

# Calibre Mining Corp.

(An Exploration Stage Company)

## Interim Management's Discussion and Analysis – Quarterly Highlights

Period Ended September 30, 2017

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### Introduction

Calibre Mining Corp. ("Calibre" or the "Company") is incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, Canada and maintains its corporate head office in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The Company engages principally in the acquisition, advancement and development of precious and base metals assets and mineral properties in Nicaragua. The Company's common shares are listed in Canada on the TSX Venture Exchange under the trading symbol CXB. The Company is currently focusing on the exploration of an impressive and strategic land position in a highly prospective, but underexplored region of the historic "Mining Triangle" in northeast Nicaragua, named the Borosi Concessions. The Borosi Concessions are named for the three historical producing regions of Bonanza, Rosita, and Siuna. The area is highly prospective for gold, silver and copper mineralization.

This interim Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements of the Company for the period ended September 30, 2017. The Company reports its balance sheet, results of operations, statement of changes in equity, and cash flows in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including International Accounting Standards 34, *Interim Financial Reporting* ("IAS 34") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). Additional information relating to the Company, including the most recent Company filings, can be located on the Company's website, [www.calibremining.com](http://www.calibremining.com), or on the SEDAR website, [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

This MD&A reflects information available as at November 22, 2017.

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### Forward Looking Statements and Risk Factors

This interim MD&A includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements." All statements in this discussion, other than statements of historical facts, that address events or developments that the Company expects are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include continued availability of capital and financing and general economic, market or business conditions. Investors are cautioned that any such statements are not guarantees of future performance and that actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements.

For a detailed listing of the risk factors, please refer to the Company's annual MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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### Market Trends

The price of the Company's common shares, and the consolidated financial results and exploration, development and other activities of the Company, may in the future be significantly and adversely affected by declines in the prices of gold and other metals or minerals. The Company's business is directly impacted on the prices of gold, silver, copper, and other metals being adequate to continue to develop and explore the properties in which it has an interest.

In addition, the Company incurs costs in Canadian and U.S. dollars and the Nicaraguan Cordoba which could result in additional fluctuations in operational costs to the Company. Significant fluctuations in foreign exchanges rates in countries where the Company operates are difficult to predict and could have a significant variance on the operations of the Company.

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### Update on Exploration Activities

#### Calibre's 100% Owned Concessions

##### **a) Primavera Gold-Copper Porphyry Project**

In February 2017, a site visit was completed by one of the world's foremost porphyry experts Dr. Richard Sillitoe. Dr. Sillitoe's extensive experience and insights have advanced the understanding of the Primavera Gold-Copper deposit and additional follow-up work is on-going. Several of Dr. Sillitoe's conclusions will have a significant positive impact on the exploration programs going forward and have been incorporated into the planned drill program including:

- *The (Primavera) prospect has many similarities to other gold-rich porphyry deposits, including a good Au/Cu correlation, presence of abundant hydrothermal magnetite and a molybdenum-rich halo to the gold-copper zone.*
- *In view of the widespread occurrence of porphyry copper deposits in district-scale clusters and alignments, exploration needs to be focused on assessment of nearby, untested areas.*
- *The proposed programme of scout drilling of geochemical targets is considered the best means of further appraising the district potential.*

The 2017 drill program is the first drilling program at Primavera since 2012 and will consist of approximately 45 Reverse Circulation drill holes totaling 8,200 metres. The 2017 drilling program at Primavera has begun and is testing a series of high priority targets in two areas; 1) the NE Trend covers an area 2km x 1km extending northeast from the existing deposit, and 2) the San Francisco Target with an extent of 2km x 2km centered three kilometres southeast of the Primavera deposit.

Numerous high priority drill targets prospective for further gold-copper porphyry mineralization exist within the 5.0 kilometre by 4.0 kilometre Primavera target area as defined by anomalous gold and copper in rock and soil samples, magnetic and radiometric geophysical anomalies, and targets where geological mapping has identified porphyry style mineralization or alteration.

Recent surface rock sampling completed as part of the field preparations for the RC drilling program has further enhanced the drilling targets. Results includes high grade gold and copper in two of four samples collected along the NE Trend with samples collected 1.5 and 2.25 kilometres northeast of the Primavera Deposit. Results included 4.09 g/t Au, 18.9 g/t Ag, and 1.71 % Cu and a second sample returning 5.50 g/t Au. The mineralized material consists of diorite hosted quartz breccia and stockworks with chalcopyrite and bornite. No previous drilling exists with one kilometre of these anomalous samples and the upcoming program will include drill holes targeted in these areas.

The drilling program at Primavera continues to test wide-spread targets defined by soil and rock sampling, geochemistry and geophysics. The program to date includes 15 holes (one in progress) totalling 2,115 metres of RC drilling testing multiple targets designed to identify additional gold-copper porphyry centres in the area surrounding the existing Primavera deposit.

##### **b) Santa Maria Epithermal Gold-Silver Project**

Diamond drilling during 2017 (13 holes for 2,100 metres) on the Santa Maria Project has discovered significant gold and base metal mineralization in structurally controlled quartz veins and breccias. New results include 5.85 m grading 7.50 AuEq g/t (2.02 g/t Au, 58.6 Ag, 3.46 % Cu) in SM17-012, a 50 metre step out hole north of SM17-001 which intersected 4.95 m grading 4.16 AuEq g/t (1.51 g/t Au, 24.7 Ag, 1.72 % Cu). Additional results include: 4.30 m grading 2.55 AuEq g/t (0.12 g/t Au, 13.8 g/t Ag, 1.68% Cu), and 3.38 m grading 2.78 AuEq g/t (0.54 g/t Au, 20.6 g/t Ag, 1.42% Cu, and 0.06 %Zn).

Results define a northern segment 300 metres in strike length with gold-silver mineralization associated with high copper values transitioning in the central portion which contains variable amounts of both copper and zinc and 200 metres further to the south where it is characterized by low copper and high zinc. The overall Santa Maria geochemical anomaly has been traced for more than three kilometres. The northern portion of the anomaly is adjacent to a kilometer-scale intrusive which is one potential source for the mineralized fluids. Additional work consisting of wide-spaced soil sampling, rock sampling, and geological mapping is underway. Existing targets with potential for further gold-silver-copper-zinc discoveries on the Santa Maria Project include both the northern and southern structural extensions to the drill tested area (where additional multi-element anomalies have been defined),

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additional sub-parallel structures which have been identified based on rock and soil anomalies, intrusive related mineralization associated with the mapped granodiorite centered two kilometres north of the current drilling, as well as skarn zones hosted in previously recognized altered limestone and sedimentary rocks.

### c) Monte Carmelo Gold Skarn Project

The Company completed a maiden drilling program on the Monte Carmelo Gold Skarn Project consisting of 8 diamond drill holes for 2,100 metres. The drilling targeted high-grade gold skarn mineralization exposed on surface and tested by an extensive program of auger drilling. All drill holes intersected skarn mineralization consisting of garnet and magnetite skarn developed in calcareous sediments, limestone, and intrusives. Mineralization consist of massive and veined zones with anomalous levels of gold and silver with variable copper associated with iron and lesser amounts of zinc, lead, and arsenic. Drill hole MD17-006 intersected a broad iron rich zone from surface with 29.5 m grading 0.58 g/t Au, 4.9 g/t Ag and 0.22 % Cu from surface including 10.5 metres grading 1.43 g/t Au and 7.5 g/t Ag and 0.32 % Cu (0 -- 10.5m). Drill hole MD17-007 intersected a highly mineralized iron rich zone consisting of magnetite skarn averaging 0.28 g/t Au, 6.34 g/t Ag, 0.33 % Cu, and 0.20 % Zn over 14.5 metres (83.8 -- 98.3 m). Additionally the hole intersected 0.36 g/t Au, 65.8 g/t Ag, and 3.51% Cu over 1.53 m (74.72 -- 76.25m) and a third intercept from surface of 7.0m grading 0.45 g/t Au, 1.9 g/t Ag, and 0.11% Cu. Overall, the intercepts define a variably mineralized flatly dipping zone consisting of broad anomalous zones with irregular higher grade structures related to the contact of two intrusive phases (granite and granodiorite) and the calcareous sediment and limestone host rocks.

#### IAMGOLD Option Agreement

During the period ended September 30, 2017, IAMGOLD Corporation ("IAMGOLD") completed its 51% earn-in in the Eastern Borosi Gold Project and exercised the Second Option to earn in a further 19% in the project. The Second Option will require, IAMGOLD to pay Calibre cumulative cash payments totalling \$450,000 and incur further exploration expenditures of \$5 million on the project. The Company has received from IAMGOLD the first option payment under the Second Option of \$202,323 (2016 - \$194,211) in accordance with the option agreement.

Current drilling on the Eastern Borosi Project is targeting expansion of two high-grade epithermal gold-silver discoveries made by Calibre and our joint venture partner IAMGOLD over the last two years. Two diamond drills are active, one each testing the Veta Loca Gold-Silver Structure and the Cadillac Structure with an expected total of 8 - 10 holes to be completed in the remainder of 2017. To date in 2017, diamond drilling on the Eastern Borosi Project has totalled 7,670 metres in 23 drill holes.

An updated NI 43-101 mineral resource estimate for the Project, which will incorporate results from 26,000 metres of drilling in 138 drill holes completed over the last four years, is proceeding as planned. Independent engineering firm RPA Inc. (RPA) has been contracted to complete the on-going resource update and data transfer is advancing and the resource update remains on-schedule for completion before the end of 2017.

#### Centerra Option Agreement

Two diamond drills on the Siuna Project are both currently testing newly identified and defined gold anomalies associated with the 8–10 kilometre long El Dorado Trend located in the north central portion of the 253 square kilometre project. To date, drilling in 2017 consists of 15 holes (two in progress) totalling 5,000 metres with 8 holes directed at step-outs drilling of the Cerro Aeropuerto Gold-Silver Deposit and the remaining 7 drill holes targeting the new El Dorado gold targets. Drilling for the remainder of 2017 will focus on the El Dorado Trend targets.

#### Rosita Mining Joint Venture

Nothing to report.

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### Results of Operations

As at September 30, 2017, the Company had total assets of \$28,454,286 compared to \$28,018,087 as at December 31, 2016. The majority of these assets for both periods are the carrying values of the Company's cash and cash equivalents and its exploration and evaluation assets.

As at September 30, 2017, the Company had working capital of \$3,676,592 compared to working capital of \$3,128,142 as at December 31, 2016.

A total of 4,115,500 share purchase warrants with an exercise price of \$0.16 per share were exercised into common shares of the Company for gross proceeds of \$658,480.

The Company completed a private placement for 19,575,000 units ("Units") of the Company's common shares at a price of \$0.10 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$1,957,500. Each Unit consisted of one common share and one common share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to acquire an additional common share for \$0.15 until January 12, 2020. Calibre issued 120,000 finder's units ("Finder's Units") in connection with the private placement. Each Finder's Unit consisted of one common share and one common share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the finder to acquire an additional common share for \$0.15 until January 12, 2020.

#### Nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to nine months ended September 30, 2016

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recorded a net loss of \$1,585,993 or \$0.01 per share, as compared to a net loss of \$725,780 or \$0.00 per share during the same period in the prior year. Expenses during 2017 were \$1,719,591 compared to \$746,103 in 2016. The key items contributing to these expenses are as follows:

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, consulting fees increased to \$234,160 compared to \$133,000 in 2016. The increase in consulting fees was mainly due to the Company hiring a mining consulting firm to provide advice on a potential business transaction.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, share-based compensation was \$927,595 compared to \$154,389 during 2016. The increase in expense in 2017 is due to the 7,000,000 stock options granted by the Company to various employees, officers, consultants and directors of the Company. The stock options are exercisable at a price of \$0.27 per share for a period of five years.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, trade shows and conferences increased to \$111,369 compared to \$49,664 in 2016. The increase in trade shows and conferences in 2017 was due to costs associated with marketing trips in Europe and Nicaragua and mining conferences in Toronto, Vancouver, and Colorado.

#### Three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to three months ended September 30, 2016

During the three months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recorded a net loss of \$532,112 or \$0.00 per share, as compared to a net loss of \$158,039 or \$0.00 per share during the same period in the prior year.

Expenses during the three months ended September 30, 2017 were \$534,553 compared to \$259,550 in 2016. The key items contributing to these expenses are as follows:

During the three months ended September 30, 2017, consulting fees increased to \$135,639 compared to \$55,000 in 2016. The increase in consulting fees was mainly due to the Company hiring a mining consulting firm to provide advice on a potential business transaction.

During the three months ended September 30, 2017, share-based compensation was \$215,798 compared to \$31,435 during 2016. The increase in expense in 2017 is due to the 7,000,000 stock options granted by the Company to various employees, officers, consultants and directors of the Company.

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### Summary of Quarterly Results

The following information is derived from the Company's unaudited quarterly condensed interim consolidated financial statements or results for the past eight quarters.

	September 2017	June 2017	March 2017	December 2016
Total revenues	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil
Net loss for the period	\$(532,112)*	\$(482,308)	\$(571,573)	\$(49,757)
Basic and diluted loss per share for the period	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.01)	(\$0.00)

  

	September 2016	June 2016	March 2016	December 2015
Total revenues	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil
Net loss for the period	\$(158,039)	\$(201,847)	\$(365,894)	\$(187,659)
Basic and diluted loss per share for the period	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)

\* Refer to section, Results of Operations, for explanation on expenditures and fluctuations.

The variation seen over the above quarters is primarily dependent upon the success of the Company's ongoing property evaluations and acquisition program and the timing and results of the Company's exploration activities on its current properties, none of which is possible to predict with any accuracy. The Company will continue to incur losses until such time as the commercial development of a discovery or an acquisition results in positive earnings. The above losses are also impacted by options granted in any given period, which give rise to share-based compensation expenses.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

The recovery of the Company's investment in resource properties and the attainment of profitable operations are dependent upon the discovery and development of economic precious and base metal reserves and the ability to arrange sufficient financing to bring these reserves into production. The ultimate outcome of these matters cannot presently be determined.

As the Company is in the exploration stage, no mineral producing revenue has been generated to date. The ability of the Company to meet its obligations and continue the exploration and development of its mineral properties is dependent upon its ability to continue to raise adequate financing. Historically, operating capital and exploration requirements have been funded primarily from equity financing, joint ventures, disposition of mineral properties and investments. There can be no assurance that such financing will be available to the Company in the amount required at any time or for any period or, if available, that it can be obtained on terms satisfactory to the Company. Based on the amount of funding raised, the Company's exploration program may be tailored accordingly.

Other than those obligations disclosed in the notes to its condensed interim consolidated financial statements and discussed in this MD&A, the Company has no other long-term debt, capital lease obligations, operating leases or any other long-term obligations. The Company had working capital of \$3,676,592 as at September 30, 2017.

Historically, the Company's only source of funding has been the issuance of equity securities for cash. The Company has issued common share capital the past few years, pursuant to private placement financings, and the exercise of warrants and options. The Company's access to exploration financing when the financing is not transaction specific is always uncertain. There can be no assurance of continued access to significant equity funding. The Company's ability to raise additional funds may be impacted by future exploration results and changes in metal prices or market conditions. Management believes it will be able to raise equity capital as required in the long term, but recognize there will be risks involved that may be beyond their control. The Company intends to continue to use various

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strategies to minimize its dependence on equity capital, including the securing of joint venture partners where appropriate and maintenance of existing capital by means of cost saving measures. The Company has no outstanding debt facility upon which to draw.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

### Transactions with Related Parties

Key management personnel of the Company are members of the Board of Directors, as well as the President and CEO, and the CFO and Corporate Secretary. Key management compensation includes salaries and benefits and various consulting fees as follows:

	Nine months Ended September 30, 2017	Nine months Ended September 30, 2016
Short-term benefits <sup>(i)</sup>	\$ 176,000	\$ 162,000
Share-based payments <sup>(ii)</sup>	\$ 838,266	\$ 72,027
Consulting and advisory fees to key persons	\$ 123,469	\$ 122,500

<sup>(i)</sup> Short-term benefits include salaries and benefits paid to the Company's CEO and President.

<sup>(ii)</sup> Share-based payments are the fair value of options granted to key management personnel as at the grant date.

During the period ended September 30, 2017, the Company paid or accrued \$9,654 (2016 - \$31,811) in office rent expense to related companies.

All of the above transactions were incurred in the normal course of operations and are recorded at the amount agreed upon by the related parties. All of the above transactions were incurred in the normal course of operations and are recorded at the amount agreed upon by the related parties.

### Proposed Transactions

Although the Company may be investigating any number of potential properties or projects at any given time, there are no proposed transactions that the Board of Directors or senior management believe that confirmation of the decision to acquire any specific project by the Board is certain.

### Critical Accounting Estimates

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are consistent with those applied and disclosed in the Note 2 of the Company's 2016 audited consolidated financial statements.

Critical accounting estimates remain the same as disclosed in the 2016 audited annual consolidated financial statements.

### Financial Instruments and Other Instruments

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, marketable securities, and trade and other payables. Cash and cash equivalents are classified as loans and receivable recognized initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, it is measured at

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amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Marketable securities are classified as available for sale financial assets and are recognized initially at fair value. Gains or losses arising from changes in fair value are recognized in other comprehensive income.

Receivables and trade and other payables are the same as or approximately equal to their respective fair values due to their short-term maturity or capacity of prompt liquidation. The Company does not use derivative instruments or hedges to manage various risks because the Company's exposure to credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risks is relatively low. Cash and cash equivalents are held through a large national financial institution.

### Disclosure of Outstanding Share Data

The following describes the outstanding share data of the Company as at November 22, 2017. For further information and details concerning outstanding share data, options, and warrants, refer to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity, included in the condensed interim condensed interim consolidated financial statements as at and for the period ended September 30, 2017:

	Number Outstanding
Common shares	312,671,418
Options to purchase common shares	18,975,000
Warrants to purchase common shares	46,773,500