

# Lexam VG Gold Inc.

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

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*This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is prepared as of August 7, 2012 and should be read in conjunction with the audited annual consolidated financial statements of Lexam VG Gold Inc. (the "Company" or "Lexam VG") for the year ended December 31, 2011, and the condensed unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of Lexam VG Gold Inc. for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). This MD&A includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". All statements in this discussion, other than statements of historical fact, that address future exploration activities and events or developments that the Company expects, are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Additional information, including the Annual Information Form can be found on SEDAR, [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). All amounts are in Canadian dollars.*

### **Overview**

Lexam VG Gold Inc. ("the Company", or "Lexam VG") was incorporated under the laws of Ontario through a Plan of Arrangement on January 1, 2011, amalgamating Lexam Explorations Inc. and VG Gold Corp. The Company is listed and traded on the TSX under the symbol "LEX" and on the OTCQX in the United States as "LEXVF". Lexam VG also trades on the Frankfurt Exchange as "VN3A". Lexam VG's corporate office is located at 181 Bay Street, Suite 4750, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5J 2T3.

The principal business of Lexam VG is to explore and develop gold properties in Timmins, Ontario, Canada and to acquire additional gold properties in the Timmins area. Lexam VG is currently focused on exploring its properties. The Buffalo Ankerite property is 100% controlled and the Fuller property is 100% owned. The Company has exercised its option to earn a 60% interest in the Paymaster project as all earn in requirements were met, refer to Paymaster discussion below for further details. The Company also holds a 68.5% interest in the Davidson Tisdale property. For more information see the Company's web site: [www.lexamvggold.com](http://www.lexamvggold.com).

On January 4, 2012 the Company announced that Tom Meredith has resigned as President and Chief Executive Officer. The Board is currently undertaking a search for his replacement. The Board and management oversee the day-to-day management of the Company until such time as a successor is named.

In this report, gpt represents grams per metric tonne, m represents metres and, km represents kilometres.

Lexam VG's reporting and functional currency is the Canadian dollar.

### **Exploration and Development Activities**

#### **Buffalo Ankerite Property**

A resource estimate update on the Buffalo Ankerite property, which includes open pit and underground mining scenarios, is underway. The Company regrets that the resource estimate has taken longer than anticipated due to the difficulty of establishing the location of the historic mining voids.

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Paymaster Property

During the quarter, the Company satisfied its year four exploration expenditure requirements and issued 975,595 common shares with a fair value equivalent to \$200,000. On June 18, 2012, the Company announced that it has exercised its option to acquire a 60% interest in Gold Canada Ltd's ('Goldcorp') Paymaster Property. Under the terms of the agreement Goldcorp has until December 2012 to exercise their back-in-right to increase their interest from 40% to 70%, and become the operator, by making a payment of \$710,000 to the Company plus incurring exploration and development expenditures of \$8,250,000 on the property within two years of the back-in right notice and by completing a feasibility study within three years of the back-in right notice.

Fuller Property

On July 11, 2012, the Company announced further positive exploration results which include 2.44 gpt gold over 21.0 m, 4.77 gpt gold over 6.7 m, and 6.33 gpt gold over 6.0 m. Drilling has continued to encounter near surface mineralization in the quartz-feldspar porphyry and the surrounding volcanics. Sixteen (16) additional holes were completed following up on the results of March 1, 2012.

Based on the favourable drill results from the most recent drill program and review of historic results, it has indicated the need for a re-assessment of the Fuller mineralization. The review and resource estimate would incorporate a lower cut-off grade and utilize an open pit mining scenario, including extraction of the larger porphyry intersects and higher grade mineralization.

**Investment in Uranium Valley Mines – Quebec, Canada**

Lexam VG holds 4,000,000 common shares of UVM, reflecting an approximate ownership of 36%. The Company's investment in UVM is accounted for using the equity method. The following is a schedule of the equity accounted investment:

|                           | As at             |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                           | June 30, 2012     | December 31, 2011 |
| Beginning of period       | \$ 274,318        | \$ 300,000        |
| Loss on equity investment | (38,136)          | (25,682)          |
| End of period             | <u>\$ 236,182</u> | <u>\$ 274,318</u> |

As at June 30, 2012, UVM had total assets approximating \$1,926,000 and liabilities approximating \$9,000, with a net loss approximating \$106,000 for period ended June 30, 2012.

UVM trades on the TSX Venture under the symbol VZZ. Based on UVM's closing share price of \$0.17 per share on June 30, 2012, the market value of 4,000,000 shares was \$680,000.

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**Results of Operations**

|                                           | Three months ended<br>June 30, |              | Six months ended<br>June 30, |                |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|----------------|
|                                           | 2012                           | 2011         | 2012                         | 2011           |
| Net Loss                                  | \$ (234,621)                   | \$ (686,818) | \$ (435,777)                 | \$ (1,974,927) |
| Net Loss per share<br>(basic and diluted) | \$ (0.00)                      | \$ (0.00)    | \$ (0.00)                    | \$ (0.01)      |

The Company recorded a net loss of \$435,777 (\$0.00 per share) for the six months ended June 30, 2012, compared to \$1,974,927 (\$0.01 per share) during the corresponding period in 2011. The decrease in net loss during the 2012 period was primarily attributable to decreased office, general and administrative expenditures.

For the three months ended June 30, 2012, the company had a net loss of \$234,621 (\$0.00 per share) compared to \$686,818 (\$0.00 per share) for the same period in 2011.

**Office, General and Administrative Expenses**

|                                                        | Three months ended<br>June 30, |                   | Six months ended<br>June 30, |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                        | 2012                           | 2011              | 2012                         | 2011                |
| Salaries and benefits                                  | \$ 63,108                      | \$ 88,189         | \$ 120,352                   | \$ 205,987          |
| Professional fees (accounting, audit and legal)        | 45,630                         | 139,910           | 62,175                       | 235,614             |
| Public company fees and investor relations             | 67,064                         | 132,301           | 151,963                      | 538,957             |
| Director's fees and expenses                           | 18,548                         | 17,500            | 38,548                       | 35,000              |
| Office and general                                     | 28,166                         | 161,360           | 110,714                      | 720,987             |
| Management fees (including related party transactions) | -                              | 57,000            | -                            | 106,500             |
|                                                        | <u>\$ 222,516</u>              | <u>\$ 596,260</u> | <u>\$ 483,752</u>            | <u>\$ 1,843,045</u> |

Office, general and administrative expenses decreased by 63% in the Second Quarter of 2012 compared to the Second Quarter of 2011, and 74% for the first half of 2012 compared to 2011. The reduction in 2012 over 2011 was due to the decrease in marketing and investor relation initiatives, amalgamation costs, and professional fees.

**Exploration and Development Expenditures for the six months ended June 30, 2012**

|                                        | Fuller            | Davidson<br>Tisdale | Buffalo<br>Ankerite | Paymaster         | Total               |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Geological                             | \$ -              | \$ -                | \$ 72,054           | \$ -              | \$ 72,054           |
| Engineering                            | 17,010            | 9,900               | 41,717              | 9,000             | 77,627              |
| Drilling                               | 460,501           | 4,470               | 610,804             | 326,151           | 1,401,926           |
| Land & Holding                         | 2,242             | 948                 | 211,080             | 200,000           | 414,270             |
| Recovery from joint<br>venture partner | -                 | (5,742)             | -                   | -                 | (5,742)             |
| Other                                  | 28,335            | 1,254               | 71,718              | 14,252            | 115,559             |
| June 30, 2012                          | <u>\$ 508,088</u> | <u>\$ 10,830</u>    | <u>\$ 1,007,373</u> | <u>\$ 549,403</u> | <u>\$ 2,075,694</u> |

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The Company's policy is to capitalize drilling and other exploration expenditures. Exploration expenditures, which were capitalized for the six months ended June 30, 2012, totaled \$2,075,694 (December 31, 2011 - \$5,576,033).

### Summary of Quarterly Results

Selected financial information for the eight previous fiscal quarters:

|                                           | 2012         |           | 2011      |           |           |             | 2010        |           |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                                           | Q2           | Q1        | Q4        | Q3        | Q2        | Q1          | Q4          | Q3        |
| Net Loss                                  | \$ (234,621) | (201,156) | (585,062) | (420,271) | (686,818) | (1,288,109) | (1,343,922) | (444,153) |
| Net Loss per share<br>(basic and diluted) | \$ (0.00)    | (0.00)    | (0.00)    | (0.00)    | (0.00)    | (0.01)      | (0.01)      | (0.00)    |

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

At June 30, 2012, the Company's cash position increased to \$2,263,171 compared to \$1,530,894. The cash increase of \$732,277 is made up of \$836,101 used in operating activities, offset by \$1,560,878 received from investing activities and \$7,500 proceeds received on the exercise of options.

Cash generated from investing activities primarily relate to \$1,875,694 expenditures on exploration and evaluation assets offset by \$3,436,272 proceeds from sale of short-term investments. Cash from financing activities was generated from the exercise of 50,000 options.

Based on current spending projections, current cash on hand and short-term investments are expected to be sufficient to fund ongoing operations for the next 12 months.

### Outstanding Share Data

The following schedule outlines the number of shares outstanding.

|               | June 30,<br>2012 | December 31,<br>2011 |
|---------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Common Shares | 226,570,860      | 225,545,265          |
| Stock Options | 1,160,000        | 1,980,000            |
| Warrants      | 5,208,334        | 5,208,334            |

The total common shares outstanding as of August, 7 2012 are 226,570,860.

### Transactions with Related Parties

In the prior year, the Company had a management services agreement ("services agreement") with 2083089 Ontario Inc. ("208") pursuant to which the Company agreed to reimburse 208 for rent, personnel, office expenses and other administrative services on a cost recovery basis. 208 is owned by Robert McEwen, the chairman of the Company and beneficial owner of more than 5% of its voting securities. Mr. McEwen is also the Chief Executive Officer and Director of 208. Effective January 2012, the Company no longer requires the services agreement with 208 as those costs are now paid directly to McEwen Mining Inc. ("McEwen Mining"). Mr. McEwen is the Chief Executive Officer of McEwen Mining and holds a 25% ownership in McEwen Mining, which is a publicly listed company, trading on the New York Stock Exchange and the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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For the three and six month periods ended, June 30, 2012, the Company paid rent, personnel and office expenses of \$27,400 and \$54,900, respectively, to McEwen Mining. During the comparable periods in 2011, the Company paid \$49,500 and \$106,500, respectively, to 208 under the services agreement.

All related party transactions are recorded at the exchange amount, agreed to between the parties. Management believes these transactions are in the normal course of business and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

### **Environmental Risks and Hazards**

All phases of Lexam VG's mineral exploration operations are subject to environmental regulations pertaining to the City of Timmins and the province of Ontario in Canada. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner that will require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees. There is no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect Lexam VG's operations. Environmental hazards may exist on the properties on which Lexam VG holds interests, which are unknown to Lexam VG at present and which may have been caused by previous or existing owners or operators of the properties. Lexam VG may become liable for such environmental hazards caused by previous owners and operators of the properties even where it has attempted to contractually limit its liability. Government approvals and permits are currently and may in the future be required in connection with Lexam VG's operations. To the extent that such approvals are required and not obtained, Lexam VG may be curtailed or prohibited from proceeding with planned exploration or development of mineral properties. Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions there under, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities which may cause operations to cease or be curtailed and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. Parties engaged in mining operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of the mining activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

The future costs of retiring mining assets include dismantling, remediation, ongoing treatment and monitoring of the site. These are reconciled and recorded as a liability at fair value. The liability is accreted, over time, through periodic charges to earnings. In addition, decommissioning liabilities are capitalized as part of the asset's carrying value and amortized over the asset's useful life.

In 2010, the Company recorded a decommissioning liability pertaining to the Buffalo Ankerite property. In the past, the Mining Lands Commission had issued an Order for the Company to use its best efforts to remediate the open pit on the site. The Company is currently in the process of obtaining the appropriate mining permits for the site along with completing a closure plan. In 2010, the Company obtained a quote from a third party engineering firm estimating the closure costs, which relates to the re-sloping of the existing pit walls, revegetation and labour. There is uncertainty as to the timing of the expenditures, however, a best estimate has been used, and assumptions will be revisited quarterly.

Amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of mining companies, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on Lexam VG and could cause increases in exploration expenses, capital expenditures and production costs. They may also cause a reduction in levels of production at producing properties or they may require abandonment or delays in development of new mining properties.

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Production of mineral properties may involve the use of dangerous and hazardous substances such as sodium cyanide. While all steps will be taken to prevent discharges of pollutants into the environment, Lexam VG may become subject to liability for hazards against which it cannot be insured. The Company is subject to all environmental acts and regulations at the federal and provincial levels. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

### **Federal Level (Canada)**

Canadian Environmental Protection Act  
Fisheries Act  
Navigable Waters Protection Act and Regulations

### **Provincial Level (Ontario)**

Environmental Protection Act  
Mining Act

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As at June 30, 2012, the Company does not have off-balance sheet arrangements.

### **Additional Funding Requirements**

Mineral properties of Lexam VG are in the exploration and development stage. The Company has no source of operating cash flow, and will need to raise additional funds to complete its projects. There is no assurance that Lexam VG will be able to raise additional funds on reasonable terms. The development of ore deposits found on the exploration properties of Lexam VG depend on the ability of the Company to obtain financing through debt financing, equity financing or other means. If the exploration and development programs of Lexam VG are successful, additional funds will be required to develop the properties and, if successful, additional funds will be required to place them in commercial production. The only source of future funds presently available to Lexam VG is the sale of equity capital of Lexam VG or the sale by Lexam VG of an interest in any of its properties in whole or in part. The ability of Lexam VG to arrange such financing in the future will depend in part upon the prevailing capital market conditions, as well as on the business performance of the Company.

There can be no assurance that Lexam VG will be successful in its efforts to arrange additional financing if needed on terms satisfactory to the Company. If additional financing is raised by the issuance of shares from the treasury of the Company, control of Lexam VG may change and shareholders may suffer additional dilution. If adequate financing is not available, Lexam VG may be required to delay, reduce its scope, eliminate one or more exploration activities or relinquish rights to certain of its interests. Failure to obtain additional financing on a timely basis could cause Lexam VG to forfeit its interests in some or all of its properties and to reduce or terminate its operations.

### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

The IASB has issued IFRS 9 "Financial Instruments" which proposes to replace IAS 39. The replacement standard has the following significant components: establishes two primary measurement categories for financial assets—amortized cost and fair value; establishes criteria for classification of financial assets within the measurement category based on business model and cash flow characteristics; and eliminates existing held to maturity, available for sale and loans and receivable categories. This standard is effective for the Company's annual year end beginning January 1, 2015. The Company will evaluate the impact of the change to its consolidated financial statements based on the characteristics of its financial instruments at the time of adoption.

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IAS 1, "Presentation of Financial Statements" ("IAS 1") requires grouping of items presented in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on the basis of whether they may be reclassified to earnings subsequent to initial recognition. For those items presented before taxes, amendments to IAS 1 also require that taxes related to the two separate groups be presented separately. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012, with earlier adoption permitted. The Company does not anticipate the amendments to IAS 1 to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

IAS 12 "Income Taxes" ("IAS 12") provides a practical solution in determining the recovery of investment properties as it relates to accounting for deferred income taxes. This amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2012, with earlier application permitted. The Company does not anticipate this amendment to have a significant impact on its consolidated financial statements.

The IASB issued the following standards, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013. The Company has not yet determined the impact on its financial statements.

IFRS 12 "Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities" is a comprehensive standard on disclosure requirements for all forms of interests in other entities, including subsidiaries, joint arrangements, associates, and structured entities. This standard carries forward the disclosures that existed under IAS 27, IAS 28 and IAS 31, and also introduces additional disclosure requirements that address the nature of, and risks associated with, and entity's interests in other entities.

IFRS 10, "Consolidated Financial Statements" ("IFRS 10"), which replaces parts of IAS 27, "Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements" ("IAS 27") and all of SIC-12, "Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities", changes the definition of control that is the determining factor in whether an entity should be consolidated. Under IFRS 10, an investor controls an investee when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. IAS 27, "Separate Financial Statements (2011)" ("IAS 27 (2011)") was reissued and now only contains accounting and disclosure requirements for when an entity prepares separate financial statements, as the consolidation guidance is now included in IFRS 10. IFRS 11, "Joint Arrangements" ("IFRS 11"), which replaces IAS 31, "Interests in Joint Ventures" and SIC-13, "Jointly Controlled Entities – Non-monetary Contributions by Venturers", requires a venturer to classify its interest in a joint arrangement as either a joint operation or a joint venture. For a joint operation, the joint operator will recognize its assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses, and/or its relative share thereof. For a joint venture, the joint venturer will account for its interest in the venture's net assets using the equity method of accounting. The choice to proportionally consolidate joint ventures is prohibited. IAS 28, "Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (2011)" was amended as a consequence of the issuance of IFRS 11. In addition to prescribing the accounting for investments in associates, it now includes joint ventures that are to be accounted for by the equity method. The application of the equity method has not changed as a result of this amendment.

IFRS 13, "Fair Value Measurement" ("IFRS 13") provides guidance on how fair value should be applied where its use is already required by other IFRS standards, and includes a definition of fair value and is a single source of guidance on fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across IFRS.

#### **Management's evaluation of disclosure controls**

Management is responsible for the design and effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that material information related to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the Company's certifying officers. The Company's Chief Executive

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Officer and Chief Financial Officer have each evaluated the design of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as at June 30, 2012 and have concluded that these controls and procedures are appropriately designed.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Management is responsible for the design of internal controls over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS. Based on a review of its internal control procedures at the end of the period covered by this MD&A, management believes its internal controls and procedures are appropriately designed as at June 30, 2012.

### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company's business of exploring and developing mineral properties is highly uncertain and risky by its very nature. In addition, the ability to raise funding in the future to maintain the Company's exploration and development activities is dependant on financial markets, which often fail to provide necessary capital.

Regulatory standards continue to change making the review process longer, more complex and more costly. Even if an apparently mineable deposit is developed, there is no assurance that it will ever reach production or be profitable, as its potential economics are influenced by many key factors such as commodity prices, foreign exchange rates, equity markets and political interference, which cannot be controlled by management. As a result, the Company's future business, operations, and financial condition could differ materially from the forward-looking information contained in this MD&A and described in the Forward-Looking Statements section below. For a more comprehensive discussion of the risks faced by the Company, please refer to the Company's Annual Information Form, dated March 19, 2012, filed on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### **Reliability of Information**

UVM is responsible for and has supplied to the Company all reported results from their operation. UVM is an entity in which the Company has a significant equity interest. The Company does not accept responsibility for the use of any UVM's reported results from their operation provided in this MD&A. There can be no assurance that information reported to the Company by UVM is accurate, the Company has not independently verified such information and readers are therefore cautioned regarding the extent to which they should rely upon such information.