



**CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the three and six months ended December 31, 2017

In US Dollars

Unaudited

NOTICE TO READER

The accompanying unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements of Highland Copper Company Inc. have been prepared by and are the responsibility of the Company's management. The Company's independent auditor has not performed a review of these unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

Highland Copper Company Inc.

Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

<i>(unaudited, in US dollars)</i>	December 31, 2017	June 30, 2017
	\$	\$
ASSETS		(Note 1 - restated)
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 4)	9,831,451	14,061,705
Sales taxes receivable	127,724	42,423
Receivable from related parties	2,620	-
Prepaid expenses and other	261,686	64,283
	10,223,481	14,168,411
Non-current		
Capital assets	134,409	58,453
Exploration and evaluation assets (Note 5)	31,444,472	30,351,733
TOTAL ASSETS	41,802,362	44,578,597
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,046,885	1,499,435
Current portion of note payable (Note 6)	110,000	110,000
Current portion of promissory note (Note 7)	925,034	835,074
Balance of purchase price payable (Note 8)	1,200,382	1,139,767
	4,282,301	3,584,276
Non-current		
Note payable (Note 6)	220,000	275,000
Promissory note (Note 7)	7,915,410	7,170,686
Environmental liability	249,110	246,315
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,666,821	11,276,277
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital (Note 9)	65,304,799	64,197,630
Contributed surplus	11,368,525	11,176,081
Deficit	(48,523,122)	(42,587,151)
Cumulative translation adjustment	985,339	515,760
TOTAL EQUITY	29,135,541	33,302,320
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	41,802,362	44,578,597

Going concern (Note 2).

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

On behalf of the Board,

/s/ Denis Miville-Deschênes
Denis Miville-Deschênes, Director

/s/ Jo Mark Zurel
Jo Mark Zurel, Director

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss

<i>(unaudited, in US dollars)</i>	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	(Note 1 – restated)		(Note 1 - restated)	
Expenses and other items				
Exploration and evaluation (Note 11)	2,771,212	241,034	4,580,083	526,499
Management and administration (Note 12)	357,099	179,009	721,693	403,954
Business development	62,916	-	122,828	-
Share-based compensation	134,274	6,196	322,978	13,163
Depreciation and amortization	9,625	16,684	17,241	36,797
Accretion on environmental liability	918	2,223	2,795	4,495
Finance expense on note payable	7,150	-	14,850	-
Finance expense on loan from a director	-	6,184	-	8,713
Finance income	(31,933)	(1,143)	(60,671)	(1,170)
Loss (gain) on foreign exchange	(74,656)	6,714	214,174	7,063
Net loss for the period	(3,236,605)	(456,901)	(5,935,971)	(999,514)
Other comprehensive income				
Item that will not be subsequently reclassified to income				
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(80,679)	7,470	469,579	9,307
Comprehensive loss for the period	(3,317,284)	(449,431)	(5,466,392)	(990,207)
Basic and diluted loss per common share	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Weighted average number of common shares - basic and diluted	461,975,639	165,193,923	460,561,896	159,581,274

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

<i>(unaudited, in US dollars)</i>	Number of issued and outstanding common shares	Share capital	Contributed surplus	Deficit	Cumulative translation adjustment	Total shareholders' equity
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at June 30, 2017 (Note 1 – restated)	459,148,153	64,197,630	11,176,081	(42,587,151)	515,760	33,302,320
Shares issued on exercise of warrants (Note 9)	8,391,250	1,107,169	(130,534)	-	-	976,635
Share-based compensation	-	-	322,978	-	-	322,978
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	(5,935,971)	-	(5,935,971)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	-	469,579	469,579
Balance at December 31, 2017	467,539,403	65,304,799	11,368,525	(48,523,122)	985,339	29,135,541
Balance at June 30, 2016 (Note 1 – restated)	153,968,626	47,531,970	5,756,400	(39,069,008)	1,092,806	15,312,168
Private placement	30,280,000	2,036,694	226,080	-	-	2,262,774
Shares issued on debt settlement	4,949,857	334,913	37,313	-	-	372,226
Share issue expenses	-	(131,129)	-	-	-	(131,129)
Share-based compensation	-	-	13,163	-	-	13,163
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	(999,514)	-	(999,514)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	-	9,307	9,307
Balance at December 31, 2016	153,968,626	49,772,448	6,032,956	(40,068,522)	1,102,113	16,838,995

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

<i>(unaudited, in US dollars)</i>	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	(Note 1 – restated)		(Note 1 – restated)	
Operating activities				
Net loss for the period	(3,236,605)	(456,901)	(5,935,971)	(999,514)
Adjustments				
Share-based compensation	134,274	6,196	322,978	13,163
Depreciation and amortization	9,625	16,684	17,241	36,797
Unrealized loss (gain) on foreign exchange	(74,656)	6,714	214,174	7,063
Accretion on environmental liability	918	2,223	2,795	4,495
Finance expense on loan from a director	-	6,184	-	8,713
Finance income accrued	(31,933)	(1,143)	(60,671)	(1,170)
Finance income received	20,397	1,143	50,128	1,170
Changes in working capital items				
Sales taxes receivable	(81,221)	(209)	(83,345)	(7,413)
Receivable from related parties	(2,620)	(83,690)	(2,620)	(98,463)
Prepaid expenses and other	(189,395)	(845)	(196,017)	(6,326)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	425,072	(367,077)	508,676	(108,916)
	(3,026,144)	(870,721)	(5,162,632)	(1,150,401)
Investing activities				
Acquisition of capital assets	(36,679)	-	(93,140)	-
Additions to exploration and evaluation assets (Note 5)	(74,245)	(172,412)	(162,495)	(284,922)
	(110,924)	(172,412)	(255,635)	(284,922)
Financing activities				
Loan from a director	-	23,352	-	366,418
Addition to note payable	-	150,000	-	150,000
Reimbursement of note payable (Note 6)	(27,500)	(135,000)	(55,000)	(135,000)
Issue of shares (Note 9)	976,635	2,262,774	976,635	2,262,774
Share issue expenses	-	(131,129)	-	(131,129)
	949,135	2,169,997	921,635	2,513,063
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash held in foreign currency	5,563	400,137	266,378	381,699
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(2,182,370)	1,527,001	(4,230,254)	1,459,439
Cash, beginning of period	12,013,821	88,820	14,061,705	156,382
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	9,831,451	1,615,821	9,831,451	1,615,821
Supplemental cash flow information				
Finance expense included in exploration and evaluation assets	457,223	73,289	895,299	151,012
Loan from a director settled by the issue of shares and warrants	-	372,226	-	372,226

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Notes to Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND CHANGE IN PRESENTATION CURRENCY

Highland Copper Company Inc. is a Canadian-based company. Highland and its subsidiaries (together “Highland” or the “Company”) are primarily engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties.

The Company has assembled a number of advanced-stage copper projects located in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula region, including the 100%-owned Copperwood project (the “Copperwood Project”), the White Pine project (subject to final closing pursuant to the May 2014 agreement with Copper Range Company (“CRC”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Quantum Minerals Ltd.) (the “White Pine Project”), and the Keweenaw project which hosts the 543S deposit and other target areas (subject to the exercise of an option to acquire a 65% interest in the project from BRP LLC) (the “Keweenaw Project”). Also, in May 2017, the Company acquired from subsidiaries of the Rio Tinto Group (“RTX”) a mineral property covering approximately 448,000 acres in the Upper Peninsula region (the “UPX Property”). To date, the Company has not earned significant revenues and is considered to be in the exploration and development stage.

All financial results in these unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements are expressed in US dollars unless otherwise indicated. Highland’s common shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (the “TSXV”) under the symbol HI.

The Board of Directors approved these consolidated financial statements on February 16, 2018.

Change in presentation currency

Prior to July 1, 2017, the Company reported its annual and quarterly consolidated statements of financial position and the related statements of comprehensive loss, shareholder’s equity and cash flows in Canadian dollars. Effective July 1, 2017, the Company decided to change its reporting currency to the United States dollar as all of the Company’s exploration and evaluation assets are located in the United States. This change will also facilitate the comparability of financial information with similar mining companies. In accordance with International Accounting Standard 21, *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates*, the consolidated financial statements for all periods presented have been translated into US dollars. The consolidated statements of comprehensive loss and the consolidated statements of cash flows for each period have been translated into the presentation currency using the average exchange rate prevailing during each period. All assets and liabilities have been translated using the exchange rate prevailing at the statements of financial position dates. Equity transactions have been translated at the exchange rate in effect on the date of the specific transaction. All resulting exchange differences arising from the translation are included as a separate component of other comprehensive income or loss. All comparative financial information has been restated to reflect the Company’s results as if they had been historically reported in US dollars.

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2. GOING CONCERN

To date, the Company has not earned revenues and is considered to be in the exploration and development stage. These unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of a going concern, which assumes that the Company will continue its operations in the foreseeable future and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities and commitments in the normal course of operations.

The Company is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties associated with its future exploration and development activities, including raising additional funds and completing the acquisition of the White Pine Project.

As is common with many exploration and development companies, the Company has relied on equity financing to fund its operations, including its investments in exploration and evaluation assets. The Company has incurred a net loss of \$5,935,971 during the six months ended December 31, 2017 and has a deficit of \$48,523,122 at December 31, 2017. The Company has a working capital of \$5,941,180 at December 31, 2017.

The Company will require additional funds to carry-out its planned exploration and development work and to provide for management and administration expenses for the next 12 months and to meet all existing commitments which are due after December 31, 2018. Although such funding requirements may be met in the future in a number of ways, including the issuance of securities, debt financing, joint venture or other arrangements, there is no assurance that the Company will be successful in raising such funds. Should the Company not be successful in raising additional funds, it may be required to delay, reduce the scope of, or eliminate its current or future exploration and development activities, and / or sell some of its assets, any of which could have a negative impact on the business, financial condition and results of operation of the Company.

The conditions and uncertainties described above indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If the going concern assumption was not appropriate for these consolidated financial statements, adjustments which could be material would be necessary to the carrying value of assets and liabilities, in particular an impairment of exploration and evaluation assets, as well as adjustments to reported expenses.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, *Interim Financial Reporting* and follow the same accounting policies as the Company's most recent annual consolidated financial statements, except for the change in the presentation currency to the US dollar described in Note 1. These unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements do not contain all of the information and disclosures required for annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

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4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	December 31, 2017	June 30, 2017
	\$	\$
Cash	2,931,451	14,061,705
Cash equivalents	6,900,000	-
	9,831,451	14,061,705

Cash equivalents are comprised of term deposits bearing a weighted-average interest rate of 1.29% and having maturity dates in January 2017 and March 2017.

5. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

Amounts invested in exploration and evaluation assets are as follows:

	Copperwood Project	White Pine Project (1)	UPX Property	Other Properties (2)	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at June 30, 2017	16,505,051	2,706,122	10,016,530	1,124,030	30,351,733
Property payments in cash	133,600	-	-	28,895	162,495
Finance expense	60,615	-	834,684	-	895,299
Effect of change in foreign exchange	-	-	-	34,945	34,945
	194,215	-	834,684	63,840	1,092,739
Balance at December 31, 2017	16,699,266	2,706,122	10,851,214	1,187,870	31,444,472
Balance at June 30, 2016	16,113,171	2,556,122	-	1,104,333	19,773,626
Property payments in cash	110,510	150,000	-	24,412	284,922
Finance expense	151,012	-	-	-	151,012
Effect of change in foreign exchange	-	-	-	(38,724)	(38,724)
	261,522	150,000	-	(14,312)	397,210
Balance at December 31, 2016	16,374,693	2,706,122	-	1,090,021	20,170,836

(1) The final closing of the acquisition of the White Pine Project, which initially was to occur by December 31, 2015, was further extended in December 2017 to February 28, 2018. Should the Company not be able to meet the final closing conditions, it will not be able to complete the acquisition of the White Pine Project.

(2) Other properties consist mostly of the Company's option to acquire a 65% interest in the Keweenaw Project. In December 2017, the Company and BRP agreed that the period required to provide a feasibility study on the project be extended to December 31, 2018.

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6. NOTE PAYABLE

The note is payable to the Lessor of certain mineral rights located in White Pine, Michigan. It is reimbursable in twelve remaining equal quarterly principal amounts of \$27,500, plus interest accruing at the rate of 8% per annum. The balance of the Note Payable was determined as follows:

	Six months ended December 31, 2017
	\$
Balance, beginning of period	385,000
Reimbursements	(55,000)
Balance, end of period	330,000
At December 31, 2017	
Current liability	110,000
Non-current liability	220,000
	330,000

7. PROMISSORY NOTE

The Company issued a US\$16 million secured non-interest bearing promissory note (the "Note") to RTX, as remaining consideration for the acquisition of the UPX Property, that provides for the payment of US\$1.0 million on the first anniversary of the acquisition (May 30, 2018) and US\$3.0 million on each of the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth anniversary of the acquisition. The payments under the Note will be accelerated if Highland publicly releases a feasibility study covering any portion of the UPX Property. Given that the Note is non-interest bearing, the Company accounted for its estimated fair value using a discount rate of 20%. The balance of the Note was determined as follows:

	Six months ended December 31, 2017
	\$
Balance, beginning of period	8,005,760
Accretion included in exploration and evaluation assets, calculated at a rate of 20%	834,684
Balance, end of period	8,840,444
At December 31, 2017	
Current liability	925,034
Non-current liability	7,915,410
	8,840,444

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8. BALANCE OF PURCHASE PRICE PAYABLE

The fair value of the remaining amount payable of \$1,250,000 due to Orvana Minerals Corp. on June 17, 2018 in connection with the acquisition of the Copperwood Project, was estimated using a discount rate of 20%. This amount may be paid by Highland to Orvana in cash or shares of Highland, at Orvana's option. The balance of purchase price payable is as follows:

	Six months ended December 31, 2017
	\$
Balance, beginning of period	1,139,767
Accretion included in exploration and evaluation assets	60,615
Balance, end of period	1,200,382

9. SHARE CAPITAL AND WARRANTS

Issued and fully paid

At December 31, 2017, the Company had 467,539,403 issued and outstanding common shares (459,148,153 at June 30, 2017).

On November 30, 2017, the Company issued a total of 8,391,250 shares following the exercise of 8,391,250 share purchase warrants at a price of Can \$0.15 per share for total proceeds of \$976,635. A total of 9,223,678 share purchase warrants expired unexercised on November 30, 2017 and December 12, 2017.

Share purchase warrants

The following table sets out the activity in share purchase warrants:

Grant date	Number of warrants June 30, 2017	Exercised	Expired	Number of warrants Dec 31, 2017	Price per share Can \$	Expiry Date
November 30, 2016	15,140,000	(8,391,250)	(6,748,750)	-	-	-
December 12, 2016	2,474,928	-	(2,474,928)	-	-	-
February 22, 2017	9,574,545	-	-	9,574,545	0.15	Feb 22, 2018
March 17, 2017	76,730,714	-	-	76,730,714	0.15	Mar 17, 2018
March 17, 2017	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000	0.15	Mar 17, 2020
March 24, 2017	48,669,575	-	-	48,669,575	0.15	Mar 24, 2018
	153,589,762	(8,391,250)	(9,223,678)	135,974,834	0.15	
Average price (Can \$)	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15		

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10. STOCK OPTIONS

The following table sets out the activity in stock options:

	Six months ended December 31, 2017	
	Number	Weighted average exercise price (\$)
Options, beginning of period	7,455,000	0.48
Granted	11,095,000	0.12
Expired	(4,300,000)	(0.58)
Options, end of period	14,250,000	0.17

On August 28, 2017, the Company granted a total of 9,025,000 stock options to its directors, officers, employees and consultants. The stock options granted will vest over 2 years. The options have a five-year term and are exercisable at a price of Can \$0.11 per share. On the grant date, the market price of the Company's shares was Can \$0.11. The fair value of the stock options was estimated at Can \$0.07 per option by applying the Black-Scholes option pricing model, using an expected time-period of 5 years, a semi-annual weighted-average risk-free interest rate of 1.5%, a volatility rate of 83% and a 0% dividend factor.

On October 26, 2017, the Company granted a total of 2,070,000 incentive stock options to a director, an officer and employees of the Company at an exercise price of Can \$0.17 per share. The stock options granted will vest over two years. The options have a five-year term and are exercisable at a price of Can \$0.17 per share. On the grant date, the market price of the Company's shares was Can \$0.17. The fair value of the stock options was estimated at Can \$0.10 per option by applying the Black-Scholes option pricing model, using an expected time-period of 5 years, a semi-annual weighted-average risk-free interest rate of 1.7%, a volatility rate of 87% and a 0% dividend factor.

The following table reflects the stock options issued and outstanding at December 31, 2017:

Issue date	Number of options	Exercise price Can \$	Remaining contractual life (years)	Number of exercisable options	Exercise price of exercisable options \$
August 1, 2014	1,400,000	0.50	1.6	1,400,000	0.50
April 21, 2015	1,555,000	0.25	2.3	880,000	0.25
November 20, 2015	200,000	0.13	2.9	200,000	0.13
August 28, 2017	9,025,000	0.11	4.7	2,925,000	0.11
October 26, 2017	2,070,000	0.17	4.8	690,000	0.17
	14,250,000	0.17	4.1	6,095,000	0.23

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11. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENSES

The Company incurred the following exploration and evaluation expenses:

	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Drilling and assaying	262,336	-	821,927	-
Labour	655,663	138,130	1,144,090	274,362
Studies	1,603,169	6,620	2,139,499	9,120
Overhead	250,044	96,284	474,567	243,017
	2,771,212	241,034	4,580,083	526,499

During the six months ended December 31, 2017, the Company entered into long-term lease agreements in Michigan, expiring up to August 2020, which calls for minimum lease payments of \$137,920 for the rental of office and warehousing spaces. Minimum lease payments are \$50,640 in 2018, \$48,380 in 2019, \$33,400 in 2020 and \$5,500 in 2021.

12. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

The Company incurred the following management and administration expenses:

	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Administrative and general	218,980	130,154	422,186	270,775
Office	16,661	6,020	52,236	51,463
Professional fees	57,841	34,355	149,336	70,856
Investor relations and travel	43,023	4,565	68,968	5,953
Reporting issuer costs	20,594	3,915	28,967	4,907
	357,099	179,009	721,693	403,954

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13. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company has one reportable operating segment being the acquisition and exploration of mineral properties in Michigan, USA. Assets are located as follows:

	December 31, 2017		
	Canada	USA	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Current assets	10,031,863	191,618	10,223,481
Capital assets	3,179	131,230	134,409
Exploration and evaluation assets	-	31,444,472	31,444,472
Total assets	10,035,042	31,767,320	41,802,362

	June 30, 2017		
	Canada	USA	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Current assets	14,077,348	91,063	14,168,411
Capital assets	1,318	57,135	58,453
Exploration and evaluation assets	-	30,351,733	30,351,733
Total assets	14,078,666	30,499,931	44,578,597