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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2011

**TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 001-34857

**GOLD RESOURCE CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its charter)

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**Colorado**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)  
**2886 Carriage Manor Point, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**84-1473173**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)  
**80906**

**Registrant's telephone number including area code: (303) 320-7708**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the past 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Larger accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
Indicate by check mark whether registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 52,998,303 shares of common stock outstanding as of May 6, 2011.

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References in this report to agreements to which Gold Resource Corporation is a party and the definition of certain terms from those agreements are not necessarily complete and are qualified by reference to the agreements. Readers should refer to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 and the exhibits listed therein.

**Table of Contents****PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. Financial Statements****GOLD RESOURCE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****(An Exploration Stage Company)****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS***(U.S. dollars in thousands, except shares)*

	<i>March 31, 2011 (unaudited)</i>	<i>December 31, 2010</i>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 37,904	\$ 47,582
Accounts receivable	4,393	1,185
Inventories	7,750	3,063
Prepaid and refundable taxes	6,276	5,848
Other current assets	6	9
Total current assets	56,329	57,687
Land and mineral rights	227	227
Property and equipment, net	6,130	4,849
Other assets	44	34
Total assets	\$ 62,730	\$ 62,797
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</u></b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 5,587	\$ 4,866
Dividends payable	1,590	1,590
Total current liabilities	7,177	6,456
Asset retirement obligation	2,604	2,495
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock - \$0.001 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized: no shares issued and outstanding		
Common stock - \$0.001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized: 52,998,303 shares issued and outstanding,	53	53
Additional paid-in capital	149,050	152,444
(Deficit) accumulated during the exploration stage	(95,858)	(97,891)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss):		
Currency translation adjustment	(296)	(760)
Total shareholders' equity	52,949	53,846

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Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 62,730	\$ 62,797
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Table of Contents****GOLD RESOURCE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****(An Exploration Stage Company)****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS***for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010**and for the period from Inception (August 24, 1998) to March 31, 2011**(U.S. dollars in thousands, except shares and per share amounts)**(Unaudited)*

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>Inception (August 24, 1998) to March 31, 2011</i>
Sales of metals concentrate	\$ 11,280	\$	\$ 26,034
Mine cost of sales:			
Production costs applicable to sales	2,352		7,073
Depreciation, depletion, amortization	64		230
Accretion	21		89
Total mine cost of sales	2,437		7,392
Mine gross profit	\$ 8,843	\$	\$ 18,642
Costs and expenses:			
General and administrative (includes \$1,377 in 2011 and \$83 in 2010 of non-cash stock-based compensation)	3,112	899	27,194
Exploration expenses	512	1,216	29,690
Construction and development	3,066	4,446	56,996
Production start-up expense, net		729	209
Management contract - U S Gold, related party			752
Total costs and expenses	6,690	7,290	114,841
Operating income (loss)	\$ 2,153	\$ (7,290)	\$ (96,199)
Other income (expense):			
Other income	6	4	2
Currency exchange (loss)	(152)		(482)
Interest income	26	21	821
Total other income (expense)	\$ (120)	\$ 25	\$ 341
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ 2,033	\$ (7,265)	\$ (95,858)

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Provision for income taxes

Net income (loss)	\$	2,033	\$	(7,265)	\$	(95,858)
Other comprehensive income:						
Currency translation adjustment		464		286		(296)
Net comprehensive income (loss)	\$	2,497	\$	(6,979)	\$	(96,154)
Net income (loss) per common share:						
Basic	\$	0.04	\$	(0.15)		
Diluted	\$	0.04	\$	(0.15)		
Weighted average shares outstanding:						
Basic		52,998,303		48,253,617		
Diluted		57,840,414		48,253,617		

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

**Table of Contents****GOLD RESOURCE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****(An Exploration Stage Company)****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS***for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010**and for the period from Inception (August 24, 1998) to March 31, 2011**(U.S. dollars in thousands, except shares)**(Unaudited)*

	2011	2010	<i>Inception (August 24, 1998) to March 31, 2011</i>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,033	\$ (7,265)	\$ (95,859)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:			
Depreciation	144	61	832
Accretion expense	21	17	89
Asset retirement obligation			2,307
Stock compensation	1,377	83	10,858
Management fee paid in stock			392
Related party payable paid in stock			320
Foreign currency translation adjustment	464	286	(296)
Loss on disposal of asset			4
Issuance cost forgiven			25
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(3,209)		(4,394)
Prepaid and refundable taxes	(428)	(1,186)	(6,276)
Other current assets	4	(267)	(6)
Inventories	(4,688)	(1,655)	(7,750)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	720	216	5,587
Other	(9)	(2)	(47)
Total adjustments	(5,604)	(2,448)	1,645
Net cash used in operating activities	(3,571)	(9,713)	(94,213)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Capital expenditures	(1,425)	(330)	(7,424)
Restricted cash		1,785	
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(1,425)	1,455	(7,424)
Cash flows from financing activities:			

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Proceeds from sales of stock		5,172	150,633
Proceeds from exercise of stock options			428
Proceeds from debentures - founders			50
Dividends paid	(4,770)		(12,510)
Proceeds from exploration funding agreement - Canyon Resources			500
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(4,770)	5,172	139,101
Effect of exchange rates on cash and equivalents	88	24	440
Net increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	(9,678)	(3,062)	37,904
Cash and equivalents at beginning of period	47,582	6,752	
Cash and equivalents at end of period	\$ 37,904	\$ 3,690	\$ 37,904
<b>Supplemental Cash Flow Information</b>			
Interest paid	\$	\$	\$
Income taxes paid	\$	\$	\$
Non-cash investing and financing activities:			
Conversion of Canyon Resources funding into common stock	\$	\$	\$ 500
Conversion of founders debentures into common stock	\$	\$	\$ 50

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**GOLD RESOURCE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**(An Exploration Stage Company)**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**March 31, 2011**

**(Unaudited)**

**1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Nature of Operations**

Gold Resource Corporation (the Company) was organized under the laws of the State of Colorado on August 24, 1998. The Company was initially engaged solely in the exploration for precious and base metals, primarily in Mexico, as an exploration stage company. In July 2010, the Company emerged as a producer of gold and silver metals concentrates and it plans to both continue to develop mineral properties and produce base metals concentrates.

**Significant Accounting Policies**

**Exploration Stage Company:** Despite the fact that we commenced production in 2010, we are still considered an exploration stage company under the criteria set forth by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) since we have not yet demonstrated the existence of proven or probable reserves as defined by the SEC at our *El Aguila* Project in Oaxaca, Mexico or any of our properties. As a result, and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP) for exploration stage companies, all expenditures for exploration and evaluation of our properties are expensed as incurred and unless mineralized material is classified as proven or probable reserves, substantially all expenditures for mine and mill construction will continue to be expensed as incurred. Certain expenditures, such as for rolling stock or other general purpose equipment, may be capitalized, subject to our evaluation of the possible impairment of the asset. We expect to remain as an exploration stage company for the foreseeable future, even though we have reached commercial production. We will not exit the exploration stage until we demonstrate the existence of proven or probable reserves that meet the SEC guidelines.

**Basis of Presentation:** The interim consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by the Company, without audit, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC pursuant to Item 210 of Regulation S-X. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such SEC rules and regulations, although the Company believes that the disclosures included are adequate to make the information presented not misleading.

In management's opinion, the unaudited consolidated financial statements contained herein reflect all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring items, which are necessary for the fair presentation of the Company's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows on a basis consistent with that of its prior audited consolidated financial statements. However, the results of operations for interim periods may not be indicative of results to be expected for the full fiscal year. Therefore, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto and summary of significant accounting policies included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

**Basis of Consolidation:** The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned Mexican subsidiaries. The Company's significant subsidiaries are Don David Gold S.A. de C.V. and Golden Trump Resources S.A. de C.V. The expenditures of Don David Gold and Golden Trump Resources are generally incurred in Mexican pesos. Significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The consolidated financial statements included herein are expressed in United States dollars, the Company's reporting currency.

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**Reclassifications:** Certain amounts previously presented for prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation. The reclassifications had no effect on net income or loss, total assets, or total shareholders' equity.

**Use of Estimates:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Management routinely makes judgments and estimates about the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain. Estimates that are critical to the accompanying consolidated financial statements include, but are not limited to, the identification and valuation of proven and probable reserves, obligations for environmental, reclamation, and closure matters, estimates related to asset impairments of long lived assets and investments, classification of expenditures as either an asset or an expense, valuation of deferred tax assets, and the likelihood of loss contingencies. Management bases its estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Estimates and assumptions are revised periodically and the effects of revisions are reflected in the financial statements in the period it is determined to be necessary. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents:** Cash and cash equivalents consist of all cash balances and highly liquid investments with a remaining maturity of three months or less when purchased and are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

**Accounts Receivable:** Accounts receivable consist of trade receivables from gold and silver sales. As of March 31, 2011, 84.1% of the Company's total sales of metals concentrate were generated from sales to Consorcio Minero de Mexico Cormin Mex, S.A. de C.V. (Consorcio), a Trafigura Group Company, and the other 15.9% of the Company's total sales of metals concentrate were generated from sales to Trafigura Beheer, B.V. (Beheer), also a Trafigura Group Company.

**Inventories:** At March 31, 2011, our inventories were comprised of ore stockpile, metal concentrates and materials and supplies inventories:

*Ore Stockpile Inventories:* Ore stockpile inventories represent mineralized materials that have been mined and are available for further processing. Ore stockpiles are measured by estimating the number of tonnes added and removed from the stockpile, an estimate of the contained metals (based on assay data) and the estimated metallurgical recovery rates. Costs are allocated to ore stockpile inventories based on relative values of material stockpiled and processed using current mining costs incurred up to the point of stockpiling the ore, including applicable overhead, depreciation, depletion and amortization relating to mining operations. Material is removed from the stockpile at an average cost per tonne. Ore stockpile inventories are carried at the lower of average cost or net realizable value. Net realizable value represents the estimated future sales price of the product based on current and long-term metals prices, less the estimated costs to complete production and bring the product to sale. Write-downs of ore stockpiles and concentrate inventories, resulting from net realizable value impairments, are reported as a component of production costs applicable to sales. There were no write-downs of ore stockpile inventories recognized in the three months ended March 31, 2011 or 2010. The current portion of ore stockpile inventories is determined based on the expected amounts to be processed within the next 12 months. Ore stockpile inventories not expected to be processed within the next 12 months, if any, are classified as long-term. At March 31, 2011, all ore stockpile inventories were classified as current.

*Metal Concentrates Inventories:* Concentrates inventories include metal concentrates located either at our facilities or in transit to our customers' port. Inventories are valued at the lower of full cost of production or net realizable value based on current metals prices. Inventories consist of lead and zinc metal concentrates.

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**Materials and Supplies Inventories:** Materials and supplies inventories are valued at the lower of average cost or net realizable value. Cost includes applicable taxes and freight. Inventories consist of chemical reagents, parts, fuels, and other materials and supplies.

**Proven and Probable Reserves:** The definition of proven and probable reserves is set forth in SEC *Industry Guide 7*. Proven reserves are reserves for which (a) quantity is computed from dimensions revealed in outcrops, trenches, workings or drill holes; grade and/or quality are computed from the results of detailed sampling and (b) the sites for inspection, sampling and measurement are spaced so closely and the geologic character is so well defined that size, shape, depth and mineral content of reserves are well-established. Probable reserves are reserves for which quantity and grade and/or quality are computed from information similar to that used for proven reserves, but the sites for inspection, sampling, and measurement are farther apart or are otherwise less adequately spaced. The degree of assurance, although lower than that for proven reserves, is high enough to assume continuity between points of observation. In addition, reserves cannot be considered proven and probable until they are supported by a feasibility study, indicating that the reserves have had the requisite geologic, technical and economic work performed and are economically and legally extractable at the time of the reserve determination.

As of March 31, 2011, none of the mineralized material at the Company's properties met the SEC's definition of proven or probable reserves since the Company has not yet demonstrated the existence of proven or probable reserves at its *El Aguila* Project in Oaxaca, Mexico or any of its properties.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments:** ASC 825, *Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments*, requires disclosure of fair value information about financial instruments. ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements* defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. Fair value estimates discussed herein are based upon certain market assumptions and pertinent information available to management as of March 31, 2011.

The respective carrying value of certain on-balance-sheet financial instruments approximates their fair values. These financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, prepaid and refundable taxes, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Fair values were assumed to approximate carrying values for these financial instruments since they are short term in nature and their carrying amounts approximate fair value or they are receivable or payable on demand.

**Prepaid and Refundable Taxes:** In Mexico, value added taxes (IVA) are assessed on purchases of materials and services. Businesses are generally entitled to recover the taxes they have paid, either as a refund or as a credit against future taxes payable. For the period from inception through 2008, substantially all of the Company's refund claims were initially denied by the tax authorities. Accordingly, the Company provided a full valuation allowance for potentially refundable IVA. During 2009, the Company was successful in establishing the validity of its claims and received IVA refunds in the amount of \$1.1 million. Furthermore, it appears that the tax authorities will honor the Company's claims for substantially all of the IVA paid during 2009 and any future years. Amounts recorded as prepaid and refundable taxes in the consolidated financial statements represent the estimated recoverable payments made during 2009, 2010 and the three months ended March 31, 2011. Although the taxing authorities may reconsider claims filed for previous years, significant uncertainties regarding ultimate recovery preclude recognition of an asset for taxes paid in years prior to 2009.

**Revenue Recognition:** Sales of all metals products sold directly to the Company's metals concentrate buyers, including by-product metals, are recorded as revenues when title and risk of loss transfer to the buyers (generally at the time shipment is delivered at buyers' port) at estimated forward prices for the anticipated month of settlement. Due to the time elapsed between shipment and the final settlement with our buyers, we must estimate the prices at which sales of our metals will be settled. Previously recorded sales are adjusted to estimated settlement metals prices until final settlement with the buyers.

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Sales to the Company's buyers are recorded net of charges by the buyer for treatment, refining, smelting losses, and other charges negotiated by the Company with the buyers. Charges are estimated upon shipment of concentrates based on contractual terms and actual charges do not vary materially from estimates. Costs charged by smelters include a metals payable fee, fixed treatment and refining costs per ton of concentrate.

Changes in metals prices on the London Bullion Market between shipment and final settlement will result in adjustments to revenues related to sales of concentrate previously recorded upon shipment. Concentrate sales are based on a provisional sales price containing an embedded derivative that is required to be separated from the host contract for accounting purposes. The host contract is the receivable from the sale of the concentrates at the forward price at the time of the sale. The embedded derivative, which does not qualify for hedge accounting, is adjusted to market through earnings each period prior to final settlement.

Changes in the market price of metals significantly affect the Company's revenues, results of operations, and cash flow. Metals prices can and often do fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control, such as political and economic conditions, demand, forward-selling by producers, expectations for inflation, custom smelter activities, the relative exchange rate of the U.S. dollar, investor sentiment, and global mine production levels. The aggregate effect of these factors is impossible to predict. Because the Company's revenue is derived from the sale of gold and silver, its earnings are directly related to the prices of these metals.

**Concentration of Credit Risk:** As of March 31, 2011, 84.1% of our total sales of metals concentrate and 84.1% of our mine gross profits were generated from sales to Consorcio, a Trafigura Group Company, and 15.9% of our total sales of metals concentrate were generated from sales to Beheer of Lucerne Switzerland, also a Trafigura Group Company.

The Company's *El Aguila* Project, which is located in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, accounted for 100% of its total sales of metals concentrate for the three months ended March 31, 2011.

The Company has carefully considered and assessed the credit risk resulting from its concentrate sales arrangement with Consorcio or Beheer and believes it is not exposed to significant credit risk in relation to the counterparty meeting its contractual obligations as it pertains to its trade receivables during the ordinary course of business.

In the event that our relationship with Consorcio or Beheer is interrupted for any reason, we believe that we would be able to locate another entity to purchase our metals concentrate and by-product metals. However, any interruption could temporarily disrupt the sale of our principal products and adversely affect our operating results.

Some of the Company's operating cash balances are maintained in accounts that currently exceed federally insured limits. The Company believes that the financial strength of depositing institutions mitigate the underlying risk of loss. To date, these concentrations of credit risk have not had a significant impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

**Net Income (Loss) Per Share:** Basic income (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period. Diluted income per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if potentially dilutive securities are converted into common shares. Potentially dilutive securities, such as stock options and warrants, are excluded from the calculation when their inclusion would be anti-dilutive, such as periods when a net loss is reported or when the exercise price of the instrument exceeds the fair market value. During the three months ended March 31, 2010, the calculation excluded potential dilution of 3,500,000 shares of underlying exercisable stock options, because the effect would have been anti-dilutive.

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**Recently Adopted Accounting Standards:** The Company evaluates the pronouncements of various authoritative accounting organizations, primarily the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ), the SEC, and the Emerging Issues Task Force ( EITF ), to determine the impact of new pronouncements on U.S. GAAP and the impact on the Company. There are no new accounting standards for which adoption is expected to have a material effect on the Company's financial statements in future accounting periods.

There were various accounting standard updates recently issued, most of which represented technical corrections to the accounting literature or application to specific industries and are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**2. Inventory**

Inventories at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 consist of the following (amounts in thousands):

	March 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Ore stockpiles	\$ 2,387	\$ 1,825
Metal concentrates	1,597	15
Materials and supplies	3,766	1,223
 Total current inventories	 \$ 7,750	 \$ 3,063

As of March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the ore stockpiles inventories consisted of approximately 169,406 tonnes and 174,986 tonnes of ore, respectively, and were carried at cost. The stockpiled ore as of March 31, 2011 was mined from our underground mine and the stockpiled ore as of December 31, 2010 was primarily mined from our open pit mine. Ore from our underground mine is more costly to produce than ore from our open pit mine.

**3. Mineral Properties**

The Company currently has an interest in five properties, the *El Aguila* Project, the *El Rey* property, the *Las Margaritas* property, the *Solaga* property, and the *Alta Gracia* property. The *El Aguila* and *El Aire* concessions make up the *El Aguila* Project and the *La Tehuana* concession makes up the *Las Margaritas* property.

**The *El Aguila* Project:** Effective October 14, 2002, the Company leased three mining concessions, *El Aguila*, *El Aire*, and *La Tehuana* from a former consultant of the Company. The lease agreement is subject to a 4% net smelter return royalty where production is sold in the form of gold/silver dore and 5% for production sold in concentrate form. The Company has made periodic advance royalty payments under the lease totaling \$260,000 and no further advance royalty payments are due. Subject to minimum exploration requirements, there is no expiration term for the lease. The Company may terminate the lease at any time upon written notice to the lessor and the lessor may terminate the lease if the Company fails to fulfill any of its obligations. The Company subsequently acquired two additional claims the *El Chacal* and the *El Pilon* claims, totaling 1,445 hectares, from the same former consultant who is entitled to receive a 2% royalty on future production.

The Company has filed for and received additional concessions for the *El Aguila* Project that total an additional 17,639 hectares. These additional concessions are not part of the concessions leased from a former consultant of the Company and bring the Company's interest in the *El Aguila* Project to an aggregate of 20,055 hectares. The mineral concessions making up the *El Aguila* Project are located within the Mexican State of Oaxaca.

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**The El Rey Property:** The Company has acquired claims in another area in the state of Oaxaca by filing concessions under the Mexican mining laws, referred to by the Company as the *El Rey* property. These concessions total 892 hectares and are subject to a 2% royalty on production payable to a former consultant of the Company. The Company has conducted minimal exploration and drilling on this property to date.

The *El Rey* property is an exploration stage property with no known reserves. It is approximately 64 kilometers (40 miles) from the *El Aguila* Project. There is no plant or equipment on the *El Rey* property. If exploration is successful, any mining would probably require an underground mine but any mineralized material could be processed at the *El Aguila* Project mill.

**The Las Margaritas Property:** The *Las Margaritas* property is made up of the *La Tehuana* concession. The Company leased this property in October 2002 from a former consultant of the Company. It is comprised of approximately 925 hectares located adjacent to the *El Aguila* property. To date, the Company has conducted limited surface sampling, geologic mapping and has defined drill targets for a future exploration drill program.

**The Solaga Property:** In February 2007, the Company leased a 100% interest in a property known as the *Solaga* property from an entity partially owned by a former consultant of the Company. The property totals 618 hectares and is located approximately 120 kilometers (75 miles) from the *El Aguila* Project. A dormant silver mine is located on the *Solaga* property, which was in production as recently as the 1980 s; however, the Company cannot estimate if or when the mine will reopen. The lease requires the Company to perform \$25,000 in additional work and is subject to a 4% net smelter return royalty on any production. To date, the Company has conducted limited surface sampling, geologic mapping and has defined drill targets for a future exploration drill program.

**The Alta Gracia Property:** In August 2009, the Company acquired claims adjacent to the *Las Margaritas* property in the *Alta Gracia* mining district by filing concessions under the Mexican mining laws. The Company refers to this property as the *Alta Gracia* property. These concessions are comprised of three mining claims, the *David 1*, the *David 2* and *La Hurradura*. The concessions total 5,175 hectares, and the acquisition of these claims extended the Company s land position along what is known as the *San Jose* structural corridor to just over 16 kilometers. The Company has conducted limited surface sampling, geologic mapping and defined drill targets for a future exploration drill program.

As of March 31, 2011, none of the mineralized material at the Company s properties met the SEC s definition of proven or probable reserves.

**4. Property and Equipment**

At March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, property and equipment consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Trucks and autos	\$ 912	\$ 835
Office building	1,737	1,737
Furniture and office equipment	1,624	1,506
Machinery and equipment	2,672	1,442
Subtotal	6,945	5,520
Accumulated depreciation	(815)	(671)
Total property and equipment, net	\$ 6,130	\$ 4,849

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Depreciation expense for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 was \$144,000 and \$61,000, respectively. The Company evaluates the recoverability of property and equipment when events and circumstances indicate that such assets might be impaired.

**5. Asset Retirement Obligations**

The Company's asset retirement obligations ( ARO ) relate to the reclamation, remediation, and closure costs for its *El Aguila* Project. The following table presents the changes in ARO for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010.

	2011	2010
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Balance as of January 1,	\$ 2,495	\$ 1,992
Reclamation costs		
Revisions in previous estimates		
Foreign currency translation	88	105
Accretion	21	17
Balance as of March 31,	\$ 2,604	\$ 2,114

**6. Shareholders Equity**

On January 28, 2011, the Company paid \$1.6 million related to a special cash dividend of \$0.03 per common share declared on December 21, 2010 to its shareholders of record as of January 14, 2011.

On January 26, 2011, the Company declared a special cash dividend of \$0.03 per common share to its shareholders of record which was paid on February 25, 2011 in the aggregate amount of \$1.6 million.

On February 23, 2011, the Company declared a special cash dividend of \$0.03 per common share to its shareholders of record which was paid on March 25, 2011 in the aggregate amount of \$1.6 million.

On March 29, 2011, the Company declared a special cash dividend of \$0.03 per common share to its shareholders of record which was paid on April 22, 2011 in the aggregate amount of \$1.6 million.

No dividends were paid during the three months ended March 31, 2010.

**7. Stock Options**

The Company has a non-qualified stock option and stock grant plan under which equity awards may be granted to key employees, directors and others (the Plan). The Plan is administered by the Board of Directors which determines the terms pursuant to which any option is granted. The maximum number of common shares subject to grant under the Plan is 10 million.

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model. The option pricing model requires the input of subjective assumptions which are based on several different criteria. Expected volatility is based on the historical price volatility of the Company's common stock. The Company paid dividends during 2010 and 2011, which resulted in an expected dividend yield of approximately 3%. Based on historical experience, forfeitures and cancellations are not significant. The expected life is estimated in accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107, Share-Based Payment for plain vanilla options. Risk free interest rates are based on U.S. government obligations with a term approximating the expected life of the option.



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The fair value of stock option grants is amortized over the respective vesting period. Total non-cash compensation expense related to stock options included in general and administrative expense for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 was \$1.4 million and \$83,000, respectively. The estimated unrecognized compensation cost from unvested options as of March 31, 2011 was approximately \$14.5 million, which is expected to be recognized over the remaining vesting period of 3.25 years. The estimated unrecognized compensation expense from unvested options as of March 31, 2010 was approximately \$726,000, which was expected to be recognized over the remaining vesting periods, which range from 0.33 to 3.0 years.

Effective March 10, 2011, grants covering 60,000 shares of common stock were issued to an employee at an exercise price of \$25.08 and a term of ten years. The options vest over a three year period. The grant date fair value was calculated as \$879,000 (\$14.656 per option) using the following assumptions: expected life of 10 years, stock price of \$25.08 at date of grant, dividend yield of 3%, interest rate 3.37%, and volatility of 69%.

The weighted-average grant date fair value of options granted was \$14.65 per option during the three months ended March 31, 2011 and \$8.11 for the comparable period in 2010. The weighted average grant date fair value of options vested was \$8.11 per option during 2011 and \$2.51 per option during 2010.

The following table summarizes activity for compensatory stock options during the three months ended March 31, 2011:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Number of Shares Exercisable
Outstanding, January 1, 2011	4,860,000	\$ 7.05	\$ 108,608,000	3,500,000
Granted	60,000	\$ 25.08		
Exercised				
Cancelled	(70,000)	\$ 3.74		
Outstanding, March 31, 2011	4,850,000	\$ 7.32	\$ 93,588,000	3,520,000

The following table summarizes information about outstanding compensatory stock options as of March 31, 2011:

Exercise Prices	Number of Shares	Options Outstanding		Options Exercisable		
		Remaining Contractual Life (in years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
\$0.25	1,400,000	2.8	\$ 0.25	1,400,000	\$ 0.25	\$ 36,918,000
\$3.40	1,000,000	6.9	\$ 3.40	1,000,000	\$ 3.40	\$ 23,220,000
\$3.95	1,000,000	8.0	\$ 3.95	1,000,000	\$ 3.95	\$ 22,670,000
\$10.10 - \$26.10	1,390,000	9.5	\$ 18.93	120,000	\$ 13.64	\$ 2,622,000
\$25.08	60,000	9.9	\$ 25.08		\$	\$
	4,850,000		\$ 7.32	3,520,000	\$ 2.65	\$ 85,430,000

**8. Subsequent Events**

On April 28, 2011, the Company declared a special cash dividend of \$0.04 per common share to shareholders of record on May 13, 2011, and payable on or about May 20, 2011.



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### **ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following discussion summarizes the results of our operations for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and compares those results to the three months ended March 31, 2010. It also analyzes our financial condition at March 31, 2011 and compares it to our financial condition at December 31, 2010. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the Management's Discussion and Analysis, including the audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 and footnotes, in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

#### **Overview**

##### *Business*

For the three months ended March 31, 2011, we generated our highest revenues to date of \$11.3 million and we recorded net income for the first time in our history, totaling \$2.0 million from the *El Aguila* Project. These revenues were generated from sales of concentrate from both open pit ore and from the initial processing of the underground ore. In the months of January and February 2011, we processed open pit ore through the flotation mill, where gold was our main product and silver was considered a by-product. During March 2011, we transitioned our mill operations to processing the *La Arista* underground ore, where the precious metals gold and silver were our main product and the base metals lead, zinc and copper are considered by-products.

##### *Exploration Stage Company*

We are considered an exploration stage company under the SEC criteria since we have not yet demonstrated the existence of proven or probable reserves at our *El Aguila* Project in Oaxaca, Mexico or any of our properties. Accordingly, as required by the SEC guidelines and U.S. GAAP for companies in the exploratory stage, substantially all of our expenditures to date, including construction of the mill, have been expensed and we expect to expense additional construction expenditures in 2011 related to the Phase II tailings dam construction and the underground mine development at the *La Arista* vein system. Therefore, most of our investment in mining properties and equipment does not appear as an asset on our balance sheet. Likewise, all expenditures for exploration and evaluation of our properties are expensed as incurred. Certain expenditures, such as expenses for rolling stock or other general purpose equipment, may be capitalized, subject to our evaluation of the possible impairment of the asset.

Our accounting treatment as an exploration stage company regarding the classification of construction expenditures as an operating expense rather than as a capital expenditure, has caused us to report large losses during the last two years instead of building assets on the balance sheet. Although the majority of the capital expenditures for the *El Aguila* Project were completed during the last two years, we expect underground mine construction and tailings dam construction to continue in future years. In comparison to other mining companies that capitalize development expenditures because they have exited the exploration stage, we will report larger losses or lesser profits as a result of this ongoing construction which will be expensed instead of capitalized for accounting purposes.

We expect to remain as an exploration stage company for the foreseeable future, even though we have reached commercial production. We will not exit the exploration stage until we demonstrate the existence of proven or probable reserves that meet the SEC guidelines. Likewise, unless mineralized material is classified as proven or probable reserves, substantially all expenditures for mine and mill construction have been or will be expensed as incurred.

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Exploration of our properties accelerated beginning in late 2006 through 2008, but slowed down during the construction of the mill during 2009 and 2010. We anticipate that exploration will accelerate again in 2011. From inception (August 24, 1998) to March 31, 2011, we expensed approximately \$29.7 million on the exploration and evaluation of our various properties, substantially all of which has been spent on the currently active properties known as *El Aguila*. In addition, we have expensed, from inception to March 31, 2011, approximately \$57.0 million in design, engineering, and construction and production ramp up costs all of which apply to the *El Aguila* Project.

*Other Recent Events*

On April 20, 2011, the *El Aguila* Project experienced an anomalous storm that impacted the *La Arista* underground mine. The Company's operations sustained some hail damage to automobiles and limited roof damage to various structures. However, in general, the mill remains unharmed and operational. The storm's greatest impact was sustained to the Company's *La Arista* underground mine, which experienced flooding of its lower levels along with some equipment damage. The cleanup is expected to last four weeks, after which time the mine development will continue. While we do not currently believe that our production will be impacted, we have no assurance that will be the case.

**Results of Operations**

The following table summarizes our results of operation for the three months ended March 31, 2011 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2010:

	<b>Three Months</b>	
	<b>Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Sales of metals concentrate	\$ 11,280	\$
Mine cost of sales	2,437	
<b>Mine gross profit</b>	<b>8,843</b>	
General & administrative expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	1,735	816
Exploration expenses	512	1,216
Construction & development	3,066	4,446
Production start up expense, net		729
Stock based compensation (non-cash)	1,377	83
<b>Total costs and expenses</b>	<b>6,690</b>	<b>7,290</b>
Other income	6	4
Currency exchange (loss)	(152)	
Interest income	26	21
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 2,033</b>	<b>\$ (7,265)</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Stock based compensation expense has been reclassified to a separate line item.

*Revenue*

During the three months ended March 31, 2011, we generated our highest revenues to date of \$11.3 million, net of smelter charges, from the *El Aguila* Project. Revenues were generated from sales of metal concentrates from the *El Aguila* open pit mine and the *La Arista* underground mine. There were no comparable sales of precious metals or base metals in the equivalent period in 2010, as we only declared commercial production in July 2010. Our metal price averages during the first quarter of 2011 were \$1,373 per gold ounce, \$34 per silver ounce, \$2,700 per

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tonne of lead and \$2,318 per tonne of zinc. We did not produce a copper concentrate during the three months ended March 31, 2011 as we initially focused on the gold, silver, lead and zinc separation. We expect to add the copper separation in the second quarter of 2011.

**Table of Contents***Production*

Our production was comprised of ore processed from our *El Aguila* open pit mine stockpiles and the *La Arista* underground mine stockpiles. For the months of January and February 2011, we processed open pit ore through our flotation mill, where gold was our main product and silver was considered a by-product. However, in the month of March, we transitioned to processing the *La Arista* underground ore, where the precious metals gold and silver were our main products and the base metals lead and zinc are considered by-products.

The underground ore that was stockpiled and processed through our flotation mill in the first quarter of 2011 came solely from the development work along the *La Arista* vein system. This development ore is diluted and therefore is a lower grade ore and considerably lower than what we expect to obtain from the *La Arista* vein system itself. We expect to begin the underground mine stoping of the targeted vein system in May 2011.

The recoveries of the metals from the *La Arista* underground ore in the flotation mill have been quite acceptable during the startup phase of our base metals flotation process. Based on our experience to date, we anticipate that eventual recoveries of 90% or more are possible to obtain for all metals with the zinc recovery rates possibly being slightly lower.

Below is a table of the key production statistics for our *El Aguila* open pit mine and the *La Arista* underground mine during the first quarter of 2011. There were no comparable production statistics in the equivalent period in 2010 as we were not in production during that period.

	<i>El Aguila</i> Open Pit Mine	<i>La Arista</i> Underground Mine	Totals
<b>Production:</b>			
Tonnes Milled	46,409	15,023	
Tonnes Milled Per Day	829	501	
Average Gold Grade (g/t)	3.35	1.94	
Average Silver Grade (g/t)	39	405	
Average Lead Grade (%)		0.92	
Average Zinc Grade (%)		1.92	
Average Gold Recovery (%)	81	86	
Average Silver Recovery (%)	75	89	
Average Lead Recovery (%)		90	
Average Zinc Recovery (%)		74	
<b>Ounces Sold:</b>			
Gold (ounces)	5,559	305	5,864
Equivalent Gold (ounces) from Silver (40:1 Ratio)		1,615	1,615
Total Gold Equivalent (ounces)	5,559	1,920	7,479
Silver (ounces) By-product	58,747		58,747
Zinc (tonnes) By-product		56.8	56.8
Lead (tonnes) - By-product		30.9	30.9

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*Mine gross profit.* During the three months ended March 31, 2011, we produced 7,479 of gold equivalent ounces at a gold equivalent cash cost of \$87 per ounce net of by-product credits. (See Non-GAAP Measures below.) The mine generated operating earnings (gross profit) of \$8.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011. We continue efforts to optimize the underground ore through the flotation mill.

*Net income (loss).* For the three months ended March 31, 2011, we reported net income for the first time, which totaled \$2.0 million, or \$0.04 per share, compared to a net loss of \$7.3 million or \$0.15 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2010. The net income per share in the three months ended March 31, 2011 was driven by the fact that we generated revenue from the sale of precious metals or base metals in the period, compared to the previous year when we had not yet achieved commercial production.

*Costs and expenses.* Total costs and expenses during the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$6.7 million compared to \$7.3 million during the comparable period of 2010, a decrease of \$0.6 million, or 9.0%. This decrease in costs and expenses was primarily the result of our operations transitioning from construction-related activities to production activities, consistent with our plan of commercial production during 2011.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2011 increased \$2.2 million, or 246.2%, from the same period of 2010. Of this \$2.2 million increase, \$1.2 million related to an increase in non-cash stock-based compensation expense, which increased to \$1.4 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2011 compared to \$83,000 in the comparable 2010 period. This increase in stock-based compensation expense was the result of having more options outstanding during the 2011 period. We use an option pricing model to estimate the value of stock options granted to officers, directors, employees and consultants. It is difficult to estimate the value of options that we grant. The options are subject to significant restrictions and cannot be purchased or sold on the open market. Therefore, there is no objective and independent valuation measurement for them. We use the Black-Scholes-Merton model, which requires considerable judgment selecting the subjective assumptions that are critical to the results produced by the model, to calculate the estimated fair value. We record the estimated fair value as an expense on a pro-rata basis over the vesting period of the options.

The cash components of general and administrative expense, including salaries and benefits, professional fees, community relations, and travel, increased to \$1.7 million during the three months ended March 31, 2011 from \$0.8 million during the comparable period in 2010, an increase of \$0.9 million, or 112.6%. We anticipate that some of these costs, such as the legal and accounting fees, will decrease but that community relations, travel and salaries and benefits will increase or remain the same now that we have commenced commercial production.

*Exploration expenses.* The property exploration expense component for the three months ended March 31, 2011 decreased 58% from the comparable period ended March 31, 2010, from \$1.2 million to \$0.5 million. This decrease is attributable to the fact that we directed our activities and funding towards optimizing production, while realizing a concurrent decrease in exploration activities. We expect to increase exploration activities and corresponding expenses during the remainder of 2011 as we ramp up our exploration programs.

*Construction and development expenses.* Construction and development expenses decreased \$1.3 million, or 29.5%, during the three months ended March 31, 2011 to \$3.1 million from \$4.4 million for the comparable period in 2010. We have completed engineering and construction of the open pit mine and mill and have shifted our construction emphasis to Phase II of the tailings dam and the underground *La Arista* mine development.

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*Currency exchange gain (loss).* While our reporting currency for financial statement purposes is the U.S. dollar, we primarily transact business in Mexican pesos due to the fact that our mining operations are located in Mexico. During the three months ended March 31, 2011, we recognized a loss on transactions settled in Mexican pesos of \$152,000, compared to nil in the previous period.

*Interest income.* Interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2011 increased to \$26,000 from \$21,000 for the comparable period of 2010. The increase results from increased deposits in short term interest bearing accounts for both periods.

*Currency translation adjustment.* Because our mining operations use a functional currency of the Mexican peso and our reporting currency for financial statement purposes is the U.S. dollar, changes in the rate of currency exchange between the Mexican peso and the U.S. dollar create translation gains and losses on unsettled transactions. These translation gains and losses are reported as a component of other comprehensive income. For the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, we recorded currency translation gain of \$0.5 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, as the value of the Mexican peso rose against the U.S. dollar.

## **Non-GAAP Measures**

Throughout this report, we have provided information prepared or calculated according to U.S. GAAP, as well as some non-U.S. GAAP ( non-GAAP ) performance measures. Because the non-GAAP performance measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by U.S. GAAP, they may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. We use cash operating cost per gold ounce or gold equivalent ounce, as one indicator for comparative monitoring of our mining operations from period to period and believe that investors also find this information helpful when evaluating our performance. Accordingly, these measures are intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. We have defined the non-GAAP measures below and reconciled them to reported U.S. GAAP measures.

Our cash operating cost is a non-GAAP measure calculated in accordance with the Gold Institute's standards. The cash operating cost is arrived at by taking our mine cost of sales and adding treatment charges paid to the buyer of the metals concentrate, subtracting by-product credits earned from all metals other than the primary metal produced, and subtracting depreciation expense, accretion expense, and royalty payments.

The most comparable financial measures to our cash operating cost calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP are cost of sales. Mine cost of sales are derived from amounts included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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The following summary of our cash operating costs for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was calculated in accordance with the Gold Institute Production Cost Standard and begins with our mine cost of sales in accordance with U.S. GAAP as noted below:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 <i>(In thousands, except gold equivalent ounces and per gold equivalent ounce)</i>
Gold equivalent ounces produced	7,479
Cost of sales - production costs	\$ 2,437
Treatment charges	658
By-product credits	(1,895)
Depreciation costs	(64)
Accretion costs	(21)
Royalties	(464)
Cash operating cost	\$ 651
Cash operating cost per gold equivalent ounce	\$ 87

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As of March 31, 2011, we had working capital of \$49.1 million, consisting of current assets of \$56.3 million and current liabilities of \$7.2 million. This represents a decrease of \$2.1 million from the working capital balance of \$51.2 million as of December 31, 2010. Consistent with our plans, our working capital balance fluctuates as we use cash to fund our production, exploration and construction activities and other operating expenses.

We have historically relied on equity financings to fund our operations. From inception through March 31, 2011, we received \$163.2 million in cash, services, and other consideration through issuance of our common stock. As of March 31, 2011, we did not have any outstanding debt.

Our most significant expenditures for the remainder of 2011 are expected to be costs associated with the second phase of our tailings facility, optimization of commercial production at our mill facility, the continued construction of the underground mine and further exploration of our properties. We also continue to incur operating expenses approximating \$600,000 per month for salaries and benefits (exclusive of non-cash stock-based compensation), professional fees, community relations, investor relations, travel and other overhead expenses at our Colorado executive offices and Oaxaca mining locations.

The balance of cash and equivalents as of March 31, 2011 decreased to \$37.9 million from \$47.6 million as of December 31, 2010, a net decrease in cash of \$9.7 million. The decrease was primarily the result of cash used to fund operating activities and the cash payment of dividends declared in December 2010, and January and February 2011.

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Net cash used in operating activities was \$3.6 million during the three months ended March 31, 2011 compared to \$9.7 million during the comparable period in 2010, a decrease of \$6.1 million. Our use of operating cash during the 2010 period has shifted from construction activities to production activities consistent with our plan to continue commercial production during 2011.

Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was \$1.4 million, compared to net cash provided by investing activities of \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010. Cash used in investing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2011 were the result of equipment purchases in our exploration, construction and development activities. Although most of our exploration stage expenditures are recorded as an expense rather than an investment, we capitalize the acquisition cost of land and mineral rights and certain equipment that has alternative future uses or significant salvage value, including rolling stock, furniture, and electronics, and the cost of these capitalized assets is reflected in our investing activities. Much of the cash provided by our investing activities during the 2010 period came from the release of restricted cash, the use of which had previously been specifically designated for exploration, construction and development activities.

Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2011 was \$4.8 million, consisting of dividends paid during the period. During the comparable period in 2010, cash provided by financing activities was \$5.2 million, consisting of proceeds from the sale of common shares.

**Other Corporate Matters**

During the first quarter of 2011, we made dividend payments totaling \$0.09 per common share in three installments to our shareholders of record as follows:

Date Declared	Date of Record	Date Paid	Share	Aggregate Amounts Paid During the Three Months Ended March 31, 2011
December 21, 2010	January 14, 2011	January 28, 2011	\$ 0.03	\$ 1.6 million
January 26, 2011	February 14, 2011	February 25, 2011	\$ 0.03	\$ 1.6 million
February 23, 2011	March 18, 2011	March 25, 2011	\$ 0.03	\$ 1.6 million
March 29, 2011	April 15, 2011	April 22, 2011	\$ 0.03	
April 28, 2011	May 13, 2011	May 20, 2011	\$ 0.04	
			Total	\$ 4.8 million

We have declared special cash dividends four times in 2011 for a total of \$0.13 per share.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

There have been no material changes in our critical accounting policies since December 31, 2010.

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### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This report contains or incorporates by reference forward-looking statements, as that term is used in federal securities laws, about our financial condition, results of operations and business. These statements include, among others:

statements about our future drilling results and plans for development of our properties;

statements concerning the benefits that we expect will result from our business activities and certain transactions that we contemplate or have completed, such as receipt of proceeds, decreased expenses and avoided expenses and expenditures; and

statements of our expectations, beliefs, future plans and strategies, exploration activities, anticipated developments and other matters that are not historical facts.

These statements may be made expressly in this document or may be incorporated by reference to other documents that we will file with the SEC. You can find many of these statements by looking for words such as believes, expects, anticipates, estimates or similar expressions used in this report or incorporated by reference in this report.

These forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties that may cause our actual results to be materially different from any future results expressed or implied in those statements. Because the statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied. We caution you not to put undue reliance on these statements, which speak only as of the date of this report. Further, the information contained in this document or incorporated herein by reference is a statement of our present intention and is based on present facts and assumptions, and may change at any time and without notice, based on changes in such facts or assumptions.

### **Risk Factors Impacting Forward-Looking Statements**

The important factors that could prevent us from achieving our stated goals and objectives include, but are not limited to, those set forth in other reports we have filed with the SEC and the following:

decisions of foreign countries and banks within those countries;

unexpected changes in business and economic conditions, including the rate of inflation;

changes in interest rates and currency exchange rates;

timing and amount of production, if any;

technological changes in the mining industry;

our costs;

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changes in exploration and overhead costs;

access and availability of materials, equipment, supplies, labor and supervision, power and water;

results of current and future feasibility studies;

the level of demand for our products;

changes in our business strategy, plans and goals;

interpretation of drill hole results and the geology, grade and continuity of mineralization;

the uncertainty of mineralized material estimates and timing of development expenditures; and

commodity price fluctuations.

We undertake no responsibility or obligation to update publicly these forward-looking statements, but may do so in the future in written or oral statements. Investors should take note of any future statements made by or on our behalf.

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### **ITEM 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

Our exposure to market risks includes, but is not limited to, the following risks: changes in commodity prices, foreign currency exchange rates, changes in interest rates and equity price risks. We do not use derivative financial instruments as part of an overall strategy to manage market risk; however, we may consider such arrangements in the future as we evaluate our business and financial strategy.

#### **Commodity Price Risk**

The results of our operations will depend in large part upon the market prices of gold and silver. Gold and silver prices fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond our control. The level of interest rates, the rate of inflation, the world supply of gold and silver and the stability of exchange rates, among other factors, can all cause significant fluctuations in commodity prices. Such external economic factors are in turn influenced by changes in international investment patterns, monetary systems and political developments. The price of gold and silver has fluctuated widely in recent years, and future price declines could cause a mineral project to become uneconomic, thereby having a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition. We have not entered into derivative contracts to protect the selling price for gold or silver. We may in the future more actively manage our exposure through derivative contracts or other commodity price risk management programs, although we have no intention of doing so in the near-term.

Our provisional concentrate sales contain an embedded derivative that is required to be separated from the host contract for accounting purposes. The host contract is the receivable from the sale of the gold and silver concentrates at the prevailing indices prices at the time of sale. The embedded derivative, which does not qualify for hedge accounting, is marked-to-market through earnings each period prior to final settlement.

In addition to adversely affecting our mineralized material estimates and our financial condition, declining gold and silver prices could require a reassessment of the feasibility of a particular project. Even if a project is ultimately determined to be economically viable, the need to conduct such a reassessment may cause delays in the implementation of a project.

#### **Foreign Currency Risk**

We transact a significant amount of our business in Mexican pesos. As a result, currency exchange fluctuations may impact our operating costs. The appreciation of non-U.S. dollar currencies such as the peso against the U.S. dollar increases expenses and the cost of purchasing capital assets in U.S. dollar terms in Mexico, which can adversely impact our operating results and cash flows. Conversely, a depreciation of non-U.S. dollar currencies usually decreases operating costs and capital asset purchases in U.S. dollar terms.

The value of cash and cash equivalents denominated in foreign currencies also fluctuates with changes in currency exchange rates. Appreciation of non-U.S. dollar currencies results in a foreign currency gain on such investments and a decrease in non-U.S. dollar currencies results in a loss. We have not utilized market risk sensitive instruments to manage our exposure to foreign currency exchange rates but may in the future actively manage our exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk. We also hold portions of our cash reserves in non-U.S. dollar currencies.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

We have no debt outstanding nor do we have any investment in debt instruments other than highly liquid short-term investments. Accordingly, we consider our interest rate risk exposure to be insignificant at this time.

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**Equity Price Risk**

We have, in the past, sought and may, in the future, seek to acquire additional funding by sale of common stock and other equity. The price of our common stock has been volatile in the past and may also be volatile in the future. As a result, there is a risk that we may not be able to sell our common stock at an acceptable price should the need for new equity funding arise.

**ITEM 4: Controls and Procedures**

(a) During the fiscal period covered by this report, our management, with the participation of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of the Company, carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)). Based on such evaluation, our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods and are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2011 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 6: Exhibits**

- 31.1 Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for William W. Reid.
- 32 Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for William W. Reid.

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**SIGNATURES**

In accordance with Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**GOLD RESOURCE CORPORATION**

Dated: May 10, 2011

*/s/ William W. Reid*  
By: William W. Reid,  
Principal Executive Officer and  
  
Principal Financial Officer

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