

# GOLDGROUP MINING INC. Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

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#### 1.1 Date

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") relates to the financial condition and results of operations of Goldgroup Mining Inc. ("Goldgroup" or the "Company") together with its subsidiaries as of May 14, 2013, and is intended to supplement and complement the Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2013. Readers are cautioned that this MD&A contains forward-looking statements and that actual events may vary from management's expectations. Goldgroup's public disclosure documents are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. The consolidated financial statements and MD&A are presented in United States ("US") dollars, except where noted, and have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). This discussion addresses matters we consider important for an understanding of our financial condition and results of operations as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

The MD&A contains forward-looking statements and should be read in conjunction with the risks discussed herein and those set out under the heading "Risk Factors" in Goldgroup's revised annual information form dated April 29, 2013 (the "AIF"). Please also refer to the "Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Information" at the end of this MD&A.

Additional information about Goldgroup is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

#### 1.2 Overall Performance and Outlook

#### Outlook

In the first quarter of 2013 Goldgroup underwent a management and company-wide reorganization in order to better position itself in a new and rapidly changing economic and financial climate. The main short-term objective is developing sustainable cash flow while reducing corporate overheads while its flagship property, Caballo Blanco, awaits permits to operate.

The Main Areas of Focus for 2013 Include:

- Cerro Prieto complete the acquisition of the Cerro Prieto Project located in Northern Sonora, Mexico. The Company has not made a production decision and is not in a position to determine when mining may occur at the Cerro Prieto Project and gives no assurances in that regard.
- Cerro Colorado continue to exhaust the Cerro Colorado mine until approximately mid-2013 whereby a planned wind-down is commenced.
- Caballo Blanco continue to work with new authorities of the Federal government that are now in place and improve studies relating to the permit application.
- San José de Gracia continue to defend itself against the without merit claims brought forth by DynaResource, Inc. and DynaResource de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. (collectively "DynaResource") and seek a resolution to the conflict to move forward with the project.

# **Highlights and Developments**

- On January 22, 2013 Goldgroup announced that it has dismissed as totally without merit a lawsuit filed against it and others in Dallas County District Court by DynaResource.
- On January 28, 2013 Goldgroup announced that it had entered into a binding agreement with Oroco Resource Corp. ("Oroco") whereby Goldgroup will acquire a 100% interest in Oroco's Cerro Prieto Project (the "Cerro Prieto Project") in Sonora State, Mexico for an initial cash payment of \$4.5 million, CDN\$1 million private placement of units in Oroco and up to an

additional \$13.5 million in payments made from future gold produced at the Project, subject to receipt of regulatory and Oroco shareholder approval. The project is permitted to mine with both the Environmental Impact Statement permit and the Change of Soil Use Authorization granted.

- On February 5, 2013 Goldgroup announced that it had closed the purchase of 5,000,000 units in Oroco Resource Corp. which was previously announced January 28, 2013. Each unit was purchased at CDN\$0.20 and is comprised of one common share and one non-transferable share purchase warrant, with each warrant exercisable for two years at a price of CDN\$0.25.
- On April 10, 2013, Goldgroup announced that further to the Company's news release on January 28, 2013, it had entered into a formal purchase agreement with Oroco to purchase from Oroco a 100% interest in the Cerro Prieto Project. The closing of the transaction is subject to approval by the shareholders of Oroco and the TSX Venture Exchange as well as standard closing conditions. Oroco will be seeking shareholder approval of the transaction at its general meeting of Oroco's shareholders which is expected to be held on June 21, 2013.
- Gold production at Cerro Colorado for the first quarter of 2013 increased to 5,254 ounces compared to production of 3,875 ounces in the fourth quarter in 2012. The cash cost decreased from \$1,835 in the fourth quarter of 2012 to \$1,263 in the first quarter of 2013. The largest factor to increased production was a higher average ore grade of 0.55g/t in the first quarter of 2013 period compared to 0.49g/t in the fourth quarter of 2012. In addition, the recovery rate increased to 67% in the first quarter of 2013 compared to 55% in the fourth quarter of 2012. The cause for improved recoveries was that the cyanide levels went back to normal levels which resulted in there no longer being an issue with increased copper being released into the system.

# 1.2.1 Company Overview

Goldgroup is a Canadian-based gold production, development, and exploration Company with a portfolio of projects in Mexico, including its 100%-owned advanced stage gold development project Caballo Blanco in the state of Veracruz, and a 50% interest in DynaResource de Mexico, SA de C.V., which owns 100% of the high grade gold exploration project San José de Gracia located in the state of Sinaloa. The Company also operates its 100%-owned Cerro Colorado gold mine in the state of Sonora.

The Company is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "GGA" and on the Over-The-Counter ("OTC") market under the symbol "GGAZF".

As of June 20, 2012 the Company is listed on the Bolsa Mexicana de Valores S.A.B de C.V., also known as "SIC", under the symbol GGAN.MX.

The profitability and operating cash flow of the Company are affected by various factors, including the amount of gold produced and sold, the market price of gold, operating costs, interest rates, regulatory and environmental compliance, general and administrative costs, the level of exploration and development expenditures, decommissioning and restoration provisions and other discretionary costs. Goldgroup is also exposed to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates that can materially impact profitability and cash flow. To date, all of the Company's projects are located in Mexico and are subject to foreign investment risk, including increases in various levels of taxation and royalties, renegotiation of contracts, fuel cost changes, profit sharing law changes, property title risk and political uncertainty. While Goldgroup seeks to manage the level of risk associated with its business, many of the factors affecting these risks are beyond the Company's control.

The Company will need to raise additional funds over and above amounts raised to date to construct and commission the Caballo Blanco mine, as well as to complete the acquisition, exploration and development of its other property interests. There can be no assurance that additional capital or other types of financing will be available to the Company if needed or that, if available, the terms of such financing will be on terms favourable to the Company. The Company has not made a production decision for the Caballo Blanco Project and no assurances can be given as to when production may commence.

# 1.2.2 Caballo Blanco Project

Goldgroup owns 100% of the Caballo Blanco gold project which consists of a series of oxidized gold zones located in the State of Veracruz in eastern Mexico. The property consists of 14 mineral concessions covering an area of 54,732 hectares. Two large areas of epithermal gold mineralization have been discovered within the Caballo Blanco property, referred to as the Northern Zone, where the La Paila Zone is situated, and the Highway Zone. Both zones are prominent high-sulphidation, epithermal gold prospects that occur within extensive areas of clay and silica alteration. The gold is fine and occurs within a vuggy, massive and brecciated silica alteration of an original andesite host rock in the upper levels of the surrounding epithermal system.

The principal known gold zone at Caballo Blanco is the La Paila Zone, which is located on the northern portion of a large 'magnetic high' ring structure that measures approximately three kilometres in diameter. At least four other large induced polarization (IP) anomalies occur in the Northern Zone, with similar geophysical signatures to La Paila, have been identified along the inner flanks of this magnetic feature.

The total NSR royalty payable upon production of the Caballo Blanco project is 1.9%.

Goldgroup continues to advance the Caballo Blanco project in areas such as necessary land and surface rights acquisitions, permitting, engineering studies and geological studies. The commencement of construction of Caballo Blanco is contingent on the foregoing and there can be no assurance that surface rights agreements, permits or studies will be obtained or completed as required, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and operations. The Company has not made a production decision and no assurances can be given as to when production may commence.

Underground tunnelling on the La Paila Zone was completed to sufficiently conclude the project's bulk sampling program. The tunnel advanced a total of 266 metres in the main drift and western crosscut, of which 224 metres is in mineralized vuggy, massive and brecciated silica rock. The main tunnel and west crosscut at the La Paila Zone were driven to collect bulk-sample material for metallurgical test work. The tunnelling also provided direct access to the mineralized zone allowing the Company to enhance its understanding of the geological and geotechnical characteristics of the mineralization within the La Paila Zone.

#### Status of Project

Goldgroup has substantially reduced spending on this project until it can obtain the necessary permits and land required to develop the project.

#### Highlights of PEA

Readers are cautioned that the preliminary economic assessment is preliminary in nature and includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves, and there is no certainty that the preliminary economic assessment will be realized. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

Goldgroup released an updated technical report on the Caballo Blanco gold project effective February 7, 2012. Based on a 0.2 g/t Au cut-off grade, the Company's indicated mineral resource estimate at the La Paila Zone grew by 314% compared to the prior technical report (dated March 22, 2010), from 139,000 to 575,000 ounces of gold (28.9 million tonnes grading 0.62 g/t Au). The inferred mineral resource estimate summed to 419,000 ounces of gold (24.0 million tonnes grading 0.54 g/t Au). The updated technical report also added silver mineral resources to the mineral resource estimate at Caballo Blanco, including 2,150,000 ounces of silver indicated mineral resources (28.9 million tonnes grading 2.32 g/t Ag) and 1,930,000 ounces of silver inferred mineral resources (24.0 million tonnes grading 2.5 g/t Ag). These mineral resources were estimated using the initial 33 diamond drill holes completed by the previous owners of the project and an additional 112 diamond drill holes completed by Goldgroup during its 2010 and 2011 drill campaign for a total of 145 holes used to estimate the updated resource. All resources are hosted within fully oxidized material.

On April 12, 2012, the Company announced the results of the preliminary economic assessment performed on the Caballo Blanco Project, as set out in the technical report titled "Preliminary Economic Assessment Caballo Blanco Gold Heap Leach, Veracruz, Mexico" dated May 7, 2012, with a base case of US\$1,500 per ounce of gold and US\$30 per ounce of silver, the Caballo Blanco Project is expected to generate a 66.4% pre-tax internal rate of return, a US\$283.8 million pre-tax net present value at a 5% discount rate, 20,000 tonnes per day at full production and annual production of 95,000 ounces of gold for years two to seven, for total production of 687,000 ounces of gold and 1.3 million ounces of silver for the expected life-of-mine of 7.5 years. The total cash operating cost is estimated to be US\$784 per ounce of gold with initial capital costs estimated at US\$84.8 million, plus an additional US\$53.5 million of sustaining capital costs over the LOM. The Company anticipates a pre-production period of approximately one year, which includes nine months of construction and three months of pre-production ramp up. The Company has not made a production decision and no assurances can be given as to when production may commence.

The full PEA study was filed on SEDAR and on the Company's website on May 10, 2012 and supersedes the disclosure in the February 7, 2012 technical report. The PEA was based on contract-mining, incorporating an open-pit mine and a 20,000 tonne per day heap-leach processing facility. Utilizing the Whittle optimization model, economic pit optimization was run using a US\$1,150 per ounce of gold. The PEA was completed and compiled by KD Engineering (the "Engineer") of Tucson, Arizona, with contributions by SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc., and MWH Americas, Inc. The PEA was based on indicated and inferred mineral resources using the mineral resource estimate dated February 7, 2012 prepared by Jim Cuttle, P. Geo., and Gary Giroux, P. Eng., of Giroux Consultants Ltd., each of which is an independent Qualified Person under NI 43-101 standards.

Readers are cautioned that mineral resource estimates do not account for mineability, selectivity, mining loss and dilution. There is also no certainty that the inferred mineral resources will be converted to measured and indicated categories through further drilling, or into mineral reserves, once economic considerations are applied.

#### Recommendations of the PEA

Goldgroup is addressing the recommendations identified in the PEA with a view of eliminating assumptions and providing substantive data to advance the project to production, in addition to determining methods to improve expected operating costs and reduce CAPEX costs. The Company has not made a production decision and no assurances can be given as to when production may commence. The following areas will be further investigated by Goldgroup:

- Electrical connection to the main power grid that traverses the property. Goldgroup is currently
  completing a trade-off study with DNA Mining of Chihuahua Mexico in order to determine the
  optimal connection to the Laguna Verde Nuclear Facility.
- Evaluating the installation of conveyors in later years to convey ore from mine site to heap leach pad and stacking of ore by conveyor versus trucks
- Crushing parameters for the different ore types to optimize recovery and cash flows

Goldgroup intends to complete additional engineering investigations in the following areas:

- Water balance refinement by continuing to gather onsite precipitation data
- Determination of the heap hydraulic properties
- Geotechnical assessment of plant site and pit slope stability for mine design purposes
- Metallurgical testing to investigate and quantify but not limited to:
  - Variations in gold recovery according to the host rock lithology (vuggy silica, brecciated and massive silica) using the existing drill hole data
  - o Metallurgical testing to determine gold recovery from the different host lithologies
  - Metallurgical testing to establish the optimum particle size for leaching each of the various ore types
- Crushing and abrasion indices
- Detailed mine plan
- Trade-off options to improve the overall economics of the project.

Goldgroup will develop an overall project execution plan to address engineering, procurement, contracting, construction and management of construction, construction progress measurement, mine development, commissioning and ramp-up, as well as a detailed project schedule which will identify critical path items in engineering, procurement and construction as it approaches construction of the property.

#### **Permitting**

The Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIS")was presented to the federal environmental regulatory agency in Mexico, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recurso Naturales ("SEMARNAT"), on December 15, 2011. On March 13, 2012, the Company received comments on the EIS application from SEMARNAT. The comments requested more information on risk mitigation, along with environmental protection and rehabilitation, of several aspects of the proposed mining operations. On June 11, 2012 Goldgroup submitted responses to the comments received from SEMARNAT on March 13, 2012, regarding the EIS. The responses are standard procedure in the environmental permitting process and are intended to clarify certain aspects of Goldgroup's permit application, as well as facilitate SEMARNAT's review of the EIS. On September 14, 2012, the Company deferred the evaluation of the EIS for Caballo Blanco, as Mexico was undergoing a change in Federal government and the Company recognized the importance of working with the transitioning team and new authorities to integrate their requirements for the development of the project. The environmental permitting process is governed by Mexican federal law and regulations.

Goldgroup is working on three environmental studies that have been brought forth through the EIS permitting process which includes:

- Incorporating changes that arose at Caballo Blanco as a result of the PEA, including a haulage tunnel, connection to the electrical grid and modification to the pit outline, waste dump and leach pad.
- Providing additional information on the management of Cycads, which are an endangered species in the area. The Company is working on strategic plans to ensure the transplant and survival of cycads, as well as an environmental management plan to increase the cycad population.
- Completing additional studies on the Actopan watershed to confirm a sufficient water resource to support the project.

The Change in Soil Use Permit, also known as the Estudio Técnico Justificativo para Cambio de Uso de Suelo ("ETJ"), was submitted to SEMARANT on December 16, 2011. The ETJ permit was returned to Goldgroup and it included comments from SEMARNAT requesting further details as follows:

- Rescue programs for protected flora species
- Environmental mitigation measures for the project and how Goldgroup will measure its success
- Ecosystems affected by the use of environmental services (water, soil, air, etc.) required for the project
- Economic and social benefits of the project

Goldgroup is currently working with the relevant Federal, State and local authorities to address these environmental comments and expects to reactivate the EIS and ETJ submissions. When the enhanced ETJ and EIS applications are submitted Goldgroup will also include all information on additional land which has been acquired since the time of the initial filing of the ETJ application.

Based on initial results from the PEA, management estimates that the Caballo Blanco project will require a combined period of twelve months for detailed engineering and construction time from the date of anticipated approval of the EIS, ETJ and related permits.

The local municipal authority has alleged that underground workings at the Caballo Blanco site have encroached on a neighbouring surface property and could potentially cause harm to the landowners. Goldgroup retained surveyors who confirmed that no such encroachment occurred and that no such danger exists. Until this encroachment issue is resolved, the municipal authority has restricted access to certain areas of the Caballo Blanco property as a result of the alleged encroachment. The Company has applied to the Mexican courts for formal restoration of access to the Caballo Blanco site. The courts are currently in the process of rendering a judgement and issuing notifications to the parties involved.

#### 1.2.3 San José de Gracia Project

On March 14, 2011, the Company completed the requirements for its earn-in/option agreement with DynaResource de Mexico S.A. de C.V. ("DynaMexico") for a 50% equity interest in DynaMexico by reaching the expenditure funding requirement of \$18,000,000. DynaMexico owns 100% of the San José de Gracia gold project.

San José de Gracia is located in the northeast portion of Sinaloa State, Mexico, approximately 120 kilometres northeast of the coastal city of Los Mochis, straddling the Chihuahua border. The property consists of 34 mineral concessions covering approximately 69,000 hectares with no outstanding royalty or other applicable interests.

Management has had numerous discussions with DynaResource, Inc. ("DynaUSA"), owners of the remaining 50% shareholding of DynaMexico, to determine how to proceed with this project. The Company continues to assess available alternatives for the future development of the San José de Gracia project. Until such time as a development strategy and financial plan for the San José de Gracia project can be agreed to with DynaUSA, Goldgroup's financial support to fund further exploration and development activities has been placed on hold. Development activities will be limited and the costs of maintaining the project are expected to be nominal.

On January 22, 2013 Goldgroup announced that it has dismissed as totally without merit a lawsuit filed against it and others in Dallas County District Court by DynaResource, Inc. and DynaResource de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. (collectively "DynaResource").

DynaResource alleges, among other things, that Goldgroup has wrongfully used and disseminated confidential information and data belonging to DynaResource, and materially misrepresented Goldgroup's ownership interest in the San José de Gracia Project. Goldgroup owns a 50% interest in DynaMexico, which owns 100% of the San José de Gracia Project. Goldgroup has properly disclosed its interest in the San José de Gracia Project, has not materially misrepresented it, and has not improperly used any DynaResource confidential information. Goldgroup denies all such allegations by DynaResource, has moved to dismiss the lawsuit, and intends to vigorously defend itself and its interests.

# Status of Project

The most recent diamond drilling program was completed during the second quarter of 2011 with results very much in line with the previous grades and widths. The San Pablo shoot showed positive results and has been delineated to a configuration approximately 550 metres down plunge, 170 metres along strike with a true width averaging approximately five metres. The Tres Amigos shoot is approximately 800 metres along strike on the same structure to the northeast and is currently open down plunge and showing larger dimensions than San Pablo. Two other shoots at Purisima and La Union show positive results and are open in several directions.

The Company released an updated technical report on the San José de Gracia project dated effective September 5, 2011, which was prepared by Jim Cuttle, P.Geo. and Gary Giroux, P.Eng of Giroux Consultants Ltd., each an independent qualified person under NI 43-101 standards. The technical report significantly increased the Company's mineral resource estimate at San José de Gracia, establishing indicated mineral resources at the Tres Amigos vein of 147,000 ounces of gold, and growing inferred mineral resources at all four veins from 618,000 to 963,000 ounces of gold, representing an increase of

56%. The previous technical report dated February 28, 2011, estimated solely inferred mineral resources.

On February 15, 2012, DynaUSA announced that it had received the results of a different mineral resource estimate for the San José de Gracia project (the "DynaUSA Estimate"). The DynaUSA Estimate included aggregate indicated mineral resources at Tres Amigos of 892,534 tonnes, with an average grade of 4.46 g/t, totaling 127,921 oz/Au, and at San Pablo of 1,307,509 tonnes, with an average grade of 6.52 g/t, totaling 274,171 oz/Au, and aggregate inferred mineral resources of 3,953,143 tonnes, with an average grade of 5.83 g/t, totaling 740,911 oz/Au. The DynaUSA Estimate includes a higher volume of indicated mineral resources as compared to the mineral resources estimate contained in the technical report released by Goldgroup due to the use of different qualified persons and their corresponding assumptions and parameters. The February 15, 2012 news release issued by DynaUSA and the NI 43-101 Technical Report filed on March 28, 2012 by DynaUSA can be found on SEDAR.

The current mineral resource estimate is expected to be used to support a future preliminary economic assessment for development of the project.

The Company continues to provide funding to maintain the concessions in good standing.

#### 1.2.4 Cerro Colorado (Operating Mine)

The Company owns a 100% interest in the Cerro Colorado mine, located in northern Sonora, Mexico. The property consists of seven mineral concessions covering the area of the mine and seven concessions in the immediate vicinity of the mine totalling 12,753 hectares. Gold is produced in doré in Mexico and then shipped to a refiner in the United States for final refining prior to sale. The project is subject to a NSR royalty of 3%. As of March 31, 2013, the remaining life of the in-pit resource at Cerro Colorado mine is currently estimated by Goldgroup to be approximately three months. Goldgroup expects that the heap leach operation will continue to produce gold for an extended period of time beyond the life of mining operations.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, an impairment charge totalling \$1,576,221 (2011 - \$8,600,000) was recorded against the Cerro Colorado mine. The impairment was charged against the carrying value of the mine for 1,576,222 (2011 - \$4,650,000) and plant and equipment for \$nil (2011 - \$3,950,000).

On May 16, 2012 the Company released an updated technical report on the Cerro Colorado mine. The technical report outlined the Company's mineral resource estimate, establishing measured resources of 14,000 ounces of gold, indicated resources of 30,000 ounces of gold and inferred resources of 56,000 ounces of gold using a cut-off grade of 0.20 g/t Au. The Technical Report was prepared for the Company by Marc Simpson, P.Geo., the Company's qualified person under National Instrument 43-101 with the mineral resource estimate prepared by Gary H. Giroux, P.Eng., MASc., of Giroux Consultants Ltd., an independent qualified person under National Instrument 43-101. The Whittle Shell was prepared by Fernando Rodrigues BSc, MBA, MAusIMM, MMSAQP of SRK Consulting, an independent qualified person under National Instrument 43-101.

# Status of Operations and Outlook

At the Cerro Colorado gold mine, the Company produced 5,254 ounces of gold during the three months ended March 31, 2013 (2012 - 5,741 ounces).

In 2013, the Company will focus its efforts at the mining operations by:

- Continuing to look for nearby mining opportunities for near term production to utilise the fixed cost, personnel and facilities at the Cerro Colorado mine.
- Maximizing profitability of the mine until a planned wind-down of operations is commenced.

# **1.3** Selected Quarterly Information

#### Three months ended March 31, 2013 versus 2012

(Unaudited - Expressed in 000's)	Three months ended March 31,		
	2013	2012	
Metal sales	\$7,942	\$9,603	
Cost of sales <sup>(a)</sup>	6,202	6,975	
Depreciation and depletion	551	572	
Gross profit	1,189	2,056	
Other expenses (income):			
Administrative expenses	1,383	1,657	
Share of equity loss in DynaMexico	13	43	
Write-off of equipment	41	-	
Other expenses (income)	167	(857)	
	1,604	843	
Loss before income taxes	(415)	(1,213)	
Provision for income taxes:			
Current	463	466	
Future	110	404	
Net loss for the period	\$(988)	\$343	
Mark-to-market loss on available-for-sale securities	295	-	
Total Comprehensive (loss) income for the period	\$(1,283)	\$343	
Loss per share – basic and diluted	\$(0.01)	\$0.00	

<sup>(</sup>a) Cost of sales excludes depreciation and depletion

# Three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to three months ended March 31, 2012

- Gold sales during the first quarter of 2013 were 4,791 ounces at an average gold price of \$1,626 per ounce compared to 5,663 ounces at an average gold price of \$1,685 per ounce during the same period of 2012. During the first quarter of 2013, the Cerro Colorado gold mine produced 5,254 ounces of gold compared to 5,741 during the same period of 2012.
- Cost of sales of \$6,201,979 represented cash operating costs at the Cerro Colorado gold mine for the
  first quarter of 2013 or \$1,263 per ounce of gold sold, compared to cash operating costs of
  \$6,975,477 for the same period in 2012 or \$1,221 per ounce of gold sold. The cash cost per ounce
  increased slightly during the first quarter of 2013 as a result of less tonnes of ore being placed on
  the pad offset by a lesser strip ratio.

- Depreciation and depletion of \$550,761 during the three months ended March 31, 2013 resulted primarily from the depreciation on the Cerro Colorado mine and plant and equipment compared to \$571,971 during the same period of 2011. The depletion expense is calculated on a unit-ofproduction basis.
- Administrative expenses were \$1,382,983 for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 compared to \$1,656,569 during the first quarter of 2012. There was a decrease in the 2013 period as a result of less activity and the cost reductions that have been implemented in late 2012 and early 2013. The administrative costs are primarily comprised of accounting and legal costs, investor relations expenses, salaries and consulting fees and share-based compensation for the recognition of part of the fair value of options granted during 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- Write-off of fixed assets were \$41,294 for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 compared to \$nil
  during the first quarter of 2012. The write-off in the 2013 period relates to leasehold improvements
  and furniture that was written off when the Company terminated its previous head office lease and
  moved locations.
- Other expenses (income) were \$166,903 for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 compared to \$(857,323) during the same period in 2012. The 2013 and 2012 balances relates to exploration at Cerro Colorado and project generation offset by a foreign exchange gain and gain on warrants during the quarter.
- Income tax expense of \$463,410 was recorded in the first quarter of 2013 compared to \$466,299 during the same period of 2012. The expense for the first quarter of 2013 and 2012 relates to profits at Cerro Colorado. Deferred income tax expense of \$110,000 was recorded during the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to \$404,320 during the same period of 2012.

# 1.4 Planned Exploration and Development Expenditures

As of May 14, 2013, Goldgroup has cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$5,000,000. The Company is debt-free and unhedged. The Company currently intends to spend the majority of these funds on the Cerro Prieto project upon closing of the transaction and also the Caballo Blanco project in 2013 as follows:

Caballo Blanco Project	
Administration, consulting and legal	\$ 250
Technical reports, Environmental Impact Statement, permitting	50

# **Cerro Prieto Project (upon closing of transaction)**

• Acquisition cost \$4,500

The Company is evaluating current funding alternatives for the Cerro Prieto Project. The Company anticipates this to be completed upon closing of the Cerro Prieto acquisition.

#### 1.5 Gold Market

The price of gold is the largest single factor in determining profitability and cash flow from operations, therefore the financial performance of the Company is expected to be closely linked to the price of gold. The average market price of gold during the three months ended March 31, 2013 was \$1,632 per ounce. London P.M. fixings of the gold price during the three month period ranged from a low of \$1,574 per ounce on March 6, 2013 to a high of \$1,694 per ounce on January 2, 2013. These prices compare with an average market price of \$1,691 per ounce during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and an average market price of \$1,387 per ounce during the three months ended March 31, 2011. Prices for the three months ended March 31, 2012 ranged from a low of \$1,598 per ounce on January 3, 2012 to a high of \$1,781 per ounce on February 28, 2012.

The Company realized an average price of \$1,626 per ounce on its sales of gold during the first quarter of 2013 compared to an average realized price of \$1,685 and \$1,387 for the same periods in 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Gold prices continue to be supported by positive market fundamentals. Additionally, gold's appeal as a hedge against inflation and the United States dollar has continued to underpin historically high prices. Due to these factors, the Company expects gold prices to remain well supported in the near term in the midst of a high degree of market volatility.

# 1.6 Results of Mining Operations

# Three months ended March 31, 2013 versus 2012 Cerro Colorado Gold Mine (100% ownership)

Operating Statistics	Three months ended March 31,		
(Unaudited)	2013	2012	
Ore mined – placed on leach pad (tonnes)	448,474	476,490	
Waste mined (tonnes)	1,412,399	1,756,563	
Total mined (tonnes)	1,860,873	2,233,053	
Waste-to-ore-ratio	3.15	3.69	
Recovery	67%	66%	
Grade (g/t Au)	0.55	0.56	
Gold ounces mined	7,845	8,697	
Gold ounces – produced	5,254	5,741	
Gold ounces – sold	4,791	5,663	
Operating Financial Data			
(Unaudited - Expressed in 000's)			
Metal Sales	\$7,942	\$9,603	
Cost of sales <sup>(a)</sup>	\$6,202	\$6,975	
Depreciation and depletion	\$551	\$572	
Gross profit	\$1,189	\$2,056	
Net (loss) earnings	\$(988)	\$343	
Mark-to-market loss on available-for-sale securities	\$295	-	
Total Comprehensive (loss) income for the period	\$(1,283)	\$343	
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$(0.01)	\$0.00	
Average realized gold price per ounce sold	\$1,626	\$1,685	
Cash cost per ounce sold	\$1,263	\$1,221	
Exploration – Cerro Colorado	\$69	\$281	
Plant and equipment expenditures at Cerro Colorado	<b>\$</b> -	\$112	

<sup>(</sup>a) Cost of sales excludes depreciation and depletion.

# Three months ended March 31, 2013 versus 2012

- Tonnes mined for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 decreased 17% over the same 2012 period, primarily due to less waste being required to be moved during the 2012 period.
- Production for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 decreased by 9% over the same 2012 period, primarily as a result less ore being placed on the pad.
- Operating cash costs for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 were \$6,201,979 or \$1,263 per ounce of gold sold including silver by-product credits of \$31 per ounce, compared to \$6,975,477 or \$1,221 per ounce of gold sold for same period in 2012, before silver by-product credits of \$11 per ounce.

This represents an increase of \$42 per ounce over the first quarter of 2012. The cost per ounce increased during the first quarter of 2013 primarily as a result of less ore being placed on the pad during the first quarter of 2013 and increased cyanide consumption.

• Exploration costs at Cerro Colorado for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 were \$69,047 compared to \$281,309 during the same period in 2012. The decrease in the 2013 period is a result of less exploration work being done as the Cerro Colorado mine is nearing the end of its mineable life.

# 1.7 Summary of Quarterly Results

The following selected financial information is derived from financial statements of the Company. The information has been prepared by management in accordance with IFRS and is stated in thousands of US dollars, expect per share amounts.

(Unaudited)	2013	2012			2011			
	31-Mar	31-Dec	30-Sep	30-Jun	31-Mar	31-Dec	30-Sep	30-Jun
Revenue	7,942	6,724	6,975	10,172	9,603	6,871	8,052	9,824
Income (loss) from mine operations	1,189	(1,996)	(1,333)	2,407	2,056	404	2,078	2,054
Total comprehensive (loss) income	(1,283)	(6,630)	(2,935)	(786)	343	(10,455)	(4,469)	19
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share	(0.01)	(0.05)	(0.02)	(0.01)	0.00	(0.09)	(0.04)	0.00
Cash and cash equivalents	5,709	8,488	12,456	14,271	19,415	23,313	35,802	40,846
Total assets	103,077	104,323	109,408	112,748	111,256	109,254	108,342	108,744
Non-current financial liabilities	33	90	202	261	1,162	1,472	1,841	2,456
Cash dividend declared	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)

# 1.8 Liquidity

Goldgroup's cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$2,778,072 during the three months ended March 31, 2013 as compared to a decrease in 2012 of \$3,897,886 in the 2012 period. As at March 31, 2013, the ending cash and cash equivalents balance was \$5,709,486 (December 31, 2012 - \$8,487,558).

#### **Working capital**

As at March 31, 2013, the Company had working capital of \$13,096,111 compared to working capital of \$14,429,509 as at December 31, 2012.

A summary of the Company's cash position and changes in cash and cash equivalents for three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 are provided below:

(Unaudited - Expressed in 000's)	Three months ended March 31,		
	2013	2012	
Cash generated (consumed) by operating activities – gross	\$ (202)	\$ 1,387	
Changes in non-cash operating working capital	(1,144)	(296)	
Cash generated (consumed) by operating activities - net	(1,346)	1,089	
Cash used in investing activities	(1,433)	(4,993)	
Cash provided by financing activities	-	6	
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2,779)	(3,898)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	8,488	23,313	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 5,709	\$ 19,415	

#### Three months ended March 31, 2013 versus March 31, 2012

#### **Operating Activities**

Cash (consumed) generated by operating activities before changes in non-cash operating working capital during the three months ended March 31, 2013 was \$(201,584) compared to \$1,387,097 during the same period of 2012. The operating cash flow decreased in the quarter ended March 31, 2013 compared to the same period of 2012 primarily as a result of less operating profit at the Cerro Colorado operating mine during the period.

# **Investing Activities**

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company invested cash of \$1,432,568 compared to \$4,992,755 in the same period of 2012. During the 2013 period, the Company spent \$9,694 on plant and equipment, \$325,284 on exploration and evaluation properties, \$120,000 on DynaMexico and \$977,390 on an investment in Oroco. Exploration and evaluation property expenditures were incurred on the Caballo Blanco gold project and Cerro Prieto. The \$120,000 paid for DynaMexico was for concession fees. The investment in Oroco was in relation to the CDN\$1 million private placement of units in Oroco as part of the proposed acquisition for the Cerro Prieto project.

# **Financing Activities**

During the three months ended December 31, 2012, cash flow generated by financing activities was \$nil compared to \$5,843 in the same period in 2012.

#### **Liquidity Outlook**

Goldgroup had cash and cash equivalents of \$5,709,486 available at March 31, 2013, a decrease of \$2,778,072 from the balance at December 31, 2012 of \$8,487,558, while working capital decreased by \$1,333,398 to \$13,096,111 at March 31, 2013 from \$14,429,509 at December 31, 2012.

As at March 31, 20113, the Mexican Value-Added-Tax ("VAT") balance was \$3.8 million (December 31, 2012 - \$3.4 million). This balance has been presented for refunds and management believes that all amounts will be recovered.

The Company is evaluating current funding alternatives to complete the acquisition of the Cerro Prieto project. The Company believes, exclusive of building and completing the Caballo Blanco project and the funds required to acquire the Cerro Prieto project, subject to Oroco shareholder approval and TSX

Venture Exchange approval, that between its current cash balances and cash flow from operations, it has the necessary funds available to meet its operating, investing and financing obligations to execute its current business plans.

# 1.9 Capital Resources

As part of ongoing surface rights land negotiations with local property owners, the Company has entered into surface land purchase agreements whereby it has agreed to pay \$477,499 (5,961,280 pesos) by October 25, 2013 and \$1,962,450 by October 25, 2016 (24,500,000 pesos) for specific surface rights.

Effective November 1, 2011, the Company entered into rental agreements to occupy land located at Caballo Blanco for a period of ten years. The estimated annual rental payments through October 31, 2021 are \$240,300 (3,000,000 pesos).

The Company has entered into a lease agreement with the owner (a related party) of a nearby water well for the exclusive rights to use water from the well in the operation of the Cerro Colorado Mine. The lease has an indefinite term which runs until cessation of mining activity. No rental fees are charged under this agreement however fees are payable to the Mexican government based on water consumption.

In January 2013 the Company moved offices and terminated its previous office lease agreement which required minimum annual aggregate lease payments of \$562,000 plus operating costs and property taxes through 2015. The terms to sublease the previous office space to a third party and terminate the lease included a payment of three month's rent. Effective January 25, 2013 the Company entered into a new lease agreement whereby the Company has minimum lease payments of \$18,000 per year for the period February 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014. Operating costs and property taxes are estimated to be \$25,000 per year.

Management expects to meet these commitments by paying the short-term commitments from the Company's treasury and any commitments due more than one year from now will be sourced by either treasury or funds raised through equity or debt.

# 1.10 Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### 1.11 Transactions with Related Parties

Key management

Key management are those personnel having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the Company and include directors, current executive officers and former executive officers (if their relationship ended during the periods disclosed), and the general managers and technical directors of the Company's various operations.

Related parties other than key management include the estranged spouse and son-in-law of a director who is also a former CEO of the Company.

#### Key Management compensation includes:

Key management compensation includes
(Unaudited - expressed in 000's) Salaries <sup>1</sup>
Non-executive director fees Benefits <sup>1</sup> Bonuses <sup>2</sup> Options <sup>3</sup>

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2013		2012
\$ 162	\$	423
33		26
20		16
29		26
-		100
\$ 244	\$	591

- 1. The salaries and benefits are included in costs of sales, administrative expenses and exploration and evaluation properties.
- 2. The bonus is included in cost of sales.
- 3. The options are included in administrative expenses as share-based compensation expense.

At March 31, 2013, trade and other accounts payable includes \$48,281 (December 31, 2012 - \$203,420) owing to a director and/or officer and/or companies controlled by the directors.

Due to the particulars of Mexican law, it is common for operating companies to employ their workers through a management company. The employees of Granmin Mexico are employed by Pabelini, S.A. de C.V. ("Pabelini"), a company owned by the estranged spouse of a director and former CEO. Under a renewed agreement, dated June 1 ,2011 and expiring May 31, 2014, between Granmin Mexico and Pabelini, Pabelini pays all of the Cerro Colorado mine employees and Granmin Mexico administrative personnel and is reimbursed by Granmin Mexico. Pabelini charges a fee equal to 5% of the base salaries of the employees, before additions for statutory remittances. During the quarter ended March 31, 2013 this fee totaled \$37,136 (2012 - \$35,547). This fee is meant to reimburse Pabelini for its office costs and administrative overhead costs incurred in managing the payroll and making all required remittances to the Mexican government in association with salaries of such employees. At March 31, 2013, amounts owing (to) from Pabelini totalled \$(161,969) (December 31, 2012 - \$(49,145)).

In addition to Pabelini, a number of expatriate workers and Caballo Blanco employees, including the Company's director and former CEO, are employed by MINOP, S.A. de C.V. ("Minop"). Minop is a private company controlled by the son-in-law of a director and former CEO. Under a renewed agreement, dated October 1, 2011 and expiring September 30, 2014, Minop charges a service fee equal to 1.5% of base salary for employees earning greater than \$100,000 per year and 3% for employees earning less than \$100,000 base salary per year. During the quarter ended March 31, 2013 this fee totaled \$9,909 (2012 - \$23,764). This fee is meant to reimburse Minop for administrative costs incurred by the company in providing these services. At March 31, 2013, amounts owing from (to) Minop totalled \$(328,498) (December 31, 2012 - \$(397,510)).

Amounts owing to or from related parties are non-interest bearing, unsecured and due on demand. Transactions with related parties for goods and services are made on normal commercial terms.

#### 1.12 Proposed Transactions

On January 28, 2013 Goldgroup announced that it had entered into a binding agreement with Oroco Resource Corp. ("Oroco") whereby Goldgroup will acquire a 100% interest in Oroco's Cerro Prieto Project (the "Cerro Prieto Project") in Sonora State, Mexico for an initial cash payment of \$4.5 million, CDN\$1 million private placement of units in Oroco and up to an additional \$13.5 million in payments made from future gold produced at the Project, subject to receipt of regulatory and Oroco shareholder approval. Note that the Company has not made a production decision and is not in a position to determine when mining may occur at the Cerro Prieto Project and gives no assurances in that regard. On April 10, 2013, Goldgroup announced that further to the Company's news release on January 28, 2013, it had entered into a formal purchase agreement with Oroco to purchase from Oroco a 100% interest in the Cerro Prieto Project. The closing of the transaction is subject to approval by the shareholders of Oroco and the TSX Venture Exchange as well as standard closing conditions. Oroco will be seeking shareholder approval of the transaction at its general meeting of Oroco's shareholders which is expected to be held on June 21, 2013.

# 1.13 Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of the Company's condensed interim consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on management's experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

# Significant judgments in applying accounting policies

The critical judgements that the Company's management has made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, apart from those involving estimations, that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the Company's consolidated financial statements are as follows:

## (i) Impairment of goodwill and other assets

Any goodwill is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if there is an indication of impairment. The carrying value of plant and equipment, exploration and evaluation properties and mine properties is reviewed each reporting period to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is impaired and an impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss. The assessment of fair values, including those of the cash-generating units for purposes of testing goodwill, require the use of estimates and assumptions for recoverable production, long-term commodity prices, discount rates, foreign exchange rates, future capital requirements and operating performance. Changes in any of the assumptions or estimates used in determining the fair value of goodwill or other assets could impact the impairment analysis.

# (ii) Economic recoverability and probability of future economic benefits of exploration, evaluation and development costs

Management has determined that exploratory drilling, evaluation, development and related costs incurred which have been capitalized are economically recoverable. Management uses several criteria in its assessments of economic recoverability and probability of future economic benefit including geologic and metallurgic information, history of conversion of mineral deposits to proven

and probable reserves, scoping and feasibility studies, accessible facilities, existing permits and life of mine plans.

### (iii) Functional currency

The functional currency for each of the Company's subsidiaries, joint ventures and investments in associates, is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. The Company has determined the functional currency of each entity is the US dollar. Determination of functional currency may involve certain judgements to determine the primary economic environment and the Company reconsiders the functional currency of its entities if there is a change in events and conditions which determined the primary economic environment.

# **Key sources of Estimation Uncertainty**

The areas which require management to make significant estimates and assumptions in determining carrying values include, but are not limited to:

#### (i) Mineral Reserves

Proven and probable mineral reserves are the economically mineable parts of the Company's measured and indicated mineral resources demonstrated by at least a preliminary feasibility study. The Company estimates its proven and probable reserves and measured and indicated and inferred mineral resources based on information compiled by appropriately qualified persons. Qualified persons are defined in accordance with Canadian Securities Administrators National Instrument 43-101. The information relating to the geological data on the size, depth and shape of the ore body requires complex geological judgments to interpret the data. The estimation of future cash flows related to proven and probable reserves is based upon factors such as estimates of foreign exchange rates, commodity prices, future capital requirements and production costs along with geological assumptions and judgments made in estimating the size and grade of the ore body. Changes in the proven and probable reserves or measured and indicated and inferred mineral resources estimates may impact the carrying value of exploration and evaluation properties, plant and equipment, goodwill, decommissioning and restoration provision, recognition of deferred tax amounts and depreciation and depletion.

The recoverability of the mineral reserve amounts is dependent on the Company's ability to secure and maintain title and beneficial interests in the properties to obtain the necessary financing, to continue the exploration and future developments of the properties, and/or to realize the carrying amount through a sale or partial disposal.

### (i) Depreciation and depletion

Plants and other facilities used directly in mining activities are depreciated using the units-of-production ("UOP") method over a period not to exceed the estimated life of the ore body based on recoverable ounces to be mined from proven and probable reserves. Mobile and other equipment are depreciated, net of residual value, on a straight-line basis, over the useful life of the equipment to the extent that the useful life does not exceed the related estimated life of the mine based on proven and probable reserves.

The calculation of the UOP rate, and therefore the annual depreciation and depletion expense, could be materially affected by changes in the underlying estimates. Changes in estimates can be the result of actual future production differing from current forecasts of future production, expansion of mineral reserves through exploration activities, differences between estimated

and actual costs of mining and differences in gold price used in the estimation of mineral reserves.

Significant judgment is involved in the determination of useful life and residual values for the computation of depreciation and depletion and no assurance can be given that actual useful lives and residual values will not differ significantly from current assumptions.

#### (ii) Inventories

Expenditures incurred, and depreciation and depletion of assets used in mining and processing activities are deferred and accumulated as the cost of ore in stockpiles, ore on leach pads, inprocess and finished metal inventories. These deferred amounts are carried at the lower of average cost or net realizable value ("NRV"). Write-downs of ore in stockpiles, ore on leach pads, in-process and finished metal inventories resulting from NRV impairments are reported as a component of current period costs. The primary factors that influence the need to record write-downs include prevailing and long-term metal prices and prevailing costs for production inputs such as labour, fuel and energy, materials and supplies, as well as realized ore grades and actual production levels.

Costs are attributed to the leach pads based on current mining costs, including applicable depreciation and depletion relating to mining operations incurred up to the point of placing the ore on the pad. Costs are removed from the leach pad based on the average cost per recoverable ounce of gold on the leach pad as the gold is recovered. Estimates of recoverable gold on the leach pads are calculated from the quantities of ore placed on the pads, the grade of ore placed on the leach pads and an estimated percentage of recovery. Timing and ultimate recovery of gold contained on leach pads can vary significantly from the estimates. The quantities of recoverable gold placed on the leach pads are reconciled to the quantities of gold actually recovered (metallurgical balancing), by comparing the grades of ore placed on the leach pads to actual ounces recovered. The nature of the leaching process inherently limits the ability to precisely monitor inventory levels. As a result, the metallurgical balancing process is constantly monitored and the engineering estimates are refined based on actual results over time. The ultimate recovery of gold from a pad will not be known until the leaching process is completed.

The allocation of costs to ore on leach pads and in-process inventories and the determination of NRV involve the use of estimates. There is a high degree of judgment in estimating future costs, future production levels, proven and probable reserves estimates, gold and silver prices, and the ultimate estimated recovery for ore on leach pads. There can be no assurance that actual results will not differ significantly from estimates used in the determination of the carrying value of inventories.

# (iii) Decommissioning and restoration provision

The Company assesses its provision for reclamation and remediation on an annual basis or when new material information becomes available. Mining and exploration activities are subject to various laws and regulations governing the protection of the environment. In general, these laws and regulations are continually changing and the Company has made, and intends to make in the future, expenditures to comply with such laws and regulations. Accounting for reclamation and remediation obligations requires management to make estimates of the future costs the Company will incur to complete the reclamation and

remediation work required to comply with existing laws and regulations at each mining operation and exploration and development property. Actual costs incurred may differ from those amounts estimated. Also, future changes to environmental laws and regulations could increase the extent of reclamation and remediation work required to be performed by the Company. Increases in future costs could materially impact the amounts charged to operations for reclamation and remediation. The provision represents management's best estimate of the present value of the future reclamation and remediation obligation. The actual future expenditures may differ from the amounts currently provided.

#### (iv) Share-based payments

Share-based payments are determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model based on estimated fair values of all share-based awards at the date of grant and is expensed to the statement of loss and comprehensive income (loss) over each award's vesting period. The Black-Scholes option pricing model utilizes subjective assumptions such as expected price volatility and expected life of the option. Changes in these input assumptions can significantly affect the fair value estimate.

# (v) Contingencies

Due to the size, complexity and nature of the Company's operations, various legal and tax matters are outstanding from time to time. In the event that management's estimate of the future resolution of these matters changes, the Company will recognize the effects of the changes in its consolidated financial statements on the date such changes occur.

In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Mexican government amended the Federal labour law regarding subcontracting arrangements to prevent the use of service companies to reduce labour and tax obligations. The Company currently operates in Mexico using these subcontracting arrangements as is the common practice. The amendments also provided clarification on certain regulatory requirements associated with an employer's obligation to compensate employees with appropriate statutory profit sharing within Mexico. The Company has assessed the implications of these amendments and has determined that it is probable that no additional obligation for statutory profit sharing payments is required to be recorded in the Company's consolidated financial statements as at and for the quarter ended March 31, 2013, other than what is presently recorded.

#### (vi) Deferred taxes

In assessing the probability of realizing income tax assets recognized, management makes estimates related to expectations of future taxable income, expected timing of reversals of existing temporary differences and the likelihood that tax positions taken will be sustained upon examination by applicable tax authorities. Estimates of future taxable income are based on forecasted cash flows from operations and the application of existing tax laws in each jurisdiction. Forecasted cash flows from operations are based on life of mine projections internally developed and reviewed by management. The likelihood that tax positions taken will be sustained upon examination by applicable tax authorities is assessed based on individual facts and circumstances of the relevant tax position evaluated in light of all available evidence. Where applicable tax laws and regulations are either unclear or subject to ongoing varying interpretations, it is reasonably possible that changes in these estimates can occur that materially affect the amounts of income tax assets recognized. At the end of each reporting period, the Company reassesses unrecognized income tax assets.

#### 1.14 Changes in Accounting Policies

Accounting standards effective in 2013 and 2015 are disclosed in the Company's consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

#### Changes in Accounting Standards that are effective and have been adopted by the Company

The Company has applied the following new and revised IFRSs in these unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

Effective from January 1, 2013, IFRS 10 – Consolidated Financial Statements ("IFRS 10") supersedes SIC 12 – Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities and the requirements relating to consolidated financial statements in IAS 27 – Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements. Concurrent with the issuance of IFRS 10, the IASB issued IFRS 11 – Joint Arrangements ("IFRS 11") and IFRS 12 – Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities ("IFRS 12") and reissued IAS 27 – Separate Financial Statements and IAS 28 – Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures.

## Accounting Standards Issued and Effective January 1, 2013

IFRS 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements* establishes principles for the presentation and preparation of consolidated financial statements when an entity controls one or more other entities. This standard

- a. requires a parent entity (an entity that controls one or more other entities) to present consolidated financial statements
- b. defines the principle of control, and establishes control as the basis for consolidation
- c. sets out how to apply the principle of control to identify whether an investor controls an investee and therefore must consolidate the investee
- d. sets out the accounting requirements for the preparation of consolidated financial statements. IFRS 10 supersedes IAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements and SIC-12 Consolidation—Special Purpose Entities.

IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements establishes the core principle that a party to a joint arrangement determines the type of joint arrangement in which it is involved by assessing its rights and obligations and accounts for those rights and obligations in accordance with that type of joint arrangement.

IFRS 12 Disclosure of Involvement with Other Entities requires the disclosure of information that enables users of financial statements to evaluate the nature of, and risks associated with, its interests in other entities and the effects of those interests on its financial position, financial performance and cash flows.

IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement defines fair value, sets out in a single IFRS a framework for measuring fair value and requires disclosures about fair value measurements. IFRS 13 applies when another IFRS requires or permits fair value measurements or disclosures about fair value measurements (and measurements, such as fair value less costs to sell, based on fair value or disclosures about those measurements), except for: share-based payment transactions within the scope of IFRS 2 Share-based Payment; leasing transactions within the scope of IAS 17 Leases; measurements that have some similarities to fair value but that are not fair value, such as net realisable value in IAS 2 Inventories or value in use in IAS 36 Impairment of Assets. The Company has applied IFRS 13 on a prospective basis, commencing January 1, 2013.

IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements ("IAS 1") requires an entity to group items presented in the statement of other comprehensive income on the basis of whether they may be reclassified to profit or

loss subsequent to initial recognition. For those items presented before tax, the amendments to IAS 1 also require that the tax related to the two separate groups be presented separately. The amendments to IAS 1 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012, with earlier application permitted.

IAS 19 Employee Benefits ("IAS 19") amended the standard to include changes made to the date of recognition of liabilities for termination benefits, and changes to the definitions of short-term employee benefits and other long-term employee benefits which may impact on the classification of liabilities associated with those benefits. The amendments to IAS 19 did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements has the objective of setting standards to be applied in accounting for investments in subsidiaries, jointly ventures, and associates when an entity elects, or is required by local regulations, to present separate (non-consolidated) financial statements.

IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures prescribes the accounting for investments in associates and sets out the requirements for the application of the equity method when accounting for investments in associates and joint ventures. IAS 28 applies to all entities that are investors with joint control of, or significant influence over, an investee (associate or joint venture).

IFRIC 20 Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine, effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, clarifies the requirements for accounting for the costs of stripping activity in the production phase when two benefits accrue: (i) usable ore that can be used to produce inventory; and (ii) improved access to further quantities of material that will be mined in future periods. The application of IFRIC 20 did not result in an adjustment to the Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

# Changes in Accounting Standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Company

The Company has reviewed new and revised accounting pronouncements that have been issued but are not yet effective. The Company has not early adopted any of these standards and does not expect any of these standards to have an impact on its consolidated financial statements except as noted below.

# Accounting Standards Issued and Effective January 1, 2015

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments replaces the current standard IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, replacing the current classification and measurement criteria for financial assets and liabilities with only two classification categories: amortized cost and fair value.

The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, that the new guidance is expected to have on its consolidated financial statements.

#### 1.15 Financial Instruments and Other Instruments

The Company has exposure to credit, liquidity and market risks from the use of financial instruments. Financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, receivables and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Readers are encouraged to read and consider the financial risk factors more particularly described in "Risk Management" described in Note 20 of the Company's unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2013, and the Company's approach to the "Management of Capital" described in note 20 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for year ended December 31, 2012.

### 1.16 Basis of Preparation

The Company has prepared its condensed interim consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). IFRS represents standards and interpretations approved by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), and are comprised of IFRSs, International Accounting Standards ("IASS"), and interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee ("IFRICs") or the former Standing Interpretations Committee ("SICs"). The Company's significant accounting policies are described in note 3 of the Company's audited annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

#### 1.17 Other MD&A Requirements

Goldgroup's business of exploring, developing and mining mineral resources involves a variety of operational, financial and regulatory risks that are typical in the natural resource industry. The Company attempts to mitigate these risks and minimize their effect on its financial performance, but there is no guarantee that the Company will be profitable in the future, and any investment in Goldgroup's common shares should be considered speculative.

#### **Additional Information**

Additional information relating to the Company, including the AIF is available on the SEDAR website at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.goldgroupmining.com">www.goldgroupmining.com</a>.

### **Approval**

The Board of Directors of Goldgroup has approved the disclosure contained in this MD&A. A copy of this MD&A will be provided to anyone who requests it from the Company.

### Compliance with NI 43-101

As required by National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"), Goldgroup has filed technical reports detailing the technical information related to its material mineral properties discussed herein. For the purposes of NI 43-101, the Company's material mineral properties are the Caballo Blanco project, the San José de Gracia project and the Cerro Colorado mine. Unless otherwise indicated, Goldgroup has prepared the technical information in this MD&A ("Technical Information") based on information contained in the technical reports news releases and other public filings (collectively, the "Disclosure Documents") available under the Company's profile on SEDAR. Each Disclosure Document was prepared by or under the supervision of a qualified person as defined in NI 43-101. For readers to fully understand the information in this MD&A, they should read the Disclosure Documents in their entirety, including all qualifications, assumptions and exclusions that relate to the

information set out in this MD&A which qualifies the Technical Information. The Disclosure Documents are each intended to be read as a whole, and sections should not be read or relied upon out of context. The Technical Information is subject to the assumptions and qualifications contained in the Disclosure Documents.

Marc Simpson, P. Geo., acts as Goldgroup's qualified person for the purposes of NI 43-101, and has reviewed and verified the Technical Information.

# 1.17.1 Disclosure of Outstanding Share Data

Goldgroup's authorized capital stock consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value. As at May 14, 2013, there were 130,936,575 common shares issued and outstanding.

As at May 14, 2013, the Company also had the following options and warrants issued and outstanding:

- 9,653,858 common share options with a weighted average exercise price of C\$1.01 expiring at various dates to June 22, 2017.
- 2,000,000 common share warrants with an exercise price of C\$1.25 expiring on November 26, 2015.

#### 1.17.2 Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate control over its financial reporting, and has established systems of internal control over the financial reporting process, which are designed to provide reasonable assurance that relevant and reliable financial information is produced. Management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, has conducted an evaluation of the design effectiveness of the Company's control over financial reporting based on the framework and criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework, issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this evaluation, the Company's management concluded that a material weakness existed due to inadequate segregation of duties between the preparation and review of financial statements. This material weakness has the potential to result in a material misstatement in the Company's financial statements, and should also be considered as a material weakness in its internal control over financial reporting. Management and the Board of Directors have concluded and agreed that, after taking into account the present stage of the Company's projects and the best interests of its stakeholders, the Company does not have sufficient size and scale to warrant the hiring of additional staff to correct the weakness at this time. There have been no material changes to internal controls over financial reporting since December 31, 2012.

#### **Limitations of Controls and Procedures:**

The Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, believe that any disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls over financial reporting, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, they cannot provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been prevented or detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by unauthorized override of the control. The design of any systems of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about

the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in a cost effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

#### 1.17.3 Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, with the participation of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon the results of that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by the Company under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the appropriate time periods and is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### 1.17.4 Non-IFRS Financial Measures

#### **Cash Costs**

The Company's MD&A often refers to cash costs per ounce, a non-IFRS performance measure in order to provide investors with information about the measure used by management to monitor performance. This information is used to assess how well the producing gold mine is performing compared to plan and prior periods, and also to assess the overall effectiveness and efficiency of gold mining operations. "Cash cost" figures are calculated in accordance with a standard developed by The Gold Institute, which was a worldwide association of suppliers of gold and gold products and included leading North American gold producers. The Gold Institute ceased operations in 2002, but the standard is still an accepted standard of reporting cash costs of gold production in North America. Adoption of the standard is voluntary and the cost measures presented herein may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. Costs include mine site operating costs such as mining, processing, administration, royalties and production taxes, but are exclusive of amortization, reclamation, capital, exploration and development costs. These costs are then divided by ounces of gold sold to arrive at the total cash costs per ounce of gold sold. The measure, along with sales, is considered to be a key indicator of a company's ability to generate operating earnings and cash flow from its mining operations.

These gold cash costs differ from measures determined in accordance with IFRS. They are intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. These measures are not necessarily indicative of net earnings or cash flow from operations as determined under IFRS.

The following table provides a reconciliation of total cash costs per ounce sold for the Cerro Colorado gold mine to the cost of sales, excluding depreciation and depletion as per the consolidated statement of operations.

Cash Costs for three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2013	2012
Cost of sales (excluding depreciation and depletion)	\$ 6,201,979	\$6,975,577
Silver by-product credit	(149,255)	(63,337)
	\$ 6,052,724	\$6,912,240
Gold ounces sold	4,791	5,663
Total cash costs (\$/oz. sold)	\$1,263	\$ 1,221
Breakdown of cost per ounce sold		
Direct operating costs	\$1,250	\$ 1,185
3% NSR Royalty	44	47
Less: silver by-product credits	(31)	(11)
Total cash costs (\$/oz. sold)	\$1,263	\$ 1,221

#### 1.17.5 Investor Relations Activities

Goldgroup is committed to adhering to best investor relations corporate practices. The Company continues to attend prudently selected resource-focused tradeshows, conferences, and non-deal roadshows to ensure continuous communication with current and prospective investors. Currently, the Company is not utilizing any North American-based investor relations external consultants. Additionally, Goldgroup has minimized North American public relations and advertising initiatives as part of a company-wide capital optimization plan.

#### 1.17.6 Risks and Uncertainties

Exploration, development and mining of metals involve numerous inherent risks. As such, the Company is subject to various financial, operational and political risks that could have a significant impact on its profitability and levels of operating cash flows. Such risk factors could materially affect the value of the Company's assets and future operating results of the Company and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements relating to the Company.

An investment in the securities of the Company should be considered speculative due, generally, to the nature of the business in which the Company is engaged, the limited extent of the Company's assets, the Company's state of development and the degree of its reliance upon the expertise of management.

Goldgroup's expected operating costs and expenditures, economic returns and other projections from a mining project which are contained in this document and in any technical reports or other studies prepared for or by Goldgroup are based on assumed or estimated future metals prices, cut-off grades, operating costs, capital costs, and expenditures and other factors that each may prove to be inaccurate. Therefore, such studies and reports may prove to be unreliable.

For example, significant declines in market prices for base and precious metals or extended periods of inflation would have an adverse effect on any economic projections. In addition, any material reductions in estimates of mineralization or increases in capital costs and expenditures, or in Goldgroup's ability to maintain a projected budget or renew a particular mining permit, could also have a material adverse

effect on projected production schedules and economic returns, as well as on Goldgroup's overall results of operations or financial condition. There is also a risk that rising costs for labour and material could have an adverse impact on forecasted construction costs and that shortages of labour and material could have a negative impact on any mine development schedule.

Goldgroup's operating costs are affected by the cost of commodities and goods such as steel, fuel, electrical power and supplies, including tires and reagents. Management of Goldgroup prepares its cost and production guidance and other forecasts based on its review of current and estimated future costs, and management assumes that the materials and supplies required for operations will be available for purchase. An increase in any of these costs, or a lack of availability of commodities and goods, may have an adverse impact on Goldgroup's financial condition.

A mineral concession in Mexico does not confer any ownership of surface rights. The majority of Goldgroup's mineral properties are located in relatively uninhabited areas. There are currently no areas of interest to Goldgroup within its mineral concession that are overlain by significant habitation or industrial users, however there are potential overlapping surface usage issues in some areas. Some surface rights may be owned by local communities or "Ejidos" or by private ranching or residential interests. Goldgroup will require additional surface rights to exploit all resources on its properties. Accordingly, Goldgroup will need to negotiate agreements with private landowners for access and any potential development or exploitation rights. There is no assurance that surface rights agreements that may be necessary for future operations will be obtained when needed, on reasonable terms or at all, which could materially and adversely affect the business of Goldgroup.

Goldgroup is in the process of applying for permits and licences relating to its operations in Mexico. TheCompany cannot be certain that it will receive the necessary permits and licences at all, or on acceptable

terms required to conduct further exploration and to develop its properties and bring them into production. Government approvals and approvals of members of the surrounding communities and permits and licences are currently, and will in the future be, required in connection with the operations of the Company. To the extent such approvals are required and not obtained, the Company may be curtailed or prohibited from continuing its exploration, development or production activities. The failure to obtain such permits or licences, or delays in obtaining such permits or licences, could increase the Company's costs and delay its activities, and could adversely affect the properties, business or operations of the Company.

Our operations are governed by, and involve interactions with, many levels of government in countries with a history of corruption. Like most companies, we are required to comply with anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws, including the Canadian Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act, as well as similar laws in the countries in which we conduct our business. In recent years, there has been a general increase in both the frequency of enforcement and severity of penalties under such laws, resulting in greater scrutiny and punishment to companies convicted of violating anti-bribery laws. Furthermore, a company may be found liable for violations by not only its employees, but also by its third party agents. It is our policy to implement safeguards to discourage these practices by employees and our consultants. However, our existing safeguards and any future improvements may prove to be less than effective, and our employees and consultants may have engaged or may engage in conduct for which we might be held responsible. Violations of such laws may result in criminal or civil sanctions, and we may be subject to other liabilities, which could negatively affect our business, operating results and financial condition.

Readers of this MD&A should carefully consider the detailed risks set out under the heading "Risk Factors" in the AIF.

# **Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Information**

This MD&A contains "forward-looking information" (within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities law) and "forward-looking statements" (within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) concerning Goldgroup's plans at its mineral properties and other matters. These statements relate to analyses and other information that are based on forecasts of future results, estimates of amounts not yet determinable and assumptions of management. Actual results could differ materially from the conclusions, forecasts and projections contained in such forward-looking information.

Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance (often, but not always, using words or phrases such as "expects", "is expected", "anticipates", "plans", "projects", "estimates", "assumes", "intends", "strategy", "goals", "objectives", "potential" or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and similar expressions) are not statements of historical fact and may be forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or results to materially differ from those reflected in the forward-looking statements, and are developed based on assumptions about such risks, uncertainties and other factors set out herein including, without limitation:

- uncertainties related to actual capital costs, operating costs and expenditures, production schedules and economic returns from Goldgroup's projects;
- uncertainties associated with development activities;
- uncertainties inherent in the estimation of mineral resources and precious metal recoveries;
- risks related to the continued operation of the Cerro Colorado mine without a current economic analysis;
- risks related to obtaining appropriate permits and licences to explore, develop, operate and produce at the Company's projects;
- uncertainties related to current global economic conditions;
- fluctuations in precious and base metal prices;
- uncertainties related to the availability of future financing;
- potential difficulties with joint venture partners;
- risks that Goldgroup's title to its property could be challenged;
- political and country risk;
- risks associated with Goldgroup being subject to government regulation;
- risks associated with having adequate surface rights for operations;
- environmental risks;
- Goldgroup's need to attract and retain qualified personnel;
- risks associated with operating hazards at the Cerro Colorado Mine;
- risks associated with potential conflicts of interest;
- Goldgroup's lack of experience in overseeing the construction of a mining project;
- risks related to the integration of businesses and assets acquired by Goldgroup;
- uncertainties related to the competitiveness of the mining industry;
- risk associated with theft;

- risk of water shortages and risks associated with competition for water;
- uninsured risks and inadequate insurance coverage;
- risks associated with potential legal proceedings;
- risks associated with community relations;
- outside contractor risks;
- risks related to archaeological sites;
- foreign currency risks;
- risks associated with security and human rights; and
- risks related to the need for reclamation activities on Goldgroup's properties.

This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect the Company's forward-looking information. These and other factors should be considered carefully and readers should not place undue reliance on such forward-looking information. Investors should carefully consider the risks discussed in this MD&A as well as those set out under the heading "Risk Factors" in the AIF.

# Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors Concerning Estimates of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves

The disclosure in this MD&A uses mineral resource and mineral reserve classification terms that comply with reporting standards in Canada, and, unless otherwise indicated, all mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates included in this MD&A have been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101. NI 43-101 is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators that establishes standards for all public disclosure an issuer makes of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects. These standards differ significantly from the disclosure requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") set forth in Industry Guide 7. Consequently, mineral resource and mineral reserve information contained in this MD&A is not comparable to similar information that would generally be disclosed by U.S. companies in accordance with the rules of the SEC.

In particular, the SEC's Industry Guide 7 applies different standards in order to classify mineralization as a reserve. As a result, the definitions of proven and probable reserves used in NI 43-101 differ from the definitions in Industry Guide 7. Under SEC standards, mineralization may not be classified as a "reserve" unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve determination is made. Accordingly, mineral reserve estimates contained in this MD&A may not qualify as "reserves" under SEC standards.

In addition, this MD&A uses the terms "measured mineral resources," "indicated mineral resources" and "inferred mineral resources" to comply with the reporting standards in Canada. The SEC's Industry Guide 7 does not recognize mineral resources and U.S. companies are generally not permitted to disclose resources in documents they file with the SEC. Investors are cautioned not to assume that any part or all of the mineral deposits in these categories will ever be converted into SEC defined mineral "reserves." Further, "inferred mineral resources" have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and as to whether they can be mined legally or economically. Therefore, investors are also cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource exists. In accordance with Canadian rules, estimates of "inferred mineral resources" cannot form the basis of feasibility or other economic studies, except in rare cases. In addition, disclosure of "contained ounces" in a mineral resource estimate is permitted disclosure under NI 43-101 provided that the grade or quality and the quantity of each category is stated; however, the SEC normally only permits issuers to report mineralization that does not constitute "reserves" by SEC standards as in place tonnage and grade without reference to unit measures. For the above reasons, information contained in this MD&A containing descriptions of our mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates is not comparable to

similar information made public by U.S. companies subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of the SEC.