# **Management and Discussion Analysis**



# MELIOR RESOURCES INC. (FORMERLY COALCORP MINING INC.)

Three months ended September 30, 2012

# MELIOR RESOURCES INC. ("Melior" or the "Corporation")

# Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations For The Three Months Ended September 30, 2012

(All amounts, except per share amounts and where specified, are in thousands of Canadian Dollars)

Information contained in this discussion is given as of November 27, 2012 unless otherwise indicated. All amounts are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") should be read in conjunction with the unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes of the Corporation for the three month period ended September 30, 2012 and the audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes and related MD&A of the Corporation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

IFRS replaced Canadian GAAP for publicly accountable enterprises, including the Corporation, effective for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2012 have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies consistent with IFRS. The transition to IFRS required a restatement of the Corporation's fiscal 2011 financial information from its original Canadian GAAP basis to ensure that the fiscal 2011 comparative information presented in the financial statements and this MD&A reflect accounting policies consistent with IFRS.

Financial information for periods prior to July 1, 2010 has not been restated for the changes in accounting policies resulting from the adoption of IFRS, however the financial position as at July 1, 2010 has. For the purposes of this MD&A, the term "Canadian GAAP" refers to Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for the Corporation before the adoption of IFRS.

# Forward Looking Information

This MD&A contains certain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of statements that include words such as "believe", "expect", "anticipate", "intend", "plan", "estimate", "may", "will" or other similar words or phrases suggesting future outcomes or other expectations, beliefs, estimates, plans, objectives, assumptions, projections, intentions or statements about future events or performance. Similarly, statements contained in, but not limited to, the sections "Overview of the Corporation's Business", "Outlook", "Results of Discontinued Operations", "Liquidity and Capital Resources", "Commitments and Contingencies" and "Changes in Accounting Policies" of this MD&A, including those with respect to expectations concerning assets, prices, foreign exchange rates, earnings, market conditions, capital expenditures, risks, availability of regulatory approvals, corporate objectives and plans or goals, are or may be forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties, should not be read as guarantees of future performance or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of whether or not such results will be achieved. A number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements including, but not limited to, the factors discussed under "Risk Factors". Although the forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A are based upon what management of the Corporation believes are reasonable assumptions, the Corporation cannot assure readers that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. Investors and others should carefully consider risk factors including, without limitation, those set out under the heading "Risk Factors", and not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this MD&A and the Corporation assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward looking statements to reflect new events or circumstances, except as required by law.

Forward-looking statements in this MD&A include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to:

- the implementation of the Corporation's business strategy;
- the development of the Corporation's potential investment opportunities; and
- the take-over bid made by 0947446 B.C. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pala Investments Limited ("PIL").

# Overview of the Corporation's Business

On March 31, 2011, the Corporation announced it had developed and adopted a revised business strategy, intended to capitalize on the Board's and management's expertise and enable the Corporation to invest and aid growth in projects in the mining, metallurgical and mineral industries, in connection with its graduation to the TSXV.

The strategy calls for strategic investments in resource based opportunities offering capital appreciation potential, in particular, debt or equity participation in investee companies, with projects nearing maturity. Melior believes it can add value through active involvement from not only a financial standpoint, but also by the contribution of guidance and additional mining and corporate finance expertise. Melior may make initial investments of debt, equity or a combination thereof in public or private companies through a variety of financial instruments including, but not limited to, private placements, participation in initial public offerings, convertible loans, loans with equity bonus provisions or purchase options and the like. In most cases, one or more nominees of the Corporation will join the board of directors of the investee company.

#### **Discontinued Operations**

On March 16, 2012, the Corporation completed the sale of all of the common stock of its wholly owned subsidiary, Coalcorp International AVV, which was the holding company for numerous off-shore subsidiaries. As of the closing date, the purchaser acquired, on an 'as is, where is' basis, all of the issued and outstanding shares of Coalcorp International AVV for nominal net proceeds of one dollar (the "Coalcorp AVV Transaction"). As a result of the Coalcorp AVV Transaction, assets of discontinued operations of \$3.6 million, liabilities of discontinued operations of \$0.4 million and other associated liabilities of \$3.0 million were removed from Melior's balance sheet as of the closing, resulting in a net loss on disposal of \$275 during the year ended June 30, 2012. Under the agreement for the Coalcorp AVV Transaction, the Corporation is entitled to receive, subject to certain terms and conditions, a share of net recoveries of cash, if any, that the purchaser receives as a result of winding up or re-organizing any of the Coalcorp International AVV subsidiaries. On August 2, 2012, the Corporation received CDN\$463 from the purchaser of Coalcorp International AVV for its share of cash recovered and this has been

recognised as income from discontinued operations in the three months ended September 30, 2012.

#### Senior Notes

The majority of the Corporation's 12% Senior Secured Guaranteed Notes due August 31, 2011 (the "Senior Notes") were purchased by the Corporation in March 2010. On August 31, 2011, the remaining outstanding Senior Notes matured and the Corporation made a final payment of US\$8.4 million in respect of the principle plus accrued interest.

## Changes to Board of Directors and Officers

On August 17, 2011 the Corporation announced the appointment of Dr. Charles Entrekin as Chairman and CEO upon the resignation of Dr. Richard Lister and on September 8, 2011, the Corporation announced the appointment of Mr. Daniel Dumas to the Board of Directors.

On December 1, 2011, the Corporation announced the appointment of Mr Rishi Tibriwal, CA, as the Chief Financial Officer. On October 2, 2012, the Corporation announced the appointment of Mr Thomas Masney, CA as the Chief Financial Officer on the resignation of Mr Rishi Tibriwal.

# Listing Upgrade and Reclassification

Effective at market open on April 1, 2011, the Common Shares and the Corporation's warrants ("Warrants") began trading on Tier 1 of the TSXV and the Corporation was reclassified as an "Investment Issuer".

In connection therewith, Melior adopted an Investment Policy which provides guidelines and criteria for all of Melior's investment activities. The Investment Policy was filed under Melior's profile on SEDAR on March 31, 2011.

## Investment in Asian Mineral Resources Limited

On June 25, 2012, Melior entered into a subscription agreement (as amended on June 29, 2012, the "AMR Subscription Agreement") with Asian Mineral Resources Limited ("AMR"), pursuant to which the Corporation acquired 47,272,727 common shares in the capital of AMR ("AMR Shares") at \$0.11 per AMR Share for an aggregate purchase price of \$5,200,000 (the "AMR Investment"). On closing of the AMR Investment, Melior owned 13.2% of the outstanding AMR Shares on an undiluted basis. AMR intended use the proceeds to fund capital expenditures to bring its Ban Phuc Nickel Project into commercial production, which it expects to occur by June 2013.

#### Outlook

On May 16, 2012, Melior announced that its Board had commenced a review of strategic alternatives with the objective of enhancing shareholder value. The Corporation is currently evaluating its options including, but not limited to, continuing to explore investment opportunities, a corporate reorganization, a return of capital to shareholders or other strategic options.

On October 1, 2012, 0947446 B.C. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pala Investments Limited ("PALA"), made an offer to purchase (the "Offer"), for a purchase price of \$0.11 per share in

cash, all of the outstanding common shares in the capital of Melior ("Common Shares") it does not own. The Offer includes any Common Shares that may become outstanding after the date of the Offer and prior to November 5, 2012 upon the exercise of options, Warrants or other rights to acquire Common Shares. PALA and its affiliates owned, directly or indirectly, 76,195,833 Common Shares or approximately 44% of the outstanding Common Shares as that the date of the Offer. Further details of the Offer are currently available in the takeover bid circular dated October 1, 2012, which has been circulated to all shareholders and filed on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Melior formed a Special Committee of its Board, consisting of Robert Dietrich, to review and evaluate the Offer. The Special Committee retained Bennett Jones LLP as its legal advisor and Crosbie & Company Inc. to provide a formal valuation. On October 16, 2012 Melior issued a Directors' Circular to all shareholders, wherein the voting member of the Board of Directors recommended that the shareholders Reject the Offer and not tender their Common Share to the Offer.

On November 19, 2012 PALA announced that directly or indirectly it owned 94,061,625 Common Shares or approximately 54.3%. PALA also announced that it extended the expiry time of its Offer to December 14, 2012 to allow shareholders of Melior a further opportunity to deposit their Common Shares to the Offer. As a condition to the Offer, PALA has taken up all of the Common Shares deposited to the Offer at the November 16, 2012 expiry date, being 9,365,792. As at November 27, 2012 PALA owned 94,061,625 Common Shares.

#### **Selected Financial Information**

#### Years ending June 30,

	IFRS in	Canadian GAAP in US\$		
(\$ thousands)	2012	2011	2010	
Revenue from continuing operations	-	-	-	
Loss from continuing operations	(4,587)	(5,799)	(7,280)	
(Loss) income from discontinued operations	(271)	624	(18,087)	
Net Loss	(4,858)	(5,175)	(25,367)	
Basic earnings (loss) per share (\$):				
Continuing operations	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.04)	
Discontinued operations	0.00	0.00	(0.11)	
Total assets	27,001	43,806	52,366	
Total long and short term obligations	236	11,720	16,935	

- 1. Basic and dilutive loss per share is calculated by dividing the net loss by the weighted average number of shares in issue during the year. As a result of consolidated net losses, the potential effect of exercising stock options and warrants has not been included in the calculation of loss per share because to do so would be anti-dilutive.
- For fiscal 2012 and 2011, the Corporation changed its presentation currency to the Canadian Dollar. Fiscal 2010
  information has been prepared under Canadian GAAP and is presented in United States dollars. Refer to Note 16
  of the audited consolidated financial statements, for a discussion of IFRS and its impact on the Corporation's
  financial statements.

Results of continuing operations for the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2011

The Corporation reported a loss from continuing operations of \$212 for the three months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to earnings of \$356 during the three months ended September 30, 2011.

The differences between the operating and financial results of the Corporation for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and the operating and financial results of the Corporation for three months ended September 30, 2011 was principally due to:

- the foreign exchange rate loss between the US dollar and Canadian dollar of \$11 for the three months ended September 30, 2012 (2011: gain \$1,986); and
- share based compensation expense for the three months ended September 30, 2012 of \$nil (2011: \$418); and
- Interest on bonds payable for the three months ended September 30, 2012 of \$nil (2011: \$169); and
- Loss on sale of marketable securities for the three months ended 30, September 2012 of \$nil (2011: \$806).

Significant transactions that financially impacted the net income of the Corporation during the three months ended September 30, 2012 were:

Income from discontinued operations relating to the sale of Coalcorp International AVV of \$465.

### **General and Administrative Expenses**

General and Administrative expenses were \$270 and \$273 for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Costs for the three month periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 related primarily to consulting, professional and administration expenses for the continuing operations of the Corporation, evaluation of new investment opportunities and professional advice relating to the take-over bid from PALA in 2012.

## Other Income and Expenses

Interest income earned on cash and investments during the three months ended September 30, 2012 amounted to \$69. This compares to interest income of \$36 for the three months ended September 30, 2011.

Total interest expense incurred during the three months ended September 30, 2012 amounted to \$nil, compared to \$169 for the same period in 2011. The difference is due to the repayment of the Senior Notes on August 31, 2011.

## Foreign Exchange Gains/Losses

Foreign currency exchange rates affected the Corporation's monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than Canadian dollars. For the three months ended September 30, 2012, the net foreign exchange loss amounted to \$11 compared to a gain of \$1,986 in the same period in 2011. The Corporation converted the majority of its US dollar monetary assets to Canadian dollars during the year ended June 30, 2012 to reduce its foreign currency exposure. The change in the foreign exchange gain for the three months ended September 30, 2011 was a

result of the strengthening of the US and the significant US dollar denominated cash balances of the Corporation.

# **Results of Continuing Operations**

As a result of the factors discussed above, the Corporation recorded a loss from continuing operations of \$212 or \$0.001 per share for the three months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to income from continuing operations of \$356 or \$0.002 per share for the three months ended September 30, 2011.

# **Results of Discontinued Operations**

As a result of the Coalcorp AVV Transaction, the Corporation is entitled to receive, subject to certain terms and conditions, a share of the net recoveries of cash that the purchaser receives as a result of winding up or re-organizing any of Coalcorp International AVV subsidiaries. On August 2, 2012 the Corporation received \$463.

The Corporation recorded net income from discontinued operations of \$463 in the three months ended September 30, 2012. This compares to net income from discontinued operations of \$66 for the three months ended September 30, 2011.

#### Net Profit/Loss

Taking into account both continuing and discontinuing operations, the Corporation recorded a net income of \$251 or \$0.001 per share in the three month period ended September 30, 2011, compared with a net income of \$442 or \$0.002 per share in the corresponding period in the prior year.

# **Summary of Quarterly Results**

	2013		2012			2011		
	IFRS in millions of Canadian dollars							
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
Financial								
(\$millions except per share)								
Revenue from continuing operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Earnings/(loss) from continuing operations	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.5)	(4.2)	0.4	(0.2)	(5.6)	0.0
Net earnings/(loss)	0.3	(0.3)	(0.8)	(4.2)	0.4	(0.2)	(4.9)	0.00
Earnings/(loss) per share from continuing operations	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.02)	0.002	(0.001)	(0.03)	0.00
Net earnings/(loss) per share (Note 1)	0.001	(0.001)	(0.003)	(0.03)	0.002	(0.001)	(0.03)	0.00
Cash (used in) provided by continuing operations	(0.2)	6.1	(0.6)	(0.6)	(4.20)	(0.1)	11.6	(7.2)
Capital expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents net of short-term debt	22.6	22.1	28.0	28.7	26.6	22.7	23.3	10.9

Note 1: Basic and dilutive loss per share is calculated by dividing the net loss by the weighted average number of shares in issue during the year. As a result of consolidated net losses the potential effect of exercising stock options and warrants has not been included in the calculation of loss per share because to do so would be anti-dilutive.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The continuing operations cash and cash equivalents balance as at September 30, 2012 was \$22.9 million, compared to \$22.3 million as at June 30, 2012.

The increase in cash balances as at September 30, 2012 as compared to June 30, 2012 is the result of payment of office and administrative expenses of \$184 offset by the proceeds from discontinued operations of \$463 and the repayment of the Asian Mineral Resources advance by Asian Mineral Resources of \$300.

Melior believes that it has sufficient capital to meet its obligations as they come due and to cover continuing corporate costs estimated at approximately \$0.9 million per annum. Future investments will be funded from the Corporation's current cash position. Additional funding may be required in the future, depending on the scale of prospective investment opportunities Melior pursues.

# Financial Instruments and Risk Management

The Corporation has classified its cash, cash equivalents, receivables and loans at amortized cost. Payables and accrued liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities, which are measured at amortized cost.

The carrying value of cash and equivalents, deposits, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities reflected in the consolidated statement of financial position approximate fair value because of the short term nature of these instruments.

The Corporation's risk exposures and the impact on the Corporation's financial instruments are summarized below:

#### Credit Risk Management

The Corporation's main credit risk arises from its cash and cash equivalents deposits with banks. All of the Corporation's cash and cash equivalents are with one major Canadian chartered bank, from which management believes the risk of loss to be remote. The Corporation limits its counterparty credit risk on its deposits by dealing only with financial institutions with AA or above credit ratings.

### Liquidity Risk Management

The Corporation manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash balances in order to meet liabilities as they come due. As at September 30, 2012, the Corporation had cash and cash equivalents of \$22.9 million (September 30, 2011 - \$26.6 million) to settle liabilities of \$269 (September 30, 2011 - \$3.8 million). None of the Corporation's financial liabilities or commitments are interest bearing.

#### Foreign Currency Risk Management

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash at banks and on hand, and short term money market instruments with an original maturity of three months or less. As at September 30, 2012, only a nominal portion of the Corporation's cash and cash equivalents were held in United States dollars. Accordingly, management believes that the Corporation is not exposed to material

foreign exchange risk. The rate published by the Bank of Canada at the close of business on September 30, 2012 was US\$1.017 per Canadian dollar. The Corporation does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to foreign currency risk.

Interest Rate Risk Management

The Corporation has cash balances that earn interest subject to fluctuations in the prime rate. The Corporation's current policy is to invest excess cash in investment-grade saving accounts issued by banking institutions. The Corporation periodically monitors the investments it makes and is satisfied with the credit ratings of its banks. Management believes the interest rate risk is remote as investments have maturities of three months or less and the Corporation currently does not carry interest bearing debt at floating rates.

## Capital Risk Management

The Corporation defines capital as total shareholders' equity including share capital, other reserves and deficit. The Corporation manages its capital to ensure that adequate funds are available to settle its liabilities as they arise and reviews and evaluates investment opportunities that are achievable within existing resources.

The Corporation is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements including by a regulator or lending institution.

# **Commitments and Contingencies**

All of the Corporation's obligations in the aggregate amount of \$269, as at September 30, 2012 are current and due within the year. The Corporation has sufficient cash resources to meet its current commitments

#### Debt

The Corporation did not have any debt outstanding as at September 30, 2012.

# **Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Corporation has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **Related Party Transactions**

An opportunity to invest in AMR was brought to the attention of the Board by Greg Radke, the representative of Pala Investments Holdings Limited ("Pala") on the Board. A Special Committee of independent directors comprising Charles Entrekin, Robert Dietrich and Daniel Dumas was formed to examine and evaluate this investment opportunity.

As part of the Special Committee's due diligence process, discussions were held with the team that supported Pala during its evaluation of the Pala investment in AMR. Melior gained access to the independent and internal due diligence documentation prepared prior to Pala's investment in AMR. In addition, independent transaction advice was received from Salman Partners, who were retained for this purpose. After several discussions and meetings, the Special Committee determined that an investment in AMR would be an attractive investment that met the Corporation's investment criteria and, on June 18, 2012, the Special Committee approved an

investment of up to \$5.2 million in AMR Shares to be issued from treasury. The Special Committee recommended the investment for approval to the Board and Board approval was received on June 21, 2012.

Pala is a significant shareholder of AMR. At the date of the AMR Investment, Pala owned 157,814,933 AMR Shares (representing 43.7% of the outstanding AMR Shares, on an undiluted basis after giving effect to the AMR Investment) plus 54,166,667 common share purchase warrants of AMR (which if exercised, would bring its ownership interest to 51% of the outstanding AMR Shares on a partially diluted basis after giving effect to the AMR Investment). As such, AMR is a "related party" of the Corporation for the purposes of Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* ("MI 61-101") and the AMR Investment constituted a "related party transaction" within the meaning of MI 61-101. Melior was exempt from the requirement to obtain a formal valuation and minority shareholder approval as neither the fair market value of the subject matter of, nor the fair market value of the consideration for, the AMR Investment, insofar as it involved interested parties, exceeded 25% of the Melior's market capitalization.

See "Investment in Asian Mineral Resources Limited" for further details of the AMR Investment.

#### **Risk Factors**

The Corporation is exposed to a number of risks and uncertainties. Such risks could materially affect the Corporation's future results and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements relating to the Corporation. The risks described herein, or in documents incorporated by reference herein, may not be the only risks facing the Corporation. Additional risks not currently known or not currently considered to be material may also have an adverse impact on the Corporation's business.

#### **Investment Risk**

The success of the Corporation's investment strategy will depend, in part, on its ability to:

- identify suitable investments;
- negotiate the purchase of such investments on terms acceptable to it;
- complete the investments within expected time frames; and
- capitalize on such investments.

The Corporation may not be able to identify appropriate investments or to acquire any suitable investments that it identifies. Moreover, competition may reduce the number of investment opportunities available to the Corporation and may lead to unfavourable terms as part of any investment, including high purchase prices.

# Additional Capital Requirements

Melior has limited funds with which to develop and maintain its asset portfolio. The pursuit of the Corporation's business strategy may require substantial additional financing. Failure to obtain sufficient financing could result in a delay or abandonment of the Corporation's business strategy. Additional financing may not be available when needed or, if available, the terms of

such financing might not be favourable to the Corporation and might involve substantial dilution to existing shareholders. Failure to raise capital when needed would have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's ability to pursue its business strategy, and accordingly could negatively impact the Corporation's business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Diversification Risk

Melior is primarily engaged in making strategic investments in mining, metallurgical or mineral opportunities and the consequent concentration in those businesses may result in a higher degree of volatility and price fluctuation than other investments that have better industry diversification. Melior will not enjoy the possible benefits associated with a more diversified asset portfolio. Moreover, even while Melior's intention is towards diversifying its investments in the resource sector, its value is closely tied to its investments and any adverse change in these investments would have a significant impact on Melior's value. There can be no assurance that Melior's investment activities will be profitable. There can be no assurance that Melior will be able to generate sufficient activity to be profitable in the future and Melior's limited operating history providing advisory services in the mining, metallurgical and mineral sectors makes an evaluation of its prospects difficult. Future results of operations may fluctuate significantly based upon numerous factors including economic conditions, activities of competitors, commodity prices and the ability of Melior to develop and maintain a diversified asset portfolio.

## **Economic Conditions**

Unfavourable economic and equity market conditions, such as recessions, interest rate changes or international currency fluctuations, may adversely impact Melior's investment activities and, in the case of any loans Melior may make, the returns generated by those loans. A negative impact on the value of Melior's portfolio or the returns thereon would likely have a negative impact on the market price of the Common Shares and Warrants. Unfavourable economic and market conditions could also decrease Melior's net income, reduce demand for its services, and limit access to capital markets.

## Marketability and Underlying Securities

The value of the Common Shares and Warrants will vary according to the value of the securities in which Melior invests, which will depend, in part, upon the performance of the issuers of such securities. Fluctuations in the market values of such securities may occur for a number of reasons beyond the control of Melior including economic conditions, investor sentiment, global events and prices for base and precious metals. There is no assurance that an adequate market will exist for securities acquired by Melior. Certain investments made by Melior, including those securities listed on an exchange and not subject to resale restrictions, may be relatively illiquid and may decline in price if a significant number of such securities are offered for sale. In the case of equity investments in private issuers, there would be no public market and a risk that one may never develop.

# Risks Associated with Investments in Resource Issuers

In general, Melior's business is to make investments (debt, equity or a combination of both) in mining, metallurgical or mineral resource issuers. The business activities of resources issuers are typically speculative and may be adversely affected by sector specific risk factors, outside the

control of the resource issuer, which may ultimately have an impact on Melior's investments in these businesses. Risks associated with the resource sector include, without limitation, the following:

- the business of exploring minerals involves a high degree of risk. Many of the risks associated with exploration are beyond control of resource issuers. Many of the resource issuers that Melior invests in may not hold, discover or successfully exploit commercial quantities of minerals and/or may not have a history of earnings or payment of dividends;
- the marketability of natural resources which may be acquired or discovered by a resource issuer will be affected by numerous factors beyond the control of such resource issuer. These factors include market fluctuations in the price of metals, metal concentrates, and minerals, the proximity and capacity of natural resource markets and processing equipment, government regulations, including regulations relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, importing and exporting of materials and environmental protection. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but any one, or a combination of, these factors could result in a resource issuer not producing an adequate return for shareholders;
- a resource issuer may become subject to liability for pollution, cave-ins or other hazards
  against which a resource issuer cannot insure or against which it may elect not to insure.
  Such liabilities may have a material, adverse effect on such resource issuer's financial
  position and on the value of the securities of such resource issuer held as part of Melior's
  investment portfolio;
- e resource issuer's operations are subject to government legislation, policies and controls relating to prospecting, land use, trade, environmental protection, taxation, rates of exchange, return of capital and labour relations. A resource issuer's property interests may be located in foreign jurisdictions, and its exploration operations in such jurisdictions may be affected in varying degrees by the extent of political and economic stability, and by changes in regulations or shifts in political or economic conditions that are beyond the control of the resource issuer. Such factors may adversely affect the resource issuer's business and/or its property holdings. Although a resource issuer's exploration activities may be carried out in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations at any point in time, no assurance can be given that new rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be applied in a manner that could limit or curtail production or development of the resource issuer's operations. Amendments to current laws and regulations governing the operations of a resource issuer or more stringent enforcement of such laws and regulations could have a substantial adverse impact on the financial results of the resource issuer; and
- a resource issuer's operations may be subject to environmental regulations enacted by government agencies from time to time. A breach of such legislation may result in the imposition on the resource issuer of fines and penalties. In addition, certain types of operations require the submission and approval of environmental impact assessments. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which has lead to stricter standards and enforcement and greater fines and penalties for non-compliance. The cost of compliance with government regulations may reduce the profitability of a resource issuer's operations.

# Competition

Melior operates in the extremely competitive financial services industry and competes with a large number of companies that provide equity, debt and/or mezzanine financing. Many of Melior's competitors have greater financial, technical and other resources than Melior. These competitors may be able to respond more quickly and successfully to new or changing opportunities.

#### Realization of Benefits from Investments

There is a risk that some or all of the expected benefits of investments may fail to materialize, or may not occur within the time periods anticipated by management of the Corporation. The realization of such benefits may be affected by a number of factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Corporation. The failure to realize some or all of the expected benefits of such investments could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Corporation.

#### Attraction and Retention of Personnel

The Board may experience delays in hiring, or be unable to hire or retain, experienced and qualified new management for the Corporation within the timeframes necessary or upon terms acceptable to the Corporation. The competition for qualified personnel in the mining and metallurgical industry is intense and there can be no assurance that the Corporation will be able to attract and retain the personnel necessary for the implementation of its business strategy.

#### Reliance on Key Personnel

Melior is dependent upon the personal efforts, performance and commitment of its management and the Board, who are responsible for the future development of Melior's business. To carry out its investment activities, Melior will be relying upon the business judgment, expertise and integrity of Melior's management and the Board. To the extent that the services of any member of management or the Board became unavailable for any reason, a disruption to the operations of Melior could result and may delay the implementation of the Corporation's business strategy.

#### Conflicts of Interest

Melior's directors and officers may serve as directors or officers of other companies in the same business as Melior, natural resource companies or companies providing services to Melior, or they may have significant shareholdings in other resource companies. To the extent that such companies participate in transactions in which Melior participates, the directors of Melior may have a conflict of interest in negotiating and concluding terms to the extent of such participation. Furthermore, part of Melior's investment strategy is to place at least one Melior nominee on the board of directors of its investee companies. Confidentiality and judiciary conflict issues may arise and any director may be recused from participating in or voting at a Board meeting. If a conflict of interest arises at a Board meeting, any director who has a conflict will abstain from voting in connection with the transaction in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

# Foreign Currency Risk

The Corporation's functional currency is the Canadian Dollar; however, future major investments may be transacted in US dollars or other foreign currencies. Accordingly, the Corporation is subject to the risks inherent in exchange rate fluctuations.

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss associated with a counterparty's inability to fulfill its payment obligations. The Corporation is subject to credit risk primarily attributable to its cash and short-term investments.

#### **Settled Contingencies**

Please refer to the Corporation's annual information form for the year ended June 30, 2012 for a description of other settled contingencies.

# **Outstanding Share Data**

As at November 27, 2012, the Corporation has the following securities outstanding:

	TSXV Symbol	Number Outstanding	Shares Issuable on Exercise	Exercise Price \$	Expiry Date	Proceeds if Exercised \$
Common shares Warrants	MLR MLR.WT.B	173,380,974 61,873,890	61,873,890	- 2.50	June 5, 2013	- 154,684,725

The Corporation has 3,390,000 stock options outstanding which, if exercised, would result in proceeds of approximately \$862,800.

#### Additional Information

Additional information relating to the Corporation, including the Corporation's annual information form for the year ended June 30, 2012, is available for viewing on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on the Corporation's web site at www.meliorresources.com. The Corporation cautions that information contained on, or accessible through, these websites is current only as at the date of such information.