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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Form 20 F
Registration Statement pursuant to Section 12(b) or 12)(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Or
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Annual Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the fiscal year ended May 31, 2005
Or
Transaction Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  For the transition period from to to
Commission file number <u>0-31096</u>
INTERNATIONAL TOWER HILL MINES LTD.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
British Columbia, Canada
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)
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Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3N6

(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities to be registered pursuant to section 12 (b) of the Act: **None** 

Securities to be registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act: Common Shares, no par value  (Title of Class)
Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to section 15(d) of the Act: None
Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the Company s classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report.
Title of Each Class
Outstanding at May 31, 2005
Common Shares, no par value
9,012,183
Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 12 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.
YES
NO <u>X</u>
Indicate by check mark which financial statement item the Registrant has elected to follow:
Item 17 <u>X</u>
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#### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This registration statement contains forward-looking statements and information relating to International Tower Hill Mines Ltd. that are based on beliefs of our management as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to us. When used in this document, the words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, plan, a and similar expressions, as they relate to International Tower Hill Mines Ltd. or our management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many factors could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including, among others, changes in general economic and business conditions, changes in currency exchange rates and interest rates, changes in business strategy and various other factors, both referenced and not referenced in this registration statement. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein.

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#### **PART I**

### ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORS

Not applicable. Refer to Item 6 - Directors, Senior Management and Employees - Directors and Senior Management" herein.

### ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not applicable.

### ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION

### **Selected Financial Data**

The summary consolidated financial information set forth below should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, our consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended May 31, 2005, May 31, 2004 and May 31, 2003, together with the notes thereto, which appear elsewhere in annual report. Our consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended May 31, 2005, May 31, 2004 and May 31, 2003 have been audited by MacKay LLP, Chartered Accountants.

The selected financial data set forth in the following tables is expressed in Canadian dollars ( Cdn\$ ).

Fiscal Years Ended

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	May 31					
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	
Revenue (Interest Income)	\$ Nil	\$ 4,519	\$ 7,023	\$ 11,572	\$ 24,961	
Loss from operations	(145,644)	<sup>1</sup> (248,839)	(65,001)	(153,541)	(77,441)	
Gain on sale of marketable					6,158	
securities						
Write-down of marketable					(14,070)	
securities						
Income (loss) for the period <sup>3</sup>	(121,483)	(244,330)	(57,978)	(153,541)	(85,353)	
Deficit, beginning of period	(2,419,819)	(2,175,489)	(2,117,511)	(1,963,970)	(1,878,617)	
Deficit, end of period <sup>3</sup>	(2,541,302)	(2,419,819)	(2,175,489)	(2,117,511)	(1,963,970)	
Income (loss) per share <sup>3</sup>	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)	

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Under United States generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), all mineral exploration and development expenditures are expensed in the year incurred in an exploration stage company until there is substantial evidence that a commercial body of ore has been located. The amounts in the table are expressed under Canadian GAAP, which allows resource exploration and development property expenditures to be deferred during this process.

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The weighted average outstanding shares used to calculate income (loss) per share for the following fiscal periods are: 9,012,183 for the year ended May 31, 2005, 9,012,183 for the year ended May 31, 2004, 9,012,183 for the year ended May 31, 2003, 9,012,183 for the year ended May 31, 2002, and 8,882,411 for the year ended May 31, 2001.

### **Balance Sheet Data:**

#### Fiscal Year Ended

	May 31				
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Current Assets <sup>1</sup>	\$ 40,788	\$ 192,324	\$ 245,894	\$ 351,604	\$ 517,322
Mineral Properties	1,026.512	969,907	1,098,282	1,059,982	1,043,727
Total Assets <sup>2</sup>	1,069,800	1,164,731	1,346,676	1,414,086	1,563,549
<b>Current/Total Liabilities</b>	95,438	68,886	6,501	15,933	11,855
Share capital	3,515,664	3,515,664	3,515,664	3,515,664	3,515,664
Shareholders Equity	974,362	1,095,845	1,340,175	1,398,153	1,551,694
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Under United States GAAP, we would classify the marketable securities as *Securities available for resale*. The carrying value on the balance sheet at May 31, 2002 would be \$49,600 (2001 - \$37,520; 2000 - \$22,150) and the unrealised gain (loss) would be posted to shareholders equity \$12,080 (2001 - \$14,070; 1999 - \$77,900). There would be no impact on the consolidated statement of operations in 2000, however in 2001 the unrealised loss would not appear in the consolidated statement of operations rather than as an adjustment to shareholders equity, and in 2002 the unrealised gain would be posted to shareholder's equity.

The above financial information is presented in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ( *GAAP* ), which are different in some respects from US GAAP. The effect of these differences on our financial performance is summarized in the following table.

	May 31	May 31	May 31	May 31	May 31
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Consolidated statement of					
operations and deficit					
Income (loss) for the year					
under Constian CAAD	¢ (121 492)	¢ (244.220)	¢ (57.070)	¢ (152 541)	¢ (05.252)
under Canadian GAAP	\$ (121,483)	\$ (244,330)	\$ (57,978)	\$ (153,541)	\$ (85,353)
Write off of exploration					
aynancac		100,795		49,990	
expenses	-	100,793	-	49,990	-
Mineral property	(78,844)	(25,970)	(20,000)	(34,530)	(102,568)

exploration and

development expenditures,

net

United States GAAP (200,327) (169,505) (77,978) (138,081) (187,921)

Gain (loss) per share

US GAAP (0.02) (0.02) (0.01) (0.015) (0.02)

Consolidated balance sheet

Assets

**Mineral Properties** 

Canadian GAAP 1,026,512 969,907 1,098,282 1,060,550 1,043,727

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	May 31 2005	May 31 2004	May 31 2003	May 31 2002	May 31 2001
Resource property					
expenditures (cumulative)	(843,751)	(764,907)	(839,732)	(820,300)	(841,777)
United States GAAP	182,761	205,000	258,550	240,250	201,950
Deficit Canadian GAAP Resource property	(2,541,302)	(2,419,819)	(2,175,489)	(2,117,511)	(1,963,970)
expenditures					
(cumulative) United States GAAP	(843,751) (3,385,053)	(764,907) (3,184,726)	(839,732) (3,015,221)	(820,300) (2,937,811)	(841,777) (2,805,747)

### **Exchange Rate Data**

We maintain our books of account in Canadian dollars. Our audited financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Canada. All references to the dollar herein are to the lawful currency of Canada unless designated as US\$.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain exchange rates based on the noon buying rate in New York City for cable transfers in Canadian dollars. Such rates are the number of United States dollars per one (1) Canadian dollar and are the inverse of rates quoted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for Canadian dollars per US\$1.00. On October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the exchange rate was US\$1.00 per Cdn\$1.1706. The high and low exchange rates for each month during the previous six months were as follows:

**High** 

Low

September 2005							
1.1880							
1.1607							
August 2005							
1.2185							
1.1888							
July 2005							
1.2437							
1.2048							
June 2005							
1.2578							
1.2256							
May 2005							
1,2703							
1.2373							
April 2005							
1.2568							
1.2146							
The average exchange rate is periods.	based on the	average of th	e exchange ra	ites on the las	at day of each mo	onth during such	
Year Ended May 31							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001		
Rate at end of Period	1.2512	1.3666	1.3656	1.5275	1.5461		

Average Rate during Period

Low

1.2689

1.1775

1.3542

1.2690

1.5525

1.3403

1.5682

1.5102

1.5153

1.4639

High 1.3970 1.4114 1.6050 1.6128 1.5790

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Capitalization and Indebtedness
Not applicable.
Reason for the Offer and Use of Proceeds
Not applicable.
Risk Factors
An investment in our securities involves significant risks, including the following:

OUR COMMON STOCK IS SUBJECT TO PENNY STOCK RULES, WHICH MAKES INVESTMENT IN OUR STOCK SPECULATIVE OR RISKY.

Our common stock is covered by a Securities and Exchange Commission rule that imposes additional sales practice requirements on broker-dealers who sell such securities to persons other than established customers and accredited investors, generally institutions with assets in excess of \$5,000,000 or individuals with net worth in excess of \$1,000,000 or annual income exceeding \$200,000 or \$300,000 jointly with their spouse. For transactions covered by the rule, the broker-dealer must make a special suitability determination for the purchaser and transaction prior to the sale. Consequently, the rule may affect the ability of broker-dealers to sell our securities and may affect the ability of purchasers of our stock to sell their shares in the secondary market. It may also cause less broker dealers willing to make a market and it may affect the level of news coverage we receive.

OUR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ARE RESIDENT OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEREFORE, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR INVESTORS TO EFFECT SERVICE OF PROCESS UPON THEM.

Since certain of our directors and officers are resident outside of the United States (the *US*), it may not be possible to effect service of process upon such directors and officers. All or a substantial portion of the assets of such directors and officers may be located outside of the US, and accordingly there may be difficulty or, increased costs involved, in enforcing judgments obtained in US courts against such directors and officers. Similarly, essentially all of our assets are located outside the US and there may be difficulties in enforcing judgments obtained in US courts against us. Furthermore, it would be difficult for investors to commence an original action in Canadian courts to enforce liabilities based upon U.S. federal securities laws against us or any of our directors and officers resident outside the U.S. because it is outside the jurisdiction of Canadian courts to enforce liabilities based upon U.S. federal securities laws.

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# WE HAVE NOT BEEN PROFITABLE AND EXPECT TO CONTINUE TO INCUR LOSSES AND, THEREFORE, REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT OUTSIDE FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT OUR BUSINESS PLAN.

We have limited financial resources, have no source of operating cash flow and have no assurance that additional funding will be available to us for further exploration and development of our projects or to fulfil our obligations under any applicable agreements. Furthermore, we reported a net loss of \$121,483 for the year ended May 31, 2005 and an accumulated deficit of \$2,541,302 for the same period. There is no guarantee that our business will become profitable. Accordingly, the purchase of common stock should be considered a highly speculative investment.

Substantial expenditures are required to establish ore reserves through drilling, to develop metallurgical processes to extract the metal from the ore and, in the case of new concessions, to develop the mining and processing facilities and infrastructure at any site chosen for mining. If our exploration programs are successful, additional funds will be required for the development of an economic ore body and for placement of a concession or concessions into commercial production. The only sources of future funds presently available to us are the sale of equity capital, or the offering by us of an interest in our concessions to be earned by another party or parties carrying out further exploration or development thereof. Although we have been successful in the past in obtaining financing through the sale of equity securities, there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future or that the terms of such financing will be favourable. In addition, there is currently a large number of outstanding common stock and any additional stock issuances through the sale of equity securities will result in further dilution to our stockholders. However, failure to obtain such additional financing could result in delay or indefinite postponement of further exploration and development of our projects with the possible loss of such concessions.

WE ARE INVOLVED IN A HIGHLY SPECULATIVE INDUSTRY WITH RESOURCE PROPERTIES THAT ARE ONLY IN THE EXPLORATION STAGE AND, THEREFORE, OUR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES MAY NOT RESULT IN ANY DISCOVERIES OF COMMERCIAL ORE.

We are in the business of exploring natural resource properties, which is a highly speculative endeavour. The resource properties in which we hold interests are in the exploration stage only and are without a known body of commercial ore. There is no assurance our exploration and development activities will result in any discoveries of commercial ore. The long-term profitability of our operations will be in part directly related to the cost and success of our exploration activities. If we fail to discover any bodies of commercial ore, we will have to raise funds through the sale of equity securities so that we can continue in the business of exploring natural resource properties.

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# WE MAY EXPERIENCE CERTAIN HAZARDS AND RISKS NORMALLY INCIDENTAL TO EXPLORING NATURAL RESOURCE PROPERTIES.

Operations in which we have a direct or indirect interest will be subject to all the hazards and risks normally incidental to exploration, development and production of minerals, any of which could result in work stoppages, damage to or destruction of mines and other producing facilities, damage to life and property, environmental damage and possible legal liability for all damage. We have not experienced material losses due to any of the foregoing hazards because our properties are at an early exploration stage, with no established mineral reserves. If we begin drilling operations with large mechanized equipment, we may be exposed to any of the foregoing hazards. Given that our operations are at an early exploration stage, we do not maintain liability insurance. We will have to consider obtaining insurance above any insurance maintained by our subcontractors providing exploration services if we begin drilling operations. If we do not obtain insurance, the payment of liabilities for any such hazards may have a material adverse effect on our business.

WE MAY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO OUR BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND THEREBY BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES OR BE PREVENTED FROM IMPLEMENTING OUR BUSINESS PLAN.

There can be no guarantee that we or any of our joint venture partners will be able to obtain all necessary permits and approvals from various federal, provincial and local governmental authorities that may be required in order to undertake exploration activity or commence construction or operation of mine facilities on our properties. If we or any of our joint venture partners are unable to obtain any of the necessary permits, we will not be able to conduct exploration activities on our resource properties and will lose the opportunity to discover minerals. Our inability to conduct exploration activities on any of our resource properties may have a material adverse effect on our business.

# OUR BUSINESS IS SUBJECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION AND THE COST OF COMPLIANCE MAY HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR PROFITABILITY.

Currently, there are no environmental regulations that materially impact us because exploration activities are at an early stage. Reclamation work, that is, restoring the property to its original state, is minimal because exploration activities have virtually no environmental impact. Any remedial environmental reclamation consists of slashing underbrush so that wildlife movement is not hampered and basic re-seeding operations. However, all phases of our operations will be subject to environmental regulation in the jurisdiction in which we operate when we begin drilling operations. Environmental legislation provides for restrictions and prohibitions on spills, releases or emissions of various substances produced in association with certain mining industry operations, such as seepage from tailings disposal areas, which would result in environmental pollution. In addition, certain types of operations require the

submission and approval of environmental impact assessments. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner, which means stricter standards, and enforcement, fines and penalties for non-compliance are more stringent. Environmental assessments of proposed projects carry a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and directors, officers and employees. The cost of compliance with

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changes in governmental regulation has a potential to reduce the profitability of operations. There is no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not have an adverse effect on our operations.

# OUR PROPERTIES MAY BE SUBJECT TO ABORIGINAL PEOPLES LAND CLAIMS, WHICH COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES.

Our properties may in future be the subject of aboriginal peoples' land claims. The legal basis of a land claim is a matter of considerable complexity and the impact of a land claims settlement cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty, and no assurance can be given that a broad recognition of aboriginal rights by way of a negotiated settlement or judicial pronouncement would not have an adverse effect on our activities, including the loss of the ability to conduct further exploration on our properties.

# OUR PROPERTIES MAY BE SUBJECT TO UNREGISTERED AGREEMENTS, TRANSFERS OR CLAIMS AND TITLE MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY UNDETECTED DEFECTS.

Our properties may be subject to unregistered agreements, transfers or claims and title may be adversely affected by undetected defects. We have not conducted surveys of the properties in which we hold interests and therefore, the precise area and location of such properties may be in doubt. There is no guarantee that title to such property will not be challenged or impugned.

# THE PRICES OF PRECIOUS AND BASE MINERALS AND METALS FLUCTUATE WIDELY AND MAY NOT PRODUCE ENOUGH REVENUE TO COVER OUR COSTS.

Our revenues, if any, are expected to be in large part derived from the extraction and sale of precious and base minerals and metals. The price of such metals or interest related thereto has fluctuated widely and is affected by numerous factors beyond our control. These factors include international economic and political conditions, expectations of inflation, international currency exchange rates, interest rates, global or regional consumption patterns, speculative activities, levels of supply and demand, increased production due to new mine developments and improved mining and production methods, availability and costs of metal substitutes, metal stock levels maintained by producers and others and inventory carrying costs. The exact effect of these factors on our business cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of these factors may result in our not receiving an adequate return on invested capital as required to cover costs of operations.

INVOLVEMENT BY OUR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS IN OTHER COMPETING ENTERPRISES MAY RESULT IN CONFLICTS OF INTEREST THAT COMPROMISE THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR BUSINESS PLAN.

Certain of our directors and officers also directors and officers of other companies engaged in natural resource exploration and development, and as a result, conflicts of interest may arise. Our

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directors and officers with conflicts of interest will be subject to the laws of the Province of British Columbia and will be required to act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the company. In addition directors with a conflict of interest will be required to disclose such conflicts to the Board of Directors and are prohibited in voting in such circumstances. Conflicts may result in potential explorations opportunities being lost to other competing enterprises in which a director or officer is involved, in which case we may lose any potential benefit from such exploration activity.

# US INVESTORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO US TAXATION AT POSSIBLY ADVERSE OR HIGHER RATES AND UNDER A SYSTEM THAT MAY BE MORE COMPLICATED AND UNFAMILIAR TO THEM.

If at any time we qualify as a passive foreign investment company under US tax laws, US investors may be subject to adverse tax consequences. We could be a passive foreign investment company if 75% or more of our gross income in any year is considered passive income for US tax purposes. For this purpose, passive income generally includes interest, dividends, some types of rents and royalties, and gains from the sale of assets that produce these types of income. In addition, we could be classified as a passive foreign investment company if the average percentage of our assets during any year that produced passive income, or that were held to produce passive income, is at least 50%. If we are classified as a passive foreign investment company, and if shareholders sell any of their common shares or receive some types of distributions from us, they may have to pay taxes that are higher than if we were not considered a passive foreign investment company. It is impossible to predict how much shareholders' taxes would increase, if at all.

Based on the nature of our revenue and our anticipated corporate structure, we may be treated as a passive foreign investment company. To determine whether we are a passive foreign investment company, we will be required to examine each year our revenue and expenses and the value of our assets. The tests are complex and require, among other things, that we determine how much of our income each year will be passive income. We do not have the necessary data to determine whether these tests will be met for the year 2004 or future years, nor can we predict whether the tests are likely to be met. Moreover, the manner in which the tests apply to our business is not certain. Each investor in our common shares is urged to consult his, her or its own tax advisor to discuss the potential consequences to such investor if at any time we qualify as a passive foreign investment company.

VOLATILITY OF THE OVER-THE-COUNTER BULLETIN BOARD ("OTC BB") MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PRICE OF OUR COMMON STOCK.

Certain stocks listed on the OTC BB have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations and decreases which have adversely affected the market price of our stock and other stocks listed on the OTC BB without any regard to the underlying fundamentals of such stocks. These broad market fluctuations, which may occur in the future, as well as issues more specifically related to our business activities or prospects, or our financial performance, may continue to adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

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### NO CASH DIVIDENDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PAID IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

We intend to retain any future earnings to finance our business and operations and any future growth. Therefore, we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

### THERE IS A POTENTIAL LACK OF ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT TARGETS.

Continued volatility of stock prices on the OTC BB may have a material adverse effect on our ability to raise capital on the OTC BB or by private investment, and the price of our common stock could fluctuate substantially.

### ITEM 4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

### **History and Development of the Company**

We were incorporated pursuant to the *Company Act* (British Columbia) under the name "*Ashnola Mining Company Ltd.*" on May 26, 1978. We changed our name to *Tower Hill Mines Ltd.* on June 1, 1988, and subsequently changed our name to *International Tower Hill Mines Ltd.* on March 15, 1991.

Our wholly-owned subsidiary, 813034 Alberta Ltd., an Alberta corporation, was incorporated in 1999. We incorporated this subsidiary because, pursuant to the laws of the Province of Alberta, mineral permits can only be registered to either an Alberta resident or corporation. Our subsidiary does not have any operations except for holding permits for our Alberta properties in its name.

We are publicly traded on the TSX Venture Exchange under the trading symbol ITH. We also trade on the OTC BB under the trading symbol ITHMF, and trade on the Berlin Stock Exchange -- Unofficial Regulated Market and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the trading symbol IW9.

Our head office is located at Suite 507, 837 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Our phone number is 604.685.1017 and our fax number is 604.685.5777. Our registered and records office and address for service is Suite 1750, 750 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

### **Business Overview**

Since our inception in 1978, we have been in the business of acquiring, exploring and evaluating interests in mineral properties. Our current property interests are held for the purposes of exploration for precious metals and diamonds. Any exploration and sampling activities that we may conduct is generally carried out during the months of May through September. During the months of October to March, snow often prevents any effective exploration and sampling activities. Drilling, however, can be conducted on a year-round basis.

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Our properties in British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec are at an early exploration stage, with no established mineral reserves. The exploration work on these properties primarily consists of airborne surveys, which may reveal magnetic anomalies followed by ground sampling programs, for the purpose of identifying potential drill targets. Any drilling operations are conducted with small scale equipment only. We are only required to obtain permits when mechanized equipment is used by our contractors. We obtain any permits that we may require from the provincial government ministry responsible for mining operations in which the property is situated. The process to obtain a permit involves filing an application form with the appropriate mining regulatory authority in Alberta and Quebec. In British Columbia, we are required to file an application form and mark the actual property with stakes. We currently have permits in Quebec.

Currently, there are no environmental regulations that impact us because exploration activities are at an early stage. Reclamation work, that is, restoring the property to its original state, is minimal because operations have virtually no environmental impact. Any remedial environmental reclamation work consists of slashing underbrush so that wildlife movement is not hampered and basic re-seeding operations.

Over the next year, we intend to evaluate continued exploration of mineral properties in which we currently hold an interest in and we may acquire additional properties for exploration and development.

We currently hold interests in the following properties: Siwash Creek Property, British Columbia; Chinchaga Property, Alberta; Torngat Property, Quebec and Fort Vermillion Property, Alberta.

### **Siwash Creek Property**

We carried out a diamond drill program on our 100% owned Siwash Property in south central British Columbia. The Siwash Property is located in close proximity to both Brenda Mines Ltd. (copper and molybdenum production) and Almaden Minerals Ltd. (gold production) mineral projects. The 2004 program was designed to further delineate the gold, silver and copper values intersected in the northeastern portion of the property. Drill results to date indicate a similar style of mineralization as that found at Brenda Mines. In addition, these drill results indicate that the gold/silver/copper mineralization extends approximately 500 meters in a north-south direction and 800 meters in an east-west direction to a depth of approximately 125 meters. Drilling also indicates that this zone is still open to the west, north, east and depth.

The 2004 diamond drill program, carried out between May and August, extended the CU/AU bearing horizon to the south and north between sections 52+00E and 62+00E. A total of 1013 metres were drilled in 5 holes in the same areas as the last four diamond drill programs. 50 metres of meta-volcanics were intersected. This favourable horizon was cut out by intrusives of quartz-feldspar-porphyry over 203 metres while granodiorite was intersected in 738 metres of the total 1013 metres drilled.

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Nine of the 153 samples assayed contained more than 0.010 ppm gold and four samples contained more than 1000 ppm copper. The weighted average of these gold assays over 9.6 metres was 1.547 ppm (assays are not contiguous), which is equal to 1.547 grams per tonne. Zinc assays averaged 1.131 ppm or 0.113 per cent with several assays carrying values between 1.0 percent to a maximum of 7.71 percent.

During the diamond drill program, we instigated the staking of ninety-nine more units to the east of and contiguous to our Siwash Property. These units, comprising 17 claims are in addition to the mineral claims acquired by us in 1996.

Our future plans include the investigation of the area by an airborne mag/em program to be followed by drilling of the more favourable locations indicated.

A total of \$98,555 was expended on the Siwash Property during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2005, which was reduced by \$13,562 for tax credits, bringing the net expenditures to \$84,993. In addition, we incurred \$12,761 in lease costs for the Siwash Property. A total of \$32,119 was expended on the Siwash Property during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2004, which was reduced by \$6,149 for tax credits, bringing the net expenditures to \$25,970.

Joint Venture with Ravencrest Resources Inc.

We have entered into a joint venture with Ravencrest Resources Inc. ( *Ravencrest* ), a public company reporting in British Columbia, whereby we granted the right to Ravencrest to acquire a 50% interest in two claim groups on the Siwash Creek Property, the Siwash 4 Mineral Claim, consisting of 16 units, and the Siwash 3 Mineral Claim, consisting of 16 units (collectively the *Claims* ). We have received the payment of \$25,000 and received 100,000 common shares in the capital stock of Ravencrest and, accordingly, Ravencrest has earned its 50% interest. In order to maintain its 50% interest, Ravencrest is required to carry out further work on the Claims based on a work program recommended by APEX Geoscience Ltd., in the sum of \$112,500, on or before March 31, 2006.

A three phase exploration program has been recommended. Phase 1, to consist of a magnetic and electromagnetic survey at 200 metre line spacing and an interpretation of the newly acquired geophysical data in conjunction with a re-interpretation/compilation of all existing geochemical, geological and drill core data may help to identify new target areas. The total cost of Phase 1 is \$112,500. Pursuant to our joint venture with Ravencrest, Ravencrest will pay the cost of the first phase of the exploration program.

The phase 2 exploration program would consist of a field based program with the establishment of a property wide grid and the collection of soil samples, ground-proofing of geophysical anomalies returned from the airborne survey and the acquisition of ground magnetic and electromagnetic geophysical data on selected targets; as well as property scale geological

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mapping in conjunction with the mapping and sampling of old trenches. All workings, trenches, and significant rock samples are to be re-located and checked assayed. The total cost of Phase 2 is approximately \$416,500.

The phase 3 program would involve one or more of the collection of infill soil samples, ground geophysics and/or a diamond drill program to test historic targets and new targets developed during phases 1 and 2. The cost for Phase has not been determined at this time.

The total cost to complete the recommended phase 1 and 2 exploration is \$529,000 Cdn. We will seek additional financing, most likely through the issuance of equity securities, so that we may undertake further exploration of our mineral properties or possibly acquire additional properties. We may also enter into joint venture agreements as part of our acquisition or development strategy, or may dispose of current property interests on completion of our evaluation. We are currently carrying out a \$200,000 Cdn. private placement of 1,000,000 units at a price of \$0.20 Cdn. per unit, which each unit consisting of one common share and one share purchase warrant to purchase one additional common share at a price of \$0.26 Cdn. per share, exercisable for a period of two years from the date of issuance of the units.

#### **Chinchaga Property**

To date, cumulative exploration activities that we have carried out on the Chinchaga Property have not generated results that justify a high level of ongoing exploration activities. During the year ended May 31, 2002, the deferred costs related to the Chinchaga Property were written down to a nominal amount and during the year ended May 31, 2004, the balance was written off.

### **Torngat Property**

Although we have no current plans to carry out an exploration program on the Torngat property we may, at some point in the future, carry out a follow-up sampling and mapping program on the property with the objective to take significantly larger samples from various locations on the 5-metre wide dyke and to explore for additional dykes on the basis of airborne geophysical data.

### **Fort Vermillion Property**

We have no current plans to carry out any exploration on the Fort Vermillion Property.

As we had a working capital deficiency of \$82,590as of August 31st, 2005 we do not currently have sufficient funding to cover our basic administrative costs. If we undertake any exploration activities on our Siwash Creek Property or possibly acquire additional properties in the future we will have to seek financing, most likely through the issuance of equity securities. We may experience obstacles in obtaining additional financing unless investor interest in junior resource exploration companies improves.

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Currently, our operations are administrative and financial in nature. We have no full-time or part-time employees. We engage Harbour Pacific Capital Corp., a company owned by Anton J. Drescher, our President and a director, to provide administrative and accounting services. We pay Harbour Pacific Capital Corp. a management fee of \$5,000 Cdn. per month. We do not have a written contract with Harbour Pacific Capital Corp. Exploration work on our property interests is performed by contractors engaged directly by us or by our joint venture partners.

We have not earned revenues from operations and are currently conducting only minimal business operations.

### **Property, Plants and Equipment**

We currently hold interests in four mineral properties located in the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec, although the deferred explorations costs for three of those properties have been written down as we do not expect to carry out any exploration work in the near future on those properties. Our only active property is the Siwash Creek Property in British Columbia. Our mineral properties are currently in the exploration stage and accordingly, there are no known reserves of commercial minerals on any of our properties.

The following table identifies these properties, the interest owned and acquisition and exploration costs incurred over the preceding two fiscal years. A more detailed description of each property follows below.

Name of Property	Interest Owned	Exploration Costs for year ended May 31, 2005	Exploration Costs for year ended May 31, 2004	Exploration Costs for year ended May 31, 2003	Total Costs Incurred (Including Acquisition Costs) to May 31, 2005
Siwash Creek  British Columbia	100%	\$78,844 (1)	\$25,970	\$12,500	\$969,907
Chinchaga  Alberta	50%	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Torngat	100%	Nil	Nil	\$5,800	Nil

Quebec

Fort Vermillion
Alberta
100% Nil Nil \$20,000 Nil

(1)

A total of \$98,555 was expended on the Siwash Property during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2005, which was offset by \$13,562 for tax credits, bringing the net expenditures to \$84,993. In addition, we incurred \$12,761 in lease costs for the Siwash Property. A total of \$32,119 was expended on the Siwash Property during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2004, which was reduced by \$6,149 for tax credits, bringing the net expenditures to \$25,970.

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The figure below is a location map of the Siwash Creek Property, which property is accessible by both road and helicopter.

# Siwash Creek Property, British Columbia

## Location, Description and Acquisition

On October 27, 1987, we acquired an option (the *Option Agreement*) to purchase from Patricia Mullin ( *Mullin* ) a 100% interest in 34 mineral claims located near the Siwash Creek,

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situated in the Similkameen Mining Division of British Columbia (the *Siwash Creek Property*). The Siwash Creek Property is located in the Okanagan region of British Columbia between Merritt and Okanagan Lake.

The Option Agreement provided that we would pay to Mullin an aggregate purchase price of \$160,000 as follows: \$6,000 upon execution of the Option Agreement, \$4,000 on or before April 3, 1988, \$10,000 on or before October 3, 1988 and \$10,000 on or before October 3 of each year for a period to 14 years until October 3, 2002.

Following a dispute over the terms of the Option Agreement, we entered into a settlement agreement dated March 18, 1991 (the *Settlement Agreement*) with Mullin. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, we agreed to issue 37,500 common shares in our capital stock and increase our yearly option payment to \$12,500 commencing in 1991.

#### **Exploration History**

During the 1960s and 1970s, Brenda Mines Ltd. ( *BML* ) explored the area near the Siwash Creek Property for copper deposits. BML made a significant mineralization discovery referred to as the Brenda Copper-Molybdenum Discovery about twenty-five kilometres northeast of the Siwash Creek Property. BML undertook an extensive exploration program in 1970, but was unsuccessful in locating any economic deposits. In 1979, BML explored part of the Siwash Creek Property.

On November 17, 1987, pursuant to a Letter of Intent with BML (the *BML Option*), we paid \$1,000 to BML to obtain certain information on the Siwash Creek Property. We also gave BML the option to provide production financing should the Siwash Creek Property come into production in the future. Pursuant to the BML Option, BML has the option to acquire a 51% interest in the Siwash Creek Property for a 90-day period following a positive production recommendation by an independent consulting firm. There has not been any production on the Siwash Creek Property and accordingly, BML has not exercised its option. However, the BML Option still remains in force.

In the event that the property generates a positive cash flow, the BML Option provides that BML will retain 80% of profits until all development capital, plus interest, is repaid. Thereafter, proceeds will be distributed to BML on a 51% basis. The BML Option further provides that if we decide to sell any or all of our interest in the Siwash Creek Property to a third party, we are obligated to offer that interest to BML under the same terms, and BML has 60 days to advise us of its decision.

We carried out exploration of the Siwash Creek Property during the period between 1988 and 1991. The exploration included soil and rock sampling, relogging and resampling the core samples obtained by BML. It also included geological mapping, petrographics and

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prospecting. Results from the 1991 exploration program indicated only trace amounts of gold.

In 1993, we contracted Pamicon Developments Ltd. ( *Pamicon* ) to prepare grids and conduct soil, stream sediments and rock sampling programs on the Siwash Creek Property. Pamicon also conducted geological mapping and trenching in selected areas. Pamicon s exploration work resulted in locating numerous anomalies throughout the Siwash Creek Property, including gold, copper, zinc, lead, silver, arsenic and bismuth.

We carried out a subsequent exploration program in 1994. Results from the final phase of this program indicated the potential for the discovery of two different types of ore deposits: gold and porphyry copper mineralization similar to the BML Copper-Molybdenum Discovery. Based upon these results, we developed our 1995 exploration program, including additional geophysical surveying followed by diamond drill testing.

In November 1995, we contracted RMW Mine Evaluations ( *RMW* ) to conduct a six hole drill program totalling 378 metres of drilling. The drilling program focussed on exploring the existence of porphyry copper deposits. RMW encountered low grade copper, zinc, silver, lead and minor molybdenum in the deeper portion of all holes.

On September 18, 1996, we acquired a 100% interest in certain mineral claims situated adjacent to the Similkameen Mining Division of British Columbia. We paid a purchase price of \$15,000 for the claims. Upon commencement of production for minerals, the vendor would receive a royalty of 1% based on payments received from the production of minerals.

We contracted RMW to carry out a drill program consisting of three targets in late 1996. The drilling focussed on investigating the veining, alterations, intrusives and other structural and geological controls. Results from two of the holes intersected showed signs of copper veins. The results from this exploration program and the 1995 exploration program formed the basis for our decision to proceed with a subsequent drill program in 1997. In 1998, we received the results of the analysis of 125 diamond drill core samples taken during the 1997 drill program from RMW. The results indicated large zones of low grade copper in the three holes that were drilled. Molybdenum was also detected in all samples. As a result of these findings, we proposed an exploration program for 1998, but subsequently decided not to proceed with this program.

Our Spring 2001 diamond drill program on the Siwash Creek Property was designed to further delineate the gold, silver and copper values intersected in the northeastern portion of the Siwash Creek Property. The drill program was composed of five drill holes varying from 150 meters to 250 meters, AZ 00 dip varying from 55 to 650 and was concentrated in the area north and east of holes 96-3, 97-1 and 97-5. All holes were drilled in the mineralized

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The 2001 drill program composed of five drill holes varying from 150 meters to 250 meters, AZ 00 dip varying from 550 to 650 and are concentrated in the area north and east of holes

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96-3, 97-1 and 97-5. All holes were drilled in the mineralized granodiorite. This 5-hole program further extended the area of copper/silver/gold mineralization in the northeast corner of the property. All 5 holes intersected copper mineralization with the best assays concentrated in the areas of highly fractured host rock. All the significant intersections of sulphide mineralization were assayed for gold and the ratio of gold to copper was found to be 1: 30700, with the best intersection containing 3.56 grams of gold per tonne over an intersected width of 0.9 metres in DDH 01-5.

The 2004 diamond drill program, carried out between May and August, extended the CU/AU bearing horizon to the south and north between sections 52+00E and 62+00E. A total of 1013 metres were drilled in 5 holes in the same areas as the last four diamond drill programs. 50 metres of meta-volcanics were intersected. This favourable horizon was cut out by intrusives of quartz-feldspar-porphyry over 203 metres while granodiorite was intersected in 738 metres of the total 1013 metres drilled.

Nine of the 153 samples assayed contained more than 0.010 ppm gold and four samples contained more than 1000 ppm copper. The weighted average of these gold assays over 9.6 metres was 1.547 ppm (assays are not contiguous), which is equal to 1.547 grams per tonne. Zinc assays averaged 1.131 ppm or 0.113 per cent with several assays carrying values between 1.0 percent to a maximum of 7.71 percent.

During the diamond drill program, we instigated the staking of ninety-nine more units to the east of and contiguous to our Siwash Property. These units, comprising 17 claims are in addition to the mineral claims acquired by us in 1996.

#### Chinchaga Property, Alberta

#### **Location, Description and Acquisition**

On January 29, 1999, we entered into a joint venture agreement (the *Marum Agreement*) with Marum Resources Inc. ( *Marum*) for the purpose of exploring for diamonds, gold or other precious metal minerals in the Chinchaga area of northwestern Alberta, Canada (the *Chinchaga Property*). The Chinchaga Property comprises 70,000 acres. Marum holds a 100% interest in two townships and a 50% interest in the remaining township.

The terms of the Marum Agreement provided that we were to spend \$300,000 to earn a 50% interest in the Chinchaga Property. Pursuant to the Agreement, we earned a 25% interest in the Chinchaga Property by spending \$150,000 in the following manner:

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1.

On March 3, 1999 and on March 12, 1999, we purchased a total of 1,000,000 units in the capital stock of Marum at a price of \$0.10 per unit for total consideration of \$100,000. Each unit consisted of one common share and one non-transferable share purchase warrant (the *Warrant*). Each Warrant entitled us to purchase one additional common share for a period of two years at a price of \$0.12 per share; and

2.

On January 22, 1999, we advanced a cash payment of \$30,000 to Marum towards exploration expenditures. On February 22, 1999, we contributed an additional cash payment of \$20,000 to Marum towards exploration expenditures.

Pursuant to the Marum Agreement, Marum agreed to act as operator for exploration programs on the Chinchaga Property.

The Marum Agreement was subsequently amended by amendment agreement dated December 5, 2000. The amendment reduced the total acquisition price to \$270,000 and allowed us to acquire the remaining 25% interest in the Chinchaga Property by exercising the Warrants to acquire an additional 1,000,000 common shares. The total exercise price of the Warrants was \$120,000. We exercised 200,000 Warrants on June 3, 1999, 625,000 Warrants on March 2, 2000 and 175,000 Warrants on April 20, 2000.

#### **Exploration History**

In March 1998, prior to our involvement, Marum undertook a reconnaissance drill program that identified volcanic ash layers indicative of diamonds. In April of 1998 Marum obtained an airborne survey, which revealed magnetic anomalies followed by ground sampling programs, for the purposes of identifying potential drill targets.

During the winter of 1999 Marum conducted a drill program on six drill target locations that had been identified. Subsequent laboratory analysis of the drill cores resulted in a decision to pursue exploration for base metals in addition to diamonds. During the summer of 1999 Marum conducted structural studies to identify geological fault line intersections for the purpose of locating higher concentrations of metallic minerals. These studies included

review of archived exploration data and satellite and air photo data. Subsequent field operations consisting of rock sampling and shallow drilling were conducted in the summer and fall of 1999. Laboratory analysis of the rock samples received in May of 2000 did not indicate the presence of economic mineralization. Together with Marum we filed assessment reports with Provincial mining regulators in Alberta to maintain the mineral permits in good standing pending a review of the project.

The deferred exploration	1 1	erty were written d	own during fiscal	2004 as no further	exploration work
is planned at this time.	•				

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#### **Torngat Property, Quebec**

#### **Location, Description and Acquisition**

In November 1999, we acquired two exploration permits covering property totalling 108.5 square kilometres in northern Quebec, referred to as the *Torngat Property*. We paid to the Quebec provincial government \$10,100 on September 30, 1999, \$1,000 on October 28, 1999 and \$10,850 in October 2000 for the two permits. During fiscal 2003 and fiscal 2000, we made lease payments in the amount of \$5,800 each on the Torngat Property. We acquired the Torngat Property for the purposes of conducting a diamond exploration program. The Torngat Property lies adjacent to a property with geological formations suggesting possible diamond deposits. The permits were obtained based on structural similarities with the adjoining and nearby properties held by Twin Mining Corp.

#### **Exploration History**

In March and April of 2000 we participated in an airborne magnetic survey and satellite-based structural analysis in the region, including the Torngat Property, in order to produce geological maps of the area.

In August and September of 2000, we participated in a two helicopter-supported mapping and sampling program. The objective of this program was to catalogue possible diamond formations visible from the air and obtain samples for geochemical analysis. One large five metre dyke was discovered. The samples indicated geological formations suggesting possible diamond deposits. One sample was submitted for analysis but no diamonds were revealed. We had planned a two week re-sampling and mapping program for the summer of 2001; however, the lack of interest by other companies in exploring the area did not allow us to share transportation and other infrastructure costs that would have lowered the cost of the re-sampling program to an acceptable level. Work performed during the summer of 2000 was sufficient to maintain the property in good standing for several years.

We carried out aerial exploration and surveying of the kimberlite dike area under an arrangement with four other companies whereby common costs were shared. As part of the permits, the Quebec government agreed to reimburse 50% of the exploration expenditures to a maximum of \$220,000. During fiscal 2001, we received \$26,300 in reimbursement from the Quebec government.

The deferred exploration costs for this property were written down during fiscal 2004 as no further exploration work is planned at this time.

# ITEM 5. OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

We are in the business of acquiring, exploring and evaluating interests in mineral properties. Our current property interests are held for the purposes of exploration for precious metals and diamonds.

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For the year ended May 31, 2005, we reported interest income of \$132 as compared to \$4,519 for the year ended May 31, 2004. The decrease in interest income is a result of lower interest being earned on our cash and cash equivalent and a decrease in our cash on hand. For the year ended May 31, 2005, we had net losses of \$121,483 as compared to net losses of \$244,300 for the year ended May 31, 2004. The increased net losses in 2004 was primarily due a the write down of deferred exploration expenses for three of our natural resource properties as a result of our decision not to proceed with any further exploration of such properties at this time.

For the year ended May 31, 2004, we reported interest income of \$4,519 as compared to \$7,023 for the year ended May 31, 2003. The decrease in interest income is a result of lower interest being earned on our cash and cash equivalent. For the year ended May 31, 2003, we had net losses of \$57,978 as compared to net losses of \$153,541 for the year ended May 31, 2002. The decrease of net losses in 2003 was due primarily to a reduction in professional fees and stock exchange and filing fees.

During the fiscal year ended May 31, 2005 and the year ended May 31, 2004, no share purchase warrants or stock options were exercised.

General and Administrative (Operating) expenses for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2005 consisted of management fees, office, professional fees, stock exchange and filing fees and transfer agent fees and other expenses that support our daily operations. General and Administrative expenses for the year ended May 31, 2005 were \$145,644, being an increase of \$51,140 compared to General and Administrative expenses of \$94,504 during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2004. The majority of the increase in General and Administrative costs was due to mineral property due diligence expenses of \$45,286. Management fees of \$60,000 and rent of \$7,200 were unchanged from 2004. Other expenses incurred include professional fees of \$16,360 (2004 - \$10,615), stock exchange and filing fees of \$7,504 (2004 - \$7,627), transfer agent fees of \$4,455 (2004 - \$4,117), office and miscellaneous of \$3,151 (2004 - \$4,077), and travel and promotion of \$1,688 (2004 - \$868). During fiscal 2004 deferred acquisition and exploration expenditures in the sum of \$154,345 were written off. During fiscal 2005 we recovered exploration expense and permit fees in the sum of \$14,889 and had a gain of \$9,140 on the sale of marketable securities.

General and Administrative (Operating) expenses for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2004 consisted of management fees, office, professional fees, stock exchange and filing fees and transfer agent fees and other expenses that support our daily operations. General and Administrative expenses for the year ended May 31, 2004 were \$94,504, being an increase of \$29,503 compared to General and Administrative expenses of \$65,001 during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2003. The majority of the increase in General and Administrative costs was due to an increase in management fees of \$60,000 compared to \$30,000 for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2003. Interest income decreased \$2,504 to \$4,519 for the year ended May 31, 2004 from \$7,023 for the year ended May 31, 2003. The decrease in interest income is a result of lower interest being earned on our cash and cash equivalents and a decrease in our cash on hand.

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#### **Operating Results**

During the year ended May 31, 2005, exploration and developments costs and mineral property acquisition costs increased by \$52,874 to \$84,993, as compared to exploration and developments costs of \$32,119 for the year ended May 31, 2004.

During the year ended May 31, 2004, exploration and developments costs increased by \$12,119 to \$32,119, as compared to exploration and developments costs of \$20,000 for the year ended May 31, 2003.

The two material differences between Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ( *GAAP* ) and United States GAAP that are applicable to our financial results are as follows: (i) Under United States GAAP, all mineral exploration and development property expenditures are expensed in the year incurred in an exploration stage company until there is substantial evidence that a commercial body of ore has been located. Canadian GAAP allows resource exploration and development property expenditures to be deferred during this process; and (ii) Under United States GAAP, the marketable securities are carried at market with an adjustment to shareholders equity as they are held for resale.

Siwash Creek Property British Columbia

For the year ended May 31, 2005, our costs related to the Siwash Creek Property were \$84,993, consisting of lease costs of \$12,761 and geological and consulting of \$19,244, preparation of a geological assessment report \$17,565, as well as drilling of \$51,502, assaying and sampling of \$3,120 and miscellaneous costs of \$7,574, which were offset by a tax credit receivable of \$13,562, compared to drilling and miscellaneous costs of \$32,119 for the year ended May 31, 2004, offset by a tax credit receivable of \$6,149.

For the year ended May 31, 2004, our costs related to the Siwash Creek Property were \$32,119, consisting of drilling and miscellaneous costs of \$32,119, which were offset by a tax credit receivable of \$6,149, compared to lease costs of \$12,500 for the year ended May 31, 2003.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

At May 31, 2005, we reported cash and cash equivalents of \$7,711, compared to \$111,180 for the year ended May 31, 2004. The decrease of \$103,469 was for operating expenses used during the year ended May 31, 2005. Our unused sources of liquidity arise from our unallocated working capital. We have historically satisfied our needs by issuing securities.

At May 31, 2004, we reported cash and cash equivalents of \$111,180, compared to \$202,712 for the year ended May 31, 2003. The decrease of \$91,532 was for operating expenses used during the year ended May 31, 2004. Our unused sources of liquidity arise from our unallocated working capital. We have historically satisfied our needs by issuing securities.

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We did not carry out any exploration work on our Chinchaga Property, Torngat Property or our Fort Vermillion Property. All deferred costs related to such properties were written down as we do not anticipate carrying out any work on the properties at this time.

The 2004 diamond drill program, carried out between May and August, extended the CU/AU bearing horizon to the south and north between sections 52+00E and 62+00E. A total of 1013 metres were drilled in 5 holes in the same areas as the last four diamond drill programs. 50 metres of meta-volcanics were intersected. This favourable horizon was cut out by intrusives of quartz-feldspar-porphyry over 203 metres while granodiorite was intersected in 738 metres of the total 1013 metres drilled.

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During the diamond drill program, we instigated the staking of ninety-nine more units to the east of and contiguous to our Siwash Property. These units, comprising 17 claims are in addition to the mineral claims acquired by us in 1996.

Our future plans include the investigation of the area by an airborne mag/em program to be followed by drilling of the more favourable locations indicated.

We intend to finance any additional work on the Siwash Creek Property from the issuance of equity securities. We are presently carrying out a \$200,000 Cdn. private placement of 1,000,000 units at a price of \$0.20 Cdn. per unit, with each unit consisting of one common share and one share purchase warrant to purchase one additional common share at a price of \$0.26 Cdn. per share, exercisable for a period of two years from the date of issuance of the units. The completion of the private placement is subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Our plans over the next 12 months are to proceed with additional exploration of the Siwash Creek Property, and to continue to seek out additional properties for acquisition. While we may evaluate properties for acquisition, we do not have any specific plans to purchase any additional properties over the following 12 months. In the event that we decide to purchase additional properties, we will finance such a purchase from our working capital reserve and if necessary, through the sale of marketable securities.

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Upon completion of the \$200,000 Cdn. private placement, we expect that we will have sufficient capitalization to cover our administrative expenses for 12 months.
Research and Development, Patents and Licences, etc.
Not applicable.
Trend Information
Not applicable.
Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements
Not applicable.
Contractual Obligations
Not applicable.
Safe Harbor
Not applicable.

# ITEM 6. DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

**Directors and Senior Management** 

with the Company.

The following table sets of	out the directors and execut	ive officers of the Com	pany and all position	ns and offices held

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# **Position Held**

	with the	Position Held	
Name	Company	Since	Principal Occupation
Anton J. Drescher	President, Chief Executive Officer and and Director	1991	Chief Financial Officer of USA Video Interactive Corp. since 1993 and director since December 1994; Secretary/Treasurer and director of Quest Ventures Inc. since 1996; President/CEO and director of International Tower Hill Mines Ltd. since 1990; President of Westpoint Management Consultants Limited since 1979; President of Harbour Pacific Capital Corp., since 1998; director of Landmark Minerals Inc. since February 2003; director of Waymar Resources Ltd. since June 2005; Certified Management Accountant since 1981.
Gerhard Drescher	Director	2005	President of Python Technologies of Delta, British Columbia, Canada; director of Quest Ventures Inc. since July 2000 and a director Landmark Minerals Inc. since May 2005.
Rowland Perkins	Director	1998	President/Director of eBackup Inc. since 2001; director of USA Video Interactive Corporation since January 2005; director of Waymar Resources Ltd. since June 2005.
Donna M. Moroney	Corporate Secretary and Chief Financial Officer	1997	Corporate/securities consultant to public companies since 1992; Corporate Secretary of International Tower Hill Mines Ltd. since 1998 and Chief Financial Officer since May 2005; Corporate Secretary of Landmark Minerals Inc. since April 2004; Corporate Secretary of Quest Ventures Inc. since December 2004; Corporate Secretary of Waymar Resources Ltd. since June 2005.

Anton Drescher and Gerhard Drescher, both directors, are brothers. There is no other family relationship between any of the above named directors or officers.

# Anton J. Drescher President and Director

Wir. Drescher has been our President, Chief Executive Officer and a director since 1991. He is responsible for overa
management and strategic planning. He devotes 25% of his time during

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a typical work week to our business. Mr. Drescher has served as President of Westpoint Management Consultants Limited since 1980 and Harbour Pacific Capital Corp. since 1998, providing administrative and accounting services to listed companies. He also serves as a director of the following public companies: USA Video Interactive Corp. since 1995; Quest Ventures Inc. since 1993; Landmark Minerals Inc. since 2003; and Waymar Resources Ltd. since 2005.

#### **Gerhard Drescher Director**

Gerhard (Gary) Jakob Drescher has been a Director since May 9, 2005. From 1989 to present, Mr. Drescher has been the President of Python Technologies of Delta, British Columbia, Canada, an electronics consulting firm. Mr. Drescher has also served as Director of Amanta Resources Ltd. (April 1994 July 2004), and serves as a director of Quest Ventures since July 2000 and Landmark Minerals Inc. since June 2004, both companies being listed on the TSX.

#### **Rowland Perkins** Director

Mr. Perkins has been a director since 1998. He devotes 10% of his time during a typical work week to our business. He currently serves as President of ebackup Inc. an online remote data backup and archival company. He has previously served as Alberta Regional Manager for Securitinet Storage Solutions Inc. (formerly Intellisave Datavaults Inc.) (1999 to 2001), a consulting company that provides backup and archiving of data on personal computers and network servers; Vice-President for Simul Corporation (1997 to 1999), a consulting and training company; and President of Franchise Networks (1994 to 1997), an international franchise consulting organization that assists prospective franchisees find businesses. He has also been a director of the following public companies: Quest Ventures Inc. since January 2005; USA Video Interactive Corp. since January 2005; and a director of Waymar Resources Ltd. since June 2005.

#### Donna M. Moroney Secretary and Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Moroney has been our Corporate Secretary since 1997 and Chief Financial Officer since May 2005. She devotes 25% of her time during a typical work week to our business. Ms. Moroney has been a consultant to public companies assisting with regulatory compliance and administration matters since 1992 and has been an instructor of corporate/securities law for paralegals. Ms. Moroney has been Corporate Secretary of the following reporting companies: Corporate Secretary of International Tower Hill Mines Ltd. since 1998; Landmark Minerals Inc. since

April 2004; Quest Ventures Inc. since December 2004; and Waymar Resources Ltd. since June 2005.

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## **Executive Compensation**

For the fiscal year ending May 31, 2005, we paid an aggregate of \$64,173 in cash compensation to the directors and officers as a group.

The following table sets out compensation information for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2005, May 31, 2004 and May 31, 2003 for our directors and members of our administrative, supervisory or management bodies.

# Name and Principal

Position	<b>Annual Compensation</b>			<b>Long Term Compensation</b>				
					Awards		Payout	ts
					Securities	Restricted Shares		
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				Other	Options/	Or		
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		Salary	Bonus	Annual Compensation	Granted	<b>Share Units</b>	Payouts	All other Compen-sation
	Year	(CDN\$)	(CDN\$)	(CDN\$)	(#)	(CDN\$)	(CDN\$)	(CDN\$)
Anton J.	5/31/05	Nil	Nil	\$64,173 (1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Drescher	5/31/04	Nil	Nil	\$65,115 <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
President	.,,.			+ ,				
	5/31/03	Nil	Nil	\$34,902 (1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Donna Moroney	5/31/05	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
·	5/31/04	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Secretary	# /0.1 /0.0							
(1)	5/31/03	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

These annual payments were for consulting and accounting fees paid to Harbour Pacific Capital Corp.

#### **Board Practices**

Our Board of Directors is elected at the annual general meetings of our shareholders. Each director elected will hold office until the next annual meeting, or until his successor is duly elected or appointed, unless his office is earlier vacated in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

The members of our audit committee are Anton J. Drescher, President and Director; Gerhard Drescher, Director; and Rowland Perkins, Director. A copy of the Audit Committee Charter as adopted is attached as Schedule 99.1 to this Form 20-F.

At their first meeting following each annual general meeting, the directors must elect an audit committee consisting of no fewer than three directors, of whom a majority must not be officers or employees, to hold office until the next annual general meeting.

Before a financial statement that is to be submitted to an annual general meeting is considered by the directors, it must be submitted to the audit committee for review with the auditor, and the report of the audit committee on the financial statements must be submitted to the directors thereafter.

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# **Employees**

We have no employees. We use Harbour Pacific Capital Corp., a management company, wholly owned by Anton J. Drescher, a director and officer, for day to day operations. We do not have a written contract with Harbour Pacific Capital Corp.

# **Share Ownership**

The following table sets out the number of shares held by our directors and members of our administrative, supervisory or management bodies as of October 14, 2005 and percentage of those shares outstanding of that class.

	<b>Number of Common Shares</b>	Percentage of Outstanding Common
Name	Owned	Shares
Anton J. Drescher	6,139,218	68.12%
Gerhard Drescher	Nil	N/A
<b>Rowland Perkins</b>	200	0.02%
Donna Moroney	Nil	N/A
ALL DIRECTORS AND	6,139,418	68.14%
SENIOR OFFICERS AS A		
GROUP (4 persons)		

#### **Options and Other Rights to Purchase Securities**

We are permitted to grant up to 10% of our issued and outstanding shares for issuance to directors, senior officers and key employees and consultants at prices set in accordance with the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange pursuant to our 2004 Stock Option Plan. At our upcoming annual meeting of shareholders, the shareholders are being asked to approve the 2005 Stock Option Plan, which has identical terms to the 2004 Stock Option Plan. Pursuant to the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange, we must seek shareholder approval to our plan at each annual meeting. The proposed 2005 Stock Option Plan is subject to approval by the TSX Venture Exchange. Options are typically exercisable for a period of up to 5 years and terminate within 90 days of the optionee ceasing to be in a qualifying relationship with the company. As of the date of this registration statement, there were no options outstanding; however, we may in the future grant options to key individuals. A copy of the 2005 Stock Option Plan is attached to this Form 20-F as Exhibit 99.2.

## ITEM 7. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

We are not, directly or indirectly, owned or controlled by another corporation or by any foreign government, or by any other natural or legal person.

As of the date of this registration statement, the aggregate number of shares of common stock beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by our directors and senior officers as a group is 6,139,418 common shares, representing 68.14% of our total issued and outstanding common

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shares. *Beneficial ownership* means sole or shared power to vote or direct the voting of the common shares, or the sole or shared power to dispose, or direct a disposition, of the common shares. More than one person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the same securities.

All of our shares, both issued and unissued, are common shares of the same class and rank equally as to dividends, voting powers and participation of powers. Accordingly, there are no special voting powers held by our major shareholders.

# **Major Shareholders**

As of October 14, 2005, to the knowledge of our management, the following is the only person who beneficially owns 5% or more of our issued and outstanding common stock:

			Percentage of
Title of Class of		<b>Amount of Common</b>	<b>Outstanding Common</b>
Security	Name of Stockholder	<b>Shares Owned</b>	Shares
Common Shares	Anton J. Drescher	6,139,218	68.12%

As of October 14, 2005, there were approximately 350 registered and non-registered holders of record of our common shares. 85 registered and non-registered holders of record are resident in the United States.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

Our business is managed by our directors and officers and we have no employment agreements. We currently pay \$5,000 Cdn. per month to a management company, Harbour Pacific Capital Corp., owned by Anton J. Drescher, for management and administrative services.

It is the opinion of management that the terms of these transactions are favourable to us and in our best interest. Management also believes that we could not have obtained, through arms-length negotiations, a more favourable arrangement from an unrelated third party.

With the exception of Anton J. Drescher who holds 6,139,218 common shares in our capital stock representing 68.12% of the outstanding common shares, there are no material interests, direct or indirect, of our directors, senior officers or shareholders who beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 5% of the outstanding Common Shares or any known associate or affiliates of such persons, in any transaction since May 31, 2005 or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or will materially affect us.

Interests of Experts and Counsel		
Not applicable.		

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#### ITEM 8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## **Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information**

See our audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2005 attached hereto.

We are not aware of any current or pending material legal or arbitration proceeding to which we are or are likely to be a party or of which any of our properties are or are likely to be the subject.

We are not aware of any material proceeding in which any director, senior manager or affiliate is either a party adverse to us or our subsidiaries or has a material interest adverse to us.

We have not declared or paid any cash dividends on our capital stock. We do not currently expect to pay cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

## **Significant Changes**

There have been no significant changes since the date of our annual financial statements or since the date of our most recent interim financial statements.

## ITEM 9. THE OFFER AND LISTING

#### **Listing Details**

The following table discloses the annual high and low sales prices in Canadian dollars for our common shares for the five (5) most recent financial years as traded on the TSX Venture Exchange:

Year	High	Low
2005	0.70	0.25
2004	0.70	0.50
2003	1.50	0.60
2002	2.10	0.85
2001	3.10	1.75

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The following table discloses the high and low sales prices in Canadian dollars for our common shares for each quarterly period within the two most recent fiscal years as traded on the TSX Venture Exchange:

<b>Quarter Ended</b>	High	Low
May 31, 2005	0.365	0.25
February 28, 2005	0.415	0.365
November 30, 2004	0.55	0.44
August 31, 2004	0.55	0.70
May 31, 2004	0.70	0.60
February 28, 2004	0.65	0.60
November 30, 2003	0.60	0.50
August 31, 2003	0.55	0.55

The following table discloses the monthly high and low sales prices in Canadian dollars for our common shares for the most recent six months as traded on the TSX Venture Exchange:

Month	High	Low
September 2005	*0.38	*0.22
August 2005	*0.38	*0.22
July 2005	*0.38	*0.25
June 2005	0.35	0.35
May 2005	0.33	0.33
April 2005	0.365	0.25

<sup>\*</sup> No trades - prices listed are bid and ask prices.

The following table discloses the high and low sales prices in US dollars for our common shares for each quarterly period within the two most recent fiscal years as traded on the OTC BB:

<b>Quarter Ended</b>		High		Low
May 31, 2005	0.30		0.298	

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February 28, 2005	0.35	0.35
November 30, 2004	0.36	0.36
August 31, 2004	0.40	0.40
May 31, 2004	0.51	0.30
February 28, 2004	0.595	0.11
November 30, 2003	0.595	0.595

The following table discloses the monthly high and low sales prices in US dollars for our common shares for the most recent six months as traded on the OTC BB:

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Month	High	Low
September 2005	*1.42	*0.18
August 2005	*1.41	*0.18
July 2005	*1.46	*0.18
June 2005	0.29	0.29
May 2005	*1.42	*0.147
April 2005	0.298	0.298

<sup>\*</sup> No trades - prices listed are bid and ask prices.

As of October 14, 2005, there are 9,012,183 shares of our common stock (without par value) issued and outstanding. Our stockholder list as provided by Computershare Investor Services, Inc., our registrar and transfer agent, indicated that the Company had 202 registered stockholders owning its common stock, of which 59 (29%) of these registered stockholders are residents of the United States, owning 815,703 (9.1%) of the shares issued and outstanding.

#### **Markets**

Our common shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the trading symbol *ITH*. There are currently no restrictions on the transferability of these shares under Canadian securities laws. We also trade on the OTC BB under the trading symbol *ITHMF*, and trade on the Berlin Stock Exchange -- Unofficial Regulated Market and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the trading symbol *IW9*.

As a foreign private issuer, we will not be subject to the reporting obligations of the proxy rules of the Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the insider short-swing profit rules of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

#### ITEM 10. <u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>

#### **Share Capital**

Not applicable.

## **Memorandum and Articles of Association**

Our Memorandum and Articles are incorporated by reference to the information in our registration statement on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in Washington, D.C. on February 6, 2001, which became effective April 6, 2001, to which our Memorandum and Articles were filed as exhibits.

On March 29, 2004, the *Company Act* (British Columbia) (the *Corporation Act* ) was replaced by the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the *BCBCA* ). Accordingly, we are now subject to the BCBCA and are no longer governed by the Company Act. There are a number of differences under the BCBCA, which differences are designed to provide greater flexibility and efficiency for British Columbia companies.

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Under the BCBCA, every company incorporated under the Company Act must complete a mandatory transition rollover under the BCBCA to substitute a Notice of Articles for its Memorandum within two years of March 29, 2004. The only information contained in the Notice of Articles is the authorized share structure of the company, the name of the company, the address of the registered and records office of the company, and the names and addresses of the directors of the company. A copy of the Transition Application and Notice of Articles as filed with the Registrar of Companies for British Columbia is attached to this Form 20-F as Exhibit 1.6.

As a pre-existing Corporation under the Corporation Act, we are subject to provisions contained in the BCBCA known as the *Pre-Existing Corporation Provisions*. The Pre-Existing Corporation Provisions are statutory provisions intended to preserve certain provisions of the Company Act to companies incorporated under the Company Act. Under the BCBCA, we have the option to replace the Pre-Existing Corporation Provisions with a new form of Articles to take advantage of the benefits of the BCBCA, provided the shareholders approve the change.

As a public company the only significant provision of the Pre-Existing Corporation Provisions that would apply to us is the requirement under the Company Act that three-quarters of the votes cast at a general meeting must vote in favour of a proposed special resolution in order for the resolution to be passed. Under the BCBCA, the level of approval for special resolutions is reduced to two-thirds of the votes cast at a general meeting, which is consistent with the corporate statutes in other Canadian jurisdictions. Management considers the two-thirds approval threshold to be appropriate for fundamental changes requiring approval by special resolution.

Accordingly, at the annual meeting held on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004, our shareholders approved a special resolution to alter the Notice of Articles to remove the application of the Pre-Existing Corporation Provisions. A copy of the amended Notice of Alteration is attached to this Form 20-F as Exhibit 1.7.

In addition to deleting the Pre-Existing Corporation Provisions, the Board of Directors were also of the view that it would be in our best interest to adopt a new set of Articles (the *New Articles*) to replace our Articles (the *Old Articles*). The New Articles will reflect the flexibility and efficiency permitted under the BCBCA, while maintaining a significant portion of the existing governing provisions. As a result, most of the changes in the New Articles are minor in nature, and are not substantive changes. A copy of the New Articles are attached to this Form 20-F as Exhibit 1.8.

### **Material Contracts**

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Not applicable.	

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### **Exchange Controls**

There are no governmental laws, decrees or regulations in Canada relating to restrictions on the export or import of capital, or affecting the remittance of interest, dividends or other payments to non-resident holders of our common stock. See *Taxation* below.

The *Investment Canada Act* requires a non-Canadian making an investment which would result in the acquisition of control of a Canadian business, the gross value of the assets of which exceed certain threshold levels or the business activity of which is related to Canada s cultural heritage or national identity, to either notify, or file an application for review with, Investment Canada, the federal agency created by the *Investment Canada Act*.

The notification procedure involves a brief statement of information about the investment on a prescribed form, which is required to be filed with Investment Canada by the investor at any time up to 30 days following implementation of the investment. It is intended that investments requiring only notification will proceed without government intervention unless the investment is in a specific type of business activity related to Canada's cultural heritage and national identity.

If an investment is reviewable under the Act, an application for review in the form prescribed is normally required to be filed with Investment Canada prior to the investment taking place and the investment may not be implemented until the review has been completed and the Minister responsible for Investment Canada is satisfied that the investment is likely to be of net benefit to Canada. If the Minister is not satisfied that the investment is likely to be of net benefit to Canada, the non-Canadian must not implement the investment or, if the investment has been implemented, must divest himself of control of the business that is the subject of the investment.

### **Taxation**

The following is a summary of the material anticipated tax consequences of an investment by an investor not resident in Canada, under Canadian tax laws.

The discussion of Canadian federal income considerations is not exhaustive of all possible Canadian federal income tax considerations and does not take into account provincial, territorial or foreign tax considerations. It is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any particular holder of common shares. Prospective

purchasers of our common shares, including non-resident insurers carrying on business in Canada, are advised to consult with their advisors about the income tax consequences to them of an acquisition of common shares. The discussion of Canadian federal income considerations assumes that holders of common shares hold their common shares as capital property, deal at arm's length with us, are not "financial institutions" as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada), and do not use or hold their common shares in, or in the course of, carrying on a business in Canada. The discussion of Canadian federal income considerations is based on the current provisions of the Income Tax Act and the regulations under the Income Tax Act, all proposed amendments to the Income Tax Act and the Income Tax Act regulations announced by the Minister of Finance, Canada, the current administrative and assessing policies of the Canada

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Customs and Revenue Agency, and the provisions of the Canada-U.S. Income Tax Treaty (1980). It has been assumed that any proposed amendments to the *Income Tax Act* and the Income Tax Act regulations will be enacted in substantially their present form.

The anticipated tax consequences may change, and any change may be retroactively effective. If so, this summary may be affected. Further, any variation or difference from the facts or representations recited here, for any reason, might affect the following discussion, perhaps in an adverse manner, and make this summary inapplicable.

### **Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations**

### **Dividends on our Common Shares**

Under the *Income Tax Act*, amounts paid or credited on account or instead of payment of, or in satisfaction of, dividends, including stock dividends, to holders of our common shares that are resident in a country other than Canada will be reduced by withholding tax of 25% of the amount of the dividend. The rate of withholding tax may be reduced in accordance with the terms of a bilateral income tax treaty between Canada and the country in which a holder of common shares is resident.

Under the Canada-U.S. Income Tax Treaty, when the recipient of a dividend on the common shares is the beneficial owner of the dividend, does not have a "permanent establishment" or "fixed base" in Canada, and is considered to be a resident of the United States under the Canada-U.S. Income Tax Treaty, the rate of Canadian withholding tax on the dividends will generally be reduced to 15% of the amount of the dividends or, if the recipient is a corporation which owns at least 10% of our voting stock, to 5% of the amount of the dividends. Dividends paid or credited to a holder that is a United States tax-exempt organization, as described in Article XXI of the Canada-U.S. Income Tax Treaty, will not have to pay the Canadian withholding tax.

### **Disposition of Common Shares**

A holder of common shares will not be required to pay tax for a capital gain on the disposition of a common share unless the common share is "taxable Canadian property" of the holder as defined by the Income Tax Act, and no relief is afforded under the Canada-U.S. Income Tax Treaty. A common share will generally not be taxable Canadian property to a holder provided that the common share is listed on a prescribed stock exchange within the meaning of

the *Income Tax Act* on the date of disposition, and provided the holder, or persons with whom the holder did not deal at arm's length (within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act*), or any combination of these parties, did not own 25% or more of the issued shares of any of our classes or series of shares at any time within five years immediately preceding the date of disposition. Where a common share is taxable Canadian property to a U.S. resident holder, the Canada-U.S. Income Tax Treaty will generally exempt such holder from tax on the disposition of the common share provided its value is not, at the time of the disposition, derived principally from real property situated in Canada. This relief under the Canada-U.S. Income Tax Treaty may not be available to a U.S. resident holder who had a "permanent establishment" or "fixed base" available in Canada during the 12 months immediately preceding the disposition of the

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common share where the common share constitutes business property and where any gain on the disposition of the share is attributable to such permanent establishment or fixed base.

Under the *Income Tax Act*, the disposition of a common share by a holder may occur in a number of circumstances including on a sale or gift of the share or upon the death of the holder. There are no Canadian federal estate or gift taxes on the purchase or ownership of the common shares.

All non-Canadian stockholders who dispose of "taxable Canadian property" are required to file a Canadian tax return reporting their gain or loss on the disposition and, subject to an applicable tax treaty exemption, pay the Canadian federal tax due on the disposition. The purchaser is obligated to withhold 33 1/3% of the gross proceeds on the acquisition of the common shares from a non-Canadian stockholder except to the extent of the certificate limit on a clearance certificate obtained by the stockholder under Section 116 of the *Income Tax Act*.

A Section 116 clearance certificate is required even where the gain is exempt from Canadian income tax under a provision of an income tax treaty with Canada. If the non-Canadian stockholder does not provide a Section 116 clearance certificate to the purchaser, then the purchaser will be required to withhold and remit to the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency 33 1/3% of the proceeds on account of the non-Canadian stockholder's tax obligation, on or before the end of the month following the date of sale. The stockholder may then file a Canadian tax return to obtain a refund of excess withholding tax, if any.

### **Repurchase of Common Shares**

If we repurchase our common shares from a holder of our common shares (other than a purchase of common shares on the open market in a manner in which shares would be purchased by any member of the public in the open market), the amount paid by us that exceeds the "paid-up capital" of the shares purchased will be deemed by the Income Tax Act to be a dividend paid by us to the holder of our common shares. The paid-up capital of our common shares may be less than the holder's cost of its common shares. The tax treatment of any dividend received by a holder of our common shares has been described above under "Dividends on Our Common Shares."

A holder of our common shares will also be considered to have disposed of its common shares purchased by us for proceeds of disposition equal to the amount received or receivable by the holder on the purchase, less the amount of any dividend as described above. As a result, this holder of our common shares will generally realize a capital gain (or

capital loss) equal to the amount by which the proceeds of disposition, net of any costs of disposition and adjusted for any deemed dividends, exceed (or are exceeded by) the adjusted cost base of these shares. The tax treatment of any capital gain or capital loss has been described above under "Disposition of the Company s Common Shares."

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### **U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations**

The following is a summary of the material anticipated U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment by a U.S. citizen or resident ( U.S. Taxpayer ) under U.S. tax laws. The discussion of U.S. federal income tax considerations is not exhaustive of all possible U.S. federal income tax considerations and does not take into account state, local or foreign tax considerations. It is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any particular holder of common shares. Prospective purchasers of our common shares are advised to consult with their advisors about the income tax consequences to them of an acquisition of common shares. The discussion of U.S. federal income tax considerations assumes that the holders of common shares hold their common shares for investment, deal at arms length with us, do not use or hold their common shares in, or in the course of, carrying on a business such as a dealer in securities, and own less than 10% of our shares. The discussion of U.S. federal income tax considerations is based on the current provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ( Code ), the Treasury Department Regulations under the Code, the current administrative pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service, and court decisions which are currently applicable.

The anticipated tax consequences may change, and any change may be retroactively effective. If so, this summary may be affected. Further, any variation or difference from the facts or representations recited here, for any reason, might affect the following discussion, perhaps in an adverse manner, and make this summary inapplicable.

### General Rules of U.S. Taxation

Except as discussed below in the section on passive foreign investment companies, the mere acquisition and holding of our shares is not a U.S. taxable event. Major U.S. taxable events are the receipt of dividends on our shares, the sale or exchange of common shares and the purchase of common shares by us.

### **Dividends**

Dividends paid on common shares to U.S. Taxpayers will be subject to U.S. federal income tax as ordinary income. U.S. Taxpayers can reduce U.S. tax on dividends by claiming a foreign tax credit for Canadian and any other foreign taxes incurred on such dividends. The amount of foreign tax credit allowed is generally the lower of the foreign taxes incurred or the amount of U.S. federal income tax imposed on the dividend. Unused foreign tax credits can be carried back two years and carried forward five years to reduce U.S. tax on similar foreign source income. U.S. taxpayers can forego foreign tax credits on foreign taxes and instead take a deduction for foreign taxes in computing taxable income. For individuals, such a deduction constitutes an itemized deduction.

### **Sell or Exchange of Common Shares to Third Parties**

The sale or exchange of common shares to third parties ( Sale ) produces capital gain income or loss equal to the difference between the proceeds received on Sale and the original purchase cost to the holder of the shares. Capital gain will be classified and taxed in one of three ways

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Sale of stock held for less than a year will produce short-term capital gain that is taxed as ordinary income except to the extent reduced by other capital losses or capital loss carry forwards. Gain from the Sale of shares held more than one year will constitute long-term capital gain, except to the extent reduced by other capital losses and capital loss carryovers. Long-term capital gains are taxed to individuals at a separate 20% tax rate, or for individuals in very low tax brackets, at a special 10% tax rate. Corporations pay tax at ordinary income rates on long-term capital gains. The special long-term capital gain tax rate for individuals is reduced to 18% for shares purchased after January 1, 2001 and held for more than five years, and for similarly situated low bracketed taxpayers the capital gain rate is reduced to 8%. Credits or deductions for foreign taxes incurred on such Sales can be used to reduce U.S. income tax on capital gains in a manner similar to that discussed in the dividend section. Capital losses are generally deductible only against capital gains. Individual U.S. taxpayers may deduct against ordinary income \$3,000 per year of any unused capital losses or capital loss carryovers. An individual may carry forward indefinitely any capital losses not deducted in the year incurred. A corporation may carry back capital losses three years and carry forward capital losses five years. Any corporate capital losses not used during the carry back and carry forward years expires.

### **Repurchase of Common Shares**

If we repurchase the entire shareholdings of a holder of our common shares in a single transaction, the transaction will be taxed as a Sale in the same manner as described above for sales and exchanges to third parties. Complex attribution rules apply in determining whether a transaction involves the entire shareholdings of a holder. If we repurchase less than the entire holdings of a holder of our common shares, complicated rules determine whether or not the transaction will be taxed as a sale or exchange or as a dividend from us. Holders of common shares in these situations should consult their own tax advisors to determine how the transaction should be treated for U.S. tax purposes.

### Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations

It is highly likely that we will be classified as a passive foreign investment company ( *PFIC* ) from time to time for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A non-U.S. corporation is classified as a PFIC whenever it satisfies either the asset test or the income test.

A non-U.S. corporation satisfies the PFIC asset test if 50% or more of the average value of its assets consists of assets that produce, or are held for the production of, passive income. Mineral property held for the production of royalty income is held for the production of passive income. Mineral property held for the active development and extinction of mineral deposits is not held for the production of passive income. Because we have not yet committed to the method of realizing profit from mineral discoveries, application of the asset test is problematic.

A non-U.S. corporation satisfies the PFIC income test if 75% or more of its gross income is passive income. Interest income and gains from the sale of marketable securities generally constitutes passive income. Because the PFIC income test is a gross income test, losses from operations or administrative expenses do not reduce passive income for purposes of the PFIC income test. We have had, in past years, interest income and gain from the sale of marketable

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securities and no other operating income, and may have such situations in the future. Thus, it is highly likely that we will satisfy the gross income test and be classified as a PFIC from time to time in the future for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

U.S. Taxpayers holding shares classified as PFIC stock are subject to one of three special tax regimes with respect to the PFIC stock. Such shareholders can elect to be taxed under either the Market to Market Regime or under the Qualified Electing Fund ( *QEF* ) Regime. Failure to qualify for and elect either of these two regimes results in being taxed under the Excess Distribution Regime.

Under the Excess Distribution Regime, shares are considered PFIC stock in the first year that the Company becomes a PFIC with respect to that particular holder and all subsequent years. Actual distributions from us are classified as regular distributions or excess distributions. An actual distribution is an excess distribution to the extent the total of actual distributions during a taxable year exceeds 125% of the average of actual distributions received in the three preceding years. All gain recognized on the disposition of shares considered PFIC stock are classified as excess distributions. Total excess distributions for any year are allocated ratably over all the days during which the holder held the shares. Amounts allocated to prior years during which we were a PFIC are subject to a special tax calculation consisting of the highest rate of tax for the year to which allocated and an interest charge as if such tax were an underpayment of taxes for the year allocated. This special tax, known as the Deferred Tax Amount, is added to the holder s regular tax liability. All other portions of the excess distributions are added to the regular distributions and taxed as dividend income according to the general rules above. Foreign taxes incurred with respect to an excess distribution are allocated in the same manner as the excess distributions. Foreign taxes allocable to excess distributions used to determine the Deferred Tax Amount can be credited against the Deferred Tax Amount otherwise payable, but any foreign taxes in excess of the Deferred Tax Amount are permanently lost rather than generating foreign tax credit carry forwards. Foreign taxes allocable to the remainder of the excess distributions are subject to the general rules for foreign tax credits discussed above.

A U.S. Taxpayer can avoid the Excess Distribution Regime by electing to be taxed under the QEF Regime in the first year in which we qualify as a PFIC while our shares are held by such holder. We must have agreed to make available to holders the information necessary to determine the inclusions under the QEF rules and to assure compliance in order for the holder to be able to make a QEF election. Under a QEF election, the holder must include in its taxable income its pro rata share of our earnings and profits divided into ordinary income and net capital gain. Actual distributions from us paid out of earnings and profits previously included as income under the QEF election are treated as a tax-free return of capital. Under the QEF election, a holder s basis in the Company stock is increased by any amount included in the holder s income under the QEF rules and decreased by any distributed amount treated as a tax free return of capital. Gains on sales or other dispositions of PFIC stock under the QEF regime are generally taxable as capital gain income under the general rules discussed above.

A holder electing to be taxed under the QEF Regime may make a further election to defer paying taxes due under the QEF Regime until actual distributions are made from the PFIC to the holder. Interest will be charged on such deferred tax liability until the liability is actually paid at the normal rate for underpayments of tax.

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U.S. Taxpayers holding shares can also avoid the Excess Distribution Regime by electing to be taxed under the Market to Market Regime as long as the shares are publicly traded. Under the Market to Market Regime, a holder includes in taxable income an amount equal to the appreciation of the stock for the taxable year. A deduction for losses is allowed equal to the lesser of the loss incurred on the stock in the taxable year or the amount of the unreversed prior inclusions with respect to the same stock. Such gains and losses are treated as ordinary. Basis in shares is adjusted for such income and loss recognitions. Gain and most loss on sale of shares is ordinary rather than capital.

Use of PFIC shares as security for a loan constitutes a disposition of the shares for tax purposes. Holders are advised to consult their own personal tax advisors before entering into such transactions.

### Holders of 10% or More of Company Stock

U.S. Taxpayers holding, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of our stock may be subject to other overlapping special rules of U.S. taxation involving foreign stock that may supplement and/or supercede the PFIC rules. Complex attribution rules exist for determining direct and indirect ownership of shares. Holders of our shares in these situations should consult their own tax advisors about these more complicated situations.

### **Foreign Investment Company Considerations**

It is currently unlikely but possible that we may be classified as a foreign investment company for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A foreign investment company includes any foreign corporation engaged primarily in the business of investing, reinvesting or trading in securities or commodities, including a fractional undivided interest in oil, gas or other mineral rights, at a time when 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote or the total value of all classes of stock are held directly or indirectly by U.S. Taxpayers. It is difficult to predict whether our mineral activities will be mere holding and investing as opposed to actual development activities at a time when, if ever, U.S. Taxpayer holders acquire the requisite percentage ownership of our company. The PFIC rules overlap with, and to a great extent, supercede the foreign investment company U.S. tax rules. Holders should consult their own tax advisors when and if we ever become a foreign investment company to determine how to reconcile the PFIC and foreign investment company rules in determining their own tax situations.

<b>Dividends and Paying Agents</b>	
Not applicable.	
Statement by Experts	
Not applicable.	

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### **Documents on Display**

Data on our mineral properties may be viewed at our office located at #507 - 837 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 3N6.

Material contracts and publicly available corporate records may be viewed at our registered and records office located at 1750 750 West Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 2T8.

We filed a registration statement on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. (Registration No. 000-30084) on February 6, 2001, which became effective April 6, 2001. The Registration Statement contains exhibits and schedules. Any statement in this annual report about any of our contracts or other documents is not necessarily complete. If the contract or document is filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, the contract or document is deemed to modify the description contained in this annual report. The exhibits must be reviewed by themselves for a complete description of the contract or documents.

Our registration statements may be inspected and copied, including exhibits and schedules, and the reports and other information as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 at the public reference facilities maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission at Judiciary Plaza, 450 Fifth Street, Room 1024, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such material may also be obtained from the Public Reference Section of the Securities and Exchange Commission at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. Information may be obtained regarding the Washington D.C. Public Reference Room by calling the Securities and Exchange Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 or by contacting the Securities and Exchange Commission over the Internet at its website at http://www.sec.gov.

### ITEM 11. OUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are a small business issuer as defined in Rule 405 of the *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended, and Rule 12b-2 of the *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended, and therefore need not provide the information requested by this item.

### ITEM 12. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES OTHER THAN EQUITY SECURITIES

Not applicable.
PART II
ITEM 13. DEFAULTS, DIVIDEND ARREARAGES AND DELINQUENCIES
Not applicable.

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# ITEM 14. MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS AND USE OF PROCEEDS

### **Material Modifications to the Rights of Security Holders**

At our annual meeting of shareholders held on October 29th, 2004, our shareholders approved the adoption of new
Articles to replace our old Articles. The new Articles reflect the flexibility and efficiency permitted under the
Business Corporations Act (British Columbia), which replaces the Company Act (British Columbia), while
maintaining a significant portion of the existing governing provisions. As a result, most of the changes in the new
Articles are minor in nature, and are not substantive changes. The following sets forth some relevant changes:

(a)

the requirement under the *Company Act* that three-quarters of the votes cast at a general meeting must vote in favour of a proposed special resolution in order for the resolution to be passed has been reduced to two-thirds of the votes cast at a general meeting, which is consistent with the corporate statutes in other Canadian jurisdictions;

(b)

the directors will be able to approve a change of name without the necessity of obtaining shareholder approval; and

(c)

the requirement for pro rata purchase of shares will be deleted.

### **Use of Proceeds**

Not applicable

### ITEM 15. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Within the 90-day period prior to the filing of this report ("Date of Evaluation"), an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"). Based on such evaluation, the CEO and CFO have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms.

Our disclosure controls and procedures ensure that material information is directed to the appropriate parties in a timely manner and are effective to ensure that such information is reported to our management, and, in particular, provided to our CEO and CFO, in order to allow sufficient time in which to include such information in this report.

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There have been no significant changes in our internal controls or the occurrence of events or other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the Date of Evaluation. There have not been any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

### ITEM 16A. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

Our Board of Directors have determined that we shall have at least one audit committee financial expert (as defined in Item 16A of Form 20-F). Anton J. Drescher is a Certified Management Accountant. Rowland Perkins and Gerhard Drescher have the industry experience necessary to understand and analyze financial statements, as well as the understanding of internal controls and procedures necessary for financial reporting.

### ITEM 16B. CODE OF ETHICS

Audit fees

The Company has not adopted a Code of Ethics at this time. Management does not consider a Code of Ethics necessary due to the small size of its exploration activities and the small number of persons comprising its Board of Directors and management.

#### ITEM 16C. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The following table lists the aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of our annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years.

Year ended	Year Ended	
May 31, 2005	May 31, 2004	
Cdn \$	Cdn \$	
\$6,500.00	\$6,000.00	

Audit related fees	-	-	
Tax fees	762.00	750.00	
All other fees	-	-	
Total:	\$7,262.00	\$6,750.00	

Not applicable.

# ITEM 16D. EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LISTING STANDARDS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEES

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# Item 16E. PURCHASERS OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY THE ISSUER AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS

Not applicable.

### **PART III**

### ITEM 17. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Auditors Report dated July 6, 2005

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Deficit for

the years ended May 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003

Consolidated Balance Sheet at

May 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for

the years ended May 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

for the years ended May 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003

# ITEM 18. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Not applicable.
ITEM 19. EXHIBITS
1.1*
The Articles of Incorporation of the Company dated May 26, 1978
1.2*
The Memorandum of the Company dated May 26, 1978
1.3*
Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Company dated October 23, 1978
1.4*
Amendment to the Memorandum dated June 1, 1998 (Change of name from
Ashnola Mining Company Ltd. to Tower Hill Mines Ltd.)
1.5*
Amendment to the Memorandum dated March 15, 1991 (Change of name
from Tower Hill Mines Ltd. to International Tower Hill Mines Ltd.)
1.6

Transition Application and Notice of Articles dated October 10th, 2005.

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1.7
Notice of Alteration dated October 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2005.
1.8
New form of Articles adopted on October 29th, 2004.
4.1*
Joint Venture Agreement dated January 29, 1999 between the Company and Marum
Resources Inc.
4.2*
Amending Agreement (to the Joint Venture Agreement dated January 29, 1999)
dated December 5, 2000 between the Company and Marum Resources
4.3*
Option Agreement dated October 27, 1987 between the Company and
Patricia Mullin
4.4*
Settlement Agreement dated March 18, 1991 between the Company and

Patricia Mullin

4.5*
Letter of Intent dated November 17, 1987 between the Company and
Brenda Mines Ltd.
8.1**
Subsidiaries of the Company
31.1
Certification of the Chief Executive Officer Pursuant To Rule 13a-14 Or 15d-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2
Certification of the Chief Financial Officer Pursuant To Rule 13a-14 Or 15d-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.1
Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the <i>Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</i>
32.2
Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the <i>Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</i>
*
Incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form 20-F filed on February 6, 2001 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

99.1

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2005 Stock Option Plan.

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99.2

Incorporated by reference from our Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement dated April 11, 2001.

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### **SIGNATURES**

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

### INTERNATIONAL TOWER HILL MINES LTD.

/s/ Anton (Tony) J. Drescher

By:

Anton (Tony) J. Drescher

President

Date: October 14, 2005



**International Tower Hill Mines Ltd.** 

**Consolidated Financial Statements** 

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

May 31, 2005

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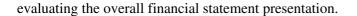
**Auditors' Report** 

To the Shareholders of

**International Tower Hill Mines Ltd.** 

We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of International Tower Hill Mines Ltd. as at May 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 and the consolidated statements of operations and deficit and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Canada and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as



In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the company as at May 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

### Vancouver, Canada

MacKay LLP

July 6, 2005

**Chartered Accountants** 

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Comments by Auditors for U.S. Readers on Canada United States Reporting Differences
In the United States, reporting standards for auditors require the addition of an explanatory paragraph (following the opinion paragraph) when the financial statements are affected by conditions and events that cast substantial doubt on the company s ability to continue as a going concern, such as those described in note 1 to the consolidated financial statements. Our report to the shareholders dated July 6, 2005, is expressed in accordance with Canadian reporting standards which do not permit a reference to such events and conditions in the auditor s report when these are adequately disclosed in the financial statements. Canadian generally accepted accounting principles vary in certain significant respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States would have affected results of operations for each of the years in the three year period ended May 31, 2005 and shareholders—equity as at May 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 to the extensummarized in note 10 to the consolidated financial statements.
Vancouver, Canada
MacKay LLP
July 6, 2005
Chartered Accountants

# **Consolidated Statement of Operations and Deficit**

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

For the year ended May 31,

2005

2004

Expenses			
Management fees (note 8)	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000
Mineral property due diligence	45,286	-	-
Office and miscellaneous	3,151	4,077	3,839
Professional fees (note 8)	16,360	10,615	10,923
Rent	7,200	7,200	7,200
Stock exchange and filing fees	7,504	7,627	5,529
Transfer agent fees	4,455	4,117	4,016
Travel and promotion	1,688	868	3,494
Write off of deferred acquisition			
and exploration expenditures	-	154,345	-
	145,644	248,849	65,001
Other items			
Recovery of exploration expense-permit fees	14,889	-	-
Gain on sale of marketable securities	9,140	-	-
Interest income	132	4,519	7,023
	24,161	4,519	7,023

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Loss for the year	(121,483)	(244,330)	(57,978)
Deficit, beginning of year	(2,419,819)	(2,175,489)	(2,117,511)
Deficit, end of year	\$ (2,541,302)	\$ (2,419,819)	\$ (2,175,489)
Loss per share (note 7)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.01)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	9,012,183	9,012,183	9,012,183

**Consolidated Balance Sheets** 

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

May 31,

<u>2005</u>

<u>2004</u>

<u>2003</u>

A	ssets	

Current						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7,711	\$	111,180	\$	202,712
Marketable securities (note 3)		10,000		37,520		37,520
BC mining exploration tax credit receivable		19,711		6,149		-
Accounts receivable		1,636		5,833		2,648
Drilling advance		-		30,000		-
Prepaid expenses		1,730		1,642		3,014
		40,788		192,324		245,894
Term deposit (note 4a)		2,500		2,500		2,500
Mineral properties (note 4)		1,026,512		969,907		1,098,282
	\$	1,069,800	\$	1,164,731	\$	1,346,676
Liabilities						
Current	ф	15 420	Φ	(0.00(	ф	C 501
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	15,438	\$	68,886	\$	6,501
Due to a director (note 5)		80,000		-		-
		95,438		68,886		6,501
Share Capital and Deficit						

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Share capital (note 6)	3,515,664	ļ	3,515,664	3,515,664
Deficit	(2,541,302)	)	(2,419,819)	(2,175,489)
	974,362	2	1,095,845	1,340,175
	\$ 1,069,800	\$	1,164,731	\$ 1,346,676

Commitments (note 4)

**Approved by the Directors:** 

Anton J. Drescher

Director

<u>Rowland Perkins</u>

Director

#### **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

# For the year ended May 31,

**2005** 

2004

2003

# Cash provided by (used for)

Recovery of mineral acquisition costs

Mineral property exploration costs

**Operating activities** 

Loss for the year	\$ (121,483)	\$ (244,330)	\$ (57,978)
Add item not affecting cash			

Gain on sale of marketable securities	(9,140)	-	-
Write off of deferred exploration expenses	-	154,345	-
	(130,623)	(89,985)	(57,978)
Changes in non-cash items:			
BC mining exploration tax credit receivable	(13,562)	(6,149)	14,670
Accounts receivable	4,197	(3,185)	(1,344)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(53,448)	62,385	(7,932)
Deposit and prepaid expenses	(88)	1,372	(1,753)
Drilling advance	30,000	(30,000)	-
	(163,524)	(65,562)	(54,337)
Financing activity			
Advance from (repayment to) director	80,000	-	(1,500)
Investing activities			
Mineral property acquisition costs	(12,761)	-	(18,300)

25,000

(25,970)

(78,844)

(20,000)

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Proceeds on sale of marketable securities	46,660			-	-		
		(19,945)		(25,970)	(38,300)		
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(103,469)		(91,532)	(94,137)		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		111,180		202,712	296,849		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year Non-cash transactions Investing activity	\$	7,711	\$	111,180	\$ 202,712		
Option payment received in shares	\$	10,000	\$	-	\$ -	,	

**International Tower Hill Mines Ltd.** 

**Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements** 

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

May 31, 2005

1.

#### **Nature of Operations**

The Company is in the business of acquiring, exploring and evaluating mineral properties, and either joint venturing or developing these properties further or disposing of them when the evaluation is completed. At May 31, 2005, the Company was in the exploration stage and had interests in properties in British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec, Canada.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles on a going concern basis, which presume the realization of assets and discharge of liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. The company s ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon achieving profitable operations and upon obtaining additional financing. While the company is expending its best efforts in this regard, the outcome of these matters can not be predicted at this time. These financial statements do not include any adjustments to the amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that might be necessary should the company be unable to continue in business.

The recoverability of amounts shown as mineral properties and deferred exploration costs is dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete their development and future profitable production or disposition thereof.

2.

#### **Significant Accounting Policies**

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by management in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Basis of consolidation**

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of International Tower Hill Mines Ltd. and its wholly owned subsidiary 813034 Alberta Ltd. ( 813034 ), an Alberta corporation.

b)

a)

# Cash equivalents

The Company considers cash equivalents to consist of highly liquid investments with a remaining maturity of three months or less when purchased.

c)

#### Marketable securities

Marketable securities are valued at the lower of cost or market.

d)

#### Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities resulting from foreign currency transactions are translated into Canadian dollars using the year end conversion rates. Acquisition and exploration costs have been translated at the dates of occurrence.

**Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements** 

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May 31, 2005

2.

Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

e)

#### Mineral properties

Mineral properties consist of exploration and mining concessions, options and contracts. Acquisition and leasehold costs and exploration costs are capitalized and deferred until such time as the property is put into production or the properties are disposed of either through sale or abandonment. If put into production, the costs of acquisition and exploration will be written-off over the life of the property, based on estimated economic reserves. Proceeds received from the sale of any interest in a property will first be credited against the carrying value of the property, with any excess included in operations for the period. If a property is abandoned, the property and deferred exploration costs will be written-off to operations in the period of abandonment.

Recorded costs of mineral properties and deferred exploration and development expenditures are not intended to reflect present or future values of resource properties.

Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to mineral properties in which it has an interest, in accordance with industry standards for the current stage of exploration of such properties, these procedures do not guarantee the Company s title. Property title may be subject to unregistered prior agreements and non-compliance with regulatory requirements.

f)

#### **Asset retirement obligation**

The Company has adopted the new standard for asset retirement obligations as set out in the CICA Handbook section 3110. The new standard requires the recognition and measurement of liabilities related to the legal obligation to abandon and reclaim property, plant and equipment upon acquisition, construction, development and/or normal use of the asset. The initial liability must be measured at fair value and subsequently adjusted for the accretion of discount and changes in the fair value. The asset retirement cost is capitalized as part of property and equipment and depleted into earnings over time.

The adoption of this standard at May 31, 2005 had no impact on the financial statements.

g)

# Loss per share

Loss per share amounts have been calculated based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year. The weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year was 9,012,183 (2004 9,012,183; 2003 9,012,183).

The Company uses the treasury stock method of calculating fully diluted per share amounts whereby any proceeds from the exercise of stock options or other dilutive instruments are assumed to be used to purchase common shares at the average market price during the period.

h)

#### **Financial instruments**

All significant financial assets, financial liabilities and equity instruments of the Company are either recognized or disclosed in the financial statements together with other information relevant for making a reasonable assessment of future cash flows, interest rate risk and credit risk. Where practicable, the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities have been determined and disclosed; otherwise, only available information pertinent to fair value has been disclosed.

International Tower Hill Mines Ltd.
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May 31, 2005
2.
Significant Accounting Policies (continued)
i)
Estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those reported.
j)
Income tax
Income taxes are accounted for using the future income tax method. Under this method income taxes are recognized for the estimated income taxes payable for the current year and future income taxes are recognized for temporary differences between the tax and accounting bases of assets and liabilities and for the benefit of losses available to be carried forward for tax purposes that are likely to be realized. Future income taxes assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates expected to apply in the years in which the temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.
k)
Stock based compensation

Effective June 1, 2003, the Company adopted, on a prospective basis, the recommendations of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants with respect to the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of stock-based compensation and other stock based payments. Under this policy the Company has elected to value stock-based compensation granted at the fair value as determined using the Black-Scholes option valuation model.

l)

# Joint venture accounting

Where the Company s exploration and development activities are conducted with others, the accounts reflect only the Company s proportionate interest in such activities.

# 3.

# **Marketable Securities**

	2005	2004	2003
Marum Resources Inc. Ravencrest Resources Inc. (market value \$10,000)	\$ 10,000	\$ 37,520	\$ 37,520
	\$ 10,000	\$ 37,520	\$ 37,520

At May 31, 2005 the Company held 100,000 shares of Ravencrest Resources Inc. acquired as part of the Mining Venture Agreement with Ravencrest Resources Inc. (note 4a) and the Company had disposed of it s 469,000 shares of Marum Resources Inc. for proceeds of \$46,660.

## **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

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# May 31, 2005

4.

# **Mineral Properties**

Accumulated costs in respect of mineral claims owned, leased or under option, consist of the following:

	Siwash			
	Silver	2005	2004	2003
	Leases	Total	Total	Total
Acquisition costs				
Beginning balance	\$ 205,000	\$ 205,000	\$ 258,550	\$ 240,250
Lease costs	12,761	12,761	-	18,300
Recovery of cost	(35,000)	(35,000)	-	-
Write-down	-	-	(53,550)	-
Ending balance	182,761	182,761	205,000	258,550
Deferred exploration				
Beginning balance	764,907	764,907	839,732	819,732
Assay and sampling	3,120	3,120	-	-
Drilling	51,052	51,052	25,734	-
Geological assessment report	17,565	17,565	-	-
Geological and consulting	19,244	19,244	-	-
Misc; survey, field, travel etc	7,574	7,574	6,385	-
Satellite imaging	-	-	-	20,000
Tax credits	(19,711)	(19,711)	(6,149)	-
Write-down	-	-	(100,795)	-
Ending balance	843,751	843,751	764,907	839,732
Total deferred costs	\$ 1,026,512	\$ 1,026,512	\$ 969,907	\$ 1,098,282
a)				

## **Siwash Silver Leases**

i)

On October 27, 1987, the Company was granted an option to acquire a 100% interest in certain mineral claims situated in the Similkameen Mining Division of British Columbia.

The agreement required total consideration of \$160,000 to be paid in annual instalments of \$12,500 all of which have been paid.

On November 17, 1987, the Company paid \$1,000 to Brenda Mines Ltd. (Brenda) to obtain certain information on this property and gave Brenda the option to provide production financing should the property come into production in the future. The Company has granted Brenda an option to acquire a 51% interest in the property for 90 days following a positive production recommendation by an independent consulting firm. Terms of the option include reimbursing all exploration and feasibility study expenditures incurred to that date up to a total of \$2 million and providing all capital required to bring the property into production. In the event that the property generates a positive cash flow, Brenda will retain 80% of profits until all development capital plus interest has been repaid, at which time proceeds will be distributed based on interest in the project.

If the Company decides to sell any or all of its interest in the property to a third party, it must first offer that interest to Brenda on the same terms and Brenda shall have 60 days to advise the Company of its decision.

The Company has pledged a \$2,500 term deposit as reclamation security as required by the Province of British Columbia.

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4.
Mineral Properties (continued)
a)
Siwash Silver Leases (continued)
ii)
On September 18, 1996, the Company acquired a 100% interest in certain mineral claims situated adjacent to the Company's Siwash Silver Leases in the Similkameen Mining Division of British Columbia. The purchase price of the claims was \$15,000 (paid) and upon commencement of production of valuable minerals from the claims, the vendor will receive a royalty of 1% of net smelter returns.
iii)
The Company staked an additional 17 claims in the Similkameen Mining Division of British Columbia, at a cost of \$9,134.
iv)

On March 31, 2005 the Company granted Ravencrest Resources Inc. (Ravencrest), a company related by common directors and officers, the right to acquire a 50% interest in two claim groups (as described in note 4a)iii), the Siwash 4 Mineral Claim, consisting of 16 units, and the Siwash 3 Mineral Claim, consisting of 16 units, located in southeastern British Columbia at Siwash Creek in the Similkameen Mining Division for cash of \$25,000 and issuance of 100,000 common shares of Ravencrest valued at \$.10 cents per share. Ravencrest is also required to carry out an exploration work program recommended by Apex Geoscience Ltd. in the sum of \$112,500 on or before March 31, 2006.

# b) Chinchaga Project

On January 29, 1999, the Company entered a joint venture agreement with Marum Resources Inc. to explore for diamonds in the Chinchaga area of northern Alberta, Canada. The Company must contribute \$300,000 by way of cash or cash equivalents, whereby a maximum contribution of \$100,000 can be made through private placement for shares in Marum Resources Inc. The Company will receive 50% interest in Marum s working interest in the three townships of the Chinchaga area.

The agreement required total consideration of \$300,000 to be paid as follows:

\$ 150,000

before June 30, 1999 for first 25% interest

\$ 150,000 (amended)

before September 30, 2000 for remaining 25% interest

During 1999, the Company exercised its option to purchase the 1,000,000 private placement units of Marum Resources Inc. for \$100,000 and expended \$50,000 for the development of the Chinchaga project. Each private placement unit contains one common share and one non-transferable share purchase warrant to purchase one additional common share at a price of \$0.12 per share, exercisable for a period of two years from the date of payment for the units. During fiscal 2000, the Company exercised the 1,000,000 warrants and purchased 1,000,000 shares of Marum for \$120,000.

During fiscal 2001, the Company and Marum amended the agreement whereby the Company has now earned its 50% interest in the project through the advance of \$270,000 as detailed above. During fiscal 2002, the deferred costs related to the property were written down to a nominal amount, and in fiscal 2004 the balance was written-off.

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4.

Mineral Properties (continued)

c)

#### **Torngat Property**

During November 1999, the Company was granted two (2) exploration permits totalling 108.5 square kilometers in northern Quebec, know as the Torngat property. The Company has commenced aerial exploration and surveying of the kimberlite dike area under an arrangement with four other companies whereby common costs are shared. As part of the permits, the Quebec government has agreed to reimburse 50% of exploration expenditures up to a maximum of \$220,000. During fiscal 2001, the Company received \$26,300 in reimbursement for expenses from the Quebec government. During fiscal 2004, the deferred costs related to the property were written off as no work is currently planned on the property. During fiscal 2005 the Company recovered \$14,889 in permit fees from the Quebec government.

d)

# **Fort Vermillion Property**

During fiscal 2002, the Company applied for and received metallic and industrial mineral permits covering 40 sections of land, 9,216 hectares each, in the Province of Alberta. During fiscal 2004, the deferred costs related to the property were written off as no work is currently planned on the property.

#### 5. Due to a Director

At May 31, 2005 a Director has advanced loans totalling \$80,000 to the Company. These loans are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment, accordingly fair value can not be readily determined.

#### 6. Share Capital

## Authorized:

20,000,000 common shares without par value

	2005	2004	2003		
	Number of Shares	Number of Shares	Number of Shares		
Issued	Amount	Amount		Amount	
Balance, beginning					
and end of year	9,012,183 \$3,515,664	9,012,183 \$3,515,664	9,012,183	\$3,515,664	

7.

## **Loss Per Share**

Fully diluted loss per share in 2005, 2004 and 2003 is the same as basic loss per share as there are no options or warrants outstanding.

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#### 8.

# **Related Party Transactions**

During the year the Company paid \$60,000 (2004 - \$60,000; 2003 - \$30,000) in management fees and \$4,173 (2004 - \$5,115, 2003 - \$4,902) in professional fees to a company controlled by an individual who is a director of the Company.

# 9.

## **Income Taxes**

A reconciliation of income taxes at statutory rates with the reported taxes is as follows:

May 31,	2005	2004	2003
Loss before income taxes	\$ (121,483)	\$ (244,330)	\$ (57,978)
Income tax recovery at statutory rates	\$ (43,272)	\$ (87,030)	\$ (21,811)
Non-deductible items for tax purposes	3,316	155	657
Write-down (recovery) of mineral property expenditures/ due diligence			
	10,827	86,875	21,154
Unrecognized benefit of non-capital loss carryforwards	29,129	-	-
	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _

The significant components of the Company s future income tax assets are as follows:

May 31,	2005	2004	2003
Future income tax assets			
Mineral properties	\$ 584,946	\$ 587,175	\$ 538,160
Cumulative eligible capital	123	123	130
Net capital losses available	878	-	-
Non-capital losses available for future periods	29,129	-	-
	615,076	587,298	538,290
Valuation allowance	(615,076)	(587,298)	(538,290
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

At May 31, 2005 the Company has tax losses of approximately \$82,000 available for carry-forward to reduce future years—income taxes, expiring up to 2015. In addition the Company has available mineral resource related expenditure pools totalling approximately \$2,670,000 which may be deducted against future taxable income on a discretionary basis.

Future tax benefits, which may arise as a result of applying these deductions to taxable income, have not been recognized in these accounts.

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10.

# Differences between Canadian and United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

These consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP in Canada, which differs in certain respects from GAAP in the United States. The material differences between Canadian and United States GAAP, in respect of these financial statements, are as follows:

a)

#### Mineral property exploration and development

Under United States GAAP, all mineral exploration and development property expenditures are expensed in the year incurred in an exploration stage company until there is substantial evidence that a commercial body of minerals has been located. Canadian GAAP allows resource exploration and development property expenditures to be deferred during this process. The effect on the Company s financial statements is summarized below:

	For the years ended						
	<b>May 31,</b> May 31,				1	May 31,	
	<b>2005</b> 2004			2003			
Consolidated statement of							
operations and deficit							
Loss for the year under							
Canadian GAAP	\$	(121,483)	\$	(244,330)	\$	(57,978)	
Write-off of exploration expenses		=		100,795		-	
Mineral property exploration and							
development expenditures, net		(78,844)		(25,970)		(20,000)	
United States GAAP	\$	(200,327)	\$	(169,505)	\$	(77,978)	
Loss per share US GAAP	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.01)	

# Consolidated balance sheet

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Mineral Properties				
Canadian GAAP	\$ 1,026,512	\$	969,907	\$ 1,098,282
Resource property expenditures (cumulative)	(843,751)		(764,907)	(839,732)
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United States GAAP	\$ 182,761	\$	205,000	\$ 258,550
Deficit				
Canadian GAAP	\$ (2,541,302)	\$ (2	2,419,819)	\$ (2,175,489)
Resource property expenditures				
(cumulative)	(843,751)		(764,907)	(839,732)
United States GAAP	\$ (3,385,053)	\$ (.	3,184,726)	\$ (3,015,221)

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**Differences between Canadian and United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ( GAAP )** (continued)

b)

#### Marketable securities

Under United States GAAP, the Company would classify the marketable securities as Securities available for resale. The carrying value on the balance sheet at May 31, 2005 would be \$10,000 (2004 -\$38,927; 2003 - \$37,520) and the unrealized gain (loss) of \$nil (2004 - \$1,407; 2003 - \$nil) would be posted to shareholder s equity as part of comprehensive income.

c)

#### Stock based compensation

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, as amended by SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation (SFAS 148) encourages, but does not require, companies to record compensation cost for stock-based employee compensation plans at fair value. The Company has chosen to account for all stock-based compensation in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 148. Accordingly, compensation cost for stock options granted is measured as the fair value at the date of grant, and there is no difference in these financial statements.

d)

#### Loss per share

Under both Canadian and United States GAAP basic loss per share is calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year.

Under United States GAAP, the weighted average number of common shares outstanding excludes any shares that remain in escrow, but may be earned out based on the Company incurring a certain amount of exploration and development expenditures. The weighted average number of shares outstanding under United States GAAP for the years ended May 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003 was 9,012,183.

e)

#### **Income taxes**

Under United States GAAP, the Company would have initially recorded an income tax asset for the benefit of the resource deduction pools. This asset would have been reduced to \$nil by a valuation allowance. This results in no difference in net income reported between Canadian and United States GAAP.

f)

#### **New accounting pronouncements**

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity" ("SFAS No. 150"). SFAS 150 requires that certain financial instruments issued in the form of shares that are mandatorily redeemable as well as certain other financial instruments be classified as liabilities in the financial statements. SFAS No. 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003.

The adoption of these new pronouncements does not have a material effect on the company s financial position or

results of operations.

