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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 10-Q

 $\circ$  QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended February 28, 2014

OR

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Transition Period from to

Commission File Number: 001-31913

#### NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

British Columbia N/A
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

N/A
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

789 West Pender Street, Suite 720 Vancouver, British Columbia

Canada V6C 1H2 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(604) 669-6227

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 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 ý No o

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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  $\circ$  No o

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 the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o

Accelerated filer ý

Non-accelerated filer o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No ý

As of April 4, 2014, the Company had 317,297,868 Common Shares, no par value, outstanding.

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This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements or information within the meaning of Canadian securities laws and the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 concerning anticipated results and developments in our operations in future periods, planned exploration activities, the adequacy of our financial resources and other events or conditions that may occur in the future. These forward-looking statements may include statements regarding perceived merit of properties, exploration results and budgets, mineral reserves and resource estimates, work programs, capital expenditures, operating costs, cash flow estimates, production estimates and similar statements relating to the economic viability of a project, timelines, strategic plans, including our plans and expectations relating to the Donlin Gold and Galore Creek projects, completion of transactions, market prices for precious and base metals, or other statements that are not statements of fact. These statements relate to analyses and other information that are based on forecasts of future results, estimates of amounts not yet determinable and assumptions of management. Statements concerning mineral resource estimates may also be deemed to constitute "forward-looking statements" to the extent that they involve estimates of the mineralization that will be encountered if the property is developed.

Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance (often, but not always, identified by words or phrases such as "expects", "is expected", "anticipates", "believes", "plans", "projects", "estimates", "assumes", "intends", "str "objectives", "potential", "possible" or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events, conditions or results "may" "could", "would", "should", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and simil expressions) are not statements of historical fact and may be forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are based on a number of material assumptions, including those listed below, which could prove to be significantly incorrect:

- our ability to achieve production at any of our mineral exploration and development properties;
- · estimated capital costs, operating costs, production and economic returns;
- ·estimated metal pricing, metallurgy, mineability, marketability and operating and capital costs, together with other assumptions underlying our resource and reserve estimates;
  - our expected ability to develop adequate infrastructure and that the cost of doing so will be reasonable;
  - · assumptions that all necessary permits and governmental approvals will be obtained;
- · assumptions made in the interpretation of drill results, the geology, grade and continuity of our mineral deposits;
- ·our expectations regarding demand for equipment, skilled labor and services needed for exploration and development of mineral properties; and
  - · our activities will not be adversely disrupted or impeded by development, operating or regulatory risks.

Forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or results to differ from those reflected in the forward-looking statements, including, without limitation:

- · uncertainty of whether there will ever be production at our mineral exploration and development properties;
  - · uncertainty of estimates of capital costs, operating costs, production and economic returns;
- ·uncertainties related to the assumptions underlying our resource and reserve estimates, such as metal pricing, metallurgy, mineability, marketability and operating and capital costs;
- ·risks related to our ability to commence production and generate material revenues or obtain adequate financing for our planned exploration and development activities;
- ·risks related to our ability to finance the development of our mineral properties through external financing, strategic alliances, the sale of property interests or otherwise;
  - · risks related to the third parties on which we depend for our exploration and development activities;
  - dependence on cooperation of joint venture partners in exploration and development of properties;

- credit, liquidity, interest rate and currency risks;
  risks related to market events and general economic conditions;
  uncertainty related to inferred mineral resources;
- uncertainty related to inferred mineral resources;
- ·risks and uncertainties relating to the interpretation of drill results, the geology, grade and continuity of our mineral deposits;
- · risks related to lack of infrastructure required to develop, construct, and operate our mineral properties;
- ·mining and development risks, including risks related to infrastructure, accidents, equipment breakdowns, labor disputes or other unanticipated difficulties with, or interruptions in, development, construction or production;
- •the risk that permits and governmental approvals necessary to develop and operate mines on our properties will not be available on a timely basis, subject to reasonable conditions, or at all;
  - commodity price fluctuations;
- · risks related to governmental regulation and permits, including environmental regulation;
- ·risks related to the need for reclamation activities on our properties and uncertainty of cost estimates related thereto; uncertainty related to title to our mineral properties;

- uncertainty related to unsettled aboriginal rights and title in British Columbia;
  - · our history of losses and expectation of future losses;
    - · uncertainty as to the outcome of potential litigation;
- ·uncertainty inherent in litigation including the effects of discovery of new evidence or advancement of new legal theories, the difficulty of predicting decisions of judges and juries and the possibility that decisions may be reversed on appeal;
  - risks related to default under our unsecured convertible notes;
    - risks related to our majority shareholder;
- ·risks related to increases in demand for equipment, skilled labor and services needed for exploration and development of mineral properties, and related cost increases;
  - · increased competition in the mining industry;
  - our need to attract and retain qualified management and technical personnel;
  - risks related to our current practice of not using hedging arrangements;
    - uncertainty as to our ability to acquire additional commercially mineable mineral rights;
  - · risks related to the integration of potential new acquisitions into our existing operations;
    - risks related to unknown liabilities in connection with acquisitions;
    - risks related to conflicts of interests of some of the directors of the Company;
      - risks related to global climate change;
- ·risks related to opposition to our operations at our mineral exploration and development properties from non-governmental organizations or civil society;
- ·uncertainty as to our ability to maintain the adequacy of internal control over financial reporting as per the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act; and
  - · increased regulatory compliance costs relating to the Dodd-Frank Act.

This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect any of our forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are statements about the future and are inherently uncertain, and our actual achievements or other future events or conditions may differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements due to a variety of risks, uncertainties and other factors, including, without limitation, those referred to in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q under the heading "Risk Factors" and elsewhere.

Our forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are based on the beliefs, expectations and opinions of management as of the date of this report. We do not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements if circumstances or management's beliefs, expectations or opinions should change, except as required by law. For the reasons set forth above, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

#### PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

# NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC. (An Exploration Stage Company) CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited, US dollars in thousands)

|  | At February 28,  | At November 3 | 0, |
|--|------------------|---------------|----|
| ACCETTO                                      | 2014             | 2013          |    |
| ASSETS                                       | Ф <b>7</b> 2.222 | ΦΩ1.262       |    |
| Cash and cash equivalents                    | \$72,322         | \$81,262      |    |
| Investments (note 4)                         | 110,000          | 110,000       |    |
| Other assets                                 | 5,315            | 5,549         |    |
| Current assets                               | 187,637          | 196,811       |    |
| Investments (note 4)                         | 1,605            | 1,280         |    |
| Investment in affiliates (note 5)            | 294,920          | 307,455       |    |
| Mineral properties                           | 52,566           | 54,813        |    |
| Deferred income taxes                        | 9,144            | 9,728         |    |
| Other assets                                 | 8,371            | 8,599         |    |
| Total assets                                 | \$554,243        | \$578,686     |    |
|  |                  |               |    |
| LIABILITIES                                  |                  |               |    |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities     | \$1,713          | \$3,492       |    |
| Other liabilities                            | 834              | 861           |    |
| Current liabilities                          | 2,547            | 4,353         |    |
| Debt (note 6)                                | 87,135           | 85,298        |    |
| Derivative liabilities (note 8)              | 198              | 83            |    |
| Deferred income taxes                        | 22,162           | 23,303        |    |
| Total liabilities                            | 112,042          | 113,037       |    |
|  |                  |               |    |
| Commitments and contingencies (note 14)      |                  |               |    |
|  |                  |               |    |
| EQUITY                                       | 1.006.006        | 1 000 070     |    |
| Common shares                                | 1,936,336        | 1,933,952     |    |
| Contributed surplus                          | 68,439           | 66,811        |    |
| Accumulated deficit during exploration stage | (1,610,310       | ) (1,599,618  | )  |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income       | 47,736           | 64,504        |    |
| Total equity                                 | 442,201          | 465,649       |    |
| Total liabilities and equity                 | \$554,243        | \$578,686     |    |

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

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements are authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on April 7, 2014. They are signed on the Company's behalf by:

/s/ Gregory A. Lang, Director/s/ Anthony Walsh, Director

### (An Exploration Stage Company)

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF LOSS

(Unaudited, US dollars in thousands except per share amounts)

|   | Three mon    | From        |                  |
|---|--------------|-------------|------------------|
|   | 2014         | 2013        | Inception        |
|   |              |             | -                |
| Operating expenses:                               |              |             |                  |
| Exploration and evaluation                        | \$—          | <b>\$</b> — | \$273,030        |
| General and administrative (note 9)               | 7,702        | 9,016       | 278,819          |
| Equity loss of affiliates (note 5)                | 3,621        | 5,483       | 167,453          |
| Depreciation                                      | 10           | 10          | 3,915            |
| Write-down of assets                              | <del>_</del> | _           | 40,419           |
|   | 11,333       | 14,509      | 763,636          |
|   |              |             |                  |
| Loss from operations                              | (11,333      | ) (14,509   | ) (763,636 )     |
|   |              |             |                  |
| Other income (expense):                           |              |             |                  |
| Interest income                                   | 316          | 210         | 18,091           |
| Interest expense                                  | (2,058       | ) (4,048    | ) (77,211 )      |
| Foreign exchange gain (loss)                      | 2,449        | 7,838       | (14,985)         |
| Other   | (115         | ) (3,267    | ) (366,564 )     |
|   | 592          | 733         | (440,669)        |
|   |              |             |                  |
| Loss before income taxes                          | (10,741      | ) (13,776   | ) (1,204,305)    |
| Income tax recovery                               | 50           | _           | 6,774            |
| Net loss from continuing operations               | (10,691      | ) (13,776   | ) (1,197,531 )   |
| Net loss from discontinued operations             | _            | _           | (491,063)        |
| Net loss  | (10,691      | ) (13,776   | ) (1,688,594 )   |
| Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest | _            | _           | (78,284)         |
| Net loss attributable to shareholders             | \$(10,691    | ) \$(13,776 | ) \$(1,610,310 ) |
|   |              |             |                  |
| Net loss attributable to shareholders:            |              |             |                  |
| Continuing operations                             | \$(10,691    | ) \$(13,776 | ) \$(1,119,247 ) |
| Discontinued operations                           | _            | _           | (491,063)        |
| •   | \$(10,691    | ) \$(13,776 | ) \$(1,610,310 ) |
|   |              |             |                  |
| Loss per common share                             |              |             |                  |
| Basic and diluted                                 | \$(0.03      | ) \$(0.05   | )                |
|   |              |             |                  |
| Weighted average shares outstanding               |              |             |                  |
| Basic and diluted                                 | 316,932      | 303,126     |                  |
|   | •            | -           |                  |

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

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(Unaudited, US dollars in thousands)

|   | Three mon 2014 | ths ended February 28,<br>2013 | From<br>Inception |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Net loss  | \$(10,691      | ) \$(13,776                    | ) \$(1,688,594 )  |
| Items that may be reclassified to Net loss:             |                |                                |                   |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities      |                |                                |                   |
| Unrealized holding gains (losses) during period         | 319            | (272                           | ) (1,877 )        |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for (gains) losses    |                |                                |                   |
| included in net income                                  | _              | <del>_</del>                   | 2,409             |
| Net unrealized gain (loss), net of \$50, \$(3) and \$79 |                |                                |                   |
| tax expense (recovery)                                  | 319            | (272                           | ) 532             |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments                | (17,087        | ) (21,952                      | ) 47,204          |
| Other comprehensive income (loss)                       | (16,768        | ) (22,224                      | ) 47,736          |
|   |                |                                |                   |
| Comprehensive loss                                      | \$(27,459      | ) \$(36,000                    | ) \$(1,640,858)   |
|   |                |                                |                   |
| Comprehensive loss attributable to:                     |                |                                |                   |
| Shareholders  | \$(27,459      | ) \$(36,000                    | ) \$(1,562,574)   |
| Non-controlling interest                                | _              | _                              | (78,284)          |
|   | \$(27,459      | ) \$(36,000                    | ) \$(1,640,858 )  |

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited, US dollars in thousands)

Three months ended February 28, From 2014 2013 Inception Operating activities: Net loss \$(10,691 ) \$(13,776 ) \$(1,688,594 Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities: 10 10 Depreciation 3,915 Deferred income taxes (50 (7,064)Foreign exchange (gain) loss (2,449)(7.838)27,215 Loss from discontinued operations 491,063 Share-based compensation 4,658 5,542 74,061 Equity losses of affiliates 167,453 3,621 5,483 Gain on deconsolidation of Galore Creek (154,173)Loss on derivative liabilities 115 3,276 565,085 Write-down of assets 43,646 Other 1,575 4,027 19,654 Withholding tax paid on stock based compensation (636 (585) (6.533)Net change in operating assets and liabilities (note 11) (1.367)(2.019)2,236 (462,036 Net cash used in continuing operations (5,214)(5,880)Net cash used in discontinued operations (219,010 Investing activities: Additions to property and equipment (22)(218, 323 Proceeds from marketable securities 50,000 50,000 Purchases of marketable securities (50,000)(160,273)Acquisitions, net (4,645)Proceeds from sale of assets 26,445 Funding of affiliates (note 5) (3.093)(164,153 (3,622)Other (4,780)Net cash used in investing activities of continuing (3,644)(3.093)operations (475,729 Net cash used in investing activities of discontinued operations (328,507)Financing activities: Proceeds from share issuance, net 54,359 1,217,437 Proceeds from debt issuance, net 92,200 Repayment of debt (82,706 Proceeds from non-controlling interest 343,073 Net cash provided from financing activities of continuing operations 54,359 1,570,004 (12,923)

# Net cash provided from financing activities of discontinued operations

| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash          | (82      | ) (126    | ) 523    |  |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|--|
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (8,940   | ) 45,260  | 72,322   |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 81,262   | 254,667   | _        |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period       | \$72,322 | \$299,927 | \$72,322 |  |

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

(Unaudited, US dollars in thousands)

| Accumulated |
|-------------|
| deficit     |

Accumulated

|                            | Commor       |              | Contributed surplus | during<br>exploration<br>stage | other<br>comprehensiveNo<br>income | on-controlling<br>interest | Total<br>equity |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
|                            | Shares       | Amount       | 1                   | C                              |                                    |                            | 1 3             |
| From inception             |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| December 5, 1984           | <del>-</del> | \$ —         | \$ -                | - \$                           | \$                                 | \$ —                       | - \$ —          |
| Net loss from inception to |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| November 30, 2010          |              |              | _                   | <b>–</b> (1,589,797)           |                                    | (58,658)                   | (1,648,455)     |
| Other                      |              |              |                     | (1,30),777)                    |                                    | (30,030)                   | (1,040,433)     |
| comprehensive              |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| income                     | _            |              | _                   | _                              | 123,007                            | <u>-</u> -                 | - 123,007       |
| Acquisition of             |              |              |                     |                                | ·                                  |                            |                 |
| non-controlling            |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| interest                   |              |              | _                   | _                              |                                    | 348,248                    | 348,248         |
| Common share               |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| issuance                   | 151,844      | 766,271      | 7,935               |                                |                                    |                            | - 774,206       |
| Warrants                   | 20.602       | 00.075       |                     |                                |                                    |                            | 02.255          |
| issued/exercised           | 29,682       | 82,275       | <del>-</del>        | <u> </u>                       |                                    |                            | - 82,275        |
| Convertible debt           | 10 551       | 10.771       |                     |                                |                                    |                            | 10.771          |
| issuance<br>Share-based    | 18,551       | 19,771       | _                   | _                              |                                    | _                          | - 19,771        |
| compensation and           |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| related share              |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| issuances                  | 10,774       | 27,367       | 27,007              |                                |                                    |                            | - 54,374        |
| Acquisitions               | 15,150       | 89,285       |                     | _                              |                                    | _                          | - 89,285        |
| November 30, 2010          |              | \$ 984,969   | \$ 34,942           | \$(1,589,797)                  | \$ 123,007                         | \$ 289,590                 | \$ (157,289)    |
| Net income (loss)          | _            | _            | _                   | - 64,767                       |                                    | (19,626)                   | 45,141          |
| Other                      |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| comprehensive loss         |              |              | _                   | _                              | — (31,460)                         |                            | - (31,460)      |
| Disposition of             |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| non-controlling            |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| interest                   |              | <del>-</del> | _                   | _                              |                                    | (269,964)                  | (269,964)       |
| Warrants exercised         | 8,925        | 127,258      | (24,103)            |                                |                                    | <del>-</del>               | - 103,155       |
| Conversion of              |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| foreign currency           |              |              | 469,694             |                                |                                    |                            | 460 604         |
| warrants<br>Share-based    | _            | _            | 409,094             |                                |                                    | _                          | - 469,694       |
| compensation and           |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| related share              |              |              |                     |                                |                                    |                            |                 |
| issuances                  | 888          | 3,032        | 6,773               |                                |                                    |                            | - 9,805         |
| Acquisition                | 4,171        | 43,512       |                     | _                              |                                    | _                          | - 43,512        |
|                            | .,_,_        | ,            |                     |                                |                                    |                            | ,               |

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| November 30, 2011 23 | 39,985 | \$1,158,771 | \$ 487,306 | \$(1,525,030) | \$ 91,547  | \$ | — \$ 212,594        |
|----------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|----|---------------------|
| Net loss             | _      |             |            | - (11,829)    | _          |    | — (11,829)          |
| Other comprehensive  |        |             |            |               |            |    |                     |
| income               | _      |             |            |               | - 5,761    |    | _ 5,761             |
| Common share         |        |             |            |               |            |    |                     |
| issuance             | 35,000 | 317,841     | _          |               |            |    | <b>—</b> 317,841    |
| Warrants exercised   | 3,891  | 54,282      | (48,539)   |               |            |    | 5,743               |
| Share-based          | ,      | ,           |            |               |            |    | ,                   |
| compensation and     |        |             |            |               |            |    |                     |
| related share        |        |             |            |               |            |    |                     |
| issuances            | 1,051  | 4,095       | 16,186     | _             | _          |    | 20,281              |
| Return of capital -  | ,      | ,           | -,         |               |            |    | -, -                |
| NovaCopper           |        | (72,887)    | (693)      | _             |            |    | — (73,580)          |
| November 30, 2012 27 | 79.927 | \$1,462,102 | \$ 454,260 | \$(1,536,859) | \$ 97,308  | \$ | <b>—</b> \$ 476,811 |
| Net loss             |        |             |            | - (62,760)    |            | -  | — (62,760)          |
| Other                |        |             |            | (1 ): 11)     |            |    | ( - ), )            |
| comprehensive loss   |        |             |            |               | - (32,804) |    | — (32,804)          |
| _                    | 36,529 | 469,150     | (397,052)  | _             |            |    | <b>—</b> 72,098     |
| Share-based          | ,      | ,           |            |               |            |    |                     |
| compensation and     |        |             |            |               |            |    |                     |
| related share        |        |             |            |               |            |    |                     |
| issuances            | 205    | 2,701       | 9,603      | _             |            |    | <b>—</b> 12,304     |
| November 30, 2013 3  | 16,661 | \$1,933,953 | \$ 66,811  | \$(1,599,619) | \$ 64,504  | \$ | <b>—</b> \$ 465,649 |
| Net loss             | _      | _           |            | - (10,691)    | _          |    | — (10,691)          |
| Other                |        |             |            |               | (16.760)   |    | ·                   |
| comprehensive loss   | _      |             | _          | _             | - (16,768) |    | — (16,768)          |
| Share-based          |        |             |            |               |            |    |                     |
| compensation and     |        |             |            |               |            |    |                     |
| related share        |        |             |            |               |            |    |                     |
| issuances            | 636    | 2,383       | 1,628      | _             |            |    | <b>—</b> 4,011      |
| February 28, 2014 3  | 17,297 | \$1,936,336 | \$ 68,439  | \$(1,610,310) | \$ 47,736  | \$ | - \$ 442,201        |

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(An Exploration Stage Company)

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited, US dollars in thousands except per share amounts)

#### NOTE 1 - NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC. and its affiliates and subsidiaries (collectively, "NOVAGOLD" or the "Company") operates in the mining industry, focused on the exploration for and development of gold and copper mineral properties. The Company has no operations or realized revenues from its planned principal business purpose, and in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 915 "Development Stage Entities" and SEC Industry Guide 7, presents its financial information as an Exploration Stage Company. The Company's principal assets include a 50% interest in the Donlin Gold Project in Alaska, U.S.A. and a 50% interest in the Galore Creek Project in British Columbia, Canada.

The Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements of NOVAGOLD are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments and disclosures necessary for a fair presentation of these interim statements have been included. The results reported in these interim statements are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be reported for the entire year. These interim statements should be read in conjunction with NOVAGOLD's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended November 30, 2013. The year-end balance sheet data was derived from the audited financial statements and certain information and footnote disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP") have been condensed or omitted.

The functional currency for the Company's Canadian operations is the Canadian dollar and the functional currency for the Company's U.S. operations is the U.S. dollar. References to "\$" refer to United States currency and "C\$" to Canadian currency.

#### NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Recently adopted accounting pronouncements

Reporting of Amounts reclassified out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

In February 2013, ASC guidance was issued related to items reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income. The new standard requires either in a single note or parenthetically on the face of the financial statements: (i) the effect of significant amounts reclassified from each component of accumulated other comprehensive income based on its source and (ii) the income statement line items affected by the reclassification. Adoption of the new guidance, effective for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2013, had no impact on the consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities

In November 2011, ASC guidance was issued related to disclosures about offsetting assets and liabilities. The new standard requires disclosures to allow investors to better compare financial statements prepared under U.S. GAAP with financial statements prepared under IFRS. In January 2013, an update was issued to further clarify that the disclosure requirements are limited to derivatives, repurchase agreements, and securities lending transactions to the extent that they are (i) offset in the financial statements or (ii) subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreement. Adoption of the new guidance, effective for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2013, had no impact on the consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Recently issued accounting pronouncements

Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit

In July 2013, ASC guidance was issued related to the presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss or a tax credit carryforward exists. The updated guidance requires an entity to net its unrecognized tax benefits against the deferred tax assets for all same jurisdiction net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or tax credit carryforwards. A gross presentation will be required only if such carryforwards are not available or would not be used by the entity to settle any additional income taxes resulting from disallowance of the uncertain tax position. The update is effective prospectively for the Company's fiscal year beginning December 1, 2014. The Company does not expect the updated guidance to have an impact on the consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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#### Foreign Currency Matters

In March 2013, ASC guidance was issued related to Foreign Currency Matters to clarify the treatment of cumulative translation adjustments when a parent sells a part or all of its investment in a foreign entity or no longer holds a controlling financial interest in a subsidiary or group of assets that is a business within a foreign entity. The updated guidance also resolves the diversity in practice for the treatment of business combinations achieved in stages in a foreign entity. The update is effective prospectively for the Company's fiscal year beginning December 1, 2014. The Company does not expect the updated guidance to have an impact on the consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### NOTE 3 – SEGMENTED INFORMATION

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Company's Chief Executive Officer. The Company has one operating segment in exploration and development of mineral properties. The Chief Executive Officer considers the business from a geographic perspective considering the performance of our investments in affiliates. Segment information is provided on each of the material projects individually in Note 5.

#### **NOTE 4 – INVESTMENTS**

| Current:                     | At February 28, 20<br>Cost<br>Basis | 014<br>Gain | Unrealized Loss | Fair Value<br>Basis |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Term deposits                | \$110,000                           | \$—         | \$—             | \$110,000           |
| Long-term:                   |                                     |             |                 |                     |
| Marketable equity securities | \$1,023                             | \$582       | \$—             | \$1,605             |
|                              | At November 30,<br>Cost             | 2013        | TT1'1           | Fair Value          |
|                              |                                     | Gain        | Unrealized Loss |                     |
| Current:                     | Basis                               | Gain        | Loss            | Basis               |
| Current: Term deposits       |                                     | Gain        | 0               |                     |
|                              | Basis                               |             | Loss            | Basis               |

Term deposits are held at two large Canadian financial institutions with original maturities of less than 12 months. Marketable equity securities include available-for-sale investments in mineral exploration companies. At February 28, 2014 all unrealized losses were in a continuous loss position for less than 12 months.

#### NOTE 5 – INVESTMENT IN AFFILIATES

|  | At February 28,<br>2014 | At November 30, 2013 |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Donlin Gold LLC, Alaska, U.S.A                     | \$1,588                 | \$1,720              |
| Galore Creek Partnership, British Columbia, Canada | 293,332                 | 305,735              |
|  | \$294,920               | \$307,455            |
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#### Donlin Gold LLC

On December 1, 2007, together with Barrick Gold US Inc. ("Barrick"), the Company formed a limited liability company ("Donlin Gold LLC") to advance the Donlin Gold project in Alaska. Donlin Gold LLC has a board of four directors, with two directors selected by Barrick and two directors selected by the Company. All significant decisions related to Donlin Gold LLC require the approval of Barrick and the Company. The Company has a 50% interest in Donlin Gold LLC.

Changes in the Company's 50% investment in Donlin Gold LLC are summarized as follows:

|                               | Three month | Three months ended February 28, |  |  |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
|                               | 2014        | 2013                            |  |  |
| Balance – beginning of period | \$1,720     | \$4,185                         |  |  |
| Funding                       | 2,723       | 2,387                           |  |  |
| Share of losses               | (2,855      | ) (2,994 )                      |  |  |
| Balance – end of period       | \$1,588     | \$3,578                         |  |  |

The following amounts represent the Company's 50% share of the assets and liabilities of Donlin Gold LLC. Donlin Gold LLC has capitalized the initial contribution of the Donlin Gold property with a carrying value of \$64,000. The 50% share of Donlin Gold LLC's assets and liabilities is shown on this basis below. Therefore, the Company's investment in Donlin Gold does not equal 50% of the net assets recorded by Donlin Gold LLC:

|   | At February 28, 2014 | At November 30,<br>2013 |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Current assets: Cash, prepaid expenses and other receivables  | \$2,950              | \$3,390                 |
| Non-current assets: Property and equipment                    | 531                  | 541                     |
| Non-current assets: Mineral property                          | 32,692               | 32,692                  |
| Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (1,893               | ) (2,211 )              |
| Non-current liabilities: Reclamation obligation               | (692                 | ) (692                  |
| Net assets  | \$33,588             | \$33,720                |

#### Galore Creek Partnership

The Galore Creek project is owned by the Galore Creek Partnership ("Partnership") a partnership in which wholly owned subsidiaries of NOVAGOLD and Teck Resources Limited ("Teck") each own a 50% interest. The Partnership was formed in May 2007. Teck earned its 50% interest in the Partnership upon completion of its funding commitment of C\$373,300 in June 2011. Commencing June 2011, the partners have funded the project costs on a 50/50 basis.

Under ASC guidance, upon a reconsideration event, an entity is required to reassess whether an entity is a Variable Interest Entity (VIE) when the holders of the entity lose power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and whether a variable interest holder is a primary beneficiary. The reconsideration event resulted in a loss of the Company's primary beneficiary status upon Teck completing their earn-in obligations under the partnership agreement. Prior to the completion of the earn-in, if Teck had failed to the meet their obligations, the Company would have had the power to exercise control. Following the reconsideration event, the Company and Teck share joint control of the Partnership. All future costs are funded equally between the partners.

The Company determined the fair value of the Partnership at the date of the reconsideration event, recorded a gain on deconsolidation of the Partnership and commenced equity accounting for its share of the investment.

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Changes in the Company's 50% investment in the Partnership are summarized as follows:

|                               | Three months ended February 28, |           |   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---|
|                               | 2014                            | 2013      |   |
| Balance – beginning of period | \$305,735                       | \$335,086 |   |
| Funding                       | 899                             | 706       |   |
| Share of losses               | (766                            | ) (2,489  | ) |
| Foreign currency translation  | (12,536                         | ) (12,220 | ) |
| Balance – end of period       | \$293,332                       | \$321,083 |   |

The following amounts represent the Company's 50% share of the assets and liabilities of the Partnership. As a result of recording the Company's investment in the Partnership at fair value in June 2011, the carrying value of the Company's 50% interest in the Partnership is higher than 50% of the book value of the Partnership. Therefore, the Company's investment in the Partnership does not equal 50% of the net assets recorded by the Partnership:

|   | At February 28 | 8, At November 30, |   |
|---|----------------|--------------------|---|
|   | 2014           | 2013               |   |
| Current assets: Cash, prepaid expenses and other receivables  | \$330          | \$377              |   |
| Non-current assets: Property and equipment                    | 263,150        | 263,797            |   |
| Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (301           | ) (483             | ) |
| Non-current liabilities: payables and reclamation obligation  | (8,542         | ) (8,533           | ) |
| Net assets  | \$254,637      | \$255,158          |   |

#### Equity losses of affiliates

|                               |          | Three months ended February 28, |  |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|--|
|                               | 2014     | 2013                            |  |
| Donlin Gold LLC:              |          |                                 |  |
| Mineral property expenditures | \$2,810  | \$2,940                         |  |
| Depreciation                  | 46       | 54                              |  |
|                               | 2,856    | 2,994                           |  |
| Galore Creek Partnership:     |          |                                 |  |
| Mineral property expenditures | 281      | 354                             |  |
| Care and maintenance expense  | 484      | 510                             |  |
| Depreciation                  | <u> </u> | 1,625                           |  |
| •                             | 765      | 2,489                           |  |
|                               | \$3,621  | \$5,483                         |  |

#### NOTE 6 – DEBT

|                   | At February 28,<br>2014 | At November 30, 2013 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Convertible notes | \$13,935                | \$13,570             |
| Promissory note   | 73,200                  | 71,728               |
|                   | \$87,135                | \$85,298             |

Scheduled minimum debt repayments are \$nil for the remainder of 2014, \$15,829 in 2015, \$nil in 2016 through 2018, and \$73,200 thereafter. The carrying value of the debt approximates fair value.

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#### Convertible notes

Changes in the carrying value of the Convertible notes ("Notes") are summarized as follows:

|                               | Three months | Three months ended February 28, |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--|
|                               | 2014         | 2013                            |  |
| Balance – beginning of period | \$13,570     | \$73,606                        |  |
| Accretion expense             | 365          | 1,852                           |  |
| Balance – end of period       | \$13,935     | \$75,458                        |  |

The following table provides the net amounts recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Interim Balance Sheets related to the Notes:

|                           | At February 28 | 3, At November 30, |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                           | 2014           | 2013               |
| Principal amount          | \$15,829       | \$15,829           |
| Unamortized debt discount | (1,894         | ) (2,259 )         |
|                           | 13,935         | 13,570             |
| Embedded derivative       | 198            | 83                 |
| Net carrying amount       | \$14,133       | \$13,653           |

#### Promissory note

As part of the Donlin Gold LLC agreement, the Company agreed to reimburse Barrick for a portion of their expenditures incurred from April 1, 2006 to November 30, 2007 out of the Company's share of future mine production cash flow. The Company has a promissory note payable to Barrick for \$51,600, plus interest at a rate of US prime plus 2%, amounting to \$21,600 in accrued interest since the inception of the promissory note.

#### NOTE 7 – DERIVATIVE LIABILITIES

#### Convertible notes - Embedded derivative

The conversion price of the Notes is denominated in U.S. dollars, a currency different from the functional currency of the Company. Therefore, an embedded derivative liability is recorded at fair value and re-measured each period with the movement being recorded as a gain or loss in Net income (loss). Pursuant to the terms and indenture governing the Notes, holders had the opportunity to require the Company to purchase for cash all or a portion of their Notes ("Put Option") on May 1, 2013. The fair value of the embedded derivative prior to the expiry of the Put Option was composed of the conversion feature of the Note and the Put option. The conversion feature is valued using the Black-Scholes pricing model and is considered a Level 3 financial instrument in the fair value hierarchy as the value model has significant unobservable inputs. The Put option was assessed as the difference between the fair value of the Note on February 28, 2013 and the discounted value of the cash flows resulting from the potential exercise of the put option of \$95,000 on February 28, 2013 at the effective interest rate of 18.06%.

Three months ended February 28, 2014 2013

| Balance – beginning of period                          | \$83  | \$17,934 |
|--|-------|----------|
| Loss on embedded derivative liabilities for the period | 115   | 815      |
| Balance – end of period                                | \$198 | \$18,749 |

#### Warrants – Derivative

The Company's functional currency is the Canadian dollar and it had issued and outstanding warrants with an exercise price denominated in U.S. dollars. The Company determined that such warrants with an exercise price denominated in a currency that is different from the entity's functional currency were classified as a derivative liability based on the evaluation of the warrants' settlement provisions, and carried at their fair value. Any changes in the fair value from period to period have been recorded as a gain or loss in net income (loss).

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In the first quarter of 2013, all of NOVAGOLD's remaining warrants were exercised and the Company realized a loss on derivative liability of \$2,461 for the year ended November 30, 2013.

#### NOTE 8 - FAIR VALUE ACCOUNTING

Financial instruments measured at fair value are classified into one of three levels in the fair value hierarchy according to the significance of the inputs used in making the measurement. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 — Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2 — Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and

Level 3 — Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (supported by little or no market activity).

|                     | Fair value at                | February 28, 2014   |   |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| Total               | Level 1                      | Level 2   | Level 3   |
|                     |                              |   |   |
| \$72,322            | <b>\$</b> —                  | \$72,322  | <b>\$</b> —   |
| 110,000             | _                            | 110,000   | _   |
| 1,605               | 1,605                        | _   | _   |
|                     |                              |   |   |
|                     |                              |   |   |
| 198                 | _                            | _   | 198   |
|                     |                              |   |   |
|                     | Fair value at l              | November 30, 2013   |   |
| Total               | Level 1                      | Level 2   | Level 3   |
|                     |                              |   |   |
|                     |                              |   |   |
| \$81,262            | <b>\$</b> —                  | \$81,262  | <b>\$</b> —   |
| \$81,262<br>110,000 | \$ <u> </u>                  | \$81,262<br>110,000   | \$ <u> </u>   |
|                     | \$—<br>—<br>1,280            |   | \$—<br>—<br>—   |
| 110,000             | <u> </u>                     |   | \$—<br>—<br>—   |
| 110,000             | <u> </u>                     |   | \$—<br>—<br>—   |
|                     | \$72,322<br>110,000<br>1,605 | Total Level 1  \$72,322 \$— 110,000 — 1,605 1,605   198 — Fair value at 1 | \$72,322 \$— \$72,322<br>110,000 — 110,000<br>1,605 1,605 —  198 — —  Fair value at November 30, 2013 |

The Company's cash equivalents and term deposits are held with two Chartered Canadian banks, each with an S&P rating of AA-. The cash equivalents and term deposits are classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy as they are owed to the Company by the Canadian banks and are not traded in an active market.

The Company's marketable equity securities are valued using quoted market prices in active markets and as such are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. The fair value of the marketable equity securities is calculated as the quoted market price of the marketable equity security multiplied by the quantity of shares held by the Company.

The derivative and embedded derivative are valued using Black-Scholes pricing models and are considered Level 3 financial instruments in the fair value hierarchy because the valuation models have significant unobservable inputs.

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#### NOTE 9 – GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

|                          | Three months | Three months ended February 28, |  |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--|
|                          | 2014         | 2013                            |  |
| Salaries                 | \$1,633      | \$1,369                         |  |
| Share-based compensation | 4,658        | 5,542                           |  |
| Office expense           | 662          | 964                             |  |
| Professional fees        | 394          | 829                             |  |
| Corporate development    | 355          | 312                             |  |
|                          | \$7,702      | \$9,016                         |  |

#### NOTE 10 - SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

|                             | Three months | Three months ended February 28, |  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--|
|                             | 2014         | 2013                            |  |
| Stock options               | \$3,736      | \$4,339                         |  |
| Performance share unit plan | 868          | 1,140                           |  |
| Deferred share unit plan    | 54           | 63                              |  |
|                             | \$4,658      | \$5,542                         |  |

#### NOTE 11 - CHANGE IN OPERATING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

|   | 2014     | 2013       |   |
|---|----------|------------|---|
| Decrease in receivables, deposits and prepaid amounts | \$(45    | ) \$145    |   |
| Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities  | (1,322   | ) (2,164   | ) |
|   | \$(1,367 | ) \$(2,019 | ) |

#### NOTE 12 – ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

|   |                   | November 30, |
|---|-------------------|--------------|
|   | February 28, 2014 | 2013         |
| Unrealized loss on marketable securities, net of \$79 and \$29 tax expense, |                   |              |
| respectively  | \$532             | \$184        |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments                                    | 47,204            | 64,320       |
|   | \$47,736          | \$64,504     |

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#### NOTE 13 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In the first three months of 2014, the Company provided management services to Donlin Gold LLC for \$58 (\$88 in the first three months of 2013); office rental and services to Galore Creek Partnership for \$100 (\$112 in the first three months of 2013); and management and office administration services to NovaCopper for \$nil (\$113 in the first three months of 2013).

The Company has the following amounts receivable from related parties:

| Current:                 | February 28, 2014 | November 30,<br>2013 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Donlin Gold LLC          | \$1,789           | \$1,750              |
| Galore Creek Partnership | 1,622             | 1,690                |
|                          | \$3,411           | \$3,440              |
| Long-term:               |                   |                      |
| Galore Creek Partnership | \$3,963           | \$4,132              |

#### NOTE 14 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### General

The Company follows ASC guidance in determining its accruals and disclosures with respect to loss contingencies. Accordingly, estimated losses from loss contingencies are accrued by a charge to income when information available prior to issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability could be incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Legal expenses associated with the contingency are expensed as incurred. If a loss contingency is not probable or reasonably estimable, disclosure of the loss contingency is made in the financial statements when it is at least reasonably possible that a material loss could be incurred.

#### Obligations under operating leases

The Company leases certain assets, such as office equipment and office facilities, under operating leases expiring at various dates through 2020. Future minimum annual lease payments are \$354 in the remainder of 2014, \$429 in 2015, \$389 in 2016 and \$328 in 2017, totaling \$1,500.

#### NOTE 15 - SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

|                   | Three month | Three months ended February 28, |  |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--|
|                   | 2014        | 2013                            |  |
| Interest received | \$253       | \$131                           |  |
| Income taxes paid | \$(295      | ) \$—                           |  |

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

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations constitutes management's review of the factors that affected our financial and operating performance for the three month periods ended February 28, 2014 and 2013. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereto contained elsewhere in this report.

#### Overview

Our operations primarily relate to the delivery of project milestones, including the achievement of various technical, environmental, sustainable development, economic and legal objectives, obtaining necessary permits, completion of feasibility studies, preparation of engineering designs and the financing to fund these objectives.

#### First quarter highlights

#### Donlin Gold

In the first quarter of 2014, permitting activities at Donlin Gold were mainly centered on the preliminary draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) expected to be completed around year-end. This document is comprised of four main sections.

- An outline of the purpose and the need for the proposed mine. The management of Donlin Gold and its Native Corporation partners, Calista and The Kuskokwim Corporation, jointly contributed to the preparation of this section which highlighted the need for the development of the proposed mine and the benefit it would bring to its stakeholders.
- The preparation of the alternatives analysis to the proposed mine. Such alternatives include local access to transportation and power.
- The preparation of an environmental analysis, which primarily consists of the environmental baseline studies. This portion normally constitutes the most extensive part of the EIS.
- The last section will deal with potential mitigation measures. It will be developed later in the permitting process.

In addition, Donlin Gold and the appropriate permitting agencies are concurrently working on other major permits, such as air quality, water discharge and usage, gas pipeline, wetlands and dam safety. The EIS is the most time-consuming part permitting under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the act that governs the process by which all major projects in the United States are permitted. The EIS is also, in large part, a determining factor in the overall permitting timeline which, for Donlin Gold, commenced in 2012 and is anticipated to take approximately four years to complete.

Beyond permitting, Donlin Gold is actively engaged in sponsorship activities at the community level, supporting local youth in leadership endeavors, visiting communities in the Yukon-Kuskokwim area and executing on the workforce development strategy in the region. More recently, Donlin Gold was one of the main sponsors of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska.

Our share of funding for Donlin Gold was \$2.7 million in the first quarter. For the full year in 2014, we continue to expect to spend approximately \$12 million to fund our share of Donlin Gold activities, primarily for continued permitting and community development.

We record our interest in the Donlin Gold project as an equity investment, which results in our 50% share of Donlin Gold's expenses being recorded in the income statement as an operating loss. The investment amount recorded on the balance sheet primarily represents unused funds advanced to Donlin Gold.

#### Galore Creek

In the first quarter of 2014, we announced drill results of Galore Creek's 2013 campaign which identified extensions to the copper-gold mineralization into, as well as adjacent to, the newly-discovered Legacy zone. These results should provide sufficient information to arrive at an initial resource estimate for the Legacy zone. We have also commenced technical work to advance Galore Creek toward the next level of mine planning and design. We expect that this effort will further enhance the value and marketability of the Galore Creek project which we plan to monetize, in whole or in part, to strengthen our treasury and focus principally on permitting the Donlin Gold project.

Our share of funding for the Galore Creek partnership was \$0.9 million in the first quarter, primarily for severance and site care and maintenance costs during the winter season. For the full year in 2014, we continue to expect to spend approximately \$2.5 million to fund our share of Galore Creek's activities, primarily for technical studies and care and maintenance costs.

We record our interest in the Galore Creek partnership as an equity investment, which results in our 50% share of expenses being recorded in the income statement as an operating loss. The investment amount recorded on the balance sheet primarily represents the fair value of the Company's investment in the Galore Creek partnership in 2011, recorded upon Teck's completion of their earn-in, and unused funds advanced to the partnership.

#### Outlook

Our goals for 2014 include:

- Advance permitting of the Donlin Gold project.
  - Maintain a healthy balance sheet.
- Undertake Galore Creek technical studies to build on successful 2012 and 2013 drill results.
  - Evaluate opportunities to monetize the value of Galore Creek.
  - Maintain an effective corporate social responsibility program.

We do not currently generate operating cash flows. At February 28, 2014, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$72.3 million and term deposits of \$110.0 million. At present, we believe that these balances are sufficient to cover the anticipated funding at the Donlin Gold and Galore Creek projects in addition to general and administrative costs through completion of permitting at the Donlin Gold project. In 2014, we continue to expect to spend approximately \$15 million to fund our share of expenditures at the Donlin Gold and Galore Creek projects and \$15 million for general and administrative costs, interest, working capital and other corporate purposes.

Additional capital will be necessary if permits are received at the Donlin Gold project and a decision to commence construction is reached. Future financings to fund construction are anticipated through debt financing, equity financing, project specific debt, or other means. Our continued operations are dependent on our ability to obtain additional financing or to generate future cash flows. However, there can be no assurance that we will be successful in our efforts to raise additional capital. For further information, see the risk factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2013, as filed with the SEC on February 12, 2014.

#### Summary of Consolidated Financial Performance

|                                    | Three months | s ended February 28 | 3, |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----|
| (\$ thousands, except per share)   | 2014         | 2013                |    |
| Loss from operations               | \$(11,333    | ) \$(14,509         | )  |
| Loss attributable to shareholders  | \$(10,691    | ) \$(13,776         | )  |
|                                    |              |                     |    |
| Net income (loss) per common share |              |                     |    |
| Basic and diluted                  | \$(0.03      | ) \$(0.05           | )  |

#### **Results of Operations**

First quarter 2014 compared to 2013

Loss from operations decreased 22% from \$14.5 million in 2013 to \$11.3 million in 2014. The decrease resulted from lower general and administrative expenses and lower losses from equity investments in the Donlin Gold and Galore Creek projects. General and administrative expenses decreased 15% due to lower office rent, professional fees and share-based compensation, partially offset by higher salary costs due to personnel additions in the first half of 2013. Our share of losses at the Donlin Gold project decreased by \$0.1 million, as 2014 activities continued to focus primarily on permitting. At the Galore Creek project, our share of losses decreased by \$1.7 million due to decreased activity and a decrease in depreciation expense.

Net loss attributable to shareholders decreased from \$13.8 million (\$0.05 per share – basic and diluted) in 2013 to \$10.7 million (\$0.03 per share – basic and diluted) in 2014 primarily from the reduction in the loss from operations discussed above. Lower interest expense and loss on derivatives was offset by a lower foreign exchange gain in 2014 compared to 2013.

#### Liquidity, Capital Resources and Capital Requirements

|   | Three months ended February 28, |                 |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| (\$ thousands)                          | 2014                            | 2013            |
| Cash used in operations                 | \$(5,214                        | ) \$(5,880 )    |
| Cash used in investing activities       | \$(3,644                        | ) \$(3,093)     |
| Cash provided from financing activities | <b>\$</b> —                     | \$54,359        |
|   |                                 |                 |
|   | At February 28,                 | At November 30, |
| (\$ thousands)                          | 2014                            | 2013            |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | \$72,322                        | \$81,262        |
| Term deposits                           | \$110,000                       | \$110,000       |

Cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$9.0 million to \$72.3 million at February 28, 2014 compared to \$81.3 million at November 30, 2013. The decrease in cash is primarily related to \$5.4 million used in operating activities and \$3.6 million to fund the Donlin Gold and Galore Creek projects. We have sufficient working capital available to repay the remaining \$15.8 million of outstanding Notes due in May 2015, advance the Donlin Gold project through the expected remaining permitting process, as well as fund the current activities to further enhance the value of Galore Creek.

#### First quarter 2014 compared to 2013

Cash used in operations decreased from \$5.9 million in 2013, to \$5.2 million in 2014. The decrease resulted from a reduction in corporate overhead and administrative costs.

Cash used in investing activities in 2014 included the reinvestment of \$50.0 million in term deposits. The U.S. dollar denominated term deposits are held at two major Canadian financial institutions. Cash funding of investments in affiliates increased by \$0.5 million due to timing of disbursements.

Cash provided from financing activities in 2013 included the receipt of \$54.4 million in net proceeds from the exercise of all outstanding warrants.

#### Outstanding share data

As of April 4, 2014, the Company had 317,297,868 common shares issued and outstanding. Also as of April 4, 2014, the Company had outstanding 18,887,421 stock options with a weighted-average exercise price of C\$5.67, 2,445,350 Performance Share Units and 150,420 Deferred Share Units.

#### **Accounting Developments**

For a discussion of Recently Adopted and Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements, see Note 2 to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Our financial instruments are exposed to certain financial risks, including currency, credit and interest rate risks.

#### Currency risk

We are exposed to financial risk related to the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates. We operate in Canada and the United States and a portion of our expenses are incurred in Canadian dollars. A significant change in the currency exchange rate between the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar could have an effect on our results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

We have not hedged our exposure to currency fluctuations. At February 28, 2014, we are exposed to currency risk through our investment in the Galore Creek project, mineral properties, deferred income taxes and cash balances held in Canadian dollars.

Based on the above net exposures as at February 28, 2014, and assuming that all other variables remain constant, a 1% depreciation or appreciation of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar would result in an increase/decrease of \$3.5 million in our consolidated comprehensive income (loss).

#### Credit risk

Concentration of credit risk exists with respect to our cash and cash equivalents and term deposit investments. All deposits are held through two large Canadian financial institutions with high investment-grade ratings and have maturities of less than one year.

#### Interest rate risk

The Notes are not subject to interest rate risk because they are at fixed rates. The interest rate on the promissory note owed to Barrick is variable with the U.S. prime rate. Based on the amount owing on the promissory note as at February 28, 2014, and assuming that all other variables remain constant, a 1% change in the U.S. prime rate would result in an increase/decrease of \$0.7 million in the interest accrued by us per annum.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Management, with the participation of our President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of February 28, 2014. On the basis of this review, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that the information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC and to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There have not been any changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) promulgated by the SEC under the Exchange Act) during the Company's most recently completed fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

# Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we are a party to routine litigation and proceedings that are considered part of the ordinary course of our business. We are not aware of any material current, pending, or threatened litigation.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

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| There have been no material changes to the risk factors set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2013, as filed with the SEC on February 12, 2014. The risk factors in our Annual Report of Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2013, in addition to the other information set forth in this quarterly report, could materially affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we deem to be immaterial could also materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. |
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| Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds  |
| None.  |
| Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities  |
| None.  |
| Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures  |
| These disclosures are not applicable to us.  |
| Item 5. Other Information.   |
| None.  |
| Item 6. Exhibits   |
| Exhibits   |
| See Exhibit Index.   |
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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 7, 2014 NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC.

By: /s/ Gregory A. Lang

Gregory A. Lang

President and Chief Executive

Officer

(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ David Ottewell

David Ottewell

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer)

# EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit<br>No.                      | Description   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 31.1<br>31.2<br>32.1<br>32.2<br>101 | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) Certification of the Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 The following materials are filed herewith: (i) XBRL Instance, (ii) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema, (iii) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation, (iv) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels, (v) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation, and (vi) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition. In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the information in these exhibits is furnished and deemed not filed or a part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, is deemed not filed |
|                                     | for purposes of section 18 of the Exchange Act of 1934, and otherwise is not subject to liability under these sections and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by the specific reference in such filing.   |