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## **MOMENTUM AND TRANSITION**

Momentum and transition are the two best descriptors of MAG Silver's second year as an aggressive silver exploration company.

Momentum accelerated in 2004, building on a combination of the successes of our first year and aggressive exploration work on our portfolio of well positioned silver properties in north-central Mexico. 2004 work successfully demonstrated the discovery potential for economically viable silver resources throughout MAG's holdings. As 2005 opens, MAG is picking up new momentum through the signing of a Joint Venture partnership on our Juanicipio project with Industrias Peñoles, a major force in Mexican mining and the world's largest producer of refined silver. We look forward to building on this association.

Transition comes from a combination of projects advancing from their conceptual foundations and formation of a new management team focused on building on the momentum generated by MAG's 2003-2004 President George Young. Mr. Young ably guided MAG's emergence and early growth and shepherded the Peñoles Joint Venture to fruition. MAG Silver extends its warm thanks to Mr. Young for his service to the company and its shareholders during his tenure and is pleased that he will continue to contribute as a director.

Transition into the future is most closely personified by the appointment of Dan MacInnis as President and CEO and the appointment of Gordon Neal as Vice President of Corporate Relations.

Dan MacInnis is a registered professional geoscientist (P.Geo.) with almost thirty years of global experience in the exploration industry. Working within the Noranda/Hemlo and Battle Mountain Gold organizations he held a number of senior management positions in Saudi Arabia, Ireland, Canada and the United States. This included Director of Exploration for North and Central America for Battle Mountain Gold. Most recently he was Vice President of Exploration for Sargold Resources Corporation in Italy. Mr. MacInnis has also been involved in a number of significant gold and base metal discoveries in Ireland, Newfoundland, Nevada and Mexico.

Gordon Neal was the founder of Neal McInerney Investor Relations which grew to be the second largest investor relations firm in Canada with international offices serving a client base of Financial Post 500 and Forbes 100 companies. During his time as President he marketed more than four (4) billion dollars of debt and equity to institutional investors in Canada, the United States and Europe. Mr. Neal has also been a consultant to TVX Gold, Glamis Gold, Santa Elina Gold and Hillsborough Resources.

Dr. Peter Megaw and his experienced colleagues at IMDEX/Cascabel will continue to provide momentum to the technical side of MAG's exploration programs. His group's vast and varied experience in Mexico over the past thirty years will continue to provide MAG with professional service, quality work and project opportunities well into the future.

In formulating the new team, we feel that the future for MAG Silver is indeed promising and with our varied and combined experience level we will continue MAG's growth as a significant player in the world of silver.

In keeping with transition we have changed our corporate logo to reflect our changes and to better project our goal of being a significant exploration company focusing on large district-scale silver discoveries.

## **MOMENTUM AND PARTNERSHIP**

The most significant momentum creator for MAG Silver was the establishment of an exploration partnership with Industrias Peñoles, S.A. de C.V. on our Juanicipio Property in Zacatecas State in March, 2005. This was the culmination of extensive negotiations carried out during 2004 fuelled by MAG's 2003 exploration successes at Juanicipio and Peñoles exploration successes where their claims abut Juanicipio. Most notably, Peñoles have recently announced the discovery of new silver-rich vein systems in this area.

Peñoles is an integral part of Grupo BAL, a private, diversified group made up of independent Mexican companies ranging from mining to insurance to retail. Founded in 1887, Peñoles and its subsidiaries are one of Mexico's largest industrial conglomerate with integrated operations in the mining, smelting and refining of non-ferrous metals, and in the making of chemical products. Its productive operations are currently located in Mexico, where it operates the world's richest silver mine (Fresnillo, see our Juanicipio Property), the fourth largest metallurgical complex in terms of the value of its production, and the largest sodium sulphate plant in the world. These operations make Peñoles the world's largest producer of refined silver, metallic bismuth and sodium sulphate, and a leader in Latin America in refined gold, lead and zinc.

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Having Peñoles as a partner can be hailed as a strong step forward for MAG Silver. Their keen interest in Juanicipio, located only 5 kilometres from the Fresnillo Silver Mine, strongly reinforces our focus on becoming an aggressive explorer within the highly productive Mexican Silver Belt.

Peñoles can earn a 56% interest in Juanicipio by spending \$5,000,000 US over 4 years. This begins with a \$750,000 US expenditure commitment in year one (2005) including a minimum of 3,000 metres of drilling. In addition, Peñoles

has agreed to take an investment position in MAG with a U.S.\$500,000 share subscription.

The management team of MAG Silver agrees that this Joint Venture agreement and investment by Peñoles is a significant step for both Peñoles and MAG Silver and clearly demonstrates the importance of the joint venture to our partner. We are looking forward to working closely with Peñoles. The exchange of data, ideas and collaborative work programs will no doubt lower the exploration risk for new mineral discoveries at Juanicipio as well as on our large Lagartos land holdings, located adjacent to Juanicipio and Fresnillo.

Work on the Juanicipio property is expected to begin around mid-year 2005 after a period of data consolidation and planning sessions with Peñoles.





## **MOMENTUM AND DISTRICT SCALE EXPLORATION**

In keeping with our philosophy of district scale exploration, our Lagartos claim holdings are now in excess of 135,000 hectares and this identifies MAG as the largest claim holder in the Zacatecas-Fresnillo portion of the Mexican Silver Belt. These districts have each produced over one billion ounces of silver, making this one of the most prolific parts of the belt.

Late in 2004, MAG drilled two holes at Lagartos NW, only 30 kilometres from Fresnillo along the same prominent structural trend that hosts silver mineralization there. Hole 2 cut 65 metres of advanced argillic alteration and a further 700m of pervasive silicification with 2 to 20% pyrite content, confirming that we are within the high-level portion of a major epithermal system. Anomalous gold (up to 1.3 g/T), silver, mercury, antimony, and arsenic values are found throughout both holes and add to the interpretation that an major epithermal system lurks nearby.

Having confirmed that MAG has located a heretofore unidentified buried epithermal system within highly prospective terrain, our next step will be to quickly identify areas to best concentrate our exploration efforts. We will accomplish this through geochemical (principally bio-geochemistry) and geophysical surveys started in 2004 and planned for expansion in 2005.

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These exciting new developments auger well for the other land packages that make up our Lagartos claim holdings and we will be exploring these areas with the same tools we have applied at Juanicipio and Lagartos NW in due course. Drilling is also planned for Lagartos SE in 2005.

## **MORE DISTRICT SCALE SUCCESS**

At the Guigui property, in the Santa Eulalia mining district (450 million ounces of silver production), located in Chihuahua State, MAG's program of six holes in 2004 provided us with a significant new development. Two of our drill holes intersected very promising silver and base metal mineralization 1,200 metres south of the newly reopened San Antonio Mine of Grupo Mexico (Mexico's largest mining company) on the same major structure that hosts the mine. Hole 5 returned a narrow intercept, assaying 3.5 ounces per ton of silver and 5.60% lead and 4.3 % zinc over 0.40 metres. More significantly, Hole 6 returned an 8.3 metre intercept of 4.2 ounces per tonne silver. Most telling, however, is that these intersections were within a 30 to 100 metre wide zone of manganoan-calcite cemented breccia containing abundant veinlets and stringers of silver, lead and zinc minerals. The presence of base metals, silver and manganese mineralization within a broad alteration halo, not unlike the upper reaches of the San Antonio Mine ore bodies, is an important development. It is management's contention that these mineralized intersections demonstrate that mineralization similar to the rich deposits of the San Antonio Mine can be traced directly to the south into MAG's Guigui property.

It is important to note that MAG controls all of the ground to the immediate south of the principal producing areas in both the East and West Camps of the Santa Eulalia Mining District, making us a significant player in any future

developments in this historically silver rich district.

Batopilas is a silver district in Chihuahua that produced over 250 million ounces of silver from very rich native silver ores prior to 1913. The district has been essentially inactive since and no modern exploration techniques had been applied to it prior to MAG's acquisition of the first consolidated land position in the district since 1913. Progress at defining suitable drill targets and models has taken longer than expected to accomplish partly because we have elected to take a detailed and deliberate approach to the exploration there and partly because of the isolated location rugged topography and unpredictable weather.

Nonetheless, large scale geophysical surveys combined with detailed mapping and sampling has produced a number of exciting drill targets that have been permitted. We are undertaking some further detailed geophysical surveys to better define where to drill and maximize our chances for success during our planned 2005 drilling campaign.

## **MOVING FORWARD**

Adargas, in south-central Chihuahua State, is a property closely resembling Peñoles famous Naica lead-silver mine located 120 kilometres farther to the northwest along the prolific Chihuahua CRD Belt. In 2004, MAG carried out a modest 4 hole, 2,000 metre drill program. Massive sulphide lead-zinc-pyrite mineralization was intersected in two holes (best intercept was 1.2 m @ 55ppm Ag, 9.0% Pb and 5.8% Zn) and strong skarn was cut in all 4. Down-hole geophysics has also identified a conductive body lying off the first two holes. This work has encouraged Peñoles to initiate early discussions towards a possible Joint Venture for this Naica look-a-like.

Sierra Ramirez (15,500 hectares) is located in eastern Durango State and comprises a land position covering over 200 old mines, prospects and mineralized outcrops. MAG has consolidated 85% of the district and for the first time most of the district is under single ownership. There has been little or no modern exploration of this property, including drilling. Reconnaissance sampling of the known and wide-spread mineralization has returned significant values of silver (300 grams to 3,650 grams), lead (up to 19.4%) and zinc (up to 19.7%). We expect to complete our geological, structural and geochemical work and synthesize the data into a regional zonation and model study and ready a drill program for 2005.

Cinco de Mayo is a 2,500 hectare property in Chihuahua along the Mexican Carbonate Replacement Belt that hosts Adargas, Guigui/Santa Eulalia Sierra Ramirez and Naica. Acquired in mid-2004, the property displays several key features of Santa Eulalia (Guigui)-like CRDs. Heavy rains in the second half of 2004 washed out many of the access roads leading to Cinco de Mayo and work was delayed until 2005.

## **TRANSITION AND MOMENTUM REVISITED**

MAG has made its second year a successful one. We have moved forward on all of our projects and have attracted the interest of the major players in the Mexican Silver Industry. We have solidified our position both in terms of land/claim holdings in major silver producing districts and as one of the few companies committed to a district-scale focus as its exploration philosophy. We seek to discover silver deposits of a scale that can withstand and overcome the fluctuations in commodity prices and create value for you, our shareholders.

With our new management team, our new partner and our solid positions, we are building and sustaining MAG's momentum. This would not be possible were it not for our loyal base of shareholders. By sharing our vision and supporting MAG you make MAG a going concern. We, the management team and the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support and belief in our overall goals.

We think that 2005 will be a MAG year and we look forward with great anticipation.

Dan MacInnis

President & CEO

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Enters into a significant joint venture partnership with Industrias Peñoles on the Juanicipio Property stemming from work by Peñoles on the eastern boundary.

Drilling at Juanicipio continues to intercept Fresnillo Style mineralization.

Drilling at Lagartos discovers a buried epithermal system analogous to the Juanicipio/Fresnillo area and along the same structural corridor.

Drilling at Guigui intersects mineable widths of multi-ounce silver and high-grade base metals along the structural corridor hosting the San Antonio Mine at Santa Eulalia.

Drilling at Adargas intersects strong skarn development with Pb/Zn/Ag rich massive sulphides and confirms the exploration model.

Geotechnical work at Batopilas continues to define a number of viable and promising drill targets.

Over 200 mines, prospects and outcrops at Sierra Ramirez are sampled and multi-ounce silver and high grade base metal values are reported.

Land positions are increased at Lagartos/Juanicipio, Sierra Ramirez.

Major mining companies are expressing keen interest in forming joint ventures on a number of MAG holdings.

A new management team is appointed.

**MAG SILVER**  
**PROPERTIES**  
**IN MEXICO**





## **JUANICIPIO & LAGARTOS PROPERTIES**

### **MUNICIPIO FRESNILLO**

### **ZACATECAS, MEXICO**

#### **JUANICIPIO PROPERTY**

The Juanicipio Project covers 8,000 hectares and is located 6 kilometres west of the principal production headframe of the Fresnillo Mine. This mine currently produces over 34 million ounces of silver per year from a series of high-grade epithermal veins that top-out about 200 metres below the surface. Exploration for these vein deposits has historically been through alluvial cover, resulting in spectacular blind discoveries and a skewed view of the districts' geology and magnitude. MAG's exploration concept is that Fresnillo District veins continue onto the Juanicipio property, well beyond the current mining area. Industrias Peñoles, operators of the Fresnillo Mine, are actively tracing veins in several locales to within a few hundred metres of the western Juanicipio border, reinforcing this interpretation. The geology, structure, geochemistry and geophysics in Juanicipio are similar enough that exploration models from Fresnillo can be readily applied to Juanicipio to generate quality, potentially high-grade drill targets. Because Fresnillo's importance has made it the subject of many exploration and academic studies, there is a wealth of information to use as a basis for comparison and exploration modeling.

MAG Silver optioned Juanicipio in 2002 and now owns the property outright.

In 2004, MAG drilled 2 additional diamond drill holes on targets generated by the 2003 drilling results. The previous 7 diamond drill holes targeted major structures selected for their orientation, alteration history, geochemistry, geophysical anomalies and Fresnillo-style and grade of mineralization (up to 730 g/T Ag was intersected in 5 of the 7 holes). The 2003 drilling results confirmed that Fresnillo style silver and gold rich mineralization continued into Juanicipio and indicated that the exploration techniques and exploration model being used was indeed correct.

The 2004 drilling was designed to test the intersection of two of the structures drilled in 2003 and made a third pass to test a major structure that was previously incompletely tested. Neither 2004 hole was designed to offset successful 2003 holes and the drilling intersected no more than trace mineralization.

The 2004 drilling was accompanied by a detailed Short-Wave Infra-red (SWIR) survey and a detailed structural analysis. These studies revealed several new targets, and target refining possibilities.

Plans are also underway to design a drill program for 2005 to follow up on the significant drill intercepts from the previous drill programs and to test several newly discovered structures.

In late 2004 MAG was approached by Peñoles, who have expressed a keen interest in the formation of a joint venture with MAG Silver Corporation on the Juanicipio property. MAG elected to pursue this proposal with Peñoles because of their strong interest and valuable understanding of the Fresnillo Silver Camp. Working closely with Peñoles will be a great boost to MAG and its property holdings in the district (see Lagartos).

Exploration over the past 6 years by Peñoles has focused on tracing the discovery of a series of new silver-rich veins to the west of the mine area. Peñoles has also been expanding production at the Fresnillo mine with the recent development of the high-grade silver San Carlos vein system. Peñoles' current exploration campaign resulted in the recently announced Saucito silver-gold vein discovery lying near the eastern boundary of the Juanicipio property. MAG's 2003-2004 exploration drilling intersected several vein structures with significant silver and gold values lying along the projection of the Saucito vein group. The initial Joint Venture exploration effort will focus on linking MAG's discoveries to the Saucito veins.

The principal features of the agreement are:

- Peñoles can earn a 56% interest in Juanicipio upon completion of a US\$5,000,000 exploration program, on or before the end of year 4 of the agreement.



- During the first year, Peñoles shall incur an obligatory work commitment expenditure of US\$750,000. Year 1 expenditures must include a minimum of 3,000 metres of diamond drilling.
- A flexible and staged exploration program is included in the contract. Exploration work will be supervised by a technical committee comprised of 3 representatives from Peñoles and 2 from MAG Silver. Peñoles and MAG Silver are obliged to share their information in the district. Part of the geological and exploration work will be conducted by MAG consultants and in-house personnel.
- Exploration results from Juanicipio will be published as appropriate on an ongoing basis, with both companies to agree on the content.

Peñoles will subscribe for US\$500,000 in MAG shares, at a market based price on signing and an additional US\$500,000 in MAG shares, at a market based price, if the contract continues into the second year.

### **LAGARTOS PROPERTIES**

Consistently elevated gold values from MAG's 2003 Juanicipio drilling have suggested that a larger scale zoning may be in place than had previously been considered for the Fresnillo/Juanicipio/Lagartos district. MAG subsequently examined surrounding areas for possible extensions to the system(s), both in outcrop and under cover. Satellite image and structural analysis of the region indicated areas of strong alteration similar to that drilled at Juanicipio. This alteration is also coincident with a very prominent regional structure that hosts at least 3, one billion-plus ounce silver deposits. In response, MAG acquired over 125,000 hectares of new claims, the Lagartos Property Package, on the most promising of areas using the Fresnillo/Juanicipio model. Preliminary work involved regional mapping and an orientation NSAMT geophysical survey as a possible first pass reconnaissance tool.

In 2004, the areas with the strongest alteration and NSAMT responses were mapped in detail and sampled. In addition, detailed NSAMT, SWIR (Short-Wave Infra-red) surveying and an in depth structural analysis were carried out. The most promising area was identified about 35 kilometres from Juanicipio (Lagartos NW) and two holes were drilled through covered terrain and targeted on the combined results of geophysics and geology. The best hole intersected 65 metres of strong advanced argillic alteration followed by 700 metres of strong silicification with abundant pyrite. The drilling also significantly encountered several narrow mineralized structures, the best of which ran 1.3 g/T Au over nearly 1.5 metres.

The results strongly indicate that we are within a high-level portion of a major epithermal system (i.e. Fresnillo) only 30 kilometres along the structural trend from the Fresnillo silver district. Anomalous values of Gold (up to 1.3 g/T), Silver, Mercury, Antimony, and Arsenic are found throughout the holes and add to the significance that an epithermal system is in place.

Having confirmed that MAG has located a heretofore unidentified buried epithermal system within highly prospective terrain, our next step will be to quickly identify areas and or vectors to where we can best concentrate our exploration efforts. We will accomplish this through ongoing and planned programs of geochemistry (bio-geochemistry) and geophysics planned for 2005. These are exciting new developments and they auger well for the other land packages that make up our Lagartos Property Package. We will be launching similar exploration programs to those we have

applied at Juanicipio and Lagartos NW in due course. Drilling is also planned for Lagartos SE in 2005.

**ADARGAS PROPERTY**

**MUNICIPIO JIMENEZ**

**CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO**

The Adargas District is an under-explored 850 hectare Au, Ag, Pb, Zn, Cu Carbonate Replacement Deposit (CRD) target that lies at the intersection of two exceptionally productive regional ore deposit trends.

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Adargas mineralization consists of a series of irregular dike-contact replacement chimneys that plunge generally north and widen with depth. Historic data indicate that pre-1924 production from Adargas was roughly 350,000 T of oxide ores grading 9-27 g/T (.25-.9 oz/T) Au, 1000 g/T (34 oz/T) Ag, and 24-36% Pb. High zinc grades are also present, but zinc was not recovered from the oxide ores. High gold grades were encountered throughout the mine, with the highest in the deeper oxidized parts of the mine.

Adargas closely resembles the famous Naica deposit, which lies 120 metres to the NNW along one of the major regional trends. Naica was rediscovered in the mid-1950s by following dike contact mineralization to depth changing it from an obscure occurrence to one of Mexico's major Pb-Ag-Zn mines. The exploration concept for Adargas is virtually identical. This is accomplished by working outwards from the old mine area and moving towards showings of similar mineralization that occur for several kilometres along strike.

The surface geology of the district can be generally described as a 4 kilometres long, EW-trending, northerly-convex arcuate anticline of Cretaceous limestone and shale. This stratigraphy is cut by EW and NS structures that host widespread silicification and distinctive rhyolite dikes that are closely related to replacement mineralization. A rhyolite flow dome complex occupies the center of the anticline. The main Adargas Dike trends roughly NS and has a large central bulge around which pervasive silicification and replacement mineralization are focused. The dike is also known to carry anomalous gold. The Ridge Dikes trend NW and occupy axial structures running the length of the anticline. Mineralization occurs sporadically along these dikes as well, but has never been systematically explored.

MAG acquired the property from Minera Cascabel who worked the property under contract from 1991 to 1998. Over \$250,000 was spent in surface and underground mapping, geophysics and drilling. One of two diamond drill holes recorded 0.30 metres of Zn-Pb-Ag bearing massive sulfides at the intersection of a strong CSAMT anomaly. This anomaly was also interpreted to be the inferred 200 metres down-plunge projection of the principal Adargas Dike-contact chimney orebody. With the industry downturn, interest in the property faded and it was subsequently abandoned. Cascabel reacquired the property in 2002 and MAG has unrestricted use of all existing core and data.

MAG drilled 4 diamond core holes in 2004, centered proximal to the known 0.30 metre sulfide intercept. All 4 holes intersected dikes, garnet-epidote skarn and variable amounts of sulfide mineralization. The best hole returned 1.20 metres of massive galena and sphalerite grading 300 ppb Au, 55 ppm Ag, 9.0% Pb and 5.8% Zn.

Subsequent borehole geophysics has identified a promising off-hole response indicative of a conductive source probably located below hole two and consistent with the geological model for Adargas. This target will most likely be drill tested early in the next exploration program.

Although these results are not overly promising in terms of grade, they do support the exploration model nonetheless. This has in turn attracted the interest of a major mining company in forming a joint venture on the Adargas property. MAG has elected to pursue this interest further and feels that the deeper targets, modeled on treating the surface mineralization as leakages from a larger system trapped beneath a relatively impermeable unit remain untested and attractive.

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## **DON FIPPI PROJECT**

### **BATOPILAS DISTRICT**

#### **MUNICIPIO BATOPILAS**

#### **CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO**

The Don Fippi project area covers approximately 4,800 hectares and is centered on the historic Batopilas Silver District. The Batopilas District is located deep within the famous Copper Canyon country of southwestern Chihuahua State. MAG Silver optioned the Don Fippi property from Minera Cascabel who was able to consolidate over 95% of the main Batopilas District for the first time since 1913. Batopilas has produced an estimated 200-300,000,000 ounces of silver between 1660 and 1913 from ore shoots of very high grade crystalline native silver. These ore shoots are controlled by, and irregularly distributed along, a series of NE-trending structures. Batopilas Silver grades range from the 1880-1913 average direct-smelting grade of 8,000 g/T (257 oz/T) to high-grade ores of up to 75% Ag. Significant tonnages of milling-ore grading 265 g/T (8.5 oz/T) were also produced.

Historically, Batopilas exploration and mining consisted of keeping a vein visible in the working face of a mining drift (even if it was only a few millimetres wide) and waiting for the vein to blossom into a viable ore shoot. Despite the stope and hope methodology, new bonanzas were encountered regularly and frequently along the NE structures. MAG Silver has, and is applying, a number of modern geological and geophysical exploration techniques to locate new ore shoots quickly and effectively. MAG has also generated the first modern detailed structural map of the district with a goal of applying NSAMT and EM geophysics to the most favorable target areas. The highly conductive nature of the native silver ore shoots should make them responsive to these techniques and greatly reduce the risks involved in evaluating these geotechnical targets.

Geologically, the Batopilas District lies in the Sierra Madre Occidental magmatic province, which is host to a multitude of epithermal gold-silver vein systems. Batopilas District mineralization is hosted entirely within intermediate composition intrusive rocks, dominantly dacites and diorites. Extrusive rocks consisting of dominantly andesite tuffs, flows and volcanoclastic sediments are also commonly found throughout the district. Ore shoots averaged 0.8-1 metres wide (up to 4.5 metres), 30-50 metres long, and 150-250 metres high. The shoots were often separated by up to 90 metres of barren yet persistent structure before the next shoot was reached.





The Batopilas veins are distinct from the other epithermal vein deposits of the region, which typically have a productive zone a few hundred metres high. The Batopilas silver veins were productive over a vertical interval of at least 700 metres and the bottom of the system has apparently never been reached.

Because of the necessity of developing an effective set of exploration techniques for this large and topographically challenging district, in 2004 MAG selected a limited area in the central part of the district for initial exploration based on a combination of favorable geology, surface and underground access. The area lies in a largely unexplored area across a major fault (The Roncesvalles Fault ) and near a heavily mined area with excellent underground access via the 2.4 kilometre long Porfirio Diaz Tunnel (PDT). The area is also accessible via one of the district's few surface roads.

The Roncesvalles Fault was considered to have been a barrier to mineralizing fluids (several major veins were mined to it and stopped) despite the fact that numerous shallow Spanish colonial era workings occur beyond the structure. In 2003 and 2004, MAG reopened and rehabilitated the PDT, performed extensive underground mapping and sampling and used the PDT for underground geophysical studies. A simultaneous surface based mapping, sampling and NSAMT geophysical program was also executed and used as the basis for a district and detailed structural analysis of the area.

The combined results have indicated several zones within the focus area where structures are favorably oriented and strong NSAMT anomalies coincide with the most favorable structures. Preliminary drilling targets were indicated by these studies, and drilling permits have been obtained. Detailed NSAMT work is underway in early 2005 to refine these anomalies prior to drilling. The realities of road building in the area indicates that helicopter supported drilling is the most time and cost effective method. It is important to note that Batopilas served as the base of operations for Francisco Gold's helicopter-supported drilling of the nearby El Sauzal Mine, so many of the logistical realities of using the technique in this region have already been addressed.

## **CINCO DE MAYO PROPERTY**

### **MUNICIPIO VILLA AHUMADA**

#### **CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO**

Cinco de Mayo is a 2,500 hectare Carbonate Replacement Deposit (CRD) prospect located in north-central Chihuahua. The acquisition of this property evolved from a review of data collected during 15 years of systematic exploration and a study of the geologic characteristics of the CRD's prospects in Chihuahua by Dr. Peter Megaw and Minera Cascabel. This compilation revealed key features that set the important CRD systems like Santa Eulalia, Naica, Bismark, and San Pedro Corralitos apart from the numerous small CRD showings and Mississippi Valley Deposits that occur elsewhere in the region. Cinco de Mayo lies directly along the same major deep crustal break that underlies these important CRD/skarn systems and shares many of the key features of the distal parts of Santa Eulalia, indicating that the potential for finding a large CRD system is excellent.

The Sierra Cinco de Mayo is an elongate limestone ridge, about 1 kilometre wide and 4.5 kilometres long flanked by broad alluvium mantled valleys. PEMEX data and outcrop reconnaissance indicate that the alluvial cover is very thin and that a very thick section of favorable carbonate host rocks lies immediately beneath the cover. The ridge is cut by NE-SW and NW-SE structures that host both mineralization and metal-bearing jasperoid alteration. Little is known of the historic mining at Cinco de Mayo, but there are two old mines on the property that probably produced small amounts of high-grade silver and base metal ores. The jasperoids were the focus of a systematic mapping and sampling program for a competitor in 1998. This program revealed a number of geochemical hot-spots along certain structural corridors leading towards the adjacent covered areas that are in turn underlain by highly favorable host rocks.

Exploration work in the covered areas will be largely blind and will necessitate using geochemical and geophysical techniques to trace mineralization beneath this thin cover. The mineralization is known to contain magnetic pyrrhotite, indicating that airborne or ground magnetics may be useful. NSAMT geophysics may also be useful in delineating deeper structure and various soil-geochemical prospecting tools will be employed to locate mineralization centers. Drill targets can be developed quickly for drilling in 6-8 months.

MAG began preliminary regional geologic mapping and sampling at Cinco de Mayo in mid-2004. Unfortunately, unusually heavy summer and fall rains deluged the region, washing out dams and cutting road access to the property. The work program designed for 2004 will be carried out in 2005.

## **GUIGUI PROPERTY**

### **SANTA EULALIA DISTRICT**

#### **MUNICIPIO AQUILES SERDAN**

#### **CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO**

The Guigui property is located within the Santa Eulalia Mining District, 22 kilometres east of Chihuahua City, Chihuahua in northernmost central Mexico. Santa Eulalia is the largest of a number of similar districts that occur along the intersection of the Laramide-aged Mexican Thrust Belt and the Tertiary volcanic plateau of the Sierra Madre Occidental. Santa Eulalia produced over 450,000,000 ounces of silver and substantial amounts of lead and zinc over the nearly 300-year period from 1702-2001. Santa Eulalia and comparable Carbonate Replacement Deposits (CRD) are generally considered to form a spectrum ranging from stock contact skarns, through dike and sill contact skarns and massive sulfides, to massive sulfide chimneys and mantos. Santa Eulalia mineralization is very closely related in time and space to a series of felsite intrusions that apparently had a common stock source. It is the search for this intrusive source that is the foundation of exploration in the Guigui Project. Similar intrusions occupy the centre of substantial additional stock contact mineralization in districts such as San Martin, Zacatecas or Leadville, Colorado.

The concepts for exploration in Guigui arose from Dr. Peter Megaw's doctoral studies in the district. The resulting geologic model indicated that the principal intrusive centre related to district mineralization lies concealed under volcanic cover in the Guigui claims adjacent to the historic mining centre.

MAG optioned the Guigui property from Minera Cascabel in 2002 and acquired 10 years of prior exploration investment and additional property acquisition by major and junior companies. None of the prior work included drilling.

A 6 hole, 4,500 metre program was initiated in 2003 and continued into 2004. In four holes, a range of intrusions, breccias, and visually distinctive alteration were intersected under the volcanic capping in the central Guigui area, but no significant mineralization was encountered. The presence of intrusive rocks is however, considered to be important and will require further follow-up.

Significantly, two holes drilled 1,200 metres south and along the major graben structure that hosts the San Antonio Mine to the east of the district, cut 30-100 metres of manganoan-calcite cemented breccia in turn cut by narrow sulphide veinlets. Hole 5 returned a narrow intercept that assayed 3.5 ounces per ton of silver and 5.60% lead and 4.3 % zinc over 0.40 metres. More significantly, hole 6 returned with an 8.3 metre intercept of 4.2 ounces per ton silver. Most telling, is that these intersections were within a 30 to 100 metre wide zone of manganoan-calcite (alteration) brecciation containing abundant veinlets and stringers of silver, lead and zinc minerals. The presence of base metal and silver mineralization within a broad alteration halo, not unlike the upper reaches of the East Camp deposits, is considered to be a most important development. It is management's contention that these mineralized intersections demonstrate that mineralization similar to the rich deposits of the San Antonio Mine and East Camp can be traced to the south and onto MAG's Guigui property.

It is important to note that Grupo Mexico, the largest Mexican mining company, has just restarted mining operations at the San Antonio Mine.

MAG now controls all of the ground to the immediate south and between the East and West Camps of the Santa Eulalia Mining District making it a significant player in this historically silver rich district.

**SIERRA RAMIREZ  
PROPERTY**

**SIERRA RAMIREZ DISTRICT**

**MUNICIPIO SAN JUAN de GUADALUPE**

**DURANGO, MEXICO**

The Sierra Ramirez District lies in eastern Durango State, approximately 80 kilometres west of the famous Providencia-Concepcion del Oro, Zacatecas District. Sierra Ramirez is a typical Mexican Carbonate Replacement Deposit (CRD) target that produced and estimated 750,000-1,000,000 tons of very high grade (1000-3000 g/T Ag) Ag-Pb-Zn ores from Spanish Colonial times until the mid 1960s. Until recently the land status was high fractionated. MAG has acquired over 80% of the district under option from Minera Rio Tinto of Chihuahua, Mexico. Significant geotechnical work was conducted by a major company in the 1990s, but they abandoned the property during the downturn in the mineral industry and prior to drilling.

The Sierra Ramirez is a 7 by 15 kilometres EW oriented anticlinal fold composed of Jurassic Zuloaga Limestone cut by at least 2 rhyolitic plugs. Mineralization consists of Ag-Pb-Zn replacement veins in the western part of the area and mantos hosted in distinct carbonate strata in the central and eastern portions. Small amounts of skarn are known to exist proximal to the rhyolite areas. Exploration of the district will involve the unraveling of the overall controls and metal zoning to best define the most favorable areas for further exploration.

To that end MAG Silver executed district-scale mapping and sampling in 2004, with a focus on determining the size of the mineralized zone(s) and confirming existing concepts of district metal zoning. The resulting district-scale metal ratio zoning patterns revealed three principal mineralization centers. On a positive note, two of them were found to extend well outside the limits of MAG Silver's original 4,443 hectare land position. MAG subsequently filed to claim to an additional 11,167 hectares of land, including a vacated claim internal to their original holding, bringing our holdings in the district to over 15,500 hectares.

Heavy summer and fall rains hampered access to the property until December, but detailed mapping and sampling of the two principal mineralization centres controlled by MAG will resume early in 2005.

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## **1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS OF MAG SILVER CORP.**

The Company was originally incorporated under the *Company Act* (British Columbia) on April 21, 1999 under the name "583882 B.C. Ltd.". On June 28, 1999, in anticipation of becoming a capital pool company, the Company changed its name to "Mega Capital Investments Inc.". On April 22, 2003, the Company changed its name to "MAG Silver Corp." to reflect its new business consequent upon the completion of its Qualifying Transaction. The principal business of the Company is the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties.

The Company is a "reporting" company in the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario. The Company's Common Shares were listed and posted for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSXV: MGA) on April 19, 2000. Concurrent with the Company's name change to MAG Silver Corp. on April 22, 2003, the trading symbol was changed to "MAG".

On April 15, 2003, concurrent with the completion of its Qualifying Transaction, the Company raised gross proceeds of \$5,750,000 from the sale of 11,500,000 units at a price of \$0.50 per unit. Since that time the company has received approximately \$3,550,000 from the exercise of warrants from this financing, as well as warrants from previous financings. The Company remains in strong financial condition as a result of the April 15, 2003 financing and the exercise of share purchase warrants during and subsequent to the Company's December 31, 2004 year end. The Company has generally followed its budgeted use of proceeds shown in the Company's Prospectus dated March 31, 2003, but due to the extra money received, the Company acquired other mineral properties, and increased some mineral exploration activities.

The most significant recent event for MAG Silver is the establishment of an exploration partnership with Industrias Penoles, S.A. de C.V. on our Juanicipio Property in Zacatecas State. This was the culmination of extensive negotiations carried out over the last several months, fuelled by MAG's 2003 & 2004 exploration successes at Juanicipio and Penoles exploration successes where their claims abut Juanicipio. Most notably, Penoles have recently announced the discovery of new silver-rich vein systems in this area.

Penoles can earn a 56% interest in Juanicipio by spending \$5,000,000 US over 4 years. This begins with a \$750,000 US expenditure commitment in year one (2005) including a minimum of 3,000 metres of drilling. In addition, Penoles has agreed to take a share position in MAG with a U.S. \$500,000 share subscription.

Drilling last year at Lagartos, Guigui and Adargas was successful in moving these projects from conceptual exploration plays to new mineral and or epithermal system discoveries highly deserving of further follow up.

Batopilas continues to expose realistic drill targets and we expect to drill at Batopilas in the first half of 2005.

Land position in a number of areas has been increased and exploration programs continue on all of our land holdings to move these projects towards the drill phase.

## **2. DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

### **a) Results of Operations**

During the year ended December 31, 2004 the Company earned interest income of \$66,999 (2003 - \$77,468) on short-term investments and cash on hand. Cash at December 31, 2004 amounted to \$1,866,360 (December 31, 2003 - \$4,795,822).

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Interest earned during the year of \$66,999 (2003 - \$77,468) was applied as a reduction to general and administrative expenses of \$800,896 (2003 - \$915,077), resulting in an operating loss for the year of (\$733,897) (2003 - (\$837,539)).

General and administrative expenses in 2004 were comparable to 2003 as the Company's activity level remained consistent. Expenses in 2003 rose in comparison with 2002 due to the Company's more active status and the costs of identifying and completing the Company's Qualifying Transaction in April 2003.

Travel and accommodation expenses for the year totaled \$52,839 as compared with \$130,732 in 2003, Less corporate and exploration related travel was incurred in 2004 as most property acquisition and exploration program initiation work occurred in 2003. Management and consulting fees of \$173,444 were lower in 2004 than the \$259,220 incurred in 2003 as certain administrative and management services were provided on a contract basis by Platinum Group Metals Ltd. ("PTM") for all of 2004. Consulting and management fees have been paid to three individuals including one director. (See related party transactions).

Services provided by the company's president, the company's lawyer, and its consulting geologists include project management, investor relations, legal, geological and administrative services. Such services were originally budgeted for within "general and administrative costs" in the Company's Prospectus dated March 31, 2003; however, the scope and nature of the Company's activities since that time have necessitated the need for more management services than originally budgeted for. During the year ended December 31, 2004 legal fees amounted to \$71,493 (2003 - \$108,517), filing and transfer agent fees totaled \$41,163 (2003 - \$54,924), shareholder relations totaled \$81,277 (2003 - \$61,359) while accounting and audit expenses totaled \$126,837 (2003 - \$142,437). Accounting and audit expenses incurred include the cost of services related to the Company's Qualifying Transaction and Initial Public Offering in 2003 and the Company's United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Registration Form 20F filing in 2004.

Bank charges and interest totaled \$3,021 (2003 - \$16,285). Other smaller expense items account for the balance of general and administrative costs for the period. The Company now occupies office space and receives administrative services on a contract basis.

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The following tables set forth selected financial data from the Company's Audited Financial Statements and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	Dec. 31, 2004	Dec. 31, 2003	Dec. 31, 2002
Revenues	Nil	Nil	Nil
Net Income (Loss)	(\$733,897)	(\$837,539)	(\$122,631)
Net Income (Loss) per Share	(\$0.03)	(\$0.06)	(\$0.08)
Total Assets	\$ 9,774,297	\$ 8,534,794	\$ 408,125

Long Term Debt	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dividends	Nil	Nil	Nil

The following table sets forth selected quarterly financial information for each of the last eight (8) quarters.

<b>Quarter Ended</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Net Earnings (Loss)</b>	<b>Net Loss per share</b>
December 31, 2004	Nil	(243,843)	(0.01)
September 30, 2004	Nil	(112,109)	(0.005)
June 30, 2004	Nil	(264,813)	(0.01)
March 31, 2004	Nil	(113,132)	(0.00)
December 31, 2003	Nil	(302,473)	(0.01)
September 30, 2003	Nil	(260,541)	(0.01)
June 30, 2003	Nil	(175,055)	(0.01)
March 31, 2003	Nil	(99,470)	(0.03)

During the quarter ended December 31, 2004 the Company was focused on negotiations regarding the Penoles option to participate in the Company's Juancipio property. The Company conducted minor exploration work in Mexico and assessed past results in preparation for 2005 programs.

The Company has not declared nor paid dividends on its common shares. The Company has no present intention of paying dividends on its common shares, as it anticipates that all available funds will be invested to finance the growth of its business.

#### **b) Trend Information**

Other than the obligations under the Company's property option agreements set out in "Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations", there are no identifiable trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that will result in, or that are reasonably likely to result in, the Company's liquidity either increasing or decreasing at present or in the foreseeable future. The Company will require sufficient capital in the future to meet its acquisition payments and other obligations under property option agreements for those properties it considers worthy to incur continued holding and exploration costs upon. The need to make such payments is a "Trend" as it is unlikely that all such obligations will be eliminated from the Company's future business activities. The Company intends to utilize cash on hand in order to meet its obligations under property option agreements until at least December 31, 2005. It is unlikely that the Company will generate sufficient operating cash flow to meet these ongoing obligations in the foreseeable future. Accordingly the Company will likely need to raise additional capital by issuance of equity in the future. At this time the Company has no plan or intention to issue any debt in order to raise capital for future requirements.

At the time of writing there is a noted favourable trend with regard to the market for metal commodities and related companies, however, it is the opinion of the Company that its own liquidity will be most affected by the results of its exploration activities. The discovery of an economic mineral deposit on one of its mineral properties may have a favourable effect on the Company's liquidity, and conversely, the failure to find one may have a negative effect.

#### **c) Risk Factors**

The following is a brief discussion of those distinctive or special characteristics of the Company's operations and industry that may have a material impact on, or constitute risk factors in respect of, the Company's future financial performance.

The Company, and thus the securities of the Company, should be considered a highly speculative investment and investors should carefully consider all of the information disclosed in this Annual Report prior to making an investment in the Company. In addition to the other information presented in this Annual Report, the following risk factors should be given special consideration when evaluating an investment in the Company's securities.

## **General**

Resource exploration and development is a speculative business, characterized by a number of significant risks including, among other things, unprofitable efforts resulting not only from the failure to discover mineral deposits but also from finding mineral deposits, which, though present, are insufficient in quantity and quality to return a profit from production.

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## **The Company's business is subject to exploration and development risks**

All of the Company's properties are in the exploration stage of development and no known reserves have been discovered on such properties. There is no certainty that the expenditures to be made by the Company or its joint venture partners in the exploration of its properties described herein will result in discoveries of precious metals in commercial quantities or that any of the Company's properties will be developed. Most exploration projects do not result in the discovery of precious metals and no assurance can be given that any particular level of recovery of precious metals will in fact be realized or that any identified resource will ever qualify as a commercially mineable (or viable) resource which can be legally and economically exploited. Estimates of reserves, mineral deposits and production costs can also be affected by such factors as environmental permit regulations and requirements, weather, environmental factors, unforeseen technical difficulties, unusual or unexpected geological formations and work interruptions. In addition, the grade of precious metals ultimately discovered may differ from that indicated by drilling results. There can be no assurance that precious metals recovered in small-scale tests will be duplicated in large-scale tests under on-site conditions or in production scale.

## **Political and economic instability may affect the Company's business**

The Company's activities in Canada and Mexico are subject to risks common to operations in the mining industry in general, as well as certain political and economic uncertainties related specifically to operating in Mexico. The Company's operations in general may also be affected in varying degrees by political and economic instability, terrorism, crime, extreme fluctuations in currency exchange rates and inflation.



**The Company is subject to the risk of fluctuations in the relative values of the Canadian dollar as compared to the Mexican Peso**

The Company may be adversely or favorably affected by foreign currency fluctuations. The Company is primarily funded through equity investments into the Company denominated in Canadian Dollars. Several of the Company's options to acquire properties in Mexico may result in option payments by the Company denominated in Mexican Pesos or in U.S. dollars over the next three years. Exploration and development programs to be conducted by the Company in Mexico will also be funded in Mexican Pesos or in U.S. dollars. Fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and both the U.S. dollar and Mexican Peso may have an adverse or favorable affect on the Company.

**The Company's properties are subject to title risks**

The Company has investigated title to all of its mineral properties and, to the best of its knowledge, title to all of its properties, and properties that it has the right to acquire or earn an interest in, are in good standing. However, the Company's properties may be subject to prior unregistered agreements or transfers and title may be affected by undetected defects. These defects could adversely affect the Company's title to such properties or delay or increase the cost of the development of such properties.

The Company's properties may also be subject to aboriginal or other historical rights that may be claimed on Crown properties or other types of tenure with respect to which mineral rights have been conferred. The Company is not aware of any aboriginal land claims having been asserted or any legal actions relating to native issues having been instituted with respect to any of the mineral properties in which the Company has an interest. The Company is aware of the mutual benefits afforded by co-operative relationships with indigenous people in conducting exploration activity and is supportive of measures established to achieve such co-operation.

**Environmental Risk**

Environmental legislation on a global basis is evolving in a manner that will ensure stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessment of proposed development and a higher level of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees. There is no assurance that future changes to environmental legislation in Canada or Mexico will not adversely the Company's operations. Environmental hazards may exist on properties in which the Company holds interests which are unknown at present and which have been caused by previous or existing owners or operators. Furthermore, future compliance with environmental reclamation, closure and other requirements may involve significant costs and other liabilities. In particular, the Company's operations and exploration activities are subject to Canadian and Mexican national and provincial laws and regulations governing protection of the environment. Such laws are continually changing and, in general, are becoming more restrictive.

**The mineral exploration industry is extremely competitive**

The resource industry is intensely competitive in all of its phases, and the Company competes with many companies possessing greater financial resources and technical facilities than itself. Competition could adversely affect the Company's ability to acquire suitable new producing properties or prospects for exploration in the future. Competition could also affect the Company's ability to raise financing to fund the exploration and development of its properties or to hire qualified personnel.

**Metal prices affect the success of the Company's business**

The mining industry in general is intensely competitive and there is no assurance that, even if commercial quantities of mineral resources are developed, a profitable market will exist for the sale of such product. Factors beyond the

control of the Company may affect the marketability of any minerals discovered. No assurance may be given that metal prices will remain stable. Significant price fluctuations over short periods of time may be generated by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company, including domestic and international economic and political trends, expectations of inflation, currency exchange fluctuations, interest rates, global or regional consumption patterns, speculative activities and increased production due to improved mining and production methods. The effect of these factors on the price of minerals and therefore the economic viability of any of the Company's exploration projects cannot accurately be predicted. As the Company is in the exploration stage, the above factors have had no material impact on present operations or income.

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## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **d) Exploration Programs and Expenditures**

During the year ended December 31, 2004 the Company incurred \$1,961,872 (\$373,653 in cash; \$1,564,968 in shares comprised of 628,905 common shares @ \$1.40; 499,150 common shares @ \$0.62; 150,000 common shares @ \$2.00 and 80,738 common shares @ \$1.10) and \$9,467 in shares allotted but not issued (9,191 shares @ \$1.03) in property acquisition costs. Exploration expenditures in cash for the year amounted to \$1,976,622. One third of the costs relate to four drilling programs conducted at Juanicipio for a total cost of \$630,277. Other exploration programs were conducted at Lagartos (\$203,016), Guigui (\$323,727) and Adargas (\$283,468). The Company also incurred \$459,281 for mine rehabilitation and drill program preparations at the Don Fippi property. In total, the Company incurred \$857,768 on rotary diamond drilling during the year.

During 2003 a total of 6,147 metres were drilled on seven different holes at the Juanicipio property. The company had originally budgeted to drill 4,500 metres at a cost of \$200 per metre, totaling \$900,000, but increased this amount to approximately 6,200 metres at an actual cost of \$1,132,731, due to the nature, extent and grade of the mineralization encountered and in order to better delineate the mineralization discovered. Another consideration was the fact that actual cost was below budget on a per metre basis, approximately \$184 per metre, compared to \$200 per metre budgeted.

Results from the 7 holes drilled on the Juanicipio property have been encouraging and continue to confirm the Company's concepts and exploration models, adding great confidence for future exploration of structures throughout the property.

Phase 1 drilling at Juanicipio targeted six major surface-mapped structures coincident with strong NSAMT geophysical anomalies along the projection of veins being mined in the adjoining Fresnillo Mine area. Drilling results

from the last 2 holes showed that silver dominant mineralization lies well above the base-metal rich "root zone" mineralization that appears to cause the deep NSAMT anomalies.

Phase 2 exploration activities took place in the spring and summer of 2004, following the completion and evaluation of Phase 1 drilling, at the Company's 100% controlled Juanicipio project. Exploration work included detailed surface mapping and sampling to locate vein segments where mineralization may widen along the 2 to 5 kilometre lateral continuations of the drilled structures. The Company ran approximately 6 kilometres of new NSAMT geophysics along wider vein segments to help define targets in the silver dominant zones prior to drilling 2 holes. Hole # 8 was drilled to a depth of 700 metres and hole # 9 was drilled to a depth of 748 metres. A detailed structural analysis of the property was performed by Dr. Tony Starling of Telluris Consulting. The Company also ran a detailed Short Wave Infra Red (SWIR) survey on surface alteration outcrops and core to characterize the mineralogy of the "advanced argillic" alteration, and reprocessed the satellite imagery. Environmental rehabilitation of drilling areas was also completed.

The Company drilled two holes at the adjoining Lagartos property. Hole #10 was drilled to a depth of 764 metres and hole #11 to a depth of 774 metres to test its theory of the projected extension of the regional "Fresnillo Trend". During 2003 the Company staked these claims to approximately 120,000 hectares of open ground northwest and southeast of its Juanicipio I claim. The drilling took place after the property was mapped and sampled throughout the 5 claims. The Company ran approximately 30 kilometres of new NSAMT geophysics over the projected extension of the regional "Fresnillo Trend". A detailed structural analysis of the property was performed by Dr. Tony Starling of Telluris Consulting. The Company also ran a detailed Short-Wave Infra-Red (SWIR) survey on surface alteration outcrops and core to characterize the mineralogy of the "advanced argillic" alteration, and reprocessed the satellite imagery. Environmental rehabilitation of drilling areas was also completed.

The Company has completed aerial photography of the historic Batopilas District and is currently carrying out rehabilitation of some of the principal underground workings in its Don Fippi property that contains the historic Batopilas District. During the year the Company incurred \$459,281 (\$795,074 to date) in geological costs on this rehabilitation. Batopilas produced 250 million ounces of silver from very high-grade native-silver ore bodies prior to being shut down by the Mexican Revolution in 1913. The Company has performed initial geologic mapping and sampling of the district. The Company has rehabilitated roughly 600 metres of the 2.5 kilometre long Porfirio Diaz Tunnel and the 400 metre Santo Domingo Tunnel. A detailed structural analysis of the property was performed as well as NSAMT and UTM geophysics. Drill targets have been identified and the drill permitting process has been completed.

Drilling began on October 20, 2003 on the Company's 4,553-hectare Guigui Project in the Santa Eulalia District in Chihuahua, Mexico. The Santa Eulalia District hosts a carbonate replacement silver deposit that has produced over 450 million ounces of silver from nearly 50 million tonnes of ores averaging 350 g/T (11.3 Oz/T) silver, 8.2% lead and 7.8% zinc. Despite nearly 300 years of continuous mining of interconnected high-grade deposits, these have never been traced back to the style of near-source intrusion-related mineralization typical of these deposits worldwide. MAG and others have performed geological and geochemical zoning studies and gravity, magnetic, CSAMT and NSAMT geophysical surveys to define the near-source mineralization targets on the property. The planned 3,500-metre drill program on Guigui consisted of 6 holes to test these targets, the largest of which centers on a geophysical anomaly more than 1 kilometre in diameter that MAG infers to reflect a buried intrusive body. Four holes were drilled by the end of 2003 for a total of 3,009 metres. The drill program finished in February 2004 with a total of 4,576 metres drilled over 6 different holes. The original budget was for 4 holes, but after some exploration work the Company drilled a further 2 holes in the San Antonio Graben which added over 1,000 metres more than it had originally planned. Of the final three holes which were drilled in January and February 2004, one hole was drilled in the central Guigui area while the other two were drilled in the eastern Guigui area south of the San Antonio. The Company also ran down hole UTM surveys in all 6 of the holes drilled. Environmental rehabilitation of drilling areas was also completed. This along with other additional geological work carried out on the property accounted for the exploration activities to come in above the originally planned budget.

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Guigui exploration is based on a geological, geochemical and geophysical model designed to find the source zones of the adjoining Santa Eulalia District near Chihuahua, Mexico. Santa Eulalia is another historic district that has produced at least 450 million ounces of silver over the last 300 years, but the Guigui area has never been explored.

During 2003 the Company announced that it had entered into agreements in principle to acquire the option to earn a 100% interest in the Adargas and Cinco de Mayo properties, two large exploration projects in the Mexican silver belt. Compilation of previous exploration results has begun for the Cinco de Mayo project to guide design of orientation geophysical surveys and biological sampling.

Phase 1 drilling at the Adargas property consisted of four holes, totaling approximately 2,000 metres. This drilling was completed in June of 2004. The cost of this drilling program totaled \$283,468 to December 31, 2004. The Company is waiting for results of a down hole BHUTM survey of both MAG and two 1997 holes drilled by a predecessor, one of which cut 20 centimetres of Zn-Pb-Ag massive sulfides developed along the same contact.

During 2004 the Company initiated the geological reconnaissance and verification of previous data, as well as laid out a biochemical sampling program at the Cinco de Mayo property.

During 2004 the Company executed an initial reconnaissance mapping and sampling of the district at the Sierra Ramirez property.

All of the costs incurred on property acquisition and exploration during 2004 were deferred. There were no mineral properties written down during the year or in 2003. A complete table of mineral property costs can be found in Note 7 of the Company's Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2004.

#### **e) Administration Expenses**

General and administrative expenses for the year totaled \$800,896 (2003 - \$915,007), net of interest and recoveries of \$66,999 (2003 - \$77,468). Shareholder relations expense, web site hosting and maintenance, investor calls, mail outs, printing and news releases totaled \$81,277 (2003 - \$61,359). Management and consulting fees to December 31, 2004 totaled \$173,444 (2003 - \$259,220). Office and administration totaled \$190,910 (2003 - \$94,185). The increase in office and administration costs is due to the Company's fully active status in 2004 and the Company having a services agreement with Platinum Group Metals Ltd. for the provision of full time office administration, effectively resulting in lower management and consulting fees, but higher administration costs.

The Company completed a United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Registration (Form 20-F) in 2004. The company incurred approximately \$75,000 in the current year and at least \$225,000 in total, on accounting and legal costs relating to this goal. Accounting and legal costs totaled \$198,330 (2003 - \$250,954) for the year ended December 31, 2004, which includes the \$75,000 mentioned above for the Form 20-F. Legal opinions on property

acquisitions during the period and general services made up the balance of legal expenses for the year.

During the year ended December 31, 2004 the Company paid stock exchange, filing fees and transfer agent fees of \$41,163 (2003 - \$54,924). A foreign exchange loss of \$48,349 (2003 - \$45,487) was incurred during the same period, which is attributed to the fluctuations in the U.S. dollar and Mexican pesos, which the Company uses to pay for acquisition and exploration expenditures through the Company's Mexican subsidiary Minera Los Lagartos. A loss occurs when the U.S. dollar or Mexican peso weakens against the Canadian dollar, resulting in the Canadian dollar value of those currencies held to fall. Travel, lodging and related expenses for the management of the company amounted to \$52,839 (2003 - \$130,732). Such costs are incurred for corporate, property and exploration related travel and for attendance at trade shows and conferences.

#### **f) Related Party Transactions**

For the year ended December 31, 2004 the Company's president received \$93,870 in compensation for legal and management services (2003 - \$97,325).

During the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company borrowed \$150,000 on a short-term loan from a shareholder of the Company. The loan and an interest amount of \$12,500 was fully repaid.

During 2003, the Company entered into an office rental and services agreement with PTM, a company with a common director and common officer. During the year ended December 31, 2004 the Company accrued or paid PTM \$147,437 under the common service agreement (2003 - \$89,131).

These transactions are in the normal course of business and are measured at the exchange amount which is the consideration established and agreed to by the noted parties.

#### **g) Shareholder Relations' Expenses**

Shareholder relations expense during 2004 totaled \$81,277 (2003 -\$61,359). The Company manages its shareholder relations as an internal function. The Company recently hired an individual as Vice-President Corporate Development. The Company attends seminars and conferences related to its business and from time to time does visit brokers, market analysts and investors who request information about the Company's business.

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#### **h) Travel and Promotion Expenses**

Travel and promotion expenses for the year amounted to \$52,839 (2003 - \$130,732). These activities relate to corporate business development, the supervision of ongoing exploration operations, new property investigations and meetings with potential joint venture partners and institutional and sophisticated investors.

### **i) Property Acquisition Expenses**

Property acquisition expenditures during the year totaled \$1,961,872 (2003 - \$1,235,928) in cash and shares. Cash and share payments for properties during the year include \$780,469 for Guigui, \$627,534 for Don Fippi, \$198,613 for Adargas, \$191,127 for Cinco de Maya, \$127,741 for Sierra Ramirez, \$18,278 for Juanicipio, and \$18,110 for Lagartos.

During 2003 the Company completed the acquisition of Lexington Capital Group Inc. ("Lexington") whose main asset is its indirect interest in the Juanicipio I claim that encompasses its Juanicipio Project near Fresnillo, Zacatecas, Mexico. Under the terms of the agreement MAG paid the vendor US\$250,000 and issued 200,000 shares of its common stock. In addition to consolidating its ownership of the Juanicipio I claim, this acquisition is expected to save the Company US\$1,150,000 in option payments and US\$2,500,000 in work commitments, as well as eliminate a net smelter return royalty obligation.

The sum of all payments required to perfect all of the Company's mineral rights are greater than its currently available working capital. The Company evaluates its property interests on an ongoing basis and intends to abandon properties that fail to remain prospective. The Company is confident that it will be able to meet its earn-in obligations on those properties which management considers to be of merit.

### **3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Company's accounting policies are set out in Note 2 of its Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2004.

There are two policies that, due to the nature of the mining business, are more significant to the financial results of the Company. These policies relate to the capitalizing of mineral exploration expenditures and the use of estimates.

Under Canadian GAAP, the Company deferred all costs relating to the acquisition and exploration of its mineral properties. Any revenues received from such properties are credited against the costs of the property. When commercial production commences on any of the Company's properties, any previously capitalized costs would be charged to operations using a unit-of-production method. The Company regularly reviews the carrying values of its properties to assess their recoverability and when the carrying value of a property exceeds the estimated net recoverable amount, provision is made for impairment in value.

The existence of uncertainties during the exploration stage and the lack of definitive empirical evidence with respect to the feasibility of successful commercial development of any exploration property does create measurement uncertainty concerning the estimate of the amount of impairment to the value of any mineral property. The Company relies on its own or independent estimates of further geological prospects of a particular property and also considers the likely proceeds from a sale or assignment of the rights before determining whether or not impairment in value has occurred.

### **4. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY**

Effective January 1, 2004, the Company adopted the amended recommendations of the CICA Handbook Section 3870, *Stock-based Compensation and Other Stock-based Payments*. Under the amended standards of this Section, the fair value of all stock-based awards granted are estimated using the Black-Scholes model and are recorded in operations over their vesting periods. The compensation cost related to stock options granted after January 1, 2004 is recorded in operations.

Previously, the Company provided note disclosure of pro forma net loss and pro forma loss per share as if the fair value based method had been used to account for share purchase options granted to employees, directors and officers

after January 1, 2002. The amended recommendations have been applied retroactively from January 1, 2002 without restatement of prior periods. As a result, as of January 1, 2004, the deficit was increased by \$248,128, and contributed surplus was increased by \$248,128.

Effective January 1, 2004, the Company adopted CICA Handbook Section 3110, "Asset Retirement Obligations."

Under this new standard, the present value of future mine closure obligations is determined when the obligation is incurred and recorded as a liability with a corresponding increase in the carrying value of the related mining assets.

The carrying value is amortized over the life of the related mining asset on a units-of-production basis commencing with initial commercialization of the asset. The liability is accreted to the actual liability on s