year (\$5,493,537). Share based payments are largely dependent on the number of options granted and vested in a particular period, as well as the number of unvested options that are cancelled in that period. The large share based payment amounts in 2011 are directly related to an increase in the number of people employed with or consulting for the Company who were issued stock options as part of their compensation arrangements.

Salaries, benefits, consulting and management fees decreased to \$280,801 in Q3 2012, from an amount of \$434,208 in Q3 2011. This expense was \$1,701,018 for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, compared to \$1,132,502 for the same period last year. A large component of the increase in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period last year related to severance payments made during this period and certain increases in employee costs. The management fee component of this expense, decreased from an amount of \$175,500 in Q3 2011, to an amount of \$NIL for the same period this year. The reduction resulted from the termination of the Tau Agreement (defined below) in May of this year.

In the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company included a provision of \$382,105 in its financial statements relating to the distribution of Rio Verde shares to option holders of the Company. When the Company distributed most of its Rio Verde shares to its shareholders on July 28, 2011, the Company retained certain of these shares with the intention to distribute them to its optionholders as at that date, upon the future exercise of their options on the basis of one Rio Verde share for every four Talon options exercised. This provision is based on the closing share price of Rio Verde as at September 30, 2012 and a probability adjustment to take into account that certain options are out-of-the-money.

Travel expenses decreased significantly in both Q3 2012 and the nine months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to the same periods last year, due to the Company's efforts in 2012 to reduce costs.

New project evaluation expenses were \$207,592 for the three months ended September 30, 2012 (2011 – \$NIL), and \$295,596 for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 (2011 - \$NIL). This new category of expenses in 2012 relates to costs incurred to evaluate potential new mineral projects for the Company.

## **INVESTMENTS**

Foreign currency translation losses increased in Q3 2012 (\$609,599) compared to the same period last year (\$69,322). This was mainly a result of an increase in U.S. dollars and U.S. dollar denominated investments held by the Company coupled with a strengthening of the Canadian dollar in relation to the U.S. dollar over the quarter.

The share of loss in Tlou Energy Limited ("**Tlou Energy**") decreased considerably in Q3 2012 (\$187,519) compared to Q3 2011 (\$320,493). The share of loss in Tlou for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 (\$931,418) also decreased considerably, compared to the same period last year (\$2,142,178). This differential was in large part due to an impairment charge for Tlou Energy of A\$4.4 million in 2011 which resulted in the larger share of loss reflected by Talon in the same year.

There were increases in the share prices of Brazilian Gold Corporation, Lago Dourado Minerals Ltd. and Rio Verde in Q3 2012. As such, the Company recognized an unrealized gain of \$236,663 during this period.

## **NET LOSS**

Net loss for the three month period ended September 30, 2012 was \$0.8 million or \$0.01 per share (basic and diluted), which was primarily due to administration expenses<sup>1</sup> and the Company's share of loss in Tlou Energy. The loss was partially offset by an approximately \$911,000 gain on the sale of certain old equipment in Botswana, Africa that had previously been written off and an unrealized gain on investments. This compares to a net loss of \$2.9 million or \$0.03 per share (basic and diluted) for the three months ended September 30, 2011, which was primarily due to administration expenses, share of loss in Tlou Energy and share-based payments.

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<sup>1</sup> "administration expenses" include the following expenses: Office and General; Professional Fees; Salaries, Benefits, Consulting and Management Fees; Distribution of Rio Verde Shares to Option holders; Travel; Income Tax on Foreign Income; Listing and Filing Expense; Bank Charges; Write Down of Projects; New Project Evaluation and Depreciation of Equipment.

Net loss for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 was \$5 million or \$0.05 per share (basic and diluted), which was primarily due to administration expenses, the Company's share of loss in Tlou Energy and unrealized losses on investments. The loss was partially offset by the gain on sale of equipment in Botswana, Africa. This compares to a net loss of \$11.3 million or \$0.13 per share (basic and diluted) for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, which was primarily due to administration expenses, share of loss in Tlou Energy and high share-based payments.

Net loss for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$13.3 million or \$0.15 per share (basic and diluted), which was primarily due to administration expenses, share of loss in Tlou Energy and share-based payments, reduced by a gain on the sale of projects and equipment in Botswana, Africa.

For a further discussion of Talon's significant investee, Tlou Energy, see "*Significant Equity Investees – Tlou Energy*" below.

## **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

The Company is a mineral exploration company focused on the exploration and development of its iron projects in Brazil. As of the date hereof, the only material property of the Company is the Trairão iron project (the "**Trairão Project**").

In September 2010, Talon acquired 100% of the rights to the Trairão Project, as well as to another iron ore project, the Inajá South iron project (the "**Inajá South Project**"), both situated in Pará State, Brazil. Talon acquired these projects pursuant to agreements with Codelco do Brasil Mineração Ltda and Barrick International (Barbados) Corp.

Pará State is one of the more recently developed iron ore producing districts in Brazil. The principal iron ore mines in the region are at Carajás, about 150 kilometres to the north of the Trairão Project. Exploration for iron ore by other companies continues both to the south and north of the Trairão Project.

The initial RC and diamond drilling programs have been completed at the Trairão Project. Pursuant to this initial drilling campaign, a total of 444 RC drill holes comprising 24,215 metres were drilled (346 of the RC drill holes were on Target Areas comprising the updated mineral resource estimate reported below) and a total of 92 diamond drill holes comprising 13,336 metres were drilled.

In March 2012, Talon reported an updated inferred mineral resource estimate and an initial indicated mineral resource estimate for Target Areas 1 to 6 as well as for Target Area 8 on the Trairão Project of approximately 1.4 Bt at an average grade of 34.27% Fe (using a 25% Fe cut-off) in the indicated category and approximately 1.2 Bt at an average grade of 29.48% Fe (using a 25% Fe cut-off) in the inferred category (see table below).

Trairao Resources (Total Aggregated Resources)									
Cut Off Grade: 25% Fe									
Resource Class	Tonnes (Mt)	Fe (%)	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	Mn (%)	P (%)	LOI (%)	FeO (%)	CaO (%)
<b>Grand Total</b>									
Indicated	1404.3	34.27	35.79	8.87	0.116	0.036	5.50	1.05	0.018
Inferred	1211.8	29.48	41.60	7.00	0.129	0.034	6.66	8.79	0.342
<i>The effective date of this resource estimate is March 2, 2012</i>									

Talon's independent technical consultants, Coffey Mining Pty Ltd. ("**Coffey**"), under the supervision of Mr. Porfírio Cabaleiro Rodriguez, who is a "qualified person" under National Instrument 43-101 ("**NI 43-101**"), prepared a NI 43-101 compliant technical report incorporating these results entitled "Fourth Independent Technical Report on Mineral Resources" dated March 30, 2012 (the "**Trairão Technical Report**").

Please refer to Talon's March 2, 2012 press release entitled "Talon Metals Announces Substantial Increase to Mineral Resources at the Trairão Iron Project, Brazil" as well as the Trairão Technical Report for further information on the Trairão Project. The press release and the Trairão Technical Report are available under Talon's SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

On September 27, 2012, the Company issued a press release entitled "Talon Metals Provides Operational Update on its Trairão Iron Project" (the "**Update Press Release**") which, among other things, provided an update on the recent work completed by the Company on the Trairão Project, including further mineralogical and metallurgical test work. Please refer to the Update Press Release for further information.

As required under Brazilian law, in October 2011, in connection with the expiry of three of Talon's exploration licences (the "**Trairão Licenses**"), the Company submitted a Final Exploration Report to the Departamento Nacional de Produção Mineral ("**DNPM**") in respect of the Trairão Licenses. Subsequently, the Company applied for and, on October 3, 2012, received a favorable decision by the DNPM to suspend the agency's review and approval of the Final Exploration Report. The suspension lasts for a period of three years. During such time, the Company may further evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of the Trairão Project and resubmit its revised conclusions to the DNPM by the end of the period.

Prior to the end of the year, the Company intends to complete:

- further Davis Tube testing on more finely grinded samples in an effort to maximize liberation and concentrate grades in respect of the magnetite-rich mineralization;
- work to determine a predicted Fe grade and recovery curve for the Saprock portion of the deposit; and
- analysis of the surficial deposit at the Trairão Project in order to assess whether it is amenable to producing direct shipping ore ("**DSO**") for a potential off-taker of lump material pursuant to a recently signed Letter of Intent.

The Company has also recently appointed Ausenco (a global, diversified engineering, project management and mining services company), who is independent of Talon, to evaluate all mineralogical and metallurgical test results received from the Trairão Project, which will be used

to devise a process engineering strategy for the Company. Thereafter, it is expected that Ausenco will assist the Company with the creation of optimal flow sheets and a mine design, with a view to preparing for the commissioning of a Preliminary Economic Assessment at the appropriate time.

The Company has budgeted to spend approximately \$700,000 in the fourth quarter of 2012 on the Trairão Project.

A total of approximately \$2.2 million and \$460,000 was spent by Talon on the Trairão Project during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and the three months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, compared to approximately \$11.5 million and \$4.9 million spent during the same periods last year.

Talon holds equity investments in a number of other public and private companies, including approximately 3.2 million common shares in Brazilian Gold and 500,000 common shares in Lago Dourado, both of which are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange, and approximately 3.5 million shares in Rio Verde Minerals Development Corp. ("**Rio Verde**"), which is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Certain of these Rio Verde shares may be distributed to certain Talon optionholders (see "*Summary of Quarterly Results*"). Talon also holds approximately 21.9 million shares in Tlou Energy, an unlisted Australian company. Due to market conditions in Australia, Tlou Energy has delayed its listing on the Australian Securities Exchange; however Tlou Energy is still anticipating completing its listing by the end of the year.

### **Qualified Persons**

Talon's exploration programs in Brazil are managed by Mr. Mauricio Prado, Vice President, Resource Modelling. Mr. Prado is a "Qualified Person" within the meaning of NI 43-101. Mr. Prado has reviewed, approved and verified the data disclosed in this MD&A (other than the mineral resource estimates), including sampling, analytical and test data underlying the technical information.

The "Qualified Person", as such term is defined in NI 43-101, who is responsible for the Trairão Technical Report is Mr. Porfírio Cabaleiro Rodriguez, who is a mining engineer, independent of Talon and an employee of Coffey. Mr. Rodriguez is responsible for the mineral resource estimates in this MD&A and has reviewed, approved and verified the data disclosed in this MD&A relating to the mineral resource estimates (including sampling, analytical and test data underlying the mineral resource estimates).

## **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ON EXPLORATION PROJECTS**

The deferred exploration and development expenditures for the Company's properties, including the Trairão Project, are comprised as follows:

	Dec 31, 2011	2012 Additions	Sept 30, 2012
<i>Mineral properties</i>			
Trairão Project	\$14,056,824	\$2,269,946	\$16,326,770
Inaja South Project	981,965	164,978	1,146,943
Campo Grande Gold Project	528,531	1,046	529,577
	<u>\$15,567,320</u>	<u>\$2,435,970</u>	<u>\$18,003,290</u>

Amounts incurred on exploration of mineral properties for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, amounted to \$474,950 and \$5,211,412, respectively.

Exploration expenditures incurred for the three months ended September 30, 2012 are primarily a result of spending on the Trairão Project. The above represents a decrease in quarterly spending compared to spending on the Trairão Project in the same period of last year.

## **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

	Sept 30, 2012 (unaudited)	Sept 30, 2011 (unaudited)	Dec 31, 2011
<i>Held for trading, measured at fair value:</i>			
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$17,046,187	\$28,310,151	\$21,570,417
Investments	1,939,274	1,812,966	1,898,300
<i>Loans and receivables, measured at amortized cost:</i>			
Accounts receivable and advances	78,711	280,153	229,894
<i>Financial liabilities, measured at amortized cost:</i>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	954,422	2,181,871	1,100,003

Talon is exposed to various risks related to its financial assets and liabilities. The most significant of these risks are discussed below and are managed on an ongoing basis

### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due or at reasonable cost. The Company has in place a planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operating requirements on an ongoing basis and its capital, development and exploration expenditures. The Company ensures that there are sufficient funds to meet its short-term requirements, taking into account its anticipated cash flows from operations and its holdings of cash and cash equivalents. As at September 30, 2012, the Company has sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet all its known obligations.

## **Market Risk**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, including foreign exchange rates and interest rates will affect the Company's income or the value of its financial instruments.

Talon revalues its marketable securities using the quarter end bid price and as such, values are subject to change. The Company monitors on an ongoing basis changes in bid prices associated with the Company's marketable securities and makes buy/sell/hold determinations based on a number of factors, including the Company's current treasury position, the internal valuation associated with the company in question and market outlook.

The Company is exposed to movements in the United States Dollar and the Brazilian Real as transfers are made to the Brazilian subsidiaries of the Company in United States Dollars and subsequently converted in Brazil to Brazilian Reals. Talon manages its foreign exchange risk, to the extent possible, by only undertaking currency exchanges on an as-needed basis. Generally speaking, due to the relatively small value of the currencies involved, the Company does not engage in hedging activities.

## **Interest Rate Risk**

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk only to the extent of its interest income on holding of government treasury bills, money market funds and GIC's. These are typically short-term investments with a term of less than ninety days. It is management's opinion that the Company is not exposed to significant interest or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The Company mitigates its risk by holding its short-term investments in instruments low in risk and highly rated with reputable financial institutions.

The carrying values of the Company's financial instruments approximate their fair values unless otherwise noted.

The Company's financial instruments are classified as current assets or liabilities on the statement of financial position of the Company. For receivables/payables with a remaining life of less than one year, the notional amount is deemed to reflect the fair value.

## **Fair Value Hierarchy**

The fair value hierarchy establishes three levels to classify inputs to the valuation techniques used to measure fair value. Level 1 inputs are quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted market prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly, such as prices, or indirectly (derived from prices). Level 3 inputs are unobservable (supported by little or no market activity), such as non-corroborative indicative prices for a particular instrument provided by a third party.

The Company has classified the above financial assets and liabilities as follows:

*Level 1*

Cash and cash equivalents	\$17,046,187
Investments	\$1,939,274

*Level 2*

Rio Verde warrants	\$67,807
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*Level 3*

Provision for distribution of Rio Verde shares to option holders	\$361,365
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An unrealized gain on investments in Q3 2012 of \$236,663 (Q3 2011: unrealized loss \$1,182,444) has been recognized in the Company's statement of loss and comprehensive loss for the period. This relates to the revaluation of investments based on the closing bid price of the investments at the end of each quarter.

Interest income in Q3 2012 of \$56,654 (Q3 2011: \$3,615) has been recognized in the statements of loss and comprehensive loss for the period.

**FINANCIAL CONDITION, CASH FLOW, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

**Cash Flow Highlights**

(Thousands of C\$)

	<b>Nine months ended Sept 30, 2012 (unaudited)</b>	<b>Nine months ended Sept 30, 2011 (unaudited)</b>	<b>Dec 31, 2011</b>
Operating activities	\$(3,617)	\$(4,698)	\$(6,555)
Investing activities	(937)	(21,394)	(26,366)
Financing activities	30	42,057	42,146
Beginning cash & cash equivalent balance	21,570	12,345	12,345
Increase / (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	(4,524)	15,965	9,225
Ending cash & cash equivalents balance	17,046	28,310	21,570

***Operating Activities***

Operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 consumed \$3,617,078 of cash primarily due to net operating expenses. This compares to utilization of \$4,698,311 in the same period of last year also primarily due to net operating expenses. See "Review of Quarterly and Year-to-Date Results" for a discussion of operating expenses.

Operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2011 consumed \$6,554,844 primarily due to net operating expenses.

### ***Financing Activities***

Financing activities for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 were \$30,000, compared to \$42,056,926 for the same period last year, primarily due to the proceeds from a prospectus offering completed in April 2011 and a financing completed by Rio Verde during the period in which Rio Verde's accounts were consolidated with those of Talon.

For the year ended December 31, 2011 financing activities were \$42,145,953, primarily from proceeds from the prospectus offering and Rio Verde financing mentioned above.

The Company evaluates possible financing activities on an ongoing basis taking into account the Company's short and long term budgets in respect of its projects and working capital requirements, as well as the availability and costs associated with raising additional capital.

### ***Investing Activities***

Investing activities for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012 utilized \$937,152 primarily due to capitalized exploration costs less proceeds on the sale of investments and equipment. This compares to a utilization of \$21,394,141 in the same period in the prior year, primarily due to capitalized exploration costs and cash deconsolidated on the distribution of Rio Verde shares.

Investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2011 utilised \$26,366,369 primarily due to capitalized exploration costs and cash deconsolidated on the distribution of Rio Verde shares.

In the short term, the Company may dispose of certain marketable securities.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Cash and cash equivalents were approximately \$17 million as of September 30, 2012. The Company has sufficient liquidity to continue expected operations into the medium-term.

All cash equivalents are held in government treasury bills, money market funds and GIC's with major commercial banks.

Historically, Talon's main source of funding has been the issuance of equity securities for cash. The Company's access to such funding is always uncertain and there can be no assurance of continued access to equity funding if required in order for the Company to meet its planned long-term business objectives. This is particularly true in the current uncertain global financial markets, which may continue to be characterised by significant reductions in liquidity.

**A summary of Contributed Surplus for the period from January 1, 2010 to September 30, 2012 is as follows:**

Balance	Jan 1, 2010	\$5,263,836
Options	Exercised	(32,650)
Options	Granted 2010	2,633,769
Balance	Dec 31, 2010	7,864,955
Options	Exercised	(307,424)
Options	Granted 2011	6,020,178
Balance	December 31, 2011	13,577,709
Options	Granted 2012	615,631
Options	Exercised 2012	(29,250)
Balance	September 30, 2012	\$14,164,090

**SIGNIFICANT EQUITY INVESTEEES – TLOU ENERGY**

Talon maintains an equity interest in Tlou Energy of approximately 21.9 million shares (representing an ownership interest of approximately 31%). Talon also holds options to purchase an aggregate of 4,945,055 Tlou Energy shares at an exercise price of AUD\$1.25 each, exercisable until the later of (i) June 30, 2013, and (ii) 30 days after the options have been released from any mandatory escrow required by the Australian Securities Exchange in connection with Tlou Energy's listing.

**Summary of assets, liabilities and results of operations for Tlou Energy for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2012, and 2011 in \$AUD (unaudited)**

<b>\$AUD</b>	<b>Sept 30, 2012</b>	<b>Sept 30, 2011</b>
<i>Assets</i>		
Current Assets	\$2,341,991	\$4,616,114
Non-Current Assets	31,437,478	31,401,459
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>33,779,469</u>	<u>36,017,573</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Current Liabilities	982,651	1,406,996
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>4,521,143</u>	<u>6,116,460</u>
Revenue	59,467	95,751
Expenses	(3,357,806)	(6,160,793)
Total comprehensive income	<u>\$(3,298,339)</u>	<u>\$(6,065,042)</u>
<i>Talon's ownership percentage</i>	31%	30%

The close of day exchange rate on September 28, 2012 as reported by the Bank of Canada for the conversion of Canadian Dollars to Australian Dollars was Cdn\$1.00=A\$0.98.

### **DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

The following details the share capital structure of the Company as at November 14, 2012:

	<b>Expiry Date</b>	<b>Exercise Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
Common Shares			92,076,687
Stock Options	Feb 18, 2013	\$0.57	200,000
Stock Options	Jun 11, 2014	\$0.39	490,000
Stock Options	May 21, 2015	\$0.40	3,669,350
Stock Options	Oct 26, 2015	\$0.70	900,000
Stock Options	Jan 17, 2016	\$1.58	305,000
Stock Options	Feb 7, 2016	\$2.12	70,000
Stock Options	Mar 3, 2016	\$2.48	500,000
Stock Options	May 25, 2016	\$1.95	1,150,000
Stock Options	Oct 1, 2016	\$1.00	250,000
Stock Options	Jan 31, 2017	\$0.45	2,800,000
Stock Options	Apr 4, 2017	\$0.42	1,279,592
Stock Options	Apr 25, 2017	\$0.37	465,408
Stock Options	June 15, 2017	\$0.33	400,000
Total fully diluted number of shares			104,556,037

The Company did not issue any stock options during the third quarter of 2012. The following details the stock options of the Company outstanding as at September 30, 2012:

	<b>Options</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>
Outstanding – beginning of year	9,489,350	\$1.00
Cancelled	(500,000)	0.40
Cancelled	(890,000)	1.95
Cancelled	(430,000)	1.58
Cancelled	(60,000)	0.70
Exercised	(75,000)	0.40
Granted	1,279,592	0.42
Granted	465,408	0.37
Granted	400,000	0.33
Granted	2,800,000	0.45
Outstanding – end of the period	12,479,350	\$0.71

Other than 1,733,733 stock options, all of the stock options outstanding have been issued pursuant to the Company's incentive stock option plan.

### **Estimated fair value of stock options**

The Company determined the fair value of the stock options issued during the year ended December 31, 2011 and nine month period ended September 30, 2012, using the Black-Scholes option pricing model under the following range of assumptions:

Expected life	5 years
Risk-free interest rate	1.40%
Volatility	102-235%
Dividends	0%

In the third quarter of 2012, a total share-based payment of \$216,803 was recognized in the Company's consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss, compared with a cost of \$574,980 in the third quarter of 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2011, a total share based payment of \$6,020,178 was recognized in the statement of loss and comprehensive loss.

## **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

Talon is subject to a number of risk factors due to the nature of the mineral business in which it is engaged, the limited extent of its assets and its stage of development.

The exploration operations of the Company are speculative due to the high-risk nature of its business which is primarily focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral projects. The Company's activities in pursuit of its objectives are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties.

The following is a summary of the most significant of those risks and uncertainties affecting or that could affect the financial condition or results of operations of the Company. For a complete discussion of the risks and uncertainties facing the Company, please refer to the Company's MD&A for the period ended December 31, 2011 and the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2011 under the heading "Risk Factors", both documents are available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). These risk factors could materially affect the Company's future operating results and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements relating to the Company. The Company may face additional risks and uncertainties, including, risks and uncertainties that are unknown to the Company or risks and uncertainties that the Company now believes to be unimportant, which could have a material adverse effect on the business of the Company. If any of the risks actually occur, the business, financial condition or results of operations of the Company could be negatively affected.

### *Exploration, Development and Operating Risks*

Although Talon's present activities are directed towards the acquisition, financing, exploration and development of mineral projects, it is anticipated that its activities shall also ultimately include mining operations.

The exploration for and development of mineral deposits involves significant risks which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. While the discovery of an ore body may result in substantial rewards, few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Major expenses may be required to locate and establish mineral reserves, to develop metallurgical processes and to construct mining and processing facilities at a particular site. Actual exploration, development and/or other costs and economic returns may differ significantly from those the Company has anticipated. It is impossible to ensure that the exploration programs planned by Talon will result in a profitable commercial mining operation. Talon cannot give any assurance that its current and future exploration activities and/or metallurgical testing will be consistent with the Company's

expectations or result in any additional mineralization or improved recovery rates and/or a mineral deposit containing mineral reserves. Whether a mineral deposit will be commercially viable depends on a number of factors, some of which are: the particular attributes of the deposit, such as size, grade and proximity to infrastructure; metal and iron ore prices that are highly cyclical; and government regulations, including regulations relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of these factors may result in Talon not receiving an adequate return on invested capital.

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

The economic viability of iron ore projects such as the Trairão Project is affected, in part, by the ability of the operator to mine, beneficiate and enter into off-take agreements with potential end users. No assurance can be made that Talon will be successful in entering into off-take agreements in respect of local and/or export sales or in accessing local smelting facilities.

#### *Uncertainty Relating to Inferred and Indicated Mineral Resources*

There is a risk that the inferred and indicated mineral resources referred to in this MD&A cannot be converted into mineral reserves as the ability to assess geological continuity is not sufficient to demonstrate economic viability. Due to the uncertainty that may attach to inferred and indicated mineral resources, there is no assurance that inferred and indicated mineral resources will be upgraded to resources with sufficient geological continuity to constitute proven and probable mineral reserves as a result of continued exploration.

#### *Legislative Changes*

It is expected that the government of Brazil will amend the country's current mining legislation which governs certain of the operations and activities of the Company in Brazil. It is not known what the changes will comprise of or when the changes will be approved and implemented, if ever. Such changes in legislation could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations and cause increases in exploration expenses, capital expenditures or production costs, or abandonment or delays in development of the Company's existing and/or new properties, including the Trairão Project.

#### *Infrastructure*

Mining, processing, development and exploration activities depend, to one degree or another, on adequate infrastructure. Reliable roads, bridges, power sources and water supply are important determinants, which affect capital and operating costs. Unusual or infrequent weather phenomena, sabotage, government or other interference in the maintenance or provision of such infrastructure could adversely affect the Company's operations, financial condition and

results of operations. Currently, infrastructure to export iron ore from the Trairão Project to port does not exist, and port capacity has not been secured by the Company.

#### *Land Title*

The Company's interests in mineral properties are comprised of exclusive rights under government licenses and contracts to conduct operations in the nature of exploration and, in due course if warranted, development and mining, on the license areas. Maintenance of such rights is subject to ongoing compliance with the terms of such licenses and contracts. While the Company intends to take all reasonable steps to maintain title to its mineral properties, there can be no assurance that it will be successful in extending or renewing mineral rights on or prior to the expiration of their term. The acquisition of title to mineral properties is a very detailed and time-consuming process. Title to, and the area of, mineral concessions may be disputed. Although the Company believes it has taken reasonable measures to ensure proper title to its properties, there is no guarantee that title to any of its properties will not be challenged or impaired. Third parties may have valid claims underlying portions of the Company's interests, including prior unregistered liens, agreements, transfers or claims (including native land claims) and title may be affected by, among other things, undetected defects. In addition, the Company may be unable to operate its properties as permitted or to enforce its rights with respect to its properties.

#### *Additional Capital*

The exploration and development of the Company's properties, including continuing exploration and development projects, and the construction of mining and beneficiation facilities and commencement of mining operations, will require substantial additional financing. Failure to obtain sufficient financing will result in a delay or indefinite postponement of development or production on any or all of the Company's properties or even a loss of a property interest. The only source of funds now available to the Company is through the sale of equity capital, properties/equipment, royalty interests or the entering into of joint ventures. Additional financing may not be available when needed or if available, the terms of such financing might not be favourable to the Company and might involve substantial dilution to existing shareholders. Failure to raise capital when needed would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. Global securities markets continue to experience volatility, which is resulting in difficulty in raising equity capital and market forces may render it difficult or impossible for the Company to secure places to purchase any new share issuances at prices which will not lead to severe dilution to existing shareholders, or at all.

#### *Governmental Regulation; Environmental Risks and Hazards*

The mineral exploration activities of the Company are subject to various laws governing prospecting, development, production, taxes, labour standards and occupational health, mine safety, toxic substances and other matters. Mining, beneficiation and exploration activities are also subject to various laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. Although the Company believes that its exploration activities are currently carried out in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, no assurance can be given that new rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be applied in a manner that could limit or curtail production or development of the Company's properties. Amendments to current laws and regulations governing the operations and activities of the Company or more stringent implementation thereof could have a material adverse effect on the

Company's business, financial condition and results of operations and cause increases in exploration expenses, capital expenditures or production costs, reduction in levels of production at producing properties, or abandonment or delays in development of the Company's existing and/or new properties.

All phases of the Company's operations are subject to environmental regulation in the various jurisdictions in which it operates. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner that will require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees. There is no assurance that existing or future environmental regulation will not materially adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. Environmental hazards may exist on the properties on which the Company holds interests that are unknown to the Company at present and that have been caused by previous or existing owners or operators of the properties.

In particular, existing and possible future environmental and social impact legislation, regulations and actions, including the regulation of air and water quality, mining reclamation, solid and hazardous waste handling and disposal, the promotion of occupational health and safety, the protection of wildlife and ecological systems and the protection of the societies and communities of indigenous peoples, could cause significant expense, capital expenditures, restrictions and delays in the Company's activities, the extent of which cannot be predicted and which may well be beyond its capacity to fund. Environmental and social impact studies may be required for some operations, and significant fines and clean-up responsibilities may be imposed for companies causing damage to the environment in the course of their activities.

In addition, the Company could incur substantial losses as a result of loss of life, severe damage to and destruction of property, natural resources and equipment, pollution and other environmental damage, clean-up responsibilities, regulatory investigation and penalties, suspension of operations and repairs to resume operations.

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

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

#### *Iron Ore Prices*

The Company's principal business is the exploration and development of iron ore. Talon's future prospects are largely dependent on movements in the price of iron ore. Iron ore prices have historically been volatile and are primarily affected by the demand for and price of steel in

addition to the supply/demand balance. Given the historical volatility of iron ore prices and the particular effects of the recent global financial crisis, there are no assurances that iron ore prices will remain at current prices. In fact, current and forecasted long-term iron ore prices have been trending downwards, which may negatively impact both the economic feasibility, and the Company's ability to finance the development, of its iron ore projects. An increase in iron ore supply without a corresponding increase in iron ore demand could be expected to result in a decrease in the price of iron ore. Similarly, a decrease in iron ore demand without a corresponding decrease in the supply of iron ore would be expected to result in a decrease in the price of iron ore. A continued decline in iron ore prices would adversely impact the business of Talon and could affect the feasibility of Talon's iron ore projects. A continued decline in iron ore prices would also be expected to adversely impact the Company's ability to attract financing.

Iron ore prices are also affected by numerous other factors beyond the Company's control, including the relative exchange rate of the U.S. dollar with other major currencies, global and regional demand, political and economic conditions, and transportation costs in major iron ore producing regions. Given the historical volatility of iron ore prices and the effects of the recent global financial crisis, there are no assurances that iron ore prices will remain at current prices.

### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Related parties include the board of directors of the Company, close family members and enterprises which are controlled by these individuals as well as certain persons performing similar functions.

Effective April 1, 2011, the Company entered into a revised administrative and advisory services agreement (the "**Tau Agreement**") with Tau Capital Corp. ("**Tau**"). Warren Newfield and Greg Kinross, both directors of Talon are also directors of Tau. Under the Tau Agreement, Talon agreed to pay Tau a monthly service fee of \$58,500. Effective April 1, 2012, the parties agreed to lower the monthly service fee to \$25,000, given that Tau would be providing less direct services to Talon. On June 1, 2012, the Tau Agreement was terminated by the parties. For the three months ended September 30, 2012, fees paid to Tau for these services were \$NIL (2011 - \$175,500). For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, fees paid for these services were \$225,500 (2011 - \$450,000).

Effective April 1, 2011, Talon entered into a services agreement with a company owned by an officer and director of Talon (Luis Azevedo) (the "**Brazil Agreement**"). Pursuant to the Brazil Agreement, the company provides Talon with certain accounting, legal and general administrative functions in Brazil. Under the Brazil Agreement, Talon agreed to pay a monthly service fee of US\$33,000. Effective May 1, 2012, the parties agreed to lower the monthly service fee to US\$23,000 and, on October 1, 2012, the parties agreed to further lower the monthly service fee to US\$18,000. Coupled with the revised fee in October 2012, the parties agreed to a one year term for the Brazil Agreement. For the three months ended September 30, 2012, fees paid were \$68,266 (2011 - \$96,822). For the nine months ended September 30, 2012 fees paid amounted to \$256,266 (2011 - \$254,575).

Consulting fees paid to officers of the Company (Luis Azevedo and Stuart Comline) for the three months ended September 30, 2012 were \$82,500 (2011 - \$179,958: Luis Azevedo, Stuart Comline and Eddie Scholtz). Consulting fees paid to officers of the Company (Luis Azevedo, Stuart Comline and Eddie Scholtz) for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 were \$247,500 (2011 - \$337,493).

Accounts payable at September 30, 2012 include \$30,900 payable to an officer of the Company (Luis Azevedo) for consulting fees (2011 - \$15,000).

The remuneration of directors and officers of the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

	Three months ended Sept 30, 2012	Three months ended Sept 30, 2011	Nine months ended Sept 30, 2012	Nine months ended Sept 30, 2011
Aggregate Compensation	\$533,891	\$179,958	\$1,501,649	\$1,351,827
Share-Based Compensation (included in Aggregate Compensation)	\$204,516	\$-	\$494,988	\$815,334

The following share purchase options were issued during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 to directors and executive officers of the Company:

Date of Grant	Number of Options	Exercise Price	Expiry
Jan. 31, 2012	2,800,000	\$0.45	Jan. 31, 2017
April 4, 2012	975,277	\$0.415	April 4, 2017
April 25, 2012	354,723	\$0.37	April 25, 2017
June 15, 2012	400,000	\$0.33	June 15, 2017

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant assumptions about the future and other sources of estimation uncertainty that management has made at the statement of financial position date, that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities, in the event that actual results differ from assumptions made, relate to, but are not limited to, the valuation of resource properties.

Talon considers the following accounting policies to be critical in the preparation of its financial statements:

### *Resource properties and deferred exploration and evaluation costs*

Interests in mineral exploration properties are recorded at cost. Exploration expenditures, other than those of a general nature, relating to mineral properties in which an interest is retained are deferred and carried as an asset until the results of the projects are known. If the project is unsuccessful or if exploration has ceased because continuation is not economically feasible, the cost of the property and the related exploration expenditures are written off.

The cost of mineral properties includes the cash consideration and the negotiated value of shares issued on the acquisition of properties. Properties acquired under option agreements,

whereby option payments are made at the discretion of the company, are recorded in the financial statements at the time payments are made. Certain option payments that management has determined are likely to be made, have been accrued in the financial statements. The proceeds from options granted on properties are credited to the cost of the related property.

Once the feasibility of a project has been established, deferred exploration expenses and other costs are segregated as deferred development expenditures. These costs are amortized over the estimated useful life of the related mineral property as commercial production commences. If the net carrying amount of the deferred exploration expenses is not recoverable, these costs are written down to net recoverable amount of the deferred exploration expense.

The amounts shown for mineral properties and deferred exploration costs represents cost to date, and do not necessarily represent present or future values as they are entirely dependent upon the economic recovery of future reserves.

Talon does not accrue the estimated future costs of maintaining its mineral properties in good standing.

#### *Share-based payments*

The Company's share option plan allows Talon employees and consultants to acquire shares of the Company. The fair value of options granted is recognized as an employee or consultant expense with a corresponding increase in equity. An individual is classified as an employee when the individual is an employee for legal or tax purposes (direct employee) or provides services similar to those performed by a direct employee, including directors of Talon. The fair value is measured at grant date and each tranche is recognized on a graded basis over the period during which the options vest. The fair value of the options granted is measured using the Black-Scholes option pricing model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted. At the end of each reporting period, the amount recognized as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of share options that are expected to vest.

#### *Impairment of non-financial assets*

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amounts of Talon's non-financial assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. Where such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment, if any. The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Fair value is determined as the amount that would be obtained from the sale of the asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties. In order to determine fair value, the Company considers multiple valuation approaches, including the income, market and cost approaches. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and the impairment loss is recognized in the profit or loss for the period. For the purposes of impairment testing, exploration and evaluation assets are allocated to cash-generating units to which the exploration activity relates. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs.

### *Impairment of financial assets*

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at the end of each reporting period. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been impacted.

For all other financial assets objective evidence of impairment could include:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty; or
- default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; or
- it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial re-organization.

### *Investments in associates*

Talon accounts for its investments in companies over which it has significant influence using the equity basis of accounting whereby the investments are initially recorded at cost and subsequently adjusted to recognize Talon's share of earnings or losses of the investee companies and reduced by dividends received, if any. Carrying values of investments are reviewed for indicators of impairment and written down to estimated fair values if there is evidence of impairment. Such impairment would be recorded in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

### ***International Financial Reporting Standards***

Effective January 1, 2011, Canadian publicly listed entities were required to prepare their financial statements in accordance with IFRS. Due to the requirement to present comparative financial information, the effective transition date was January 1, 2010.

### *Control Activities*

For all areas of financial reporting, the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures has been assessed and no significant changes have been determined to be necessary. In addition, controls over the IFRS changeover process have been implemented through a continuous training of accounting staff. Management has reviewed the design, implementation and documentation of the internal controls over accounting process changes resulting from the application of IFRS accounting policies and has determined that there is no material impact. Management applied the existing control framework to the IFRS changeover process. All accounting policy changes and transitional financial position impacts were subject to review by senior management and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

### *Business Activities and Key Performance Measures*

Management has assessed the impact of the IFRS transition project on the Company's financial condition and performance and has determined the impact to be immaterial due to the relatively small scale of operating activities.

### *Information Technology and Systems*

The IFRS transition project did not have a significant impact on the Company's information systems for the convergence periods. Similarly there are no significant changes in the post-convergence period.

### *Post-Implementation*

The post-implementation phase involves continuous monitoring of changes in IFRS in future periods. Management notes that the standard-setting bodies that determine IFRS have significant ongoing projects that could impact the IFRS accounting policies that we have selected. In particular, there may be additional new or revised IFRSs or interpretations developed by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee that may impact the Company's financial statements in the future. The impact of any new standards and interpretations will be evaluated as they are drafted and published.

## **INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

No changes were made to the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended September 30, 2012 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## **OUTLOOK**

Following the changes to the Company's management team announced between February, 2012 and April, 2012, Talon has reviewed its business strategy, with the primary goal of optimizing the use of its existing cash resources to maximize shareholder value. To this end, the Company has taken into consideration a number of factors, including:

- the consensus view that iron ore prices will remain at approximately US\$80-\$90 FOB Brazil, which could create economic challenges for large-scale projects requiring substantial development costs, such as the Trairão Project;
- uncertain conditions in the capital markets, and in particular, the junior exploration sector; and
- the overall declining macroeconomic picture, particularly for resources.

Based on these factors, the Company has decided to modify and broaden its existing business strategy of advancing its iron projects in Brazil to also actively look for opportunities that could generate cash flow for the Company in the near-term. Given Talon's understanding of the Brazilian iron ore industry, this has included the search for smaller high grade deposits within Brazil that are amenable to producing high grade DSO and are located close to existing steel industry infrastructure. The Company is also actively reviewing a number of projects in respect of different commodities, both in Brazil and elsewhere.

In addition, prior to the end of the year, as it relates to the Trairão Project, the Company intends to complete:

- further Davis Tube testing on more finely grinded samples in an effort to maximize liberation and concentrate grades in respect of the magnetite-rich mineralization;

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- work to determine a predicted Fe grade and recovery curve for the Saprock portion of the deposit; and
- analysis of the surficial deposit at the Trairão Project in order to assess whether it is amenable to producing DSO for a potential off-taker of lump material pursuant to a recently signed Letter of Intent.

The Company will also continue to work with Ausenco in its evaluation of the Company's mineralogical and metallurgical test results which will be used by Ausenco to devise a process engineering strategy.

Talon also plans to continue to review the use and allocation of its existing financial resources, while continuing to cut expenses where appropriate.