(An Exploration stage company)

Management Discussion and Analysis Quarter and Nine Months Ended December 31, 2010

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#### INTRODUCTION

The following Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") for Candente Gold Corp. ("Candente Gold") and its subsidiary companies (collectively, the "Company") is prepared as of February 8, 2011 and should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 ("Q3-2011") and the audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto for the period from incorporation to March 31, 2010, which were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") in Canada.

All the financial information presented in this document is expressed in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise noted.

Candente Gold's common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") and the Bolsa de Valores de Lima ("BVL") under the trading symbol "CDG".

Additional information on the Company can be found in the Company's Annual Information Form ("AIF"), filed with the Canadian regulators and available on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

Candente Gold is a Vancouver, Canada, based mineral exploration company which has an interest in the El Oro project in Mexico ("El Oro") and in various gold-silver properties in Peru. The Company conducts its operations through wholly-owned subsidiaries.

The Company is in the exploration stage and there can be no assurance that commercially viable ore deposits may exist on any of its properties until the Company completes further exploration work and comprehensive economic evaluation based upon that work.

The El Oro project is the Company's highest priority project at this time.

#### **CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS**

On April 24, 2009, Candente Copper Corp. ("Candente Copper", formerly Candente Resource Corp.) and Canaco Resources Inc. ("Canaco") created Candente Gold.

On April 30, 2009, Candente Copper and Canaco completed the transfer to Candente Gold of their respective 50% interests in Minera CCM, S.A. de C.V. ("CCM"), the Mexican company that holds an option on El Oro (the "Option"). As consideration for the transfer of the El Oro interests, Candente Gold issued 5 million common shares and a promissory note to each of Candente Copper and Canaco, with each promissory note having a principal amount of Cdn\$1,300,000 (\$1,239,157 at December 31, 2009), payable in cash or convertible into units of Candente Gold, based on the same terms and conditions as the private placement financing Candente Gold completed in the quarter ended December 31, 2009. On December 31, 2009, Candente Copper converted its \$1,300,000 promissory note into 3,250,000 shares and 1,625,000 warrants of the Company. The warrants have an exercise price of Cdn\$0.60 per common share to January 4, 2012. Canaco advised the Company that it would not convert its promissory note and the Company paid Cdn\$350,000 of the principal on June 30, 2010. The Cdn\$950,000 that remains outstanding on the Canaco promissory note is due to be paid by the Company on or before April 30, 2011.

In addition, on December 17, 2009 Candente Copper transferred its Peruvian gold-silver properties (the "Properties") to Candente Gold and on January 6, 2010, the Company issued 13,500,000 common shares to Candente Copper in return for the transfer of the Properties. Other consideration for the exchange of the Properties included the granting by the Company of a copper net smelter return royalty to Candente Copper. Candente Gold also agreed to issue to Candente Copper an additional 10,000,000 of its common shares once a minimum of US\$5 million has been spent cumulatively by Candente Gold on the Properties. The Company accounted for the consideration in respect of the 13,500,000 Candente Gold shares at a value of \$4,422,011, comprised of the Candente Copper carrying cost of \$4,663,251 less \$241,240 due in cash to Candente Copper in respect of annual license costs paid for the Properties in 2009 by Candente Copper.

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Pursuant to TSX policy, on January 6, 2010 the Company was deemed to have issued 872,890 Company warrants ("Company Deemed Warrants") to warrant holders of Candente Copper on the basis of one Company warrant for every five warrants in Candente Copper outstanding at that date. The 4,364,450 Candente Copper warrants then outstanding (the "Copper Warrants") had exercise prices ranging from Cdn\$1.75 to Cdn\$2.00. All of the Copper Warrants and Company Deemed Warrants expired unexercised on June 26, 2010.

Also pursuant to TSX policy, on January 6, 2010 the Company was deemed to have issued 1,638,350 Company options ("Company Deemed Options") to option holders of Candente Copper on the basis of one Company option for every five options in Candente Copper outstanding at that date. The 8,191,750 Candente Copper options then outstanding (the "Copper Options") have exercise prices ranging from Cdn\$0.42 to Cdn\$1.40 and expiry dates from January 3, 2011 to November 24, 2014. A total of 2,373,000 of the Copper Options and 474,600 of the Company Deemed Options were forfeited in the quarter ended March 31, 2010. The Company will receive or has received 24.06% of the exercise price on the exercise of the Copper Options, based on a predetermined formula that considered the weighted average prices of Candente Copper and Candente Gold for the first five days of Candente Gold's trading on the TSX.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2009, the Company completed a private placement (the "Private Placement") for gross proceeds of \$8,508,378 (Cdn\$9,028,130) from the sale of units ("Units") consisting of one Company common share and one half-warrant ("Warrants). Pursuant to the Private Placement, the Company issued a total of 22,570,327 common shares and certificates representing 11,285,162 Warrants. Each full Warrant is exercisable at a price of Cdn\$0.60 per common share until January 4, 2012. The Warrants were valued by the Company at \$1,624,195. The Company also paid to agents assisting in the Private Placement a total of \$298,528 (Cdn\$313,186) in cash commissions and issued to the agents 735,345 warrants ("Agents' Warrants"). The cash commissions and Agents' Warrants equal 6.5% of the aggregate number of Units sold by the agents pursuant to the Private Placement. Each of the Agents' Warrants is exercisable for a period of 24 months to purchase one additional common share of the Company at a price of Cdn\$0.60 per share. The Agents' Warrants issued as finders' fees were valued by the Company at \$105,834.

The Company posted a loss in Q3-2011 of \$1,810,361, comprised of exploration expenses of \$1,231,631 and general and administrative expenses of \$578,730. The most significant general and administrative expense was \$468,584 for stock-based compensation expense (a non-cash expense), for options vested in the quarter. Most of the exploration expenses were incurred in respect of the El Oro project.

Loss per share in the quarter ended December 31, 2010 was \$0.04.

## **CANDENTE GOLD EXPLORATION PROJECTS**

## **EL ORO**

El Oro is located in central Mexico, and includes historic mines which are past producers of gold and silver. On May 5, 2006, CCM, Candente Copper and Canaco entered into a letter agreement (the "2006 Agreement") with Luismin, S.A. de C.V. ("Luismin") and Desarrollos Mineros San Luis, S.A. de C.V. ("Desarrollos"), subsidiaries of Goldcorp Inc., that provided CCM with an option (the "Option") to acquire up to a 70% undivided interest in El Oro, subject to a 40% back-in right, in 24 mining concessions comprising approximately 14,950 hectares located in the states of Mexico and Michoacan, Mexico. Certain exploration and mining concessions included in El Oro are subject to net smelter returns royalties. The Option is comprised of an option to initially acquire 50% of El Oro (the "First Option") and then a further 20% (the "Second Option"), and both the issue of shares and the completion of certain levels of exploration expenditures on El Oro are required to exercise the Option.

A total of \$1,700,000 in exploration expenditures had been made on El Oro by November 30, 2008, and on or before November 30, 2008 Candente Copper and Canaco issued to Luismin a total of 125,000 shares in each of their respective registered capital, all as required by the 2006 Agreement as part of the consideration for the exercise of the First Option.

In two separate letter agreements dated February 2, 2009 (the "February 2009 Agreement") and September 30, 2009 (the "September 2009 Agreement"), the parties agreed to certain amendments to the 2006 Agreement. The most significant change was the removal of the back-in right on the historic mining area which covers all known gold and

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silver bearing veins. In accordance with the terms of the 2006 Agreement, as amended, each of Candente Copper and Canaco committed to issue to Luismin 125,000 common shares in their respective share capital on or before November 30, 2009 (completed), and agreed that in order to exercise the First Option the Company would:

- Commit to issue to Luismin 250,000 Candente Gold shares on or before November 30, 2009 and 250,000 Candente Gold shares on or before May 30, 2010 (both completed);
- Be required to issue to Luismin 250,000 Candente Gold shares on or before November 30, 2010 (completed) and 250,000 Candente Gold shares on or before November 30, 2011;
- Commit to cumulative exploration expenditures totaling \$2,500,000 to be completed on or before May 30, 2010 (completed);
- Be required to make an additional \$2,500,000 in exploration expenditures on or before November 30, 2011 (completed);

The 2006 Agreement, as amended, now provides that should the Company exercise the Second Option, the Company would be:

- Required to issue to Luismin 500,000 Candente Gold shares on or before November 30, 2012 and 500,000 Candente Gold shares on or before November 30, 2013; and
- Required to make an additional \$2,500,000 in exploration expenditures on or before November 30, 2012 and an additional \$2,500,000 in exploration expenditures on or before November 30, 2013.

El Oro is a district scale gold project encompassing one of the largest and most prolific high grade gold dominant epithermal vein systems in Mexico. The El Oro district includes over 50 known veins, but the bulk of the historic district production is reported to be 6.4 million ounces of gold and 74 million ounces of silver from just two of these veins. The San Rafael vein alone is reported to have produced over 4 million ounces of gold and 44 million ounces of silver over an average of only 200 metres ("m") vertical and a 2.4 km strike length. The San Rafael vein system is analogous to other epithermal vein systems mined in Mexico such as the Fresnillo, Guanajuato, and Pinos Altos mines where gold and silver occurs over 600 to 1200 m vertically. Mine grades in the San Rafael vein are reported to have averaged 10 to 12 g/t gold and 120 to 160 g/t silver and reached as high as 50 g/t gold and 500 g/t silver.

In February 2010, Candente Gold began exploration activity on the El Oro site. The current exploration program includes underground drifting and drilling in the San Rafael vein system, surface drilling in the Oriente Area, and regional exploration of the entire district including systematic exploration of all known veins.

The first stage of underground drilling comprised short holes in the footwall to the vein to evaluate the Remnant Resource above the water level in this portion of the vein. Following this first stage of drilling, work was carried out in an attempt to continue the tunnel through the vein into the hanging wall to enable deeper drilling of the San Rafael vein, below historic workings.

Gold and silver grades from underground sampling and drilling have confirmed the potential for a remnant resource in the historic workings of the San Rafael vein. Both underground drilling and sampling have demonstrated high grades of gold and silver in vein remnants. Two samples collected 55 m apart vertically have returned grades of 14.92 grams per tonne ('g/t') gold and 117.00 g/t silver over 2.1m, and 14.64 g/t gold and 54.50 g/t silver over 2.5m. Mineralized backfill material sampled to date shows an average of 4.72 g/t gold and 53.49 g/t silver.

These results support the historic gold and silver grades in a 1992 resource estimate by Luismin SA de CV (now a subsidiary of Goldcorp). This resource contained 762,000 ounces of gold and 9,750,000 ounces of silver at an average grade of 3.44 g/t gold and 44.00 g/t silver in 6,888,620 tonnes within remnant hanging and footwall vein material as well as pillars and backfill. This mineralized material was left behind as a result of a historic mine cut-off grade of ~8 g/t gold. Luismin's resource is historic in nature and non-43-101 compliant. Although evaluating this remnant resource is a secondary priority, Candente Gold expects to encounter significant amounts of this material in its underground rehabilitation and drilling program and will sample, assay and stockpile these materials throughout the San Rafael vein underground program as potential starter feed for a future mill.

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Drilling from surface in the San Rafael area has recently intersected a new zone of gold mineralization with bulk tonnage potential located 200 metres laterally from the historically mined San Rafael vein. The new gold zone occurs in a pervasively altered volcanic tuff unit (Somera Tuff) and contains 0.96 grams per tonne ("g/t") gold over 74.9 metres, within which an average of 1.17 g/t gold occurs over 54.7 metres. Higher grade zones within this interval included 16.73 g/t gold over 1.4 metres and 6.86 g/t gold over 4.6 metres (see Table 1 below).

Table 1

Drill Hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)
SR10-02A	373.1	448.0	74.9	0.96	5.06
including	373.1	427.8	54.7	1.17	5.02
and including	413.9	418.5	4.6	6.86	17.61
and including	413.9	415.3	1.4	16.73	32.50

The Somera Tuff discovery is significant for two reasons, the first being immediate potential for large scale, bulk mineable mineralization in an entirely new area near to historic workings. The second is that the pervasive alteration is typical of the top of an epithermal event, and it sits next to mineralization typical of the heart of another. This reinforces our concept of stacked or repeated mineralizing events, and that an entire high-grade mineralization zone may lie below the deepest workings on the various veins in the El Oro district.

A conceptual model for the emplacement of gold and silver mineralization in the El Oro District is available from the Candente Gold website at <a href="https://www.candentegold.com/i/pdf/El\_Oro\_Emplacement\_Model\_Feb\_8\_11.pdf">www.candentegold.com/i/pdf/El\_Oro\_Emplacement\_Model\_Feb\_8\_11.pdf</a>

The Somera Tuff occurs along a sub-horizontal unconformity above the sedimentary rocks that host the San Rafael and Veta Verde veins, where historic mines produced a minimum of 6.4 million ounces of gold and 74 million ounces of silver. Candente Gold believes that the system persists to depth as a series of "stacked" mineralization zones related to fluctuating boiling levels. These latest results support this thesis. The pervasive "Advanced Argillic Alteration" that affects the Somera Tuff consists of buddingtonite (an ammonia-rich feldspar) and silica. This is typical of the surface expression of low-sulphidation epithermal vein systems, and usually occurs 200-350m above the boiling level - where gold and silver are deposited. Normally, this alteration is not itself well mineralized.

The Somera gold zone was intersected during drilling to seek extensions of the San Rafael vein in areas where historic assay and level plans indicate that high grades (up to 50 g/t gold) persist below the old workings. Drill hole SR10-02A deviated and was lost in old mine workings at 610m down-hole. A second attempt on the same target was lost at 570m. Over 88m of the Somera Tuff was intersected in the hole which was drilled from the top of the mountain, and the intercept lies at roughly the same elevation as the portals of the principal underground access.

In the Somera Tuff, cross-cutting relationships indicate that the unit was pervasively altered first, and then the gold-silver mineralization was emplaced after the boiling level rose several hundred metres during the San Rafael Vein stage. This juxtaposition of two disparate styles indicates at least two separate pulses of mineralization related to different boiling levels. If true, the higher grade gold-silver zone related to the Somera Tuff alteration should lie below the lowest levels of the historic mines. This interpretation reinforces Candente Gold's textural and fluid inclusion data from the district and suggests similarity to other gold-silver mines in Mexico such as Fresnillo, Guanajuato, Pachuca, and Pinos Altos, where stacked gold and silver zones occur over 600 to 1200 metres vertically.

The Somera Tuff appears to have been intersected in historic drill holes but was not previously assayed because of focus on the veins proper. Sampling and assaying of the older holes is underway.

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#### Underground Drilling in the San Rafael and other veins

The San Juan tunnel rehabilitation, which has been carried out to provide access for drilling the depth extensions of the San Rafael vein from underground, has been stopped due to technical difficulties. It was determined that the San Rafael vein was over 45m wide in this area which is much wider than indicated on historic maps. This amount of backfill was deemed too difficult to properly support. Other underground routes are being evaluated to gain access for drilling the San Rafael vein below the old workings from the hanging wall side of the vein.

In the mean time both surface drill rigs have been deployed to test both the new gold discovery and the underlying San Rafael vein targets.

#### Calera Vein

The Calera vein lies in the footwall of the San Rafael vein and was accessed via an old stope from the San Juan tunnel. Underground sampling by Candente Gold obtained gold and silver grades of 11.35 g/t gold and 66.00 g/t silver over 1.00 m. A fan array of five holes (762 m) was drilled from underground (in the San Juan Adit) targeting the down-dip and strike extension of the Calera Vein below old workings. Gold and silver mineralization was found in three of the five holes as indicated in Table 2 below.

Table 2 - Selected Underground Drilling Assays

Drill Hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)
SJUG10-13	62.15	62.85	0.70	18.76	104.30
SJUG10-14	76.95	77.47	0.52	2.27	13.00
SJUG10-16	80.33	80.93	0.60	3.33	24.00

### Oriente Zone Drilling

Several geological, geochemical, and geophysical targets with the potential to represent buried and previously unknown vein systems similar to San Rafael were identified in the Oriente Zone, which lies 1,000 to 4,000m east of the historic mining centres. These targets included linear features delineated by NSAMT geophysics coinciding with geochemical anomalies in soils and rocks and zones of alteration.

Drilling failed to intersect any mineralization of economic interest in this area. In total 3,336.80 metres were drilled in 6 holes (ZO10-01 to 06). No additional drilling is planned in this area.

### Regional Exploration

Mapping/re-sampling and a total re-evaluation of the Cortaduras area in the western portion of the license area within the Tlalpujahua Mining District are currently underway. The area contains quartz stockwork and larger veins. This area has previously been assessed for its low-grade bulk tonnage potential and a review of the historic database indicates that Luismin's bore holes intersected grades of m 0.23 g/t Au + 200.00 g/t Ag over 13.45 m in hole #1.

Mark Pryor, Pr.Sci.Nat., Vice President Exploration, Sean Waller, P.Eng., Vice President and Joanne C. Freeze, P.Geo., President and CEO, are the qualified persons responsible for the review of El Oro technical information.

## **PERUVIAN GOLD-SILVER PROPERTIES**

The main Peruvian gold-silver properties transferred from Candente Copper are listed below. The following disclosure has been prepared by or under the supervision of Sean I. Waller, P.Eng., Vice President of the Company and Joanne C. Freeze, President, P. Geo., CEO and director of the Company, both of whom are qualified persons for the purposes of NI-43-101. All of these properties are 100% owned by the Company and are without reserves.

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Candente Gold's current operations on these properties consist of an exploratory search for mineable deposits of minerals, and previous work completed by Candente Copper on these properties was exploratory in nature.

#### **Tres Marias**

Both the Tres Marias and the Fredito properties occur within the Puno epithermal gold-silver belt that hosts the Aruntani deposit owned by Aruntani SAC, Arasi (La Rescatada) high sulphidation gold deposits; the Corani and Santa Ana silver deposits both owned by Bear Creek Mines, and two new discoveries by Buenaventura/Goldfields, Chucapara and Canahuire, which host both high and low sulphidation mineralization.

The Tres Marias project hosts a low sulphidation vein (Pataqueña) with high grade silver mineralization which was previously exploited however no records have been found. Exploitation does not appear to be extensive and there is potential for extending the mineralized vein to depth and along strike. Anomalous gold in soils indicates the potential for the discovery of a new gold-silver vein or bulk tonnage deposits which could be high sulphidation in nature.

The Pataqueña vein system is ready for drill testing but prior to drilling it is recommended that the area of the vein system be covered by a Natural Source Audio Magnetic Telluric survey (NSAMT) which could assist in better definition of the known veins/structures and also possibly locate other hidden structures with veins. Detailed mapping and rock and soil geochemical sampling is recommended on the Soracha and San Francisco zones to define drill targets.

#### **Fredito**

Fredito covers a large geophysical target partially overlying a gold-silver-bearing zone of high sulphidation alteration, proximal to a gold-silver-lead-zinc-bearing low sulphidation vein system exploited sporadically since colonial times.

#### Lunahuana

Lunahuana is a 5,387 hectare property located in central Peru. The Lunahuana property hosts both gold and copper mineralization in veins, disseminations and mantos. This mineralization is believed to be analogous to IOCG deposits. The property was acquired from Britannia Mines and was formerly known as the Columbia property.

### **Oro Queropalca**

The Oro Queropalca property hosts abundant vein and disseminated gold-silver mineralization in surface showings that gave highly anomalous gold and silver assays. The property has potential to host epithermal gold-silver deposits and mantos style silver-lead-zinc deposits.

## Alto Dorado/Toril

Alto Dorado is a 9,400 hectare exploration stage gold project located in the Department of La Libertad in northern Peru. The Company's interest in the Alto Dorado property is based on earlier exploration work by Candente Copper. Both porphyry and high sulphidation styles of mineralization are evident on the property.

#### The Brujas-Picota Project

The Brujas-Picota property covers extensive areas of argillic, phyllic, advanced argillic (dickite, alunite, pyrophyllite), silicification (locally vuggy to grey silica) alteration with gold-silver-bearing veins, breccias and structures. The project has potential to host high sulphidation type gold-silver deposits within large areas of vuggy silica and advanced argillic alteration with gold-silver-bearing veins, breccias and structures. The exploration targets include six zones with gold-silver bearing veins, breccias and structures and areas between the six zones which have had little exploration. The property has only had very preliminary exploration.

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The property lies just northeast of Buenaventura's La Zanja high sulphidation gold deposit and 12 km west of the Tantahuatay porphyry gold deposit owned by Grupo Mexico and Buenaventura.

## Las Brujas Claims

This property hosts high sulphidation style granular and vuggy silica which is mineralized with gold and has anomalous levels of other elements typical of high sulphidation deposits. Rock chip samples returned anomalous values of gold (up to 1.57gpt over 10 meters), antimony (up to 570ppm), arsenic (up to 3,680ppm), barium (up to 1,860ppm), silver (up to 22.4gpt), mercury (>100,000ppb), as well as elevated copper (up to 681ppm), lead (up to 836ppm) and zinc (up to 1,135ppm).

#### Las Sorpresas

Las Sorpresas is an exploration stage epithermal high sulphidation gold-silver project located southeast of the Yanacocha district in northern Peru. Candente Copper's interest in the Las Sorpresas property stemmed from earlier exploration work, as described below, that was done in the area.

## **El Tigre**

The El Tigre property covers an area with potential to host epithermal low sulphidation quartz vein and/or bulk tonnage gold deposits marginal to large diatreme breccias with abundant fragments containing gold-bearing quartz veins and quartz stockwork.

### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

#### Quarter ended December 31, 2010

During Q3-2011 the Company posted a loss of \$1,810,361 compared to a loss of \$170,070 in the quarter ended December 31, 2009 ("Q3-2010"). The Company is in the exploration stage, with no significant sources of revenue. Expenses are significantly higher than in the comparative quarter as the Company commenced in Q1-2011 an active exploration program that was pending completion of a financing.

The Company's General and Administrative expenses in Q3-2011 were \$578,730 (Q3-2010: \$111,662). The most significant expenses in the period were stock-based compensation of \$468,584 for options vested in the quarter ((\$nil in Q3-2010), followed by management fees, salaries and benefits of \$64,509 (Q3-2010: \$52,028) and office, rent and miscellaneous expenses of \$45,497 (Q3-2010: \$18,712). Candente Gold and Candente Copper share certain General and Administrative expenses. Stock-based compensation expense is recorded at option vesting dates and was therefore nil in Q3-2010 as no Candente Gold options vested during that quarter. The Company also recorded a foreign exchange gain of \$66,627 (Q3-2010: loss \$12).

The Company also incurred Exploration expenses of \$1,231,631 in Q3-2011 (Q3-2010: \$58,408). The most significant expenses were drilling costs of \$578,608 (\$Q3-2010: \$nil), exploration administration of \$253,921 (\$nil in Q3-2010) and geological and geophysical expenses of \$107,622 (Q3-2010: \$48,658). Most of the Exploration expenses in fiscal 2010 were incurred in respect of the El Oro project.

As anticipated, exploration expenses have increased substantially in the current fiscal year, as the Company carries out a drilling program for El Oro. It is anticipated that most of the exploration expenses to be incurred in the remaining quarter of fiscal 2011 will be incurred with respect to El Oro.

#### Nine months ended December 31, 2010

During the nine months ended December 31, 2010 ("YTD-2011") the Company posted a loss of \$4,944,657, compared to a loss of \$871,053 in the nine months ended December 31, 2009 ("YTD-2010").

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The single major source of variance between the two comparative periods is stock-based compensation expense in the current fiscal year of \$1,380,052 (\$nil in YTD-2010 as no options had been granted as of December 31, 2009). This is a non-cash expense.

General and administrative expenses have increased compared to YTD-2010 in connection with the Company's significantly enhanced development and corporate activities in the current year, including the hiring of additional staff and corporate development, shareholder communications and regulatory and filing fees, which the Company did not have to incur prior to listing in the TSX and BVL in the current calendar year.

Exploration costs have also increased substantially in the current fiscal year because the Company began its current program at El Oro, as more particularly described in the technical property descriptions of this MD&A. The most relevant exploration costs YTD include drilling of \$1,260,230 (YTD-2010: \$nil), exploration administration of \$564,756 (YTD-2010: \$nil) and geological and geophysical expenses of \$406,081 (YTD-2010: \$166,854).

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A summary of exploration costs incurred by the Company from inception to date is presented below:

	Incurred to March 31, 2010 (\$)	Incurred in QE June 30, 2010 (\$)	Incurred in QE Sept. 30, 2010 (\$)	Incurred in QE Dec. 31, 2010 (\$)	Cumulative exploration costs to date (\$)
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Depreciation	4,655	1,800	2,311	4,226	12,992
Assays	=	7,601	42,233	33,268	83,102
Exploration administration	21,340	136,691	145,124	235,859	539,014
Camp, field supplies & travel	41,055	56,200	240,553	209,858	547,666
Drilling	9,582	237,464	444,158	578,608	1,269,812
Equipment maintenance & rental	6,938	960	10,139	14,162	32,199
Geological & geophysical	277,387	159,346	127,892	102,930	667,555
	360,957	600,062	1,012,410	1,178,911	3,152,340
LUNAHUANA	0.500	4.070	0.000	0.000	45.405
Exploration administration	8,530	1,073	2,800	3,032	15,435
Camp, field supplies & travel	432	-	96 49	-	528
Equipment maintenance & rental Field support & personnel	499	2 400	3,828	2.706	548 14,039
Geological & geophysical	2,935 842	3,480 2,521	4,392	3,796 3.058	10,813
Geological & geophysical	13,238	7,074	11,165	9,886	41,363
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Exploration administration	2,618	545	214	_	3,377
Field support & personnel	1,175	1,767	303	_	3.245
Geological & geophysical	84	537	-	_	621
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Exploration administration	3.891	2,121	560	2.342	8,919
Camp, field supplies & travel	174	353	-	92	619
Equipment maintenance & rental	829	865	-	240	1,934
Field support & personnel	746	5,662	802	2,600	9,810
Geological & geophysical	253	537	=	-	790
	5,893	9,538	1,367	5,274	22,072
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Assays	-	-	=	38	38
Exploration administration	3,687	988	3,848	231	8,754
Camp, field supplies & travel	-	216	305	131	652
Equipment maintenance & rental	-	360	=	104	464
Field support & personnel	1,656	2,628	5,154	16	9,454
Geological & geophysical	789	537			1,326
	6,132	4,729	9,307	520	20,688
LAS BRUJAS	0.040	505	00	4 000	4.070
Exploration administration	2,618	565	66	1,030	4,279
Camp, field supplies & travel Field support & personnel	-	1 021	94	428 753	428
Geological & geophysical	1,175	1,831 537	94	109	2,678 1,821
Geological & geophysical	3,793	2,933	160	2,320	9,206
PAMEL	5,755	2,000	100	2,020	3,200
Exploration administration	331	461	(782)	490	500
Camp, field supplies & travel	44	-	(102)	40	84
Equipment maintenance & rental	52	_	_	214	266
Field support & personnel	52	1,495	(1,109)	359	797
	479	1,956	(1,891)	1,103	1,647
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Assays Exploration administration	2,980	1,083	6,389	2,779 10,416	2,779 20,868
Camp, field supplies & travel	2,980 146		1,836	10,416	
Equipment maintenance & rental	140	487 311	1,030 514	147	2,658 972
Field support & personnel	1,192	2,714	6,713	9,926	20,545
Geological & geophysical	1,192	537	1,415	1,634	5,134
Coological a goophysical	5,866	5,132	16,867	25,091	52,956
	3,000	5,152	10,007	20,001	32,330

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	Incurred to March 31, 2010 (\$)	Incurred in QE June 30, 2010 (\$)	Incurred in QE Sept. 30, 2010 (\$)	Incurred in QE Dec. 31, 2010 (\$)	Cumulative costs to date (\$)
OTHER PROJECTS			, ,		
Assays	558	-	-	-	558
Exploration administration		868	8,216	521	9,605
Equipment maintenance & rental		2,828	394	3,786	14,342
Camp, field supplies & travel	7,446	2,135	975	_	3,222
Field support & personnel	191	5,176	10,288	4,219	19,874
Geological and geophysical	-	_	208	_	208
Geographical information systems	3,848	-	-	-	3,848
·	12,043	11,007	20,081	8,526	51,657
	412,278	645,280	1,069,983	1,231,631	3,359,172

#### **SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL RESULTS**

	QE Dec. 31, 2010	QE Sept. 30, 2010	QE June 30, 2010	QE March 31, 2010
Total revenue	-	-	\$ -	\$ -
Net loss	(1,810,361)	(1,655,468)	(1,478,828)	(752,490)
Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.04)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.06)
	QE Dec. 31, 2009	QE Sept. 30, 2009	QE June 30, 2009	QE March 31, 2009*
Total revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ N/A
Net loss	(170,070)	(373,859)	(327,124)	N/A
Basic and diluted				
loss per share	(0.01)	(0.04)	(0.03)	N/A

<sup>\*</sup> The Company was incorporated on April 24, 2009 therefore there are no financial statements for quarters ending prior to that time

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

At December 31, 2010 the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$2,595,221 and working capital of \$2,072,944, compared to cash and cash equivalents of \$6,944,999 and working capital of \$5,876,835 at March 31, 2010.

The Company holds its cash in Guaranteed Investment Certificates ("GIC") issued by British Columbia Credit Unions. The GICs are insured on a no-limit basis by the Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2009, the Company completed a private placement (the "Private Placement") for gross proceeds of \$8,508,378 (Cdn\$9,028,130) from the sale of units ("Units") consisting of one Company common share and one-half warrant ("Warrants). Pursuant to the Private Placement, the Company issued a total of 22,570,327 common shares and certificates representing 11,285,162 Warrants. Each full Warrant is exercisable at a price of Cdn\$0.60 per common share until January 4, 2012. The Warrants were valued by the Company at \$1,624,195. The Company also paid to agents assisting in the Private Placement a total of \$298,528 (Cdn\$313,186) in cash commissions and issued to the agents 735,345 warrants ("Agents' Warrants"). The cash commissions and Agents' Warrants equal 6.5% of the aggregate number of Units sold by the agents pursuant to the Private Placement. Each of the Agents' Warrants is exercisable for a period of 24 months to purchase one additional common share of the Company at a price of Cdn\$0.60 per share. The Agents' Warrants issued as finders' fees were valued by the Company at \$105,834.

The Company is using existing cash to fund acquisitions, exploration activities and general and administrative expenses. Given that it currently does not have a source of revenue, the Company's ability to continue as a going concern remains contingent on its ability to obtain additional financing in future periods.

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As of December 31, 2010 the Company had accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$286,773, of which \$109,053 is an account payable to Candente Copper in connection with cost-sharing of certain administrative expenses for the period October to December 2010.

The Company also has outstanding a promissory note of \$949,810 (Cdn\$950,000) to Canaco which is payable on demand. A payment of \$333,524 (Cdn\$350,000) on the note was made by the Company on June 30, 2010; the balance of Cdn\$950,000 is due to be paid on or before April 30, 2011.

## **Operating Activities**

Cash used in operations during Q3-2011, including the changes in non-cash working capital items, was \$1,456,801 (Q3-2010: \$296,008).

On a YTD-basis, cash used in operations was \$3,767,040 (YTD-2010: \$290,342), including changes in non-cash working capital accounts.

## **Financing Activities**

During the quarter ended December 31, 2010, a total of 161,250 warrants were exercised for proceeds of \$88,337 and 172,750 options were exercised, for proceeds of \$123,616.

On a YTD basis, a total of 362,500 warrants were exercised for proceeds of \$212,643, 172,750 options were exercised for proceeds of \$123,616 and the Company made a cash payment of \$333,524 towards a promissory note issued in connection with the acquisition of El Oro in 2009.

In Q3-2010 the Company received net proceeds of \$8,032,555 from a private placement.

### **Investing Activities**

In Q3-2011, investing activities consisted of El Oro acquisition costs of \$189,517 relating to the payment of mining rights in Mexico to December 31, 2010, the purchase of \$39,890 in equipment and an increase of \$10,721 of VAT credits in Peru.

YTD-2011, the Company made annual cash payments of \$476,796 to maintain the good standing of its mineral properties in Mexico and Peru and purchased plant and equipment of \$92,844, including vehicles in Mexico and various geological information systems licenses. The Company also paid VAT tax credits in Peru of \$15,833. VAT tax credits in Peru may only be recovered as credits against VAT payable from future sales generated by the Company.

YTD-2010, the Company received cash of \$22,247 in connection with the transfer of El Oro.

## TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the nine months ended December 31, 2010 ("YTD-2011"), a total of \$210,944 for geological consulting services rendered was paid or accrued to directors, officers or to private companies associated with directors or officers of the Company compared to \$105,629 during the period from April 24, 2009 to December 31, 2009 ("YTD-2010"). These amounts are included as a component of exploration costs.

During YTD-2011, a total of \$130,946 (YTD-2010: \$63,955) was paid as salaries and bonuses to various officers of the Company and \$35,049 was paid or accrued to private companies associated with officers and directors of the Company for management services rendered (YTD-2010: \$25,979). These amounts are included in general and administrative expenses.

Included in accounts receivable at December 31, 2010 is \$11,054 owed to the Company by certain officers for expense advances. Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at December 31, 2010 is \$40,383 owed by

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the Company to certain officers and directors of the Company for services rendered, reimbursement of expenses and directors' fees.

The above transactions have been recorded at the exchange amounts agreed to by the related parties. Amounts due to related parties are considered by the Company to be accounts payable and are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

At December 31, 2010, a director and officer of the Company served as a director and officer of Candente Copper and three of the Company's officers served as officers of Candente Copper. During the period ended December 31, 2010, the Company and Candente Copper shared certain office and administrative expenses and Candente Copper made certain payments on behalf of the Company. As of December 31, 2010, a total of \$109,053 was due from the Company to Candente Copper for reimbursement of shared general and administrative expenses.

At December 31, 2010, Candente Copper owed the Company \$12,513, corresponding to the Company's 24.06% share of the proceeds of certain Copper Options exercised on December 22, 2010.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

There were no changes to the nature or the Company's critical accounting estimates during Q3-2011. The preparation of the Company's financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada requires management to make judgments with respect to certain estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions, based on management's best judgment, affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities, including disclosure of contingent liabilities. On an ongoing basis, management re-evaluates its estimates and assumptions. Actual amounts, however, could differ significantly from those based on such estimates and assumptions.

Significant areas critical in understanding the judgments that are involved in the preparation of the Financial Statements and the uncertainties inherent within them include the determination of impairment of long-lived assets, assets retirement obligations and stock-based compensation.

#### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

CICA Handbook Section 3063: "Impairment of Long-Lived Assets" ("Section 3063") established standards for the recognition, measurement and disclosure of impairment of long-lived assets. Long-lived assets are impaired whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the related carrying amounts may not be recoverable in which case an impairment loss is recognized and charged to operations.

The Company's long-lived assets consist of equipment and mineral properties. Equipment is recorded at cost and amortized on a straight line basis at the following rates: 3 and 3.34 years (Mexico) for computer equipment; and 4 years for vehicles. Acquisition costs relating to mineral properties are capitalized at cost, less recoveries in the preproduction stage, until such time as these properties are put into commercial production, sold or abandoned. Upon commencement of production, capitalized mineral property acquisition costs will be charged to the results of operations over the estimated life of the mine in accordance with the units-of-production method.

At the end of each accounting period, the Company reviews the carrying value of its long-lived assets based on a number of factors. For capitalized mineral property costs, these factors include analysis of exploration results, permitting considerations and current economics. Should the Company determine that an impairment has occurred, the Company would write-down the recorded value of the long-lived asset to the results of operations.

## Stock-Based Compensation

CICA Handbook Section 3870: Stock-Based Compensation and Other Stock-Based Payments ("Section 3870") established standards for the recognition, measurement and disclosure of stock-based compensation and other stock-based payments made in exchange for goods and services. Section 3870 requires a fair value-based method of accounting for stock options granted to employees, including directors, and to non-employees.

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The fair value of each option granted is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. This model requires the calculation of certain variables, including the volatility of the Company's stock price, requiring various estimates and assumptions be made by management. Actual results may be significantly different from those calculated using this model.

#### **ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

Business Combinations, Consolidated Financial Statements and Non-controlling interest

For interim and annual financial statements relating to its fiscal year commencing on or after January 1, 2011, the Company will be required to adopt new CICA Section 1582 "Business Combinations", Section 1601 "Consolidated Financial Statements" and Section 1602 "Non-Controlling Interests". Section 1582 replaces existing Section 1581 "Business Combinations", and Sections 1601 and 1602 together replace Section 1600 "Consolidated Financial Statements." The adoption of Sections 1582 and collectively, 1601 and 1602 provides the Canadian equivalent to IFRS 3 "Business Combinations" and International Accounting Standard IAS 27 "Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements" respectively. The impact of adopting these new standards will not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("IFRS") IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

In February 2008, the Accounting Standards Board ("AcSB") approved a strategic plan which requires public companies to converge with IFRS for fiscal periods beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The Company will therefore be required to have comparative financial information prepared under IFRS as of April 1, 2010.

The Company has initiated its IFRS convergence project and has set the following timing objectives: to be in a position to convert its March 31, 2010 Canadian GAAP Balance Sheet to IFRS in Q4-2011, to produce financial statements under Canadian GAAP and IFRS in fiscal 2011 in order for the Company to disclose to readers of its financial statements the quantitative differences arising in 2011 under both frameworks, and to produce IFRS financial statements as of April 1, 2011.

In order to meet these objectives the Company's CFO has attended IFRS courses and in-house training sessions in 2009 and 2010. The Company's Peruvian and Mexican accountants are also familiar with IFRS.

The Company believes that the adoption of IFRS will not have a major effect on its overall operations, but the conversion effort may require additional resources (external) to assist with the documentation process and disclosure requirements will increase substantially on an ongoing basis,. The Company will be able to continue using its current information technology platforms in Canada, Mexico and Peru.

The Company has identified key areas affected by the conversion to IFRS: functional currency, impairment analysis, related party transactions and measurement of stock-based compensation.

The functional currency of the parent company will be the Canadian dollar; subsidiaries in Mexico and Peru will need to determine and document their own functional currencies and the Company's presentation currency will continue to be the U.S. dollar. Under IFRS, for presentation purposes the translation of the financial statements of each company in the group to U.S. dollars will be as follows: all assets and liabilities will be translated at closing rates (as opposed to Canadian GAAP where non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated at historical rates) and income and expenses will be translated at average rates (as they are under Canadian GAAP), with all resulting exchange differences recognized as a separate component of equity (as opposed to including translation gains or losses in income as per Canadian GAAP). The Company has elected to translate equity accounts of historical rates (under Canadian GAAP, historical rates are used), and not at current rates. The Company's choice of using historical rates translation of its equity accounts will have no impact on total equity as the resulting exchange differences will be recognized in a separate component of equity.

Impairment requirements are more stringent under IFRS than under Canadian GAAP. Annual impairment testing will be required in respect of the Company's mineral properties.

Under IFRS there are no special recognition or measurement requirements for related party transactions. Under Canadian GAAP, related party transactions are subject to special recognition or measurement requirements, as was the case with the transfer of properties from Candente Copper to Candente Gold (transferred at their carrying value). The transfer of properties will need to be re-measured under IFRS.

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The Company has considered the potential effect of share based payments under IFRS and has concluded that there will be no material impact on its financial statements on adoption of IFRS, as these payments are normally restricted to stock options granted by the Company which in most cases all vest within the year granted. There will be differences for certain options whose vesting extends beyond the fiscal year in which they were granted, but these will not be material. Under IFRS, the concept of "graded vesting" frontloads the stock based compensation expense for options granted such that the expense is higher in initial quarters and reduces as options vest, as opposed to "straight line vesting" under Canadian GAAP. However, the effect on annual results is the same under IFRS and Canadian GAAP provided options vest in full within the year granted, as is the case with most of the options granted by the Company. The calculation of the underlying fair value under both IFRS and Canadian GAAP is the same and the changes are only with respect to the timing of the allocation of the resulting cost as options vest.

### INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING ("ICFR")

Management is responsible for designing, establishing and maintaining a system of ICFR to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information prepared by the Company for external purposes is reliable and has been recorded, processed and reported in an accurate and timely manner in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have evaluated the design and operating effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010.

Management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2010, the Company's ICFR contains material weaknesses resulting from the Company's need to accommodate for reduced staff levels in Canada and the lack of adequate segregation of duties in the financial close process in Canada. The Company believes however, that adequate segregation of duties exists in Peru and Mexico with respect to domestic accounting in those countries and with respect to subsidiary reporting to head office, as financial statements produced by the Company's accountants both in Peru and Mexico are subject to a review process by the Company's Chief Financial Officer. As of December 31, 2010, the Company's Chief Financial Officer is responsible for preparing, authorizing and reviewing information for the preparation of financial reports and for preparing and reviewing the resulting financial reports, which has the potential to result in material misstatements in the Company's financial statements and should be considered a material weakness of the Company's system of ICFR.

Management has concluded, and the audit committee has agreed that, taking into account the present stage of the Company's development, the Company does not have sufficient size and scale to warrant the hiring of additional staff to correct the weakness at this time. Management is in the process of designing ICFR for the Company's current level of operations, and the Company will also need to test the effectiveness of its ICFR.

#### **OTHER MD&A REQUIREMENTS**

As of February 8, 2011, the Company has outstanding 51,071,922 common shares, 12,902,162 warrants (at Cdn\$0.60 to per share) and 4,190,500 exercisable options (at prices ranging from Cdn\$0.33 to Cdn\$1.80 per share).

Additional information, including the Company's most recent Annual Information Form, is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

#### **CAUTIONARY STATEMENT ON FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION**

This Report contains "forward looking statements". These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the Company's strategic plans, property search and evaluation plans, estimated levels of expenditures, acquisition targets and commitments. Forward-looking statements express, as at the date of this Report, the Company's plans, estimates, forecasts, projections, or beliefs as to future events or results and the Company does not intend or assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements. In certain cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects", or does not expect", is expected", "budget", "schedule", "estimates", "intends", "anticipates", or "does not anticipate", "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might", or "will be taken, "occur", or "be achieved". We caution that forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties, and there can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate. Actual results and future events may differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Factors that could cause results or

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events to differ materially from current expectations expressed or implied by the forward – looking statements include, but are not limited to the success of the Company's acquisition program, including its ability to complete further financing and close on any target acquisitions, currency fluctuations, the ability of the Company to conduct its business in Mexico and Peru, risks inherent with the mining industry, unexpected regulatory changes, delays in the completion of critical activities and other risks inherent to the Company's activities and other risks more fully described in Candente Gold's Annual Information Form filed with the Securities Commissions of the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario and which is available on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>