
Financial statement of
Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd.

March 31, 2018

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Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd.**Balance sheet**

As at March 31, 2018

(In U.S. dollars)

	Notes	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash		7,384,096	31,112,679
Sales taxes receivable, other receivables and prepaid expenses	3	11,467,703	18,455,404
		18,851,799	49,568,083
Deposits on contracts		19,817,272	25,399,996
Mineral properties	4	663,906,532	573,246,874
Property, plant and equipment	5	509,709,334	507,068,830
Other assets	6	9,920,118	9,618,016
		1,222,205,055	1,164,901,799
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		92,183,034	62,676,827
Current portion of obligation under capital lease	7	1,501,911	1,311,219
		93,684,945	63,988,046
Non-current liabilities			
Obligation under capital lease	7	30,680,786	31,202,624
Long-term debt and loans payable	6	111,717,019	67,557,169
Asset retirement obligations	8	7,884,190	7,539,928
Preferred shares	15	290,000,000	290,000,000
		533,966,940	460,287,767
Shareholders' equity			
Amount contributed by a shareholder as subscription to future share capital issuance	9		
Capital stock	9	878,123,182	878,123,182
Cumulative translation adjustment		(49,852,640)	(49,852,640))
Deficit		(140,032,427)	(123,656,510))
		688,238,115	704,614,032
		1,222,205,055	1,164,901,799

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Approved by the Board

_____, Director

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Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd.**Statement of loss**

Year ended March 31, 2018

(In U.S. dollars)

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	15,408,536	9,287,171
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7,283,708	7,117,068
Interest expenses and borrowing cost	5,410,043	6,598,848
Professional fees	429,792	410,110
Foreign exchange loss	(601,725)	(2,773,701)
Rent	373,869	219,652
Travelling expenses	3,362	14,449
Other general expenses	15,756,471	3,890,080
Loss before investment income	44,064,055	24,763,677
Interest income	(224,687)	(2,168,084)
	43,839,368	22,595,593
Less: amounts transferred to long-term assets	¹² (27,463,451)	(24,209,899)
Net loss	16,375,917	(1,614,306)

Transfer to long term assets cap Interest \$ 8,886,227, Depreciation \$ 6,345,228, Salaries \$ 12,231,996.

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Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd.**Statement of deficit**

Year ended March 31, 2018

(In U.S. dollars)

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	(123,656,510)	(125,270,816)
Net loss	(16,375,917)	1,614,306
Balance, end of year	(140,032,427)	(123,656,510)

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Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd.**Statement of cash flows**

Year ended March 31, 2018

(In U.S. dollars)

	Notes	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Operating activities			
Net loss		(16,375,917)	1,614,306
Unrealized foreign exchange loss		1,025,983	392,717
Non-cash items			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment, net of an amount of \$6,345,228 for 2018 (\$7,071,254 in 2017) that was capitalized		938,481	45,814
		(14,411,453)	2,052,837
Changes in working capital items	11	6,987,700	13,111,880
		(7,423,753)	15,164,717
Investing activities			
Decrease in deposits on contracts		5,582,724	6,471,108
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	4	(12,351,550)	(48,009,046)
Additions to mineral properties	3	(52,338,726)	(103,879,169)
Proceeds from pre-commercial production revenue			231,064
Decrease in other assets			231,064
		(59,107,552)	(145,186,043)
Financing activities			
Increase in long-term debt		44,159,849	95,000,000
Repayment of loans payable		-	(28,000,000)
Repayment of obligation under capital lease		(1,357,128)	(1,197,386)
Issuance of class C	9	-	93,430,002
		42,802,722	159,232,616
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(23,728,583)	29,211,290
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		31,112,679	1,901,389
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year		7,384,096	31,112,679

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1. Nature of operations

Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd. (the "Company" or "TSMC") was incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the *British Columbia Business Corporations Act* on October 13, 2010, for the purpose of acquiring (see Note 5), exploring and developing the Direct Shipping Ore ("DSO") project from mineral licenses located in Northern Quebec and Western Labrador, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. The Company began its operations on December 1, 2010.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for private enterprises ("ASPE") applicable to a going concern, which assumes that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of presentation

The financial statements are prepared in US dollars in accordance with Canadian ASPE and include the following significant accounting policies:

Accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with ASPE requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recorded in the financial statements and notes to financial statements. The estimates include the recoverability of mineral properties, the useful life of property, plant and equipment and income taxes related accounts and credits. These estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions that the Company may undertake in the future. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and highly liquid short-term investments having a term of three months or less from the acquisition date.

Mineral properties

The Company capitalizes costs, net of tax credits, mining duties credit and accumulated impairment losses, relating to the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties on an area of interest basis. These expenses will be charged against revenue, through unit of production depletion, when properties are developed until the stage of commercial production. If an area of interest is abandoned, or management determines that there is a permanent and significant decline in value, the related costs are charged to operations. The Company reviews the carrying values of mineral property interests on a yearly basis by reference to the project economics, including the timing and effort of the exploration and/or development work, the work programs and exploration results experienced by the Company and others, and the extent to which options have committed, or are expected to commit to, exploration on a property. When it becomes apparent that the carrying value of a property exceeds its estimated net recoverable amount based on the foregoing criteria, an impairment is recognized.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

Mineral properties (continued)

The recoverability of amounts shown for mineral properties is dependent upon the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete the exploration and development of economically recoverable reserves in the mineral properties, upon the renewal of the underlying mineral claims, maintaining of the Company's interest in the underlying mining titles and compliance with filing obligations, and upon future profitable production of these reserves or sufficient proceeds from the disposition thereof.

During the construction and commissioning period of the mine, revenue from saleable material produced as part of test production is recorded against the cost of the asset until the mine achieving its level of production and completely operational.

Property, plant and equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are recognized at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The initial cost of an asset consists of its purchase price or construction costs and any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset into operation.

The ore processing plant will be amortized using the units-of-production basis. The transportation infrastructure and equipment is amortized using the units-of-production basis. The buildings and mine camp are amortized using the straight-line method over 10 years. Office equipment and furniture are depreciated on a straight-line basis over 18, 36 or 60 months. Rolling stock is depreciated on a declining balance of 30% per year.

Impairment of long-lived assets

Long-lived assets are tested for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows resulting from its use and eventual disposition. The impairment loss is measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of the long-lived asset exceeds its fair value.

Tax credits and mining duties

The tax credits and mining duties are recorded as a reduction of the mineral properties during the year in which the costs are incurred, provided that the Company is reasonably certain that the tax credits and mining duties will be received. The tax credits and mining duties claimed and recorded must be examined and approved by the tax authorities and it is possible that the amount granted will differ from the amount recorded.

Income taxes

The Company applies the taxes payable method of accounting for income taxes.

Financial instruments

(a) Measurement of financial instruments

The Company initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value except for certain non-arm's-length transactions. Advances and receivable from shareholder for corporation are measured at cost.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

(b) Impairment

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in net loss for the year. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is not greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in net income.

(c) Transaction costs

The Company recognizes its transaction costs in net loss in the period incurred. However, financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.

(d) Hedge accounting

The company holds forward contracts on iron ore to protect against changes in market price of iron ore based on anticipated transactions. As at March 31, 2018, and March 31, 2017, the company had no designated any derivate financial instruments as hedges for accounting purposes and accounts for these contracts at their fair value.

Asset retirement obligations

During the course of acquiring and exploring potential mining properties, the Company must comply with government environmental regulations concerning reclamation requirements. The estimated costs of complying with these requirements will be capitalized as mineral properties and the corresponding liability will be increased accordingly. The carrying value will then be amortized over the life of the related assets on a unit-of-production basis and the related liabilities will accrete to the original value estimate.

Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currency are translated at the exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet date, whereas non-monetary items are translated at the historical rate. Revenue and expenses are translated at the exchange rate in effect at the transaction date. Gains and losses are included in the net loss for the year.

3 Sales taxes receivable, other receivables and prepaid expenses

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Sales taxes receivable	536,557	3,713,719
Trade receivable IOC	3,916,004	2,668,521
Receivable from shareholder corporation	559,909	472,684
Interest receivable	4,157	4,030
Advances, deposits and other	6,451,077	11,596,450
	11,467,703	18,455,404

The amounts due from shareholder corporation are non-interest bearing and due on demand.

4 Mineral properties

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	573,246,874	537,742,965
Additions	187,245,983	83,526,289
Revenue from sale of Ore	(96,586,325)	(48,022,380))
Balance, end of year	663,906,532	573,246,874

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4 Mineral properties (continued)

In December 2011, the Company completed the purchase from New Millennium Iron Corp. ("NML") of 782 DSO claims covering 303.9 km² in Newfoundland and Labrador and Quebec. This purchase committed the Company to a number of agreements that NML has signed on behalf of the DSO Project including Impact and Benefit Agreements ("IBAs") and royalty agreements. These properties are located in isolated claim blocks, extending from 15km southeast of Schefferville to the Goodwood area approximately 50km northwest of Schefferville.

The Company acquired the DSO Properties in exchange for CAN\$21,757,414 in cash and 1 Class B common share of TSMC with an assigned value of CAN\$35,566,530 to bring NML's interest in TSMC to 6%. At the time of the closing, an independent valuation estimated the fair market value of the DSO Properties to be CAN\$53,300,000 based upon the income approach and applying a discounted cash flow method. This amount was recorded as the initial cost of the DSO Properties upon acquisition. In FY16, the NML loan of US\$3,521,919 and accrued US\$527,585 there on were converted into Class B common share.

5 Property, plant and equipment

	2018			2017
	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value	Net book value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ore processing plant	244,614,717	2,540,587	242,074,130	234,169,236
Transportation, infrastructure and equipment	97,930,037	3,729,808	94,200,229	92,746,858
Buildings and mine camp	190,677,147	19,813,724	170,863,423	176,737,290
Office equipment and furniture	4,259,934	1,839,930	2,420,004	3,222,688
Rolling stock	532,392	380,845	151,547	192,758
	538,014,227	28,304,894	509,709,334	507,068,830

Property, plant and equipment under construction with a cost of \$ 422,271,449 (\$412,638,035 in 2017) have not been amortized in 2018.

6 Other assets

In July 2012, the Company entered into an agreement with the Sept-Îles Port Authority providing the Company with access to a new multi-user deep water dock facility. As part of the agreement, TSMC will have a minimum annual shipping capacity of 5 million tons a year for 20 years, with options to renew for four or five-year terms. Construction of the port facility is expected to be completed in FY19. The Company's buy-in for this agreement amounts to \$9,920,118 of which \$4,960,059 (50%) was disbursed in July 2012 and the remainder in July of 2013. As a result of these payments, the Company will receive favourable shipping rates at the dock facility. During the year the company recovered \$ 4,879,941 on ore shipments, in addition a write-off of advances was recorded \$ 12,233,327.

6 Long-term debt and loans payable

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
	—	—
Loan from Investissement Quebec, created under the laws of the province of Quebec, in its capacity of mandatary of the government of Quebec bearing interest at 6.00%, due on Sept 30, 2023.	40,014,304	—
Loan from a shareholder company bearing interest at 6.0% and due on September 30, 2023. Interest incurred on this loan during the year is \$ 4,145,545 and is included in the balance as at March 31, 2018	71,702,714	67,557,169
	111,717,018	549,219,600

The estimated repayments for the following years ending March 31 are as follows:

	\$
2020	22,343,404
2021	22,343,404
2022	22,343,404
2023	22,343,404
2024	22,343,402
Total	<u>111,717,018</u>

7 Obligations under capital lease

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Rail segment lease, 10.53%, maturing in October 2030	32,182,697	32,513,843
Current portion	(1,501,911)	(1,311,219)
	30,680,786	31,202,624

Minimum lease payments required in the next five years under capital lease are as follows:

	\$
2019	4,820,071
2020	4,820,071
2021	4,820,071
2022	4,820,071
2023	4,820,071
Subsequently	31,732,138
	55,832,493
Interest included in minimum payments	(23,649,796)
	32,182,697

8 Asset retirement obligations

The Company accrued an estimated liability related to the mine rehabilitation and closure plan of the DSO Project based on the total future remediation cost using a 2.35% (1.86% in 2017) discount rate (10 Year Zero Coupon Bond Yield) and a 2.2% inflation rate. The carrying value will be amortized over the expected mine life of 15 years.

9 Capital stock

(a) *Authorized, unlimited number*

Class A common, voting and participating shares of no par value

Class B common, voting and participating shares of no par value

Class C common, voting and participating shares of no par value

Preferred

Issued

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
368,69 Class A common shares	749,126,650	749,126,650
20,52 Class B common shares	35,566,530	35,566,530
85,44 Class C common shares	93,430,002	93,430,002
	878,123,182	878,123,182

10 Income taxes

The Company has had a net loss every year since incorporation with the exception of the last year. As such, there is no tax payable and no tax provision to record in the financial statements.

Reconciliation of the effective income tax rate to the statutory rate:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Net loss	16,375,917	(1,614,305)
Expected tax recovery at combined tax rate of 28.34% (29.19% in 2017)	(4,640,935)	471,216
Tax effect on conversion of debt to equity	-	-
Tax effect of non-deductible expenses for tax purposes	(93,214)	-
Tax effect of other temporary differences	28,293,713	4,333,521
Tax effect of temporary difference related to foreign exchange loss	-	-
Tax effect of non-capital tax losses to be carried forward and not recognized as an asset	(23,559,564)	(4,804,737)
Income tax expense	-	-

The entity has unused Canadian Exploration Expenses of \$286,919,091 and unused Canadian Development Expenses of \$48,237,542.

During the previous years, the Company earned cumulative Federal investment tax credits ("ITCs") of \$ 50,790,752 (\$ 38,685,800 in 2017) which have not been recorded in these financial statements due to the uncertainty as to whether the Company will be able to utilize them. These ITCs can be carried forward for 20 years and expire as follows:

	\$
2031	71,462
2032	1,486,977
2033	5,618,775
2034	6,988,194
2035	20,196,938
2036	16,428,406
	50,790,752

10 Income taxes (continued)

The Company has \$ 289,886,447 (\$231,624,924 in 2017) in non-capital tax losses, which are available to reduce income taxes in future years and expire as follows:

	\$
2031	1,176,871
2032	12,227,490
2033	7,193,119
2034	21,008,796
2035	12,428,851
2036	141,424,204
2037	10,882,561
2038	83,544,555
	<u>289,886,447</u>

11 Additional information relating to the statement of cash flows

The changes in working capital items are detailed as follows:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Sales taxes receivable, other receivables and prepaid expenses	6,987,700	13,111,880

Included in the accounts payable and accrued liabilities is an amount of \$ 49,937,197 (\$11,314,163 in 2017) is pertaining to additions to mineral properties and \$ 42,245,837 (\$51,362,664 in 2017) pertaining to acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment.

12 Amounts transferred to long-term assets

Transfer to long term assets cap Interest \$ 8,886,227, Depreciation \$ 6,345,228 and Salaries \$ 12,231,996

13 Related party transactions

During the year, the Company incurred transactions with companies under common control and a shareholder company:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Balance sheet accounts		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6,317	9,487
Receivable from a shareholder corporate (NML)	483,327	472,683
Advance payable to TS Canada Capital Ltd.	3,250,634	3,264,594
Loan TSMUK Ltd.	71,702,714	67,557,169
Preference shares issues to TSMCUK Ltd.	290,000,000	290,000,000

Interest payable to TSCC (U\$492.6k) TSGMH(U\$198k)	691,562	691,562
Accrued liability Commodity/Fx Hedging payable	989,765	
Tata Steel	203,277	
Hedging TSGP	479,696	2,113
Interest expense capitalized	4,145,545	11,632,785

13 Related party transactions (continued)

These transactions, concluded in the normal course of operations, are for goods and services provided by companies under common control and a shareholder. These amounts have been recorded at the exchange amounts.

14 Commitments and contingency

The Company has entered into IBAs with four First Nations. These "life of mine" agreements promote and govern a mutually beneficial development of the DSO project. The IBAs establish the processes and sharing benefits, whereby the First Nations will benefit through training, employment, business opportunities and financial participation in the project.

The Company entered into long-term lease agreements for premises as follows.

Lessor	Premises	Lease expiry
Monit International Inc.	11 th Floor	May, 2021

The company's only remaining lease is for the 11th floor.

The minimum lease payments required under this lease are as follows:

	\$
2019	416,187
2020	417,157
2021	417,157
2022	63,654
	<u>1,314,155</u>

The Company has entered into various agreements for the development of the DSO project to be paid as project milestones are met and has agreed to some take-or-pay obligations that the Company anticipates will be used by its future operations. Based on the Company's estimates, amounts due in each of the next five years and subsequent under these agreements are as follows:

	\$
2019	39,198,769
2020	28,403,443
2021	35,960,214
2022	37,851,249

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2023	5,407,166
Subsequent	48,200,714

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14 Commitments and contingency (continued)

The Company is party to claims and lawsuits in the normal course of business. Management believes that the resolution of these claims and lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, earnings or cash flows.

15 Financial risk management objectives and policies

In the normal course of operations, the Company is exposed to and manages various financial risks.

The Company does not enter into financial instrument agreements including derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

The Company's main financial risks and policies are as follows:

Exchange risk

Exchange risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The majority of the Company's expenditures are transacted in Canadian dollars; however, there are foreign currency transactions. Consequently, some assets and liabilities are exposed to foreign exchange fluctuations.

On March 31, 2018, the Company had in cash, CAN\$ 889,463 (CAN\$ 33,451,416 in 2017); and CAN \$ 50,000,000 (CAN \$ nil in 2017) in long-term debt and loans payable, which have been translated into US dollars at the exchange rate on March 31, 2018.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter financial difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities.

The Company has a robust planning and budgeting process which supports in determining the funds required for Company's operating requirements as well as exploration and development plans. The annual budget is approved by the Board of Directors. The future exploration, development, mining, and processing may require additional financing by way of private or public offerings of equity or debt or sale of part of project. TSMC has support from the Tata Steel Group to provide the necessary support to the Company to enable it to fund the ongoing funding for the DSO project

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

The Company manages credit risk through an emphasis on quality in its investment portfolio, which at year-end are cash, short-term investments and term deposits. The cash, short-term investments and term deposits are held through three Canadian chartered banks and management believes the risk of loss to be remote.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company is exposed to interest rate risk on its LIBOR rate based long-term debt.

Market Risk

The company is also exposed to market on shipments of iron-ore. The company is committed, under outstanding forward contracts from a company under common control, to sell 0.55 million tons of iron-ore swap at prices ranging from US\$ 70/ton to USD \$72/ton. These contracts are designed to hedge the market risk of movements on the spot price of iron ore. However, the company does not apply hedge accounting. Since the company does not use hedge accounting for its forward contracts, these contracts are recorded on the balance sheet at fair value. The fair value is \$ 4.33 million as at March 31,2018 and the fair value is based on information received from the counterparty who is a company under common control with whom those instruments are negotiated and is included in mineral properties financial statement line item.

15. Comparative figures

Certain balances in the prior year have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

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