

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & REPORT FOR THE PERIOD TO JUNE 30, 2019

Dated August 27, 2019

# **Forward Looking Statements:**

The MD&A contains forward looking statements that are based on the Company's expectations, estimates and projections regarding its business, the mining industry in general, and the economic environment in which it operates as of the date of the MD&A. These statements are reasonable but involve a number of risks and uncertainties, and there can be no assurance that they will prove to be accurate. Therefore, actual outcome and results may differ materially from those expressed in or implied by these forward-looking statements. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

# Nature of Activities:

Golden Tag Resources Ltd. is a Montreal based Canadian mineral resource exploration company, incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia on September 22, 1980 and continued under the Canada Business Corporations Act on July 20, 1995. The Company has traded on the TSX Venture Exchange and predecessor exchanges on a continuous basis since its inception. Traditionally, much of Golden Tag's exploration activity was involved in the search for and definition of gold in eastern Canada's classical greenstone belts, however, the Company has expanded its exploration activities to include Mexico. The Company currently holds a 100% interest in the San Diego property in Durango State, Mexico

Detailed information about the Company can be found on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and on its website <u>www.goldentag.ca</u>. Please also refer to the Annual Financial Statements as at December 31, 2018 and the accompanying comprehensive MD&A, which was provided to shareholders and included notes regarding the Company going forward.

# SAN DIEGO PROPERTY, MEXICO:

Golden Tag owns a 100% interest in the San Diego Property. The project has been advanced through various exploration programs between 2005 and 2013 which included 6 Phases of surface diamond drilling totaling 32,933 meters.

The San Diego Property consists of 4 mining concessions (91.65 hectares) in the Municipality of Cuencame, Durango State, Mexico. It is located approximately 75 km southwest of the city of Torreon, Mexico and is 12 km northeast of Peñoles Velardeña Mine. The Peñoles non-ferrous metallurgical complex (smelting and refining) is in Torreon. The property can be accessed via a

10 km dirt road from the village of San Diego, which is only 5 km east of Highway 400 and Federal Road 49.

The property lies within the Velardeña Mining District where several mines have produced silver, zinc, lead and gold over the past century from polymetallic mineralization associated with intermediate to felsic intrusive bodies. The mineral deposits of the Velardeña Mining District consist primarily of quartz-calcite veins with associated silver, lead, zinc, gold and copper mineralization typical of the polymetallic, intrusive related skarn and low-sulfidation epithermal deposits of northern Mexico.

A Mineral Resource Estimate (Table 1 and 2) was completed by SGS Canada and a NI 43-101 Independent Technical Report was published in April 2013. This report is available on the Company web site as well as at <u>www.sedar.com</u>. The Estimated Indicated and Inferred Resources at San Diego include:

- Indicated Resources of 16.5 Million tonnes grading 60 g/t Ag, 0.71% Pb and 1.22% Zn
- Inferred Resources of 42 Million tonnes grading 62 g/t Ag, 0.90 % Pb and 1.31% Zn

SGS Canada also recognized that there is Additional Target Potential of between 20 to 50 million tonnes grading 100 to 150 g/t silver equivalent. This Additional Target Potential is conceptual in nature as there has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the target being delineated as a mineral resource.

SAN DIEGO CoG <sup>(1)</sup>		Indicated Resources				Inferred Resources									
RESOURCE ESTIMATE	(g/t)	Tonnes	Au	Ag	Pb	Zn	Ag.EQ <sup>(2)</sup>	Ag Oz	Tonnes	Au	Ag	Pb	Zn	Ag.EQ <sup>(2)</sup>	Ag Oz
Fernandez Zone		(Mt)	g/t	g/t	%	%	g/t	(M)	(Mt)	g/t	g/t	%	%	g/t	(M)
Endoskarn	52 <sup>(1)</sup>	9.3	0.06	55	0.59	1.33	100	16.5	9.6	0.04	57	0.6	1.3	101	17.4
Fringe	52	5.5	0.06	43	0.74	0.89	83	7.6	19.1	0.05	41	0.7	0.97	81	25.1
Sub-total		14.8	0.06	51	0.65	1.17	94	24.1	28.7	0.05	46	0.7	1.08	88	42.4
Vein & Mantos	Indicated Resources				Inferred Resources										
Trovador	52	0.29	0.09	87	0.72	4.15	194	0.81	4.41	0.04	68	0.9	1.55	124	9.6
Montanez (3)	125	0.56	0.31	101	1.36	1.43	170	1.82	1.57	0.18	91	1.5	1.9	174	4.6
Vein Zones (17)	52 -125	0.53	0.14	166	1.38	1.03	227	2.80	7.12	0.14	109	1.7	1.99	200	25.0
Oxide Zones	133	0.31	0.43	211	1.15	0.9	234	2.11	0.29	0.43	238	0.8	0.91	261	2.2
Sub-total		1.69	0.24	139	1.22	1.68	204	7.54	13.39	0.12	96	1.40	1.81	173	41.4
TOTAL RESOURCES (Oxide & Sulfide Zones)		16.5	0.08	60	0.71	1.22	105	31.6	42.0	0.07	62	0.9	1.31	115	83.8

Table 1. Summary of Resources in 23 Mineralized Zones on the San Diego Property (SGS, 2013)

(1) CoG: Cut-Off Grade; Block Caving/Mechanized Bulk Mining CoG of 52 g/t Ag.EQ. See Table 2 for more details.
 (2) Ag.EQ: Silver Equivalent based on commodity prices applying estimated mill and smelter recoveries as per Table 2.
 (3) Totals may not add up correctly due to rounding.

Cautionary Statement: Mineral Resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

Parameters	Silver	Lead	Zinc	Gold	Copper		
Metal Pricing <sup>(1)</sup>	\$28.10/oz	\$1.00/lb	\$0.96/lb	\$1,455/oz	\$3.65/lb		
Sulfides - Net Recoveries	64.9%	76.4%	57.5%	0.0%	0.0%		
Conversion Factor to AgEQ g/t <sup>(2)</sup>	1.0	1% = 28.7	1% = 20.8	-	-		
Oxides - Net Recoveries	60.5%	0.0%	0.0%	62.5%	0.0%		
Conversion Factor to AgEQ g/t <sup>(2)</sup>	1.0	-	-	53.4%	-		
Defendent Barrister Barrister Br	Cut-Off G	rades (COG)	Minimum Horizontal Mining Width				
Potential Mining Methods	\$/t <sup>(3)</sup>	Ag.EQ (g/t)		( <b>m</b> )	0		
COG 133 Narrow vein Shrinkage- Oxide	\$73	133		1.0			
COG 125 Narrow vein Shrinkage	\$73	125		1.0			
COG 102 Long Hole Mining	\$60	102		2.5			
COG 81 Bulk Mining	\$47.50	81		5.0			
COG 52 Mechanized Bulk /Block Cave	\$30	52	Gre	Greater than 5 meters			

**Table 2**. Parameters used in the San Diego Mineral Resource Estimate (SGS, 2013)

(1) \$US pricing based on 3-year trailing average.

(2) g/t Ag.EQ with estimated mill and smelter recoveries.

(3) Estimated mining cost (US\$/t) in Mexico.

After the closure of the acquisition agreement with Golden Minerals late in 2016, the Company has taken steps to better establish its operations in Mexico. Golden Tag continues planning for future work programs and is advancing studies based on the 3-D modelling completed with the resource evaluation of SGS Canada. There are quite a few avenues of approach being evaluated and planned which include diamond drill programs to increase resources in specific areas of the deposit and to upgrade the quality of these resources.

There are several areas which have been identified in the 3D model of each of the 23 zones of mineralization where additional drilling could be conducted to potentially increase tonnage. These areas can occur within the mineralized envelopes where the required drill hole density was not sufficient for classification of these blocks within the zones into the resource categories or along the strike, dip, and plunge extensions of the zones.

During Phase 5 and 6 drilling, many of the zones in the southern portion of the property were intersected at a significant depth but do not have drill holes above these intersections along trend closer to surface. The following zones are projected to continue upwards along trend towards the surface and could be tested by shallower drill holes which could potentially outline mineralization closer to surface:

Zone	Strike Length (m)	Untested Vertical Depth (m)	Target
Fernandez (2)	200	0 to 400	Bulk Zone
Trovador	600	200 to 700	Sulfide Vein
MS Zone	300	200 to 700	Sulfide Vein
Arroyo	600	0 to 200	Oxide and Sulfide Vein
El Jal	600	0 to 200	Oxide and Sulfide Vein
Lorenzo	250	0 to 700	Sulfide Vein
South Skarn	250	0 to 700	Sulfide Vein
Panda	250	0 to 300	Sulfide Vein
San Jose	200	150 to 400	Sulfide Vein

The exploration programs completed on the property to date have mainly focused on finding silverrich polymetallic vein mineralization as was previously mined on the property. During Phase 5 and 6 exploration, holes were drilled for the first time within the area south of the Montanez Zone and higher-grade intersections of zinc were encountered. Examples include:

- MS Zone- SD-11-44: 1020.68 to 1025.68 m: 5 m @ 0.37 g/t Au, 152.16 g/t Ag, 2.59% Pb, 3.65% Zn<sup>1</sup>
- South Skarn- SD-11-46: 1055.50 to 1066.15 m: 10.65 m @ 177.26 g/t Ag, 2.26% Pb, 5.54% Zn<sup>2</sup>
- Trovador- SD-11-44: 988.20 to 1016.62 m: 28.4 m @ 0.11 g/t Au, 177.92 g/t Ag, 1.86% Pb, 4.2% Zn<sup>1</sup>

1: News Release November 15, 2011; 2: News Release January 21, 2012 and NI 43-101 Technical Report Updated Mineral Resource Estimate, San Diego Project, Velardeña Mining District, Durango State, Mexico written by SGS Canada Inc with an effective date of April 12, 2013

The Company is considering following up on these areas with drilling focused on delineating zinc mineralization on the property. Within the district, the Peñoles Velardeña mine, currently in operation, and the Peñoles El Cobre project, undergoing a PEA, primarily contain zinc mineralization.

# SAN DIEGO EXPENDITURES:

Exploration expenditures of \$39,330 mainly related to support of the review conducted and maintenance and security on the property were incurred in the current six-month period in 2019. The total spending on the property as of the end of Q1 2019, including an amount of \$792,421 in 2016 to acquire the remaining 50% interest in the property, is \$8,236,347.

During Q2 2019, the data collected by the company that completed an in-depth review of the Fernandez Zone during 2018 was being integrated into the database for the project. A revised proposed drill program was developed which focuses on shallow drilling in the South Corridor and the NE section of the property in order to further delineate mineralization closer to surface.

**INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("IFRS"):** the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting standards Board ("IASB"), and in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34, Interim Financial Reporting. The unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements do not include all the information required for full annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, as they follow the same accounting policies and methods of application.

## **Results of Operation:**

The loss for the current six month period ending June 30, 2019 is \$279,738, compared to a loss of \$461,117 reported for the same period a year ago. The chief reason for the reduced loss in the 2019 period is related to the unrealized loss on change in fair value of marketable securities as the unrealized loss in the 2019 period is \$92,800, \$149,738 or 61.7% less than the \$242,538 reported in the same period in 2018. According to IFRS rules values of marketable securities must be charged at current values. Direct operating costs in the current six month period were \$180,966,

\$30,866 or 14.6% less than the \$211,832 reported in the same period in 2018. The lower expense in 2019 is largely explained by: mineral property expense \$39,330, \$11,098 or 22% less than the \$50,428 expensed in 2018; Professional fees at \$40,721, \$19,777 or 32.7% lower than \$60,498 reported in 2018. Higher audit costs coupled with higher legal fees in 2018 account for the lower costs in 2019. The basic and diluted loss per share in 2019 compared to 2018 resulted 0.004 in 2019 compared to a loss of 0.006 in 2018.

On a quarterly basis, the loss in 2019 was 223,930 compared to \$229,075 for the same period in 2018. The major factor again was the impact of unrealized loss on the change in fair value of marketable securities which were \$85,538 in Qtr 2, 2018 compared to \$127,175 in Qtr, 2 2019 which were offset by overall direct expenses in 2018 which were \$136,515, 45,003 or 32.97% greater than the \$91,512 reported in Q2, 2019.

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS (unaudited):

The following table represents unaudited financial information for the eight most recently completed financial quarters.

	20	19		20	018		2017		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	
Income (Loss)	2	3	39	51	13	-	771,358	28,409	
Net Income (Loss)	(223930)	(55 <i>,</i> 808)	300,522	(484,276)	(229,075)	(232,044)	719,372	(39,898)	
Net Earnings (Loss) per share (basic and diluted)	(0.003)	(0.001)	0.004	(0.006)	(0.003)	(0.003)	0.009	(0.001)	

Income is interest earned on funds held mainly for exploration activity and in Quarter 4, 2017 from the sale of the McCuaig property. In the last eight quarters the quarterly net loss fluctuated between an income of \$719,372 in Q4 2017 and a loss of \$484,276 in Q3 2018. This is largely a result of adjustments during the last quarter relating to sales of the exploration and evaluation transactions and the change in fair value of marketable securities from one quarter to another. In the eight period analysis presented, the amount of loss per quarter is largely a function of: the amount of offsetting income revenue to costs, direct operating expenses, property exploration expenses and the impact of foreign exchange and adjustments. Quarterly results may also be significantly influenced by accruals between quarters. The loss per share can also be influenced by the weighted average number of shares outstanding. The average weighted number of shares at Q1 2018 and 2017 was 78,926,558 compared to an amount of 79,312,311 in Qtr2, 2019.

## Funds Raised:

No funds were raised during the quarter.

# **Related Parties:**

An amount of \$88,024 was paid during the six month period to date for consulting fees to management for administration and geological related work.

# Share Capital as at March 31, 2018:

Authorized:	unlimited
Issued:	79,312,311
Fully Diluted:	98,056,958

#### **Summary of Options:**

Options to directors and employees and consultants which remain unexercised at the end of the period total 3,200,000 at an exercise price of \$0.05 until December 1, 2022.

## **Subsequent Events:**

There are no subsequent events other than that already contained in this report.

## Management's Responsibility For Financial Reporting:

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and other financial information relating to the Corporation included in this unaudited interim report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and necessarily include amounts based on estimates and judgment of management.

Management has established these amounts in a reasonable manner, in order to ensure that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

## **Risks and Uncertainties:**

The operations of the Company are speculative due to the high-risk nature of its business, which is the acquisition, financing, and exploration of mineral properties. These risk factors could materially affect the Company's future operating results and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in forward–looking information relating to the Company.

## Nature of Mining, Mineral Exploration and Development Projects

Mining operations generally involve a high degree of risk. The Company's operations are subject to the hazards and risks normally encountered in mineral exploration, including environmental hazards, and unusual or unexpected geological occurrences. Such risks could result in damage to, or destruction of, mineral properties or producing facilities, personal injury, environmental damage, monetary losses and possible legal liability.

Mineral exploration is highly speculative in nature. There is no assurance that exploration efforts will be successful. Even when mineralization is discovered, it may take several years until production is possible, during which time the economic feasibility of production may change.

Substantial expenditures are required to establish proven and probable mineral reserves through drilling. Because of these uncertainties, no assurance can be given that exploration programs will result in the establishment or expansion of mineral resources or mineral reserves. There is no

certainty that the expenditures made by the Company towards the search and evaluation of mineral deposits will result in discoveries or development of commercial quantities of ore.

## No Revenues

To date the Company has recorded no revenues from operations and the Company has not commenced commercial production on any property. There can be no assurance that significant losses will not occur in the near future or that the Company will be profitable in the future. The Company's operating expenses and capital expenditures may increase in subsequent years related to consultants, personnel and equipment associated with advancing exploration, development and commercial production of the Company's properties. The Company expects to continue to incur losses unless and until such time as it enters into commercial production and generates sufficient revenues to fund its continuing operations. The development of the Company's properties will require the commitment of substantial resources to conduct time-consuming development. There can be no assurance that the Company will generate any revenues or achieve profitability.

# Foreign Exchange

Exploration is paid in United States dollars in Mexico and consequently, the Company is subject to foreign exchange risks relating to the relative value of the Canadian dollar as compared to the US dollar.

## Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Estimates May be Inaccurate

There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating mineral resources and mineral reserves, including many factors beyond the control of the Company. Such estimates are a subjective process, and the accuracy of any mineral resource or mineral reserve estimate is a function of the quantity and quality of available data and of the assumptions made and judgments used in engineering and geological interpretation. These amounts are estimates only and the actual level of mineral recovery from such deposits may be different.

## Title to Properties

The acquisition of title to resource properties is a very detailed and time-consuming process. The Company holds its interest in certain of its properties through mining claims. Title to, and the area of, the mining claims may be disputed. There is no guarantee that such title will not be challenged or impaired. There may be challenges to the title of the properties in which the Company may have an interest, which, if successful, could result in the loss or reduction of the Company's interest in the properties.

## Commodity Price Risk:

The ability of the Company to develop its properties and the future profitability of the Company are directly related to the market price of certain minerals.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures:

Disclosure controls and procedures over financial reporting within the Corporation have been designed to provide reasonable assurance that all relevant information is identified to ensure appropriate and timely decisions are made regarding public disclosure. Internal controls over financial reporting have been designed by management, with the participation of the Corporation's President and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the Corporation's financial reporting and its preparation of financial statements. The Corporation's CEO and CFO certify the appropriateness of the financial disclosures in the Corporation's interim filings with securities regulators. In those interim filings, the Corporation's CEO and CFO also certify the design of the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures and the design of internal controls over financial reporting. The Corporation's Audit Committee reviewed this MD&A, and the audited consolidated financial statements, and the Corporation's Board of Directors approved these documents prior to their release.

Management's report on disclosure controls and procedures : Management, with the participation of the Corporation's CEO and CFO, assessed the effectiveness of the Corporation's disclosure controls and processes and concluded, as at June 30, 2019, that such disclosure controls and processes were effective to provide reasonable assurance that: material information relating to the Corporation was made known, and information required to be disclosed by the corporation in its annual filings, interim filings and other reports filed or submitted by the Corporation under securities legislation was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation.

It should be noted that as a small organization, the Company's management is composed of a small number of key individuals, resulting in situations where limitations in segregation of duties have to be compensated by more effective monitoring by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer. It is important to note that this issue would also require the Company to hire additional staff in order to provide greater segregation of duties.

Quarterly and annual financial statements are reviewed by the Company's Audit Committee and Board of Directors. Since the increased funding costs of such hiring could place a burden on the Company's finances, the Company's management has chosen to disclose the potential risk in its filings and is assessing the company's future needs in this regard as activity in the Company grows.

There have been no changes to the Corporation's internal controls over financial reporting during the period ended June 30, 2019 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal controls over financial reporting.

# CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

Except for statements of historical fact relating to the Company, certain information contained herein constitutes forward-looking information. Forward-looking information includes, but is not limited to, statements with respect to the potential of the Company's properties; the future price of gold and other minerals; the estimation of mineral reserves and mineral resources; conclusions of

economic evaluation; the realization of mineral reserve estimates; the timing and amount of estimated future production; costs of production; capital expenditures; success of exploration activities; mining or processing issues; currency exchange rates; government regulation of mining operations; and environmental risks. Generally, forward-looking information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" "be taken", "occur" or "be achieved". Forward - looking information is based on the opinions and estimates of management as of the date such statements are made, and they are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information, including but not limited to risks related to: unexpected events and delays or failure to receive government approvals; timing and availability of external financing on acceptable terms; actual results of current exploration activities; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; future prices of gold and other minerals; failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated; accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; as well as the risks and uncertainties identified elsewhere in this document. Although management of the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information.

## Additional Information:

This analysis should be read in conjunction with the most recent audited financial statements. Financial information about the Company is contained in its comparative financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 and additional information about the Company can be found on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

## Qualified Person:

Bruce Robbins, M.Sc.A, P.Geo, Interim CEO of the Company is the Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101 who has reviewed and approved the technical content in this report.

Montreal, August 27, 2019

(Signed : Bruce Robbins) Interim CEO (Signed : Marc A. Carrier) President & CFO