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Crystallex Reports Second Quarter 2006 Results

TORONTO, ONTARIO, August 11, 2006 – Crystallex International Corporation (TSX: KRY) (Amex: KRY) today reported unaudited financial results for the quarter ending June 30, 2006. All dollar figures are in US Dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Commenting on the Company's second quarter activities, Todd Bruce, President and Chief Executive Officer of Crystallex said, "We are pleased to note that the Venezuelan National Assembly reiterated its support for the rapid development of the Las Cristinas project in May, 2006 when the Economic Development Commission, a Permanent Commission of the National Assembly, petitioned the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources ("MARN") in support of Crystallex commencing the Las Cristinas project as soon as possible."

Mr Bruce also noted that, "Regretfully the Company's Las Cristinas project was once again subjected to considerable confusion and controversy by portions of the media towards the end of May 2006, when the Ministry of Basic Industries and Mining ("MIBAM") submitted a draft mining law to the National Assembly. This draft bill represents the culmination of the process commenced in September 2005 by the Government when it announced its intention to amend the mining law to provide more effective control over the Nation's mineral rights in terms of targeting those properties that are idle due to the holder's non-compliance with the terms and conditions of his underlying title." The Mining Sub-commission, chaired by Deputy Jose Ramon Rivero, was mandated by the National Assembly to manage the legislative process for the bill.

Mr. Bruce continued, "Just as happened in September last year following the original announcement, segments of the North American media created a great deal of confusion and controversy following the submission of the draft mining law by raising the spectre that the bill would have negative consequences for the Las Cristinas project. The media correspondents suggested that one of the new exploitation models incorporated in the draft, namely the joint venture or mixed company in which the State would receive at least a 51% stake and the private sector the balance, would be forced on to the Las Cristinas project either because the Las Cristinas project was viewed as being idle or because all CVG contracts were going to be forced into this new model."

"I am thus very pleased to draw investors' attention to Deputy Rivero's unequivocal rebuttal of the media's misinterpretations of the bill's general objective and its impact specifically on Las Cristinas recently made at a public function in Bolivar State, Venezuela on July 31, 2006," stated Todd Bruce. "Deputy Rivero reiterated that the bill was not aimed at active properties but rather at those that had been inactive or abandoned for the past several years. He noted that the only CVG contracts targeted for termination under the new bill were those granted up to 1999 by the CVG and which should have been active. In particular Deputy Rivero noted that the Government does not consider Las Cristinas to be an abandoned or idle property because it recognises that Las Cristinas has remained an active project being advanced towards production. Consequently the Deputy observed that such mining contracts, like the Las Cristinas one issued to Crystallex by the CVG in September 2002, will remain in effect."

Mr Bruce added, "Deputy Rivero's statements vindicate the guidance consistently provided by Crystallex since September of last year, when the process to revise the Venezuelan mining law commenced, that Las Cristinas is not threatened by the draft bill. The company's guidance has followed the advice Crystallex has repeatedly received from both Venezuelan counsel and Venezuelan officials. In addition to dealing with the

above controversy during the quarter we continued to focus our efforts on the pending Environmental Permit at the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (“MARN”).”

Subsequent to the June 30, 2006 reporting period, Crystallex successfully raised additional capital through an early warrant exercise generating proceeds of US\$ 6.04 million and closed a Can\$ 32.4 million unit financing on August 11, 2006 which was substantially oversubscribed.

Management’s Discussion and Analysis
For the Six Month Period Ended June 30, 2006
(All dollar amounts in US dollars, unless otherwise stated)

This Management Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”) of the financial condition and results of the operations of Crystallex International Corporation (“Crystallex” or the “Company”) is intended to supplement and complement the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and the related notes for the three and six month periods ending June 30, 2006. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with both the annual audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2005, the related annual MD&A included in the 2005 Annual Report and the most recent Form 40-F/Annual Information Form. All dollar amounts in this MD&A are in United States dollars, unless otherwise specified. This MD&A has been prepared as of August 11, 2006.

Highlights

- Venezuelan National Assembly Resolution passed in June seeking the prompt environmental permit award for Las Cristinas.
- The Chairman of the Mining Sub-commission in the Venezuelan National Assembly confirmed on July 31, 2006 that the draft amendments to the Mining Law will not negatively impact the Las Cristinas project contrary to prior suggestions by segments of the North American media.
- Net loss of \$8.3 million (\$0.04/share) and \$15.3 million (\$0.07/share) for the second quarter and first six months respectively.
- Completed an early exercise of warrants transaction in July 2006 which generated \$6.04 million.
- Completed Cdn \$32.4 million Unit financing on August 11, 2006.

Key Statistics

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Operating Statistics				
Gold Production (ounces)	12,793	13,252	24,560	26,041
Gold Sold (ounces)	8,723	14,444	21,497	26,318
Per Ounce Data:				
Total Cash Cost ¹	\$485	\$452	\$491	\$427
Average Realized Gold Price	\$633	\$436	\$586	\$431
Average Spot Gold Price	\$628	\$427	\$591	\$427

Financial Results (\$ thousands)

Revenues	\$5,520	\$6,301	\$12,599	\$11,347
Net Loss	(\$8,296)	(\$8,295)	(\$15,252)	(\$16,285)
Net Income (Loss) per Basic Share	(\$0.04)	(\$0.04)	(\$0.07)	(\$0.08)
Cash Flow from Operating Activities ²	(\$8,473)	(\$961)	(\$19,837)	(\$13,483)

Financial Position (\$ thousands)	<u>At June 30,</u>	<u>At June 30,</u>
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$9,882	\$4,767
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,688	\$62,908
Total Debt	\$89,907	\$83,749
Shareholders' Equity	\$163,783	\$135,362

Shares Outstanding – Basic (millions)	226.6	193.8
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¹ Total Cash Costs are calculated in accordance with The Gold Institute Standards. For an explanation, refer to the section on Non-GAAP measures. The calculation is based on ounces of gold sold, not ounces produced.

² Cash flow after working capital changes and before capital expenditures.

Financial Results Overview

The Company recorded a net loss for the first half and second quarter of 2006 of \$15.3 million, ((\$0.07) per share) and \$8.3 million, ((\$0.04) per share) respectively, as compared with net losses of \$16.3 million, ((\$0.08) per share) and \$8.3 million ((\$0.04) per share) for the comparable periods in 2005. The losses in the first six months and second quarter of 2006 are principally attributable to the aggregate of mine operations costs, corporate general and administrative costs and interest expense. The loss for the first half of 2006 of \$15.3 million was less than the \$16.3 million loss in the year earlier period primarily because of increased profits from mining operations, partially offset by increased general and administrative and interest expenses.

Gold sales revenue was \$12.6 million and \$5.5 million for the first six months and second quarter of 2006 respectively. Second quarter 2006 revenue of \$5.5 million was lower than the revenue of \$6.3 million for the year earlier period as the Company recorded gold sales of 8,723 ounces in the current period as compared with sales of 14,444 ounces for the same period in 2005. Gold production was comparable for the two periods; however, a significant portion of ounces produced in the second quarter of 2006 were not sold and remained in inventory at the end of the quarter. In prior years the Company sold all of its gold production to the Central Bank of Venezuela. During June 2006 the Central Bank advised the Company that it was suspending the purchase of gold from the Company, which resulted in the increase in gold inventory at the end of June. Subsequent to the end of June 2006 the Company commenced selling gold to accredited third parties within Venezuela. The Central Bank subsequently advised the Company in August 2006 that it would immediately resume purchasing gold from the Company for an indefinite period of time. The Company is currently updating registration of its gold export license which will also allow it to export and sell gold outside of Venezuela. Pending update of the Company's gold export license, should the Company be unable to sell gold within Venezuela, it could have an adverse effect on the Company's revenues, cash flow and profitability in the short-term. The impact of lower gold sales in the second quarter of 2006 was tempered by realizing a higher average price on gold sales. The Company realized an average gold price of \$633 per ounce in the second quarter of 2006 as compared with an average price of \$436 per ounce for the same period in 2005. Comparing the first six months of 2006 with 2005, revenue was higher in 2006 as the impact of higher realized gold prices offset the lower volume of gold sales.

Cash flow from operating activities was a deficit of \$19.8 million for the first six months of 2006 as compared with a deficit of \$13.5 million for the comparable period in 2005. The cash flow deficit incurred in the first half of 2006 was largely attributable to \$7.9 million of corporate general and administrative expenses, cash interest payments of approximately \$5.1 million and a \$9.6 million net utilization of working capital. Cash flow from

operations for the second quarter of 2006 was a deficit of \$8.5 million and similarly reflects cash payments for general and administrative expenses, interest expense and a working capital utilization, which in aggregate exceeded revenue in the period.

The Company's cash position at June 30, 2006 was \$14.6 million, a decrease of \$10.8 million since December 31, 2005. Capital expenditures were \$27.8 million and \$6.8 million in the first half and second quarter of 2006 respectively, compared with \$56.4 million and \$33.2 million for the comparable periods in 2005. The decrease in capital spending was due to project development delays associated with securing the environmental permit for Las Cristinas.

Project Development

Las Cristinas

In June 2006, the Permanent Commission of the National Assembly of Venezuela petitioned the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources ("MARN") in support of Crystallex commencing the Las Cristinas project as soon as possible.

At the end of May, the Ministry of Basic Industries and Mining ("MIBAM") submitted a draft mining law to the National Assembly. This action represented the outcome of the announcement made in September of 2005 by the Government of its intention to amend the mining law to provide it with more effective control over the nation's mineral rights in terms of targeting properties that were idle because the holder had not complied with the terms and conditions of the underlying title.

The Mining Sub-commission of the National Assembly, chaired by Deputy Jose Ramon Rivero, was mandated to manage the legislative process for the bill. Similar to what occurred in September of 2005 following the original announcement, certain segments of the North American media created a great deal of confusion and controversy following the submission of the draft mining law by misinterpreting that the draft law would have negative consequences for the Company's Las Cristinas project resulting in a negative effect on the Company's share price. The media involved suggested that one of the new exploitation models introduced into the draft law, namely the joint venture or mixed company in which the Venezuelan State would receive at least 51% stake and the private sector holder the balance, would be forced on to the Las Cristinas project either because the Las Cristinas project was viewed as being idle or because all CVG contracts were going to be forced into this new model.

At a public function held in Tumeremo, Bolivar State, Venezuela on July 31, 2006 to address the mining community represented by both small scale miners and large commercial mining representatives, Deputy Rivero unequivocally rebutted the media's misinterpretations of the draft law's general objective and its specific impact on Las Cristinas in particular. Deputy Rivero reiterated that the draft law was not aimed at active gold properties but rather at those properties that had been inactive or abandoned for the past several years. He noted that the only CVG contracts that would be terminated were those granted up to 1999 by the CVG and which should have been active. In particular, Deputy Rivero noted that the Venezuelan Government does not consider Las Cristinas to be abandoned or idle since it has remained an active project being advanced towards production. The Deputy went on to state that active mining contracts of such projects will remain in effect.

Following the March 2006 approval of the Feasibility Study for the Las Cristinas project by the Ministry of Basic Industries and Mining, the Company is pursuing the Permit to Impact Natural Resources, (the "Permit") to be granted by MARN. Crystallex has submitted an EIS and additional data and studies to MARN. MARN is continuing with its review of the project documentation as part of the normal administrative phase of the permitting process.

All major, long lead time equipment for Las Cristinas has been ordered and the majority of this equipment has been received and paid for. Equipment, with a purchase value of approximately \$57.0 million, is in storage and

will be shipped to Venezuela as required upon receipt of the Permit. The remaining purchasing of supplies and awarding of service contracts will be undertaken following receipt of the Permit. During the second quarter, engineering work continued on drawings and revising the construction schedule. Engineering hours have been reduced during the extended permitting phase. The delay in receiving the Permit has resulted in approximately \$6.4 million in additional charges for project management.

Expenditures on Las Cristinas totalled \$6.8 million during the second quarter of 2006 and \$27.8 for the first six months of the year. Since the inception of the Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management, (“EPCM”) contract in April 2004, Las Cristinas expenditures total \$164.5 million. Of this, approximately \$107.5 million is related to equipment and services under the \$293 million capital budget approved in August 2005 and governed by the EPCM contract. The costs incurred outside of the EPCM contract relate to ongoing administrative costs such as site security, legal and consulting fees, ongoing camp costs, social and community development programs and environmental work. Costs in a majority of these areas are expected to continue to be significant in the future and will continue to be a use of financing proceeds in the near term, although reductions are expected after the Permit is received and construction is well advanced.

Operations Review

Production Summary

Gold Production (ounces)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
La Victoria	1,469	753	2,100	1,420
Tomi Open Pits	4,978	7,613	10,183	16,561
Tomi Underground	5,108	4,178	11,010	7,089
Purchased Material	1,238	708	1,267	971
Total Gold Production (ounces)	12,793	13,252	24,560	26,041
Total Ore Processed ¹ (tonnes)	92,932	118,233	192,813	228,538
Head Grade of Ore Processed (g/t)	4.67	3.77	4.31	3.81
Total Recovery Rate (%)	92%	92%	92%	93%
Total Gold Recovered (ounces)	12,793	13,252	24,560	26,041
Total Cash Cost Per Ounce Sold	\$485	\$452	\$491	\$427
Mine Operating Cash Flow (\$,000)	\$1,290	(\$260)	\$2,044	(\$485)
Capital Expenditures² (\$,000)	---	---	---	\$856
Mine Cash Flow After Capital (\$000)	\$1,290	(\$260)	\$2,044	(\$1,341)

¹ Ore from Tomi, La Victoria and purchased material is processed at the Company’s Revemin mill.

² Capital expenditures at operating mines, excludes Las Cristinas. Since the second quarter of 2005, all costs at the El Callao operations have been expensed due to the short reserve life of these mines.

Tomi

100% Basis	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Tomi Open Pits (100% Crystallex)				
Tonnes Ore Mined	67,887	100,057	112,935	183,433
Tonnes Waste Mined	690,939	791,147	1,184,584	1,265,298
Tonnes Ore Processed	46,581	86,529	114,452	172,782
Average Grade of Ore Processed (g/t)	3.64	2.99	3.03	3.21
Recovery Rate (%)	91%	92%	91%	93%
Production (ounces)	4,978	7,613	10,183	16,561
Tomi Underground (100% Crystallex)				

Tonnes Ore Mined	18,939	17,039	40,664	27,551
Tonnes Ore Processed	21,322	13,552	42,462	24,772
Average Grade of Ore Processed (g/t)	8.05	10.2	8.67	9.4
Recovery Rate (%)	93%	94%	93%	95%
Production (ounces)	5,108	4,178	11,010	7,089

At the Company's operations near El Callao in Venezuela, gold production of 12,793 ounces in the second quarter of 2006 was comparable to production of 13,252 ounces during the same period in 2005. At Tomi, a decline in production from the open pit mines was offset by increased production from the Tomi underground mine, and to a lesser extent, to higher production from the La Victoria mine and gold recovered from purchased ore. With the underground mine now operating at full capacity, ore processed from the underground mine was over 50% higher in the second quarter of 2006 as compared with the same period in 2005. The underground mining gain was offset, in part, by a 20% reduction in underground grades, which averaged 8 grams per tonne in the second quarter of 2006 as compared with 10 grams per tonne for the same period in 2005 as cut-off grades were reduced as a consequence of the higher gold prices.

Gold production for the first six months of 2006 was 24,560 ounces, as compared with 26,041 ounces for the comparable period in 2005. Gold production from the Tomi open pit mines in the first half of 2006 decreased 39% as compared to the year earlier period; however, this was partially offset by a 55% increase in production from the underground mine. Open pit production at Tomi was impacted by delays in importing mining trucks by the open pit mining contractor (the trucks were delivered in July), and lower ore grades.

Cash flow from mining operations (Revenue less operating expenses) was \$2.0 million and \$1.3 million for the first six months and second quarter of 2006 respectively as compared with cash flow deficits of \$1.3 million and \$0.3 million for the comparable periods in 2005. The increase in cash flow in the current year was attributable to higher gold prices (see the Revenue section below). Unit costs, however, increased to \$491 per ounce in the first half of 2006 as compared with \$427 per ounce for the same period in 2005. Operating costs were higher in a number of areas including costs for the mining contractor (due in part to mining higher volumes of waste material relative to ore), maintenance, environmental monitoring, mill consumables (notably cyanide and lime), site general and administrative expenses and higher exploitation taxes and royalties which are tied to the price of gold.

Income Statement

Revenue

Revenue was \$12.6 million and \$5.5 million for the first six months and second quarter of 2006 respectively, compared with \$11.3 million and \$6.3 million for the corresponding periods in 2005. The decrease in revenue in the second quarter of 2006 is attributable to selling fewer ounces of gold than the comparable quarter of 2005. Although the Company produced 12,793 ounces of gold in the second quarter, only 8,723 ounces were sold during the quarter, as compared with sales of 14,444 ounces in the same quarter in 2005. The balance of the ounces produced, but not sold, in the second quarter of 2006 (approximately 4,000 ounces) were held in inventory at the end of the quarter (please refer to Financial Results Overview section of this MD&A). The effect of selling fewer ounces in the second quarter of 2006 was substantially offset by realizing a higher average price on gold sales. For the second quarter of 2006, the Company realized an average gold price of \$633 per ounce as compared with \$436 for the comparable period in 2005.

For the first six months of 2006, revenue increased to \$12.6 million from \$11.3 million for the same period in 2005, despite selling fewer ounces. As noted above, the Company held approximately 4,000 ounces of second quarter 2006 production in inventory at the end of the quarter. Revenue in the second quarter of 2006 increased as the impact of selling fewer ounces was offset by realizing a higher average price on gold sales. The

Company realized an average price of \$586 per ounce on gold sales of 21,497 ounces in the first half of 2006 as compared with sales of 26,318 ounces at an average realized price of \$431 per ounce in the same period in 2005.

Operating Expenses

Mine operating expenses were \$10.6 million and \$4.2 million for the first half and second quarter of 2006 respectively, compared with \$11.8 million and \$6.6 million for the comparable periods in 2005. Although the number of ounces produced was comparable for the first six months of 2006 and 2005, operating expenses are lower in 2006 as fewer ounces of gold were sold in 2006 (as described above in the Revenue section). The costs attributable to the production of the gold held in inventory at the end of the second quarter of 2006 will be expensed when the gold is sold.

On a unit cost basis, the total cost per ounce sold increased to \$491 per ounce in the first half of 2006 from \$427 per ounce for the same period in 2005. As detailed above in the Operations Review section, the increase in unit operating costs for the first half of 2006 is attributable to higher strip ratios (the ratio of waste mined to ore mined) and a general increase in costs in most operating areas.

Corporate General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses were \$4.4 million for the second quarter and \$7.9 million for the first six months of 2006, compared with expenditures of \$3.6 million and \$7.2 million for the comparable periods in 2005. General and administrative expense for the first six months of 2006 and the second quarter of 2006 reflect increases in Venezuelan consulting fees, higher TSX and AMEX listing fees and investor relations related expenditures.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash and Equivalents

On June 30, 2006, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$14.6 million, including restricted cash of \$4.7 million. The restricted cash represents the balance of proceeds of a senior unsecured unit financing held in an interest escrow account. Subsequent to quarter end, the restricted cash was used to make a semi annual interest payment on the Company's 9.375% senior unsecured notes.

The change in the cash balance during the first half of 2006 is reconciled as follows (\$ millions):

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash on December 31, 2005		<u>\$25.4</u>
Issuance of Common Shares	\$32.6	
Warrant and Option Proceeds	<u>\$6.8</u>	
Total Sources of Cash		\$39.4
Operating Cash Flow Deficit	(\$19.8)	
Capital Expenditures – Las Cristinas	(\$27.8)	
Debt Service	<u>(\$2.6)</u>	
Total Uses of Cash		<u>(\$50.2)</u>
Net Reduction to Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash		<u>(\$10.8)</u>
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash on June 30, 2006		<u>\$14.6</u>

Cash Flow from Operations

Cash flow from operating activities (before capital expenditures) was a deficit of \$19.8 million and a deficit of \$8.5 million for the first six months and second quarter of 2006 respectively, compared with a deficit of \$13.5 million and \$1.0 million for the comparable periods in 2005. Cash expenditures of \$7.9 million for general and administrative expenses and approximately \$5.1 million for cash interest payments, together with a net working capital utilization of \$9.6 million, (principally a decrease in accounts payable and increase in production inventories), contributed to the cash flow deficit in the first half of 2006. The 2006 first half cash flow deficit of \$19.8 million exceeds the \$13.5 million deficit recorded in the year earlier period as the 2005 period incurred a net working capital gain of \$10.0 million, as compared with a working capital deficit of \$9.6 million utilization in the first half of 2006.

The second quarter cash flow deficit of \$8.5 million reflects payments of \$4.4 million for general and administrative expenses and a \$3.2 million net working capital utilization, largely related to an increase in production inventories (please refer to Financial Results Overview section of this MD&A.)

Investing Activities

Capital expenditures were \$27.8 million and \$6.8 million for the first six months and second quarter of 2006, compared with \$56.4 million and \$33.2 million for the comparable periods in 2005. The decrease in 2006 is attributable to lower spending on the Las Cristinas project as a result of the delay in receiving the Permit.

\$ millions	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Las Cristinas	\$6.8	\$33.2	\$27.8	\$55.5
Revemin/Tomi/Albino	\$---	\$---	\$---	\$0.8
Corporate	\$---	\$---	\$---	\$0.1
Total	\$6.8	\$33.2	\$27.8	\$56.4

At June 30, 2006, Crystallex projected a financing requirement of approximately \$275 million to \$300 million to provide funding through to the second half of 2008 when commercial production is expected at Las Cristinas (assuming a third quarter 2006 receipt of the environmental permit). The funding estimate includes amounts for completing the development of Las Cristinas, for other Las Cristinas costs not covered by the EPCM contract, including site security, legal and consulting fees, ongoing camp costs, social and community development programs and environmental work, for general corporate requirements and for financing fees and interest during the construction period. Crystallex intends to fund the overall requirement with a combination of limited recourse project debt financing, other forms of public market debt financing, and equity financing.

Financing Activities

The Company made \$450,000 of regularly scheduled principal and interest payments to Standard Bank Plc during the second quarter of 2006. During the second quarter, Standard Bank elected to convert the entire convertible portion of their loan, \$7.5 million, into common shares of Crystallex. As a result of the conversion, the Company issued 3,765,841 shares to Standard Bank. At June 30, 2006 the balance outstanding under the Standard Bank term loan facility was \$5.6 million.

Subsequent to the end of the second quarter, in July 2006, the Company received proceeds of \$6.04 million from the early exercise of warrants. Upon the exercise of the warrants, 2,197,727 common shares of the Company

were issued. In addition, 0.398 new common share purchase warrants were issued for each warrant exercised, for an aggregate issue of 875,000 new warrants. Each new warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at an exercise price of \$4.00 per share until July 14, 2008.

On August 11, 2006 the Company completed a Cdn \$32.4 million Unit financing. The Company plans to use the proceeds of the Unit financing as follows: (i) the development of the Las Cristinas project, including both expenditures under the EPCM contract and ongoing administrative expenses such as site security, legal and consulting fees, ongoing camp costs and community projects; (ii) 7% of the net proceeds will be paid to Standard Bank to reduce debt pursuant to a term loan executed between Standard Bank and the Company in December 2005; and (iii) for general working capital purposes.

Outstanding Share Data

At June 30, 2006, 226.6 million common shares of Crystallex were issued and outstanding. In addition, at June 30, 2006 options to purchase 10.5 million common shares of Crystallex were outstanding under the Company's stock option plan and warrants to purchase 20.7 million common shares of Crystallex were issued and outstanding.

Quarterly Data

	2006			2005			2004		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	
Revenue	\$5,520	\$7,079	\$6,623	\$7,020	\$6,301	\$5,046	\$5,037	\$5,632	
Net Loss	(\$8,296)	(\$6,956)	(\$18,585)	(\$10,338)	(\$8,295)	(\$7,989)	(\$44,115)	(\$9,441)	

The quarterly trends are consistent with the explanations of the annual trends set out in the Company's 2005 40-F/Annual Information Form.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Critical accounting estimates are those estimates that have a high degree of uncertainty and for which changes in those estimates could materially impact the Company's results. Critical accounting estimates for the Company include property evaluations, capitalization of exploration and development costs and commodity derivative contracts.

There were no changes in accounting policies or methods used to report the Company's financial condition in the first half of 2006 that impacted the Company's financial statements.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements included or incorporated by reference in this Management Discussion and Analysis, including information as to the future financial or operating performance of the Company, its subsidiaries and its projects, constitute forward-looking statements. The words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "contemplate," "target," "plan," "intends," "continue," "budget," "estimate," "may," "schedule" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements regarding targets, estimates and assumptions in respect of gold production and prices, operating costs, results and capital expenditures, mineral reserves and mineral resources and anticipated grades and recovery rates. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Company, are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive,

political and social uncertainties and contingencies. Many factors could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by, or on behalf of, the Company. Such factors include, among others, risks relating to additional funding requirements, reserve and resource estimates, gold prices, exploration, development and operating risks, illegal miners, political and foreign risk, uninsurable risks, competition, limited mining operations, production risks, environmental regulation and liability, government regulation, currency fluctuations, recent losses and write-downs and dependence on key employees. See "Risk Factors" in the Company's 2005 40-F/Annual Information Form. Due to risks and uncertainties, including the risks and uncertainties identified above, actual events may differ materially from current expectations. Investors are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and, accordingly, investors are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements due to the inherent uncertainty therein. Forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this Management Discussion and Analysis and the Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update publicly such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise.

Risk Factors

The business and operations of the Company and its affiliates are subject to risks. In addition to considering the other information in the Company's 2005 40F/Annual Information Form, which is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com, an investor should carefully consider the following factors. Any of the following risks could have a material adverse effect on the Company, its business and future prospects.

Risks Associated with Operating in Developing Countries

The Company's mineral exploration, exploitation activities and mining operations are located in Venezuela and may be adversely affected by political instability and legal and economic uncertainty in such country. The risks associated with the Company's foreign operations may include political unrest, labour disputes, invalidation of governmental orders, permits, agreements or property rights, risk of corruption including violations under U.S. and Canadian foreign corrupt practices statutes, military repression, war, civil disturbances, criminal and terrorist actions, arbitrary changes in laws, regulations and policies, taxation, price controls, exchange controls, delays in obtaining or the inability to obtain necessary permits, opposition to mining from environmental or other non-governmental organizations, limitations on foreign ownership, limitations on the repatriation of earnings, limitations on mineral exports, high rates of inflation and increased financing costs. These risks may limit or disrupt the Company's projects or operations, restrict the movement of funds or result in the deprivation of contractual rights or the taking of property by nationalization, expropriation or other means without fair compensation.

Risks Specific to Operations in Venezuela

Political and Economic Instability

The Company's principal mineral properties are located in Venezuela and as such the Company may be affected by political or economic instabilities there. The risks associated with carrying on business in Venezuela, in addition to those highlighted above, include, but are not limited to violent crime, which is prevalent throughout the country and includes kidnapping, smuggling and drug trafficking especially in remote areas. Changes in resource development or investment policies or shifts in political attitudes in Venezuela may adversely affect the Company's business. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by government regulations with respect to restrictions in production, price controls, export controls, income taxes, expropriation of property, maintenance of claims, environmental legislation, land use, unauthorized mining activities, land claims of local people, water use and mine safety. The effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted.

Environmental Permit Still Required

MIBAM completed its overall approval process of Las Cristinas on March 26, 2006. However, the Company has experienced delays in acquiring the environmental permit necessary to allow commencement of construction of the mine. The Company continues to await the issuance of the Permit, the initial application of which was submitted in April 2004. Continued development and the ultimate commencement of commercial production are dependent upon receipt of the Permit, which will allow the Company to proceed to put in place financing to fund construction. As the Las Cristinas project is the Company's primary development project, the failure to obtain the Permit or to obtain the Permit in a timely manner could have a material adverse affect on the future of the Company's business. There can be no assurance as to when or if the Permit will be granted.

Exchange Controls

Venezuela currently has exchange controls that affect the ability of companies doing business in Venezuela to convert Venezuelan source income into foreign currency. The Central Bank of Venezuela enacted such exchange control measures in 2003 in order to protect international reserves. The exchange rate, originally fixed at approximately 1,600 Bolivars /U.S.\$, has since been adjusted twice upwards and presently stands fixed at 2,150 Bolivars/U.S.\$. There can be no assurance that exchange controls will not continue and, if they do, that they will not adversely affect the Company's operations, including its ability to satisfy its foreign currency obligations.

Mine Operation Agreement

Lack of Ownership Rights. Under Venezuelan Mining Law of 1999 (the "VML"), all mineral resources belong to the Republic of Venezuela. In accordance with the VML, the Government of Venezuela has reserved for itself the right to directly explore and exploit the mineral deposits at the Las Cristinas project location (the "Las Cristinas Deposits") and has elected to do so through the CVG. The mine operation agreement entered into with the CVG on September 17, 2002 (the "Mine Operation Agreement") is an operation agreement and does not transfer any property ownership rights or title rights to the gold produced to the Company. Rather, the Company has been authorized to exploit the Las Cristinas Deposits for the CVG in accordance with the Mine Operation Agreement. The interests of the Company in the Las Cristinas Deposits are contingent upon the Company continuing to satisfy its obligations under the Mine Operation Agreement. Failure to do so could result in the CVG having the right to terminate the Mine Operation Agreement.

Lack of Copper Rights. In addition to gold, the Las Cristinas Deposits also contain very low levels of copper, 0.13% on average. Under the Mine Operation Agreement, the Company is only entitled to exploit the gold contained in the Las Cristinas Deposits. Based on the feasibility studies carried out by the Company and following discussions with the CVG, the Company has determined that exploiting the copper contained in the Las Cristinas Deposits would detract from the economics of the Las Cristinas project. The Company does not need the right to exploit the copper contained in the Las Cristinas Deposits in order to exploit the gold and does not currently intend to negotiate with the CVG for the right to exploit the copper contained in the Las Cristinas Deposits.

Although the Company does not believe that the MIBAM would do so, the MIBAM retains the right to grant exploitation and other rights with respect to the copper contained in the Las Cristinas Deposits to the CVG or a third party. The Company has been advised by its Venezuelan counsel that:

- (a) if the MIBAM grants the right to exploit the copper contained in the Las Cristinas Deposits to the CVG, subject to fulfilling all necessary requirements of Venezuelan law (including the additional grant by the MIBAM to the CVG of the right to negotiate the exploitation of the copper with third parties), the CVG has agreed under the terms of the Mine Operation Agreement to negotiate the exploitation of the copper with the Company; and
- (b) if the MIBAM grants the right to exploit the copper contained in the Las Cristinas Deposits to a third party, the Company's right under the Mine Operation Agreement to exploit the gold contained in the

Las Cristinas Deposits would, as a matter of Venezuelan law, take precedence over the third party's right to exploit the copper.

If the MIBAM grants the right to exploit the copper contained in the Las Cristinas Deposits to the CVG, there can be no assurance that the MIBAM will grant to the CVG the additional right to negotiate the exploitation of the copper with third parties or that the Company will be able to negotiate an agreement with respect to the exploitation of the copper with the CVG. Also, if the MIBAM grants the right to exploit the copper contained in the Las Cristinas Deposits to a third party, or if the MIBAM grants the right to exploit the copper contained in the Las Cristinas Deposits to the CVG and the CVG grants the right to exploit the copper to a third party, there can be no assurance that the Company will be successful under Venezuelan law in asserting that its right to exploit the gold contained in the Las Cristinas Deposits takes precedence over the third party's right to exploit the copper.

Proposed Amendments to Mining Laws

In 2005, the Government of Venezuela announced that it would be changing the mining title regime from a system where title was granted in the form of either concessions or operating contracts to a system where all "new" economic interests would be granted in the form of operating contracts. In order to effect this change, the Government of Venezuela advised that it would need to create a national mining company which would be the nation's contracting party covering the entire country of Venezuela. The Government of Venezuela also indicated that, given this change in title regime, it would also be appropriate to review all existing mining companies in a single comprehensive exercise to ensure that only companies found to be in compliance with their existing title terms and conditions would continue to qualify under the new regime on the same terms and conditions. The Government of Venezuela further stated that all those companies found not to be in compliance would have their operations turned over to small mining cooperatives supported by the Government of Venezuela via the national mining company. The MIBAM issued its formal approval of Las Cristinas on March 26, 2006.

The MIBAM presented draft amendments to the mining law to the National Assembly at the end of May 2006. This draft was superseded by a National Assembly draft, which has received a first reading in the National Assembly. The National Assembly will require further readings of the draft amendments. Although the Company's Venezuelan counsel have advised that the current draft of amendments to the mining law will not have any negative impact on the Company's rights under the Mine Operation Agreement, until such time as the National Assembly has passed the amendments into law it is not possible to assess what impact, if any, the revised law will have on the Las Cristinas project.

Arbitration Proceedings

The Company is a party that is interested in, but is not a party to, an ongoing arbitration. See "Legal Proceedings — Withdrawal of MINCA Litigation — Vanessa Arbitration" in the Company's 2005 40F/Annual Information Form, available electronically at www.sedar.com

Sale of Gold

For the past several years the Company sold all of its Venezuelan gold production to the Central Bank of Venezuela. In June 2006 the Central Bank of Venezuela informed the Company it was suspending purchase of gold from the Company. The Company is currently selling gold to accredited third parties within Venezuela (pending possible future sales to the Central Bank of Venezuela) and is updating registration of its export licence which will also allow it to export and sell gold outside of Venezuela. Pending the update of the Company's export licence, should the Company be unable to sell gold within Venezuela, it could have an adverse effect on the Company's revenues, cash flow and profitability in the short-term.

Unauthorized Miners

The Company's operations may also be affected by the presence of unauthorized miners; something that is not uncommon in the gold mining areas of the Guyana Shield area of Venezuela. The methods used by unauthorized miners to extract gold are typically harmful to the environment and may be disruptive of authorized mining operations. Although the Company, in conjunction with the local authorities, employs strategies to control the presence of unauthorized miners, there can be no assurance that these strategies will be successful or that the Company's operations will not be adversely affected by the presence of unauthorized miners.

Imataca Forest Reserve

In addition to the general risks associated with environmental regulation and liability (see "Environmental Regulation and Liability" under General Risk Factors below), the Las Cristinas Deposits are located within the Imataca Forest Reserve (the "Reserve"). On September 22, 2004 Presidential Decree 3110, which establishes an ordinance plan and regulations for the use of the Reserve, permits various activities (including mining) in up to 13% of the Reserve and establishes the legal framework for such activities, was issued. Presidential Decree 3110 was issued in response to previous Presidential Decree 1850, the latter of which was issued in May 1997. Decree 1850 reserved an even larger part of the Reserve for various activities and became subject to a legal challenge before the Venezuelan Supreme Court. The Venezuelan Supreme Court issued a prohibition order on November 11, 1997 prohibiting the relevant government authorities from granting concessions, authorization and any other acts relating to various mining activities in the Reserve under Decree 1850 until the Venezuelan courts ruled on the merits of the nullity action. It is possible that Presidential Decree 3110 could be similarly challenged and that such challenge, if ultimately successful, could prevent the Company from exploiting or fully exploiting the Las Cristinas Deposits.

Venezuelan Decree No. 1257 establishes the environmental assessment requirements for mining projects. The Company was advised that the Las Cristinas project is not a new project and, accordingly Article 40 of Decree 1257 does not apply since no significant increase in environmental impact is predicted.

General Risk Factors

Title to Mineral Properties

Acquisition of title to mineral properties is a very detailed and time-consuming process. Title to, and the area of, mineral properties may be disputed or impugned. Although the Company has investigated its title to the mineral properties for which it holds concessions or mineral leases or licenses, there can be no assurance that the Company has valid title to such mineral properties or that its title thereto will not be challenged or impugned. For example, mineral properties sometimes contain claims or transfer histories that examiners cannot verify, and transfers under foreign law are often complex. The Company does not carry title insurance with respect to its mineral properties. A successful claim that the Company does not have title to a mineral property could cause the Company to lose its rights to mine that property, perhaps without compensation for its prior expenditures relating to the property. Furthermore, as noted above under "Mine Operation Agreement — Lack of Ownership Rights," the Mine Operation Agreement does not transfer any property ownership rights to the Company.

Environmental Regulation and Liability

The Company's activities are subject to laws and regulations controlling not only mineral exploration and exploitation activities themselves but also the possible effects of such activities upon the environment. Environmental legislation may change and make the mining and processing of ore uneconomic or result in significant environmental or reclamation costs. Environmental legislation provides for restrictions and

prohibitions on spills, releases or emissions of various substances produced in association with certain mineral exploitation activities, such as seepage from tailings disposal areas that could result in environmental pollution. A breach of environmental legislation may result in the imposition of fines and penalties or the suspension or closure of operations. In addition, certain types of operations require the submission of environmental impact statements and approval thereof by government authorities. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which may mean stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their directors, officers and employees. Permits from a variety of regulatory authorities are required for many aspects of mineral exploitation activities, including closure and reclamation. Future environmental legislation could cause additional expense, capital expenditures, restrictions, liabilities and delays in the development of the Company's properties, the extent of which cannot be predicted.

In the context of environmental permits, in particular the approval of closure and reclamation plans, the Company must comply with standards and laws and regulations which may entail costs and delays depending on the nature of the activity to be permitted and how stringently the regulations are implemented by the permitting authority. In accordance with applicable laws, the Company has provided various forms of financial assurances to cover the cost of reclamation activities. However, there can be no assurance that the Company will not incur reclamation costs that are in excess of such financial assurances. While the Company plans to establish a reserve for reclamation activities, there can be no assurance that the combination of the reserve and financial assurances will be sufficient to meet future reclamation standards, if such standards are materially more stringent than existing standards. The Company does not maintain environmental liability insurance. The Company has adopted high standards of environmental compliance, however, failure with or unanticipated changes in Venezuela's laws and regulations pertaining to the protection of the environment in the future could adversely affect the Company.

Additional Funding Requirements

Under the terms of the Mine Operation Agreement, the Company is required, among other things, to make all necessary investments and complete all works necessary to reactivate the Las Cristinas Deposits, to design, construct and operate a processing plant to process gold for its subsequent commercialization and sale and to return the mine, its installations and equipment to the CVG upon termination of the Mine Operation Agreement. In order to carry out the Las Cristinas project and its other mining projects, the Company will need to raise substantial additional financing which may include one or more of non-recourse project debt and other forms of public markets debt and equity.

In September 2005 the Company issued C\$10.0 million of 5% unsecured notes due March 13, 2006 to Azimuth Opportunity, Ltd ("Azimuth") and established a C\$60.0 million equity draw down facility with the same entity. The agreements between Azimuth and the Company stipulate that, until the C\$10.0 million principal value of the unsecured notes has been repaid, 50% of the proceeds of each draw under the equity draw down facility shall be applied to repay the unsecured notes. During the fourth quarter of 2005 the Company received gross proceeds of C\$21.6 million under the equity draw down facility, a portion of which was used to repay the outstanding C\$10.0 million principal value of the unsecured notes. In January 2006 the Company raised additional gross proceeds of C\$5.0 million under the equity draw down facility. In February 2006 the Company received gross proceeds of U.S.\$31.3 million under a private placement of units. In July 2006 the Company received U.S.\$6.04 million from the early exercise of warrants held by an arm's-length holder in the United States. Despite these financings, the Company currently has limited financial resources and there can be no assurance that sufficient additional financing will be available to the Company on acceptable terms or at all. Failure to obtain such additional financing could result in a delay or the indefinite postponement of the Las Cristinas project and other mining projects of the Company and could also result in the Company defaulting in the performance of its obligations under the Mine Operation Agreement.

Reserve and Resource Estimates

The Company's reported Mineral Reserves and Resources are estimates only. As a result, there can be no assurance that they will be recovered at the rates estimated or at all. Mineral Reserve and Resource estimates are based on limited sampling and are uncertain because the samples may not be representative. Mineral Reserve and Resource estimates may require revision (either up or down) based on actual production experience. Market fluctuations in the price of metals, increased production costs or reduced recovery rates may render estimated Mineral Reserves and Resources uneconomic and may ultimately result in a restatement of Mineral Reserves and Resources. In addition, short-term operating factors, such as the need for sequential development of mineral deposits and the processing of new or different ore grades, may adversely affect the Company's profitability in any particular accounting period. If its Mineral Reserve and Resource estimates are incorrect, the Company will not correctly allocate its financial resources, causing it either to spend too much on what could be a less than economic deposit or to fail to mine what could be a significant deposit.

Mineral Exploration and Exploitation

Mineral exploration and exploitation involves a high degree of risk. Few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Unusual or unexpected formations, formation pressures, fires, power outages, labour disruptions, flooding, explosions, tailings impoundment failures, cave-ins, landslides and the inability to obtain adequate machinery, equipment or labour are some of the risks involved in mineral exploration and exploitation activities. The Company has relied on and may continue to rely on consultants and others for mineral exploration and exploitation expertise. Substantial expenditures are required to establish Mineral Reserves and Resources through drilling, to develop metallurgical processes to extract the metal from the material processed and, in the case of new properties, to develop the mining and processing facilities and infrastructure at any site chosen for mining. There can be no assurance that the Company will discover Mineral Reserves and Resources in sufficient quantities to justify exploitation or that the funds required to exploit any Mineral Reserves and Resources discovered by the Company will be obtained on a timely basis or at all. The economics of exploiting Mineral Reserves and Resources discovered by the Company are affected by various factors, many outside the control of the Company, including the cost of operations, variations in the grade of material mined and metals recovered, price fluctuations in the metal markets, costs of processing equipment, continuing access to smelter facilities on acceptable terms and other factors such as government regulations, including regulations relating to royalties, allowable production, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. There can be no assurance that the Company's mineral exploration and exploitation activities will be successful.

Uninsurable Risks

Mineral exploration and exploitation activities involve numerous risks, including unexpected or unusual geological operating conditions, rock bursts, cave-ins, fires, floods, earthquakes and other environmental occurrences and political and social instability. It is not always possible to obtain insurance against all such risks and the Company may decide not to insure against certain risks as a result of high premiums or other reasons. Should such liabilities arise, they could negatively affect the Company's profitability and financial position and the value of the Common Shares of the Company. The Company does not maintain insurance against environmental risks.

Competition

The competition to discover and acquire mineral properties considered to have commercial potential is intense. The Company competes with other mining companies, many of which have greater financial resources than the Company, with respect to the discovery and acquisition of interests in mineral properties and the recruitment and retention of qualified employees and other personnel to carry on its mineral exploration and

exploitation activities. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to successfully compete against such companies.

Dependence on Limited Mining Operations and Properties

The Company's Tomi operations and Revemin mill currently account for substantially all of the Company's mineral production and revenues. Any adverse development affecting these operations could adversely affect the Company's financial performance and results of operations. Furthermore, future results for the Company depend largely on the Las Cristinas project, which is currently still in the development stage and which may never be developed into a commercially viable mining operation. Any event, or combination thereof, which adversely affects the Las Cristinas project (whether the property itself or the Company's ability to finance and/or construct and operate a commercially viable mine on the property), would adversely impact the Company's future performance.

Production Risks

The Company prepares estimates of future production at its operations. Failure to meet these estimates could adversely affect the Company's profitability, cash flows and financial position. There can be no assurance that the Company will achieve its production estimates.

The Company's actual production may vary from its estimates for a variety of reasons, including actual ore mined varying from estimates of grade, tonnage, dilution and metallurgical and other characteristics; short-term operating factors such as the need for sequential development of ore bodies and the processing of new or different ore grades from those planned; mine failures, slope failures or equipment failures; industrial accidents; natural phenomena such as inclement weather conditions, floods, droughts, rock slides and earthquakes; encountering unusual or unexpected geological conditions; changes in power costs and potential power shortages; shortages of principal supplies needed for operation, including explosives, fuels, chemical reagents, water, equipment parts and lubricants; labour shortages or strikes; civil disobedience and protests; and restrictions or regulations imposed by governmental or regulatory authorities or other changes in the regulatory environments. Such occurrences could result in damage to mineral properties, interruptions in production, injury or death to persons, damage to property of the Company or others, monetary losses and legal liabilities. These factors may cause a mineral deposit that has been mined profitably in the past to become unprofitable forcing the Company to cease production. These factors also apply to the Company's future operations. For example, it is not unusual for new mining and processing operations to experience unexpected problems during the start-up phase.

In addition to the general production risks outlined above, one of the most significant physical production issues the Company faces in the Las Cristinas project pertains to the heavy amount of rainfall the area receives (an average of 3.3 m/year). Mine Development Associates ("MDA"), the company that supervised the preparation of various feasibility studies for the Company, has accounted for anticipated time lost due to rainfall in scheduling production and determining equipment requirements. Regardless, actual mining experience with the combination of wet saprolite and high rainfall rates may require adjustment of these estimates.

Regulations and Permits

The Company's activities are subject to wide variety of laws and regulations governing health and worker safety, employment standards, waste disposal, protection of the environment, protection of historic and archaeological sites, mine development and protection of endangered and protected species and other matters. The Company is required to have a wide variety of permits from governmental and regulatory authorities to carry out its activities. These permits relate to virtually every aspect of the Company's exploration and exploitation activities. Changes in these laws and regulations or changes in their enforcement or interpretation

could result in changes in legal requirements or in the terms of the Company's permits that could have a significant adverse impact on the Company's existing or future operations or projects. Obtaining permits can be a complex, time-consuming process. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain the necessary permits on acceptable terms, in a timely manner or at all. The costs and delays associated with obtaining permits and complying with these permits and applicable laws and regulations could stop or materially delay or restrict the Company from continuing or proceeding with existing or future operations or projects. Any failure to comply with permits and applicable laws and regulations, even if inadvertent, could result in the interruption or closure of operations or material fines, penalties or other liabilities.

Gold Price Volatility

The gold price can fluctuate widely and is affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control, including industrial and jewellery demand, inflation and expectations with respect to the rate of inflation, the strength of the U.S. dollar and other currencies, interest rates, gold sales by central banks, forward sales by producers, global or regional political or financial events, and production and cost levels in major gold-producing regions. The gold price is also subject to rapid short-term changes due to speculative activities. During the period 1998 to 2005 the gold price fluctuated between a low of U.S.\$253 per ounce and a high of U.S.\$536.50 per ounce. On August 3, 2006 the p.m. fixing price of gold sold in the London Bullion Market was U.S.\$644 per ounce.

The Company's revenues, cash flow and profitability are significantly affected by changes in the gold price. If the gold price declines below the cost of production at any of the Company's operations for a significant period, the Company may be required to suspend or terminate production at the affected operation. In addition, the Company may be required to restate its Mineral Reserves and Resources, write down its investment and increase or accelerate reclamation and closure charges at the affected operation. Any of these developments could negatively affect the Company's profitability, cash flows and financial position. Accordingly, even if the Company discovers and produces gold, there can be no assurance that the gold price will be high enough to enable the Company to sell the gold produced by it profitably.

The market price of the Common Shares of the Company is also affected by fluctuations in the gold price.

Currency Fluctuations

Currency fluctuations may affect costs at the Company's operations. Gold is sold throughout the world based principally on a U.S. dollar price, but a portion of the Company's operating expenses is in non-U.S. dollar currencies. Any appreciation of these non-U.S. dollar currencies against the U.S. dollar could negatively affect the Company's profitability, cash flows and financial position.

Credit and Market Risks

The Company enters into financial agreements (financial instruments) with major international banks, other international financial institutions and other accredited third parties in order to manage underlying revenue and future cash flow exposures arising from commodity prices. Financial instruments, which subject the Company to market risk and concentrations of credit risk, consist primarily of cash and accounts receivable.

Market risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in interest rates or currency exchange rates. The Company manages the market risk associated with commodity prices by establishing and monitoring parameters that limit the types and degree of market risk that may be undertaken.

Credit risk is the risk that counterparty might fail to fulfil its performance obligations under the terms of a contract. The Company limits the amount of credit exposure in cash and securities by placing these financial

instruments in high quality securities issued by government agencies, financial institutions and major corporations and by diversifying its holdings. The Company also has concentrations of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable as the accounts receivable are due from one customer, the Venezuelan Central Bank.

The Company is exposed to credit risk in the event of non-performance by counterparties in connection with metal forward and option contracts. The Company does not obtain any security to support financial instruments subject to credit risk but mitigates this risk by dealing only with a diverse group of financially sound counterparties and, accordingly, does not anticipate loss for non-performance. Further, the Company minimizes its credit risk in derivative instruments by entering into transactions with high quality counterparties whose credit ratings are high and by monitoring the financial condition of its counterparties. The Company continually monitors the market risk of its activities. The Company currently does not have metal forward and option contracts.

Recent Losses and Write-downs

The Company incurred net losses in each of 2005, 2004, and 2003. The Company's deficit at December 31, 2005 was U.S.\$251.5 million. The Company's profitability depends, among other things, on the gold price, gold production and cash operating costs at its operations and other factors discussed in this section of the MD&A. Substantially all of these factors are beyond the control of the Company. There can be no assurance that the Company will become profitable in the near future.

As part of the preparation of its audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Company undertook a detailed review of the carrying value of its mineral properties, deferred exploration costs and plant and equipment. These reviews resulted in asset write-downs of U.S.\$32.0 million in the 2004 financial statements (of which U.S.\$13.8 million related to the Revemin mill, U.S.\$10.4 million related to the Albino project, U.S.\$3.6 million related to the operations and U.S.\$4.2 million related to three exploration properties) and write-downs of U.S.\$17.5 million in the 2003 financial statements (of which U.S.\$14.3 million related to the La Victoria property and U.S.\$3.2 million related to three other exploration properties).

Dependence on Key Employees

The Company's business and operations are dependent on retaining the services of a small number of key management personnel. The success of the Company is, and will continue to be, to a significant extent, dependent on the expertise and experience of the directors and senior management. The loss of one or more of these people could have a materially adverse effect on the Company. The Company does not maintain insurance on any of its key employees. Due to the length of time in obtaining the Permit the Company has granted retention bonuses to certain members of senior management. Further delays in obtaining the Permit may make it more difficult for the Company to retain key employees.

Compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Passed by the U.S. Congress on July 30, 2002, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ("Sarbanes-Oxley") requires companies to, among other things, have their external auditors issue an opinion regarding the adequacy of management's assessment of their own internal controls with respect to financial reporting. The Company will have to comply with this particular aspect of Sarbanes-Oxley for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2006. Management is currently in the process of reviewing the Company's internal controls for financial reporting. Although management is not currently aware of any material issues that would prevent compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley by December 31, 2006, at this time there can be no assurance the Company's internal controls for financial reporting will be free of material weaknesses. In the event that a material weakness is discovered, the Company will likely incur costs to fix the internal controls for financial reporting as well as costs incurred to remediate any financial inaccuracies. There is also a risk that the market will react adversely to such a finding.

Potential Dilution

As at June 30, 2006 the Company has outstanding fully vested options to purchase approximately 10,399,066 Common Shares of the Company and warrants to purchase approximately 20,699,677 million Common Shares of the Company (including 12,250,000 warrants that do not become effective until after the receipt of the Permit). There were a further 139,429 options outstanding with a weighted average exercise price of C\$3.19 that were not fully vested. The issue of Common Shares of the Company upon the exercise of the options and warrants will dilute the ownership interest of the Company's current shareholders. The Company may also issue additional option and warrants or additional Common Shares from time to time in the future. If it does so, the ownership interest of the Company's then current shareholders could also be diluted.

Enforcement by Investors of Civil Liabilities

The enforcement by investors of civil liabilities under United States federal securities laws may be adversely affected by the fact that the Company is organized under the laws of Canada, that most of its officers and directors and most of the experts named in the Company's 2005 40F/Annual Information Form are residents of Canada, and that a substantial portion of the Company's assets and the assets of a majority of the Company's directors and officers and the experts named in the Company's 2005 40F/Annual Information Form are located outside the United States. Furthermore, it may not be possible to enforce against the Company or its directors, officers or experts, judgments contained in U.S. courts. The Company believes that a monetary judgment of a Canadian court predicated solely on the Canadian civil liability regime would likely be enforceable in the U.S. if the Canadian court in which the judgment was obtained had a basis for jurisdiction in the matter that was recognized by a U.S. court for such purposes. However, the Company can provide no assurances to this effect.

Discretion in the use of Net Proceeds

As indicated in this MD&A, the Company intends to use part of the net proceeds from its recent Unit financing to fund the development of the Las Cristinas project in Venezuela. See "Financing Activities". In achieving this goal, the Company maintains a broad discretion to spend the proceeds in ways that it deems most efficient. The application of the proceeds to various items may not necessarily enhance the value of the Common Shares. The failure to apply the net proceeds in accordance with the use of proceeds from its recent Unit financing and other financings could adversely affect the Company's business and consequently, could adversely affect the price of the Common Shares on the open market.

Operating Losses are Expected to Continue In the Near Future

The Company has experienced losses from operation for each of the last three years. The Company expects that it shall incur losses, and possible incur increased losses, until the Las Cristinas mine is operational. The Company expects that this trend will reverse if and when gold is produced from the future Las Cristinas mine in commercial quantities at prices equal to or in excess of the prices assumed in the feasibility study completed by SNC Lavalin in September 2003 with respect to the development of the Las Cristinas project and the construction and operation of a mining and processing facility at a production rate of 20,000 tonnes per day.

Future Hedging Activities

The Company has not entered into forward contracts or other derivative instruments to sell gold that it might produce in the future. Although the Company has no near term plans to enter such transactions, it may do so in the future if required for project financing. Forward contracts obligate the holder to sell hedged production at a price set when the holder enters into the contract, regardless of what the price is when the product is actually mined. Accordingly, there is a risk that the price of the product is higher at the time it is mined than when the Company entered into the contracts, so that the product must be sold at a price lower than could have been

received if the contract was not entered into. There is also the risk that the Company may have insufficient gold production to deliver into forward sales positions. The Company may enter into option contracts for gold to mitigate the effects of such hedging.

No Payment of Cash Dividends in the Near Future

Given that the Company is currently in the development stage for its principle property, the Las Cristinas project, the Company intends to retain its earnings to finance the growth and development of the business rather than pay dividends to shareholders. The Company does not intend to declare or pay cash dividends on its Common Shares in the near future, not has it done so since its inception. In the event that the Company decides to declare and pay cash dividends in the future, such a decision will be made entirely in the discretion of the board of directors and shall be dependent on factors such as the existing earnings, capital requirements, future business opportunities, financing agreements and market conditions for the Company's shares and the underlying commodities markets.

NON GAAP MEASURES

Total cash costs per ounce are calculated in accordance with The Gold Institute Production Cost Standard, (the "Standard"). The total cash cost per ounce data are presented to provide additional information and are not prepared in accordance with Canadian or U.S. GAAP. The data should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. The measures are not necessarily indicative of operating profit or costs of operations as determined under Canadian or U.S. GAAP. The total cash cost per ounce calculation is derived from amounts included in the Operating Expense line on the Statement of Operations. As this line item is unchanged under US GAAP, the total cash cost per ounce figure is similarly unchanged using US GAAP results of operations.

Data used in the calculation of total cash costs per ounce may not conform to other similarly titled measures provided by other precious metals companies. Management uses the cash cost per ounce data to assess profitability and cash flow from Crystallex's operations and to compare it with other precious metals producers. Total cash costs per ounce are derived from amounts included in the Statement of Operations and include mine site operating costs such as mining, processing, administration, royalties and production taxes but exclude amortization, reclamation, capital expenditures and exploration costs.

Total cash costs per ounce may be reconciled to our Statement of Operations as follows:

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Operating Costs per Financial Statements	\$4,230,492	\$6,560,877	\$10,554,495	\$11,831,515
Adjust for Albino Development	---	---	---	\$(591,852)
By-Product Credits	---	---	---	---
Reclamation and Closure Costs	---	---	---	---
Operating Costs for Per Ounce Calculation	\$4,230,492	\$6,560,877	\$10,554,495	\$11,239,663
Gold Ounces Sold	8,723	14,444	21,497	26,318
Total Cash Cost Per Ounce US\$	\$485	\$454	\$491	\$427

Additional information relating to Crystallex, including the 2005 40-F/Annual Information Form, is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

About Crystallex

Crystallex International Corporation is a Canadian based gold producer with significant operations and exploration properties in Venezuela. The Company's principal asset is the Las Cristinas property in Bolivar State that is currently under development and which is expected to commence gold production in 2008 at an initial annualized rate of some 300,000 ounces at the initial planned production rate of 20,000 tonnes of ore per day. Other key assets include the Tomi Mine, certain Lo Increible properties and the Revemin Mill. Crystallex shares trade on the TSX (symbol: KRY) and AMEX (symbol: KRY) Exchanges.

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