# GRANDE PORTAGE RESOURCES LTD. MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION For the Three Months Ended January 31, 2021 and 2020

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANYLYSIS (Dated March 31, 2021)

This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of Grande Portage Resources Ltd. (the "Company" or "Grande Portage") provides analysis of the Company's financial results for the three months ended January 31, 2021 and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and the notes thereto for the three months ended January 31, 2021 and the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended October 31, 2020, which are available on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

The January 31, 2021 condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements. The Company's significant accounting policies are the same as those applied in the Company's annual financial statements as at and for the year ended October 31, 2020. All amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated.

This MD&A is current as at March 31, 2020, the date of preparation, and includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". We direct investors to the sections "Forward-Looking Information" and "Risk and Uncertainties" included within this MD&A.

Additional information relating to Grande Portage is available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com and on the Company's website at www.grandeportage.com.

# **IMPACT OF COVID-19**

Grande Portage is carefully monitoring the public health impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) on a daily basis. Our first priority is the health and safety of our communities, shareholders, contractors, employees and other stakeholders. The Grande Portage team has been working closely to ensure all the correct protocols and safety precautions are in place. Management continues to work remotely and they have kept in regular contact with our stakeholders (who remain safe at home with their families), our investors and interested parties.

Our business continuity plans have been fully mobilized in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic and the Company is working closely with the State of Alaska and the federal regulators and health experts to protect our workforce and nearby communities. The Company will continue to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation and will continue to act proactively to protect the health of its workforce.

## **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

The Company is an exploration stage company whose shares trade on Tier II (effective June 16, 2016) of the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company holds a 100% leasehold interest in the Herbert Gold Project, consisting of 91 mining claims located 20 miles north of Juneau, Alaska, subject to minimum annual advance royalties of US\$30,000 and a 5.0% net smelter returns royalty.

The Company is in the process of exploring its principal mineral property and has not yet determined whether the property contains ore reserves that are economically recoverable. The recoverability of amounts shown for mineral properties and related deferred exploration costs is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, confirmation of the Company's interest in the underlying mineral claims, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete the development and upon future profitable production or proceeds from the disposition thereof.

The Company incurred a net loss of \$295,922 (2020 - \$150,307) for the three months ended January 31, 2021 and had an accumulated deficit of \$20,032,257 (October 31, 2020 - \$19,736,335) which has been funded primarily by the issuance of equity. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is uncertain and is dependent upon the generation of profits from mineral properties, obtaining additional financing or maintaining continued support from its shareholders and creditors. In the event that additional financial support is not received or operating profits are not generated, the carrying values of the Company's assets may be adversely affected.

## FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This MD&A contains "forward-looking information" (also referred to as "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking statements are provided for the purpose of providing information about management's current expectations and plans and allowing investors and others to get a better understanding of the Company's operating environment. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements.

In this MD&A, forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Company at this time, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies that may cause the Company's actual financial results, performance, or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied herein. Some of the material factors or assumptions used to develop forward-looking statements include, without limitation, the uncertainties associated with: regulatory and permitting considerations, financing of the Company's acquisitions and other activities, exploration, development and operation of mining properties and the overall impact of misjudgments made in good faith in the course of preparing forward-looking information as well as other risks and uncertainties referenced under "Risks and Uncertainties" in this MD&A.

Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties, assumptions, and other factors including those set out below and including those referenced in the "Risks and Uncertainties" section of this MD&A, and, as a result they may never materialize, prove incorrect or materialize other than as currently contemplated which could cause the Company's results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance (often, but not always, identified by words or phrases such as "expects", "is expected", "anticipates", "believes", "plans", "projects", "estimates", "assumes", "intends", "strategy", "goals", "objectives", "potential", "possible" or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events, conditions or results "may", "could", "would", "should", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and similar expressions) are not statements of fact and may be forward-looking statements.

### Selected Annual Financial Information:

For the year ended	_	October 31, 2020		October 31, 2019	October 31, 2018
Total revenues	\$	Nil	\$	Nil	\$ Nil
Net Loss					
Total for the year		(1,036,935	5)	(881,345)	(1,297,135)
Per share (basic and diluted)		(0.02	2)	(0.02)	(0.04)
Working capital (deficit)		1,119,53	2	120,510	128,054
Total assets		12,429,10	8	8,158,105	8,019,482
Exploration & Evaluation Assets		10,787,09	6	7,752,235	7,488,138

No cash dividends have been declared or paid since the date of incorporation and the Company has no present intention of paying dividends on its common shares. The Company anticipates that all available funds will be invested to finance the growth of its business.

The Company's recorded loss for the financial years ended October 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 is comprised mainly of general and administrative expenses. The reported net loss for 2020, 2019 and 2018 includes share-based compensation expense of \$243,600, \$175,500, and \$476,400, respectively.

#### Results of Operations for the three months ended January 31, 2021 and 2020

During the three-month period, the Company incurred \$291,990 (2020 - \$149,877) in operating costs which included \$139,800 (2020 - \$61,400) in share-based compensation, recorded an unrealized loss on investments of \$101 (2020 - \$851), and a loss on foreign exchange of \$3,831 (2020 - Gain of \$421) for a net loss of \$295,922 (2020 - \$150,307). The Company increased its shareholder relations activities which resulted in an increase in the current three-months costs over the prior period. Increases were also realized in professional fees and with the payment of directors' fees. These increased costs were offset by a decrease in regulatory and transfer agent fees.

During the three-month period, there was a total of \$203,375 (2020 - \$76,913) incurred for exploration expenditures on the Company's Herbert Gold Project in Alaska as the Company completed the last of its drill program during the month of November. The majority of the costs were for assaying, drilling, helicopter rentals, and geological consulting.

#### **Selected Quarterly Financial Information:**

Revenue	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Ended January 31, 2021 Nil	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Ended October 31, 2020 Nil	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ended July 31, 2020 Nil	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ended April 30, 2020 Nil
Loss (gain) for period	\$295,922	\$186,905	\$478,577	\$221,146
Loss (gain) per share	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00
	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended
	<b>January 31, 2020</b>	October 31, 2019	July 31, 2019	April 30, 2019
Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Loss (gain) for period	\$150,307	\$153,710	\$290,821	\$179,019
Loss (gain) per share	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

At January 31, 2021, the Company's primary asset was its investment in exploration and evaluation assets of \$10,990,471 (2020 - \$7,829,148).

During the three months ended January 31, 2021, the Company experienced a cash outflow of \$497,818 (2020 – Inflow of \$639,058) from operating activities. Investing activities used cash of \$203,375 (2020 - \$76,913) which was spent on the Company's Alaskan property. The Company realized cash inflows of \$Nil (2020 - \$993,121) from financing activities.

At January 31, 2021, the Company held cash and cash equivalents of \$790,953, had working capital of \$760,035, has not yet achieved profitable operations, has commitments due in the coming fiscal year, and had an accumulated deficit of \$20,032,257 since inception and expects to incur further losses in the development of its business, all of which indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, that it may be unable to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to obtain the necessary financing to advance its mineral property interests, meet its ongoing levels of corporate overhead and discharge its liabilities as they come due. Although the Company has been successful in the past in obtaining financing, there is no assurance that it will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future or that such financing will be on terms advantageous to the Company.

The Company does not derive any revenues from operations and does not expect to generate any revenues from operations in the foreseeable future. The Company has no material income from operations.

The Company's mineral exploration activities have provided the Company with no sources of income and a history of losses and deficit positions. However, given the nature of its business, the results of operations as reflected in the net losses and losses per share do not provide meaningful interpretation of the Company's performance and valuation.

The Company is dependent on raising funds through the issuance of shares and/or debt instruments or disposing of interests it has in exploration and evaluation assets in order to finance further acquisitions, undertake exploration and development activities on exploration and evaluation assets and meet general and administrative expenses in the long term.

There is no assurance that additional funding will be available to allow the Company to fully explore its exploration and evaluation assets. Failure to obtain financing could result in the delay or indefinite postponement of further exploration and the possible partial or total loss of the Company's interest in certain properties. The Company may be unable to meet its obligations under agreements to which it is a party and the Company may consequently have its interest in the properties subject to such agreements jeopardized.

## **RECLAMATION BONDS**

The Company placed Guaranteed Interest Certificates ("GICs") in trust as reclamation deposits pursuant to a condition of receiving consent from a government agency to explore its resource property interests. As at January 31, 2021, the Company held GICs totaling \$72,153 (US \$54,177) (2019 – \$54,759; (US \$42,472)).

## STATEMENT OF EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

	Herbert Gold		
Balance, October 31, 2020	\$10,787,096		
Acquisition costs:			
Shares issued	-		
Cash payments and other	41,315		
	41,315		
Deferred exploration costs:			
Assaying	40,215		
Consulting	708		
Drilling	54,563		
Field expenses	4,645		
Food and lodging	7,195		
Geological consulting	12,282		
Helicopter rentals	27,597		
Legal fees	7,588		
Site personnel	1,665		
Travel costs	5,602		
Total additions	162,060		
Balance, January 31, 2021	\$10,990,471		

## **RESOURCE PROPERTIES**

## Herbert Gold Project

Pursuant to an agreement dated June 16, 2010, as amended on June 12, 2012, (the "Option Agreement") with Quaterra Alaska, Inc. ("Quaterra"), the Company was granted and has exercised an option to acquire a 65% interest in a mining lease dated November 1, 2007 (the "Mining Lease") for the Herbert Gold Project, consisting of 84 unpatented mining claims (now 91 unpatented mining claims pursuant to the area of interest provisions of the Mining Lease), located 20 miles north of Juneau, Alaska. The Company was required to incur at least USD\$1,250,000 (incurred) under the Option Agreement in exploration expenditures on the property to acquire its 65% interest.

On October 24, 2011, the Company entered into a joint operation with Quaterra (the "JVA") with their initial joint interests being Quaterra 35% and the Company 65%. Under the JVA, the Company's subsidiary was appointed as operator of the project. Pursuant to the JVA, Quaterra and the Company's subsidiary were deemed to have contributed a value of \$673,077 and

\$1,250,000, respectively, as Initial Contributions. These initial values were deemed contributed in full by both parties as at October 31, 2012. Each party was also required to contribute its proportionate share of costs for all future exploration and development work. During the year ended October 31, 2015, Quaterra gave the Company a notification of its election not to participate in future programs on the property. This notice did not cancel the JVA between the Company and Quaterra, according to which Quaterra continued to be responsible for 35% of the claim maintenance fees.

During the year ended October 31, 2016, the Company entered into a purchase agreement with Quaterra to acquire Quaterra's remaining 35% interest in the Mining Lease in exchange for the issuance of 1,182,331 common shares (issued) on a non-diluted basis, equal to 9.0% of the Company's outstanding common shares and, a cash payment of \$250,000 USD (due within 90 days of the earlier of: (i) the delivery of a favorable feasibility report on the Herbert Gold Project; or (ii) change of control of the Company; or (iii) sale of the Herbert Gold Project). The Company issued the 1,182,331 common shares during the year ended October 31, 2016, but these were held by the Company until such time that the assignment of the remaining 35% interest to the Company was completed during the year ended October 31, 2017. Quaterra was also granted a limited right to participate in any future equity financings of the Company up to the next \$1.0 million raised, in order to maintain its equity interest in the Company at its then current equity interest in the Company on a non-diluted basis. The opportunity to participate has now expired.

An additional 760,464 common shares of the Company were issued to Quaterra during the year ended October 31, 2018 with respect to the private placement completed in June 2017, pursuant to Quaterra's anti-dilution rights described above (which are now fulfilled).

The Herbert Glacier Project is subject to a 5% net smelter returns royalty reserved to the underlying lessor, plus minimum annual advance royalties of \$30,000 USD due every November 1. All advance royalties will be credited towards any net smelter returns royalty paid upon the commencement of commercial production.

## **Property Highlights**

The Company announced the various assay results for the current year's drill program in news releases dated October 1st, November 24<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and March 24, 2021 which are available on SEDAR and on the Company's website.

On July 28, 2020, the Company announced the addition of a second drill on the Herbert Gold property which was set up on Pad U and tested unexplored areas of the Deep Trench and Main Veins.

The first rig drilled long holes on the eastern extension of the Goat, Ridge and Main veins. As well, the Company is pleased to report that early-season surface exploration by geologists identified at least two quartz vein outcrops of the North Vein which will now be trenched and channel sampled. A majority of this vein is covered by some overburden but the fault and its topographic expression can be traced for over 500 meters.

The North Vein, which only has two drill holes testing it to date, is the northernmost vein of the set of parallel veins comprised of the Goat, Main Vein, and Deep Trench, all of which have significant amounts of associated gold. This vein will be tested by two more drill holes this season from the T Pad.

On April 8, 2020, the Company announced that it has received regulatory approval for its upcoming drill program at its 100% controlled Herbert Gold project located within the Juneau Gold Belt in southeast Alaska and has contracted Timberline Drilling Inc. to drill approximately 12,000 - 15,000 feet of diamond drill core on the Company's project. The upcoming drill program will test multiple targets significantly deeper and further to the east than in year's past. The Company will specifically target the Main, Deep Trench, and Goat veins during this program. The Company is fully funded for the 2020 drill season.

## **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

As of the date of this filing, the Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on the results of operations or financial condition of the Company including, without limitation, such considerations as liquidity and capital resources that have not previously been discussed.

## COMMITMENTS

The Company entered into management fee agreements with a Director, the President, and the CFO of the Company (see Note 10). The agreements can be terminated by the Company upon providing twelve months of notice, based on the mutual agreement or with no notice for just cause. In case of the absence of just cause of or the mutual agreement, the Company is required to pay a full twelve months of additional compensation upon termination. The current agreements expire on October 31, 2022 and the Company is committed to make monthly payments of \$16,550.

## INVESTMENTS

As at January 31, 2021, the Company had available for sale 3,000 common shares Quaterra Resources Inc. with a market value of \$210, (cost - \$2,118). The Company also holds 3,750 common shares of Aleafia Health Inc (formerly Canabo Medical Inc) having a market value of \$881 (cost - \$22,500).

# RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

Included in accounts payable at January 31, 2021 is \$69,039 (2020 - \$138,862) owing for services to companies controlled by directors and officers of the Company. These amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and are due on demand.

During the three months ended January 31, 2021, the Company incurred the following related party transactions:

(a) \$31,125 (2020 - \$24,900) in management fees to a company controlled by the President and CEO of the Company;

(b) \$17,250 (2020 - \$17,250) in management fees to a company controlled by a Director of the Company;

(c) \$12,506 (2020 - \$7,500) in accounting fees to a company controlled by the CFO of the Company.

The Company has identified its directors and senior officers as its key management personnel. No post-employment benefits, other long-terms benefits and termination benefits were made during the three months ended January 31, 2021 and 2020. Short-term key management compensation consists of the following for the three-month periods ended January 31, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Management fees	\$ 43,375	\$ 42,150
Accounting fees	12,506	7,500
	\$ 59,881	\$ 49,650

The Company entered into management fee agreements for a term of two years with a Director, the President, and the CFO of the Company ("Contractors") in the amounts of annual compensation of \$69,000 per annum and \$99,600, and \$40,020 per annum, respectively. The Company is committed to make monthly payments of \$17,385.

# SHARE CAPITAL

Issued and Outstanding:	Balance outstanding as at March 31, 2021 is 79,692,625.
Stock Options outstanding:	Balance outstanding as at March 31, 2021 is 5,475,000.
Share Purchase Warrants:	Balance outstanding as at March 31, 2021 is 18,818,858.

## **RISK FACTORS**

The following is a brief description of some of the risks that investors should be aware of. This discussion should not be considered complete and therefore, the Company, its Directors and officers would like to recommend shareholders, lenders, investors and readers of the Management Discussion and Analysis and other documents that the Company may disseminate to review their investments directly with their financial advisors.

- a) the Company has not yet commenced commercial operations and has no history of earnings;
- b) there can be no assurance that an active and liquid market for the Company's common shares will develop and an investor may find it difficult to resell its common shares.

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Financial Instruments measured at fair value are classified into one of three levels using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1 quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and
- Level 3 inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

#### <u>Fair value</u>

The Company's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, receivables, marketable securities, and accounts payable. The carrying values of cash, receivables and payables approximate fair value because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

## Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counter party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations.

Concentration of credit risk exists with respect to the Company's cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities as all are placed with two major Canadian financial institutions. The Company is not exposed to significant credit risk on its cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities as all have been placed with major financial institutions.

## Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. At January 31, 2021, the Company had working capital of \$760,035 (October 31, 2020 - \$1,119,532). All of the Company's financial liabilities have contractual maturities of less than 30 days and are subject to normal trade terms. The Company has adequate working capital as at January 31, 2021 to discharge its existing financial obligations, but may still acquire additional funding in order to continue as a going concern. There is no assurance that financing of sufficient amounts or on terms acceptable to the Company will be available.

## <u>Market Risk</u>

The Company's financial instruments include marketable securities which are publicly traded and therefore subject to the risks related to the fluctuation in market prices of publicly traded securities. The Company closely monitors market values to determine the most appropriate course of action.

#### Interest Rate Risk

The Company is not subject to any significant interest rate risk. In management's opinion, the Company's interest rate risk is minimal as its cash equivalents may be redeemed upon demand without significant penalty.

#### Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company is not subject to any significant foreign currency risk as it does not have a significant number of financial instruments denominated in foreign currencies. The Company does not engage in any hedging activity.

#### Commodity Price Risk

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to commodity prices. The Company's ability to raise capital to fund exploration and development activities may be subject to risks associated with fluctuations in the market price of commodities. Management closely monitors commodity prices, individual equity movements, and the stock market to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken by the Company.

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to the period end, 125,000 warrants priced at \$0.16, 182,500 warrants priced at \$0.15, and 500,000 options priced at \$0.15, were exercised for gross proceeds of \$122,375.

#### DISCLAIMER

The information provided in this document is not intended to be a comprehensive review of all matters concerning the Company. The users of this information, including but not limited to investors and prospective investors, should read it in conjunction with all other disclosure documents provided including but not limited to all documents filed on SEDAR (www.SEDAR.com). No securities commission or regulatory authority has reviewed the accuracy of the information presented herein. The Company maintains a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and financial information is accurate and reliable. The Board of Directors has responsibility for developing and implementing the Company's approach to governance issues. Committees of the Board presently consist of an Audit Committee.

## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

This MD&A may contain "forward looking statement" that reflect the Company's current expectations and projections about its future results. When used in this MD&A, words such as "estimate", "intend", "expect", "anticipate", and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, which by their very nature, are not guarantees of the Company's future operational or financial performance, and are subject to risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause the Company's actual results, performance, prospects or opportunities to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied, by these forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and factors may include, but are not limited to: unavailability of financing, unfavorable feasibility studies, fluctuations in the market valuation for the minerals, difficulties in obtaining required approvals for the development of a mine and other factors.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as at the date of this MD&A or as of the date otherwise specifically indicated herein. Due to risks and uncertainties, including the risks and uncertainties identified above and elsewhere in this MD&A, actual events may differ materially from current expectations. The Company does not intend, and does not assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements.