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REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NORTH AMERICAN PALLADIUM LTD.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| CANADA | 1099 | NOT APPLICABLE |
| (Province or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) | (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

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APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED SALE OF THE
SECURITIES TO THE PUBLIC:
From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

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PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, CANADA
(Principal jurisdiction regulating this offering)

It is proposed that this filing shall become effective (check appropriate box):

- A. Upon filing with the Commission, pursuant to Rule 467(a) (if in connection with an offering being made contemporaneously in the United States and Canada).
- B. At some future date (check the appropriate box below):
1. pursuant to Rule 467(b) on (___) at (___).
 2. pursuant to Rule 467(b) on (___) at (___) because the securities regulatory authority in the review jurisdiction has issued a receipt or notification of clearance on (___).
 3. pursuant to Rule 467(b) as soon as practicable after notification of the Commission by the Registrant or the Canadian securities regulatory authority of the review jurisdiction that a receipt or notification of clearance has been issued with respect hereto.
 4. after the filing of the next amendment to this Form.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to the home jurisdiction's shelf prospectus offering procedures, check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| TITLE OF EACH CLASS OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED | AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED(1) | PROPOSED MAXIMUM OFFERING PRICE PER COMMON SHARE(1) | PROPOSED M OFFERI |
|---|----------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Common Shares | 43,772 | \$9.24 | \$ |

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, based on the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's common shares on the American Stock Exchange on June 5, 2006.

THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED IN RULE 467 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR ON SUCH DATE AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(A) OF THE ACT, MAY DETERMINE.

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PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE DELIVERED TO OFFEREES OR PURCHASERS

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INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OR AMENDMENT. A REGISTRATION STATEMENT RELATING TO THESE SECURITIES HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. THESE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE SOLD NOR MAY OFFERS TO BUY BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THE TIME THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE. THIS PROSPECTUS SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY, NOR SHALL THERE BE ANY SALE OF THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER, SOLICITATION OR SALE WOULD BE UNLAWFUL PRIOR TO REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION UNDER THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY SUCH STATE.

PRELIMINARY SHORT FORM BASE SHELF PROSPECTUS DATED JUNE 5, 2006

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NORTH AMERICAN PALLADIUM LTD.

43,772 COMMON SHARES

On March 29, 2006, North American Palladium Ltd. (the "Corporation") issued US\$35,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Series I convertible notes due August 1, 2008 (the "Notes") to Kaiser-Francis Oil Company ("KFOC") and IP Synergy Finance Inc. ("IPSF" and, collectively with KFOC, the "Holders") on a private placement basis. KFOC currently owns or controls approximately 50% of the Corporation's outstanding common shares (the "Common Shares").

The Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.5% per annum, payable bi-monthly commencing on June 1, 2006. At the option of the Holders, all or any portion of the interest that may become due at any date under the terms of the Notes (an "Interest Payment Date") may be satisfied through the issuance of Common Shares at a price per Common Share which reflects a 10% discount from the volume weighted average trading price per Common Share on the American Stock Exchange ("AMEX") for the five consecutive trading days immediately prior to the applicable Interest Payment Date (as such number of Common Shares may be adjusted pursuant to the terms of the Notes.) (See "Recent Developments - March 2006 Convertible Notes and Common Share Purchase Warrant Financing").

This short form prospectus (the "Prospectus") may be used by the Holders, as selling securityholders (see "Selling Securityholders"), in connection with resales, from time to time, during the period that this Prospectus, including any amendments thereto, remains valid, of 43,772 Common Shares issued to the Holders in satisfaction of US\$359,014 aggregate amount of accrued and unpaid interest due on the Notes as of June 1, 2006. The balance of the interest payable, US\$39,890, will be remitted to the Canada Revenue Agency for income tax.

The foregoing Common Shares are referred to in this Prospectus as the "Interest Shares".

The Interest Shares may be offered by the Holders in negotiated transactions or otherwise, to or through underwriters or dealers purchasing as principals or directly to purchasers at varying prices determined at the time of the sale or at negotiated prices. In addition, the Interest Shares may be offered from time to time through ordinary brokerage transactions on the AMEX. See "Plan of Distribution". This Prospectus is filed in the Province of Ontario, Canada and as part of a registration statement in the United States pursuant to a multijurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the United States and Canada. The Holders may be deemed to be "underwriters" as defined in the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act"). Any profits realized by the Holders may be deemed to be underwriting compensation. If the Holders use any broker-dealers, any commissions paid to underwriters or dealers and, if underwriters or dealers purchase any Interest Shares as principals, any profits received by such underwriters or dealers on the resale of the Interest Shares may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the U.S. Securities

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Act.

The Corporation will not receive any proceeds from the sale of any Interest Shares by the Holders.

The Common Shares are listed under the symbol "PAL" on the AMEX and on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "PDL". The last reported sale price of the Common Shares on the AMEX on June 2, 2006 was US\$9.21 per share, and on the TSX on June 2, 2006 was Cdn\$10.12 per share.

INVESTING IN THE INTEREST SHARES INVOLVES RISK. PLEASE CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE "RISK FACTORS" SECTION BEGINNING ON PAGE 10 OF THIS PROSPECTUS.

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UNDER THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DISCLOSURE SYSTEM ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, THE CORPORATION IS PERMITTED TO PREPARE THIS PROSPECTUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CANADIAN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS. PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SUCH DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES. CERTAIN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE HAVE BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CANADIAN GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES ("CANADIAN GAAP") AND ARE SUBJECT TO CANADIAN AUDITING AND AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE STANDARDS, AND THUS MAY NOT BE COMPARABLE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF UNITED STATES COMPANIES.

OWNING INTEREST SHARES MAY SUBJECT YOU TO TAX CONSEQUENCES BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. THIS PROSPECTUS MAY NOT DESCRIBE THESE TAX CONSEQUENCES FULLY. YOU SHOULD READ THE TAX DISCUSSION UNDER "UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS" AND "CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS". THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE OF A GENERAL NATURE ONLY AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE EXHAUSTIVE OF ALL POSSIBLE TAX CONSEQUENCES.

THE ENFORCEMENT BY INVESTORS OF CIVIL LIABILITIES UNDER UNITED STATES FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE FACT THAT THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF CANADA, THAT MOST OF ITS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AND MOST OF THE EXPERTS NAMED IN THIS PROSPECTUS ARE RESIDENTS OF CANADA, AND THAT A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE CORPORATION'S ASSETS AND THE ASSETS OF A MAJORITY OF THE CORPORATION'S DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS AND THE EXPERTS NAMED IN THIS PROSPECTUS ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

NO UNDERWRITER HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF, OR HAS PERFORMED A REVIEW OF, THE CONTENTS OF THIS PROSPECTUS.

NEITHER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THE INTEREST SHARES, OR PASSED ON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

You should rely only upon the information included in, or incorporated by reference into, this Prospectus. The Corporation and the Holders have not authorized any other person to provide you with different or inconsistent information, and you should not rely upon any such information. You should assume that the information appearing in this Prospectus is accurate as of the date on the front cover of this Prospectus. The Corporation's business,

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financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor the registration of the Interest Shares hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the Corporation's business or affairs since the respective dates as of which information is given herein.

This Prospectus summarizes certain documents and other information and you are referred to this documentation and other information for a more complete understanding of what is discussed in this Prospectus. In making an investment decision, you must rely on your own examination of the Corporation and the terms of the Interest Shares, including the merits and risks involved.

The Corporation and the Holders are not making any representation to any person acquiring the Interest Shares regarding the legality of an investment in the Interest Shares by such purchaser under any laws or regulations. You should not consider any information in this Prospectus to be legal, business or tax advice. You should consult your own attorney, accountant, business advisor and tax advisor for legal, business and tax advice regarding an investment in the Interest Shares.

You must comply with all applicable laws and regulations in force in any applicable jurisdiction and you must obtain any consent, approval or permission required by you for the purchase, offer or sale of the Interest Shares under the laws and regulations in force in the jurisdiction to which you are subject or in which you make such purchase, offer or sale, and the Corporation and the Holders will not have any responsibility therefor.

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"Corporation" refer to North American Palladium Ltd., together with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Lac des Iles Mines Ltd.

Unless otherwise indicated, all financial information included and incorporated by reference in this Prospectus has been prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP, which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). Please see the notes to the Corporation's audited consolidated financial statements for a summary of the significant differences between Canadian GAAP and U.S. GAAP.

In this Prospectus, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, all monetary amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars. References to "\$" or "Cdn\$" are to Canadian dollars and references to "US\$" are to U.S. dollars.

Unless otherwise indicated, the mineral reserves ("reserves") and mineral resources ("resources") estimates contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus were prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"), including the CIM Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves Definitions and Guidelines adopted by the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum Council on August 20, 2000, by employees and consultants of the Corporation who are "qualified persons" as such term is defined in NI 43-101. Descriptions of reserves and resources under Canadian standards may not be comparable to similar information made public by U.S. companies subject to reporting and disclosure requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

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DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Information has been incorporated by reference in this Prospectus from documents filed with the Ontario Securities Commission ("OSC") and filed with, or furnished to, the SEC in the United States. Copies of the documents incorporated herein by reference may be obtained on request without charge from the Secretary of the Corporation at Suite 2116, 130 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3P5, telephone: (416) 360-7590, or by accessing the disclosure documents available through the Internet on the Canadian Securities Administrators' System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at www.sedar.com, which is the Canadian equivalent of the SEC's Electronic Document Gathering and Retrieval System (EDGAR). Disclosure documents filed with, or furnished to, the SEC are available through EDGAR at www.sec.gov.

The following documents are specifically incorporated by reference and form an integral part of this Prospectus:

- (a) unaudited comparative financial statements of the Corporation and the notes thereto for the three months ended March 31, 2006;
- (b) management's discussion and analysis for the interim financial statements referred to in paragraph (a) above;
- (c) audited comparative financial statements of the Corporation and the notes thereto for the financial year ended December 31, 2005, together with the report of the auditors thereon, which have been reconciled to U.S. GAAP in accordance with Item 18 of Form 20-F;
- (d) management's discussion and analysis for the annual comparative financial statements referred to in paragraph (c) above;

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- (e) annual information form of the Corporation dated March 29, 2006 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 (the "AIF");
- (f) management information circular of the Corporation dated May 10, 2006, prepared in connection with the Corporation's annual and special meeting of shareholders to be held on June 21, 2006;
- (g) material change report dated January 6, 2006 regarding the unscheduled temporary shutdown of the Corporation's primary crusher at the Lac des Iles mine;
- (h) material change report dated March 28, 2006 regarding the issuance of the Notes and Warrants; and
- (i) material change report dated April 24, 2006 regarding the Corporation's first quarter operating performance.

Any material change reports (excluding confidential material change reports), annual information forms, interim consolidated financial statements of the Corporation (including the management's discussion and analysis in the interim reports for such periods), annual audited consolidated financial statements of the Corporation, including the auditors' report thereon and including the management's discussion and analysis in respect of such annual financial statements, business acquisition reports, information circulars, and any other disclosure documents required to be incorporated by reference under National Instrument 44-101 - Short Form Prospectus Distributions which are required to be filed by the Corporation with the OSC after the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of securities hereunder shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. Any similar document filed by the Corporation with, or furnished by the Corporation to, the SEC pursuant to the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "U.S. Exchange Act") after the date of this Prospectus shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus, if and to the extent provided in such document.

ANY STATEMENT CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS OR IN A DOCUMENT INCORPORATED OR DEEMED TO BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS PROSPECTUS SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE MODIFIED OR SUPERSEDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PROSPECTUS

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TO THE EXTENT THAT A STATEMENT CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS OR IN ANY OTHER SUBSEQUENTLY FILED DOCUMENT WHICH ALSO IS OR IS DEEMED TO BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS PROSPECTUS MODIFIES OR SUPERSEDES THAT STATEMENT. THE MODIFYING OR SUPERSEDING STATEMENT NEED NOT STATE THAT IT HAS MODIFIED OR SUPERSEDED A PRIOR STATEMENT OR INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THE DOCUMENT THAT IT MODIFIES OR SUPERSEDES. THE MAKING OF A MODIFYING OR SUPERSEDING STATEMENT IS NOT AN ADMISSION FOR ANY PURPOSES THAT THE MODIFIED OR SUPERSEDED STATEMENT, WHEN MADE, CONSTITUTED A MISREPRESENTATION, AN UNTRUE STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACT OR AN OMISSION TO STATE A MATERIAL FACT THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE STATED OR IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A STATEMENT NOT MISLEADING IN LIGHT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH IT WAS MADE. ANY STATEMENT SO MODIFIED OR SUPERSEDED SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A PART OF THIS PROSPECTUS, EXCEPT AS SO MODIFIED OR SUPERSEDED.

UPON A NEW ANNUAL INFORMATION FORM FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND THE RELATED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BEING FILED WITH AND, WHERE REQUIRED, ACCEPTED BY, THE OSC DURING THE CURRENCY OF THIS PROSPECTUS, THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL

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INFORMATION FORM, THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ALL INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, MATERIAL CHANGE REPORTS AND INFORMATION CIRCULARS FILED PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE THEN CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR WILL BE DEEMED NO LONGER TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THIS PROSPECTUS FOR PURPOSES OF FUTURE OFFERINGS OF INTEREST SHARES HEREUNDER.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are necessarily made based on estimates and assumptions made by the Corporation in light of its experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. These estimates and assumptions are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties, many of which, with respect to future events, are subject to change. These uncertainties and contingencies can affect actual results and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by the Corporation, or on its behalf.

In making the forward-looking statements in this Prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein, the Corporation has applied numerous material factors and assumptions, including, but not limited to:

- the assumption that the plans for the development of the Corporation's underground mine (including the designs, budgets and schedules relating thereto) and its expectations for the operation of, and production and processing from, the underground mine in conjunction with the open pit mine are viable operationally and economically;
- the assumption that the advice the Corporation has received from its consultants and advisors relating to matters such as mineral reserves and mineral resources, environmental requirements and certain legal proceedings is reliable and correct and, in particular, that the models, dilution strategies and mining recovery estimates used to calculate mineral reserves and mineral resources are appropriate and accurate;
- the assumption that the Corporation will be able to negotiate the renewal of its mining leases, and the renewal or entering into of new smelting and refining agreements; and
- the assumption that the Corporation's plans for sustainable recoveries from the Lac des Iles mine, for further exploration at the Lac des Iles mine and for exploration in Finland can proceed as expected.

The words "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "may," "will," "should," "intend," "believe," "target," "budget," "plan," "projection" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Information concerning mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates also may be considered forward-looking statements, as such information constitutes a prediction of what mineralization might be found to be present if and when a project is actually developed. In light of the risks and uncertainties inherent in all forward-looking statements, the inclusion or incorporation by reference of forward-looking statements in this Prospectus should not be considered as a

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representation by the Corporation or any other person that its objectives or plans will be achieved. Numerous factors could cause the Corporation's actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, including the following, which are discussed in greater detail under the heading "Risk Factors":

- inability to meet production or operating cost goals;
- inaccurate resource and reserve estimates;
- inherent risks associated with mining and processing operations;
- failure to successfully develop the underground mining operations or to achieve projected production levels;
- inability to obtain additional funding for operations, if required;
- failure of the Corporation's exploration program to increase reserves;
- interruption of operations at the Lac des Iles mine;
- defaults under the Corporation's credit facilities;
- termination or failure to renew smelting agreements;
- volatility in metal prices;
- costs of complying with current and future environmental regulation;
- costs of complying with other current and future governmental regulation;
- competition from other suppliers of platinum group metals;
- development of new technology leading to reduced demand for palladium;
- loss of key personnel;
- failure to renew mining leases;
- hedging activities; and
- changes in the United States/Canadian dollar exchange rate.

These factors should be considered carefully, and readers should not place undue reliance on the Corporation's forward-looking statements. The Corporation undertakes no obligation to release publicly the results of any future revisions it may make to forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Prospectus or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law.

THE CORPORATION

The Corporation is the successor to Madeleine Mines Ltd., a company incorporated under the Quebec Mining Companies Act by letters patent dated February 2, 1968. In January 1992: (i) Madeleine Mines Ltd. was amalgamated with a wholly owned Quebec subsidiary of 2750538 Canada Inc., a company incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act by articles of incorporation dated September 12, 1991; (ii) the amalgamated company was wound up into 2750538 Canada Inc.; and (iii) 2750538 Canada Inc. changed its name to "Madeleine Mines Ltd.". By articles of amendment dated July 24, 1993, Madeleine Mines Ltd. changed its name to "North American Palladium Ltd.". The Corporation has one operating

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subsidiary, Lac des Iles Mines Ltd., incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act, and wholly owned by the Corporation. The Corporation has one additional subsidiary, North American Palladium Finland Oy, a Finnish corporation, which is wholly-owned.

The Corporation's registered and executive office is at Suite 2116, 130 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3P5, telephone: (416) 360-7590, fax: (416) 360-7709. The Corporation's mining operations are situated approximately 85 kilometres northwest of Thunder Bay at Lac des Iles, in northern Ontario. The postal address is P.O. Box 10547, Station P, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6T9, telephone: (807) 448-2000, fax: (807) 448-2001.

The Corporation owns and operates an open pit mine known as the Lac des Iles mine and processing plant with a design capacity of 15,000 tonnes per day. The mining and processing operation produces by flotation a palladium rich concentrate that also contains platinum, gold, copper and nickel. The concentrate is delivered to the Sudbury operations of Falconbridge Limited ("Falconbridge") for smelting, and is further processed at Falconbridge's European refining operations.

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

MARCH 2006 CONVERTIBLE NOTE AND COMMON SHARE PURCHASE WARRANT FINANCING

On March 28, 2006, the Corporation announced the execution of formal agreements relating to the private placement (the "Offering") of up to US\$58.5 million principal amount of convertible notes together with common share purchase warrants to purchase, for four years from the date of their issuance, 50% of the number of Common Shares underlying the convertible notes.

The Offering is governed by a securities purchase agreement dated March 24, 2006 (the "Securities Purchase Agreement") among the Corporation and the Holders. Under the terms of the Securities Purchase Agreement, on March 29, 2006 the Corporation issued US\$17.5 million principal amount of the Notes to each of the Holders.

The Notes are convertible into 2,873,563 Common Shares representing an effective price of US\$12.18 per share (the "Conversion Price"). The Conversion Price is equal to 113% of the Initial Market Price. For the purposes of the Notes, the Initial Market Price is US\$10.78, being the five day weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the AMEX immediately preceding March 24, 2006. In addition, Warrants exercisable to purchase 1,436,782 Common Shares were issued with the Notes, with each Warrant being exercisable to purchase one Common Share at an exercise price of US\$13.48. The exercise price of the Warrants is equal to 125% of the Initial Market Price.

The Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.5% per annum payable bi-monthly, commencing on June 1, 2006. Each Note will be repaid in nine equal instalments commencing on April 1, 2007. The interest payments and/or principal repayment amounts may be paid to each Holder, at such Holder's option, in any combination of cash and/or Common Shares. Common Shares issued for interest payments or in repayment of Notes will be issued at a 10% discount from the weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the AMEX for the five consecutive trading days immediately prior to the applicable payment date. A separate prospectus and registration statement will be filed in connection with the Common Shares issuable in satisfaction of any interest payments. This Prospectus covers the Interest Shares which were issued to the Holders at their option in satisfaction of the US\$359,014 aggregate amount of accrued and unpaid interest due on the

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Notes as of June 1, 2006. The balance of the interest payable, US\$39,890, will be remitted to the Canada Revenue Agency for income tax.

Commencing July 1, 2007, if the weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the AMEX for each of any 25 consecutive trading days is 150% of the Conversion Price, the Corporation will, subject to certain conditions, have the right to force the Holders to convert all or any of the outstanding principal amount of the Notes at the then Conversion Price.

The Notes contain customary covenants, including restrictions on the Corporation incurring debt or obligations for or involving the payment of money in excess of certain restricted amounts. The Notes also contain customary anti-dilution protection (including full protection for dividends) as well as adjustments in the event that the Corporation issues Common Shares or securities convertible into Common Shares at a purchase price (the "Effective Price") per Common Share less than the Conversion Price. In such event, the Conversion Price will be reduced to the Effective Price, provided that the adjusted Conversion Price cannot be less than US\$9.12 (as adjusted as prescribed in the Notes).

The Warrants contain anti-dilution protection similar to that of the Notes. In the event that the Corporation issues Common Shares or securities convertible into Common Shares at an Effective Price per Common Share less than the exercise price of the Warrants, the exercise price of the Warrants will be reduced to the Effective Price provided that the adjusted exercise price cannot be less than US\$10.73 (as adjusted as prescribed in the Warrants).

Under the Securities Purchase Agreement, the Corporation, at its option, has the right to sell to KFOC up to US\$13.5 million principal amount of Series II convertible notes (the "Second Tranche") on or before June 30, 2006, the proceeds of which will be used to repay the loan under the existing KFOC standby loan facility. KFOC has granted to the other Holder an option to acquire up to 50% of the Second Tranche. Common share purchase warrants will be issued in connection with the Second Tranche.

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The Securities Purchase Agreement also provides that the Holders will have the option to acquire an additional US\$10 million principal amount of Series III convertible notes (the "Third Tranche") on or before December 31, 2006, with each Holder entitled to acquire one-half. If either Purchaser does not acquire its entire allotment of the Third Tranche, the other Holder may purchase the balance. Common share purchase warrants will be issued in connection with the Third Tranche.

The Second Tranche and Third Tranche of convertible notes (collectively the "Additional Notes"), if issued, will be convertible into Common Shares at the Conversion Price, provided that the Conversion Price for the Additional Notes cannot be less than the maximum applicable discount permitted by the TSX, from the weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the five consecutive trading days immediately prior to the date of issuance of each tranche (converted into US dollars). The exercise price of the common share purchase warrants issued in connection with the Additional Notes (the "Additional Warrants") cannot be less than the weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the five consecutive trading days immediately prior to the date of issuance of such Additional Warrants (converted into US dollars). Separate prospectuses and registration statements will be filed in connection with the Common Shares issuable pursuant to the terms of the Additional Notes and Additional Warrants.

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A maximum of 10,391,137 Common Shares can be issued pursuant to any feature of the Notes, the Additional Notes, or upon exercise of the Warrants and the Additional Warrants, without the prior consent by majority vote of the shareholders of the Corporation ("Shareholder Approval"). Further, a maximum of 5,221,677 Common Shares can be issued pursuant to any feature of the Notes or the Additional Notes, together with the Common Shares underlying the Warrants and the Additional Warrants, to KFOC without the prior consent by majority vote of the shareholders of the Company, excluding the votes attached to the Common Shares beneficially held directly or indirectly by KFOC, and its associates, affiliates and insiders (as applicable) (as such terms are defined in the Securities Act (Ontario)) ("Disinterested Shareholder Approval").

Under the Securities Purchase Agreement, the Corporation is required to seek Shareholder Approval to issue in excess of 10,391,137 Common Shares in connection with the features of the Notes, Additional Notes, Warrants and Additional Warrants and to seek Disinterested Shareholder Approval to issue in excess of 5,221,677 Common Shares in connection with the features of the Notes, Additional Notes, Warrants and Additional Warrants to be issued to KFOC. The Corporation is seeking shareholder approval for the issuance of Common Shares in excess of the foregoing limits at the Corporation's 2006 annual shareholder's meeting to be held on June 21, 2006. In the management information circular dated May 10, 2006 mailed to shareholders in connection with the annual shareholder's meeting, the Corporation's board of directors has recommended that shareholders vote in favour of the issuance of the Common Shares in excess of the limits set out above.

If a Holder elects to receive interest payments or principal repayments on the Notes or Additional Notes in Common Shares and the Corporation is unable to issue such Common Shares, the interest payment or principal repayment will be made in cash. If a Holder is restricted in its ability to receive Common Shares upon conversion of the Notes or Additional Notes, the Holder may require the Corporation to pay cash to such Holder in an amount equal to the number of Common Shares which such Holder was not permitted to receive (the "Excess Shares") multiplied by the average of the weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the AMEX for each of the five trading days immediately prior to the date of the payment, upon which the Corporation will have no further obligation to issue such Excess Shares. If a Holder is restricted in its ability to receive Common Shares upon exercise of a Warrant, the Corporation will be required to pay cash to such Holder in an amount equal to the binomial option pricing model of the Warrant with respect to the portion of the Warrant which is unexercisable.

REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

In connection with the issuance of the Notes and Warrants, the Corporation entered into a registration rights agreement dated as of March 24, 2006 (the "Registration Rights Agreement") with the Holders. The following summary of selected provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement is not complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement. Copies of the Registration Rights Agreement are available from the Corporation upon request.

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The Holders are entitled to the benefits of the Registration Rights Agreement, pursuant to which the Corporation has filed this Prospectus with the OSC under National Instrument 44-102 and a registration statement, of which this Prospectus forms a part, with the SEC under the U.S. Securities Act. The Corporation is registering the number of Interest Shares covered by this

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Prospectus pursuant to the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement and under the U.S. Securities Act to permit the Holders to resell the Interest Shares from time to time after the effective date of the registration statement of which this Prospectus forms a part. Subject to the Corporation's right to suspend use of the registration statement, as described below, the Corporation will use its reasonable best efforts to keep the registration statement effective at all times until the earlier of the (i) fourth anniversary of the date such registration statement became effective and (ii) the date on which the Holders have sold all the Interest Shares covered by the registration statement provided that, for so long as any Holder is an "affiliate" of the Corporation as defined in Rule 144 under the U.S. Securities Act, the four year period shall be extended for such Holder until such time as such Holder is no longer an affiliate under Rule 144 and provided further that, in the case of KFOC, such period shall be extended until the earlier of (A) March 24, 2016 or (B) one year after the death of George B. Kaiser. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation is not required to keep a registration statement effective for a particular Holder that is not an affiliate under Rule 144 if all the Interest Shares held by or issuable to such Holder may immediately be sold under Rule 144 during a 90 day period.

When a Holder elects to sell the Interest Shares pursuant to the registration statement, such Holder will be required to:

- provide the Corporation with any additional information requested by the OSC and the SEC, if any;
- deliver a copy of this Prospectus to purchasers; and
- be subject to the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement, including the indemnification provisions.

Under the Registration Rights Agreement, the Corporation will:

- pay all expenses of the registration statement;
- provide the Holders with copies of this Prospectus;
- notify the Holders when the registration statement has become effective; and
- take other reasonable actions as are required to permit unrestricted resales of the registrable securities in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Registration Rights Agreement.

Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the Corporation may suspend the use of the Prospectus under certain circumstances relating to pending corporate developments, public filings with the SEC and similar events. Any suspension period shall not exceed one 90 day period during any period of 365 consecutive days.

The Corporation will pay predetermined additional interest on the Notes or, in certain instances, liquidated damages in the following circumstances, among others:

- subject to an allowable suspension described above, if Holders are not permitted to sell Common Shares issued pursuant to the terms of the Notes for any reason for three or more consecutive trading days, or five or more trading days in aggregate in any 12 month period;
- if the Common Shares are not listed or quoted, or are suspended from trading on the AMEX for three or more consecutive trading days or five or more trading days in aggregate in any 12 month period;

- if the Corporation fails to deliver a certificate representing the Common Shares issued pursuant to the terms of the Notes within three trading days after delivery of such certificate is required under the Notes;
- subject to certain exceptions, if the conversion or exercise rights under either the Notes or Warrants are suspended for any reason;

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- if the Corporation fails to have available a sufficient number of Common Shares to issue to the Holders pursuant to the terms of the Notes; and
- subject to certain exceptions, if the Common Shares issued pursuant to the terms of the Notes are not freely tradeable on the TSX after July 29, 2006.

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RISK FACTORS

The acquisition of the Interest Shares involves risk. Any prospective investor should carefully consider the following risk factors and all of the other information contained in this Prospectus (including the documents incorporated by reference) before purchasing any of the Interest Shares. If any event arising from these risks occurs, the Corporation's business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows could be adversely affected, the trading price of the Common Shares could decline and all or part of any investment may be lost. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to the Corporation, or that are currently deemed immaterial, may also materially and adversely affect the Corporation's business operations.

FUTURE SALES OR ISSUANCES OF COMMON SHARES COULD LOWER THE CORPORATION'S SHARE PRICE, DILUTE INVESTORS' VOTING POWER AND MAY REDUCE THE CORPORATION'S EARNINGS PER SHARE.

The Corporation may sell additional Common Shares in subsequent offerings. It may also issue additional Common Shares to finance future acquisitions. The Corporation cannot predict the size of future issuances of Common Shares or the effect, if any, that future issuances and sales of Common Shares will have on the market price of the Common Shares. Sales or issuances of substantial numbers of Common Shares, or the perception that such sales could occur, may adversely affect prevailing market prices for the Common Shares. With any additional sale or issuance of Common Shares, investors will suffer dilution to their voting power and the Corporation may experience dilution in its earnings per share.

THE COMMON SHARES ARE PUBLICLY TRADED AND ARE SUBJECT TO VARIOUS FACTORS THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY MADE THE CORPORATION'S SHARE PRICE VOLATILE.

The market price of the Common Shares could fluctuate significantly based on a number of factors in addition to those listed in this Prospectus, including:

- the Corporation's operating performance and the performance of competitors and other similar companies;

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- the public's reaction to the Corporation's press releases, other public announcements and the Corporation's filings with the various securities regulatory authorities;
- changes in earnings estimates or recommendations by research analysts who track the Common Shares or the shares of other companies in the resource sector;
- changes in general economic conditions;
- the number of the Common Shares to be publicly traded after this offering;
- the arrival or departure of key personnel;
- acquisitions, strategic alliances or joint ventures involving the Corporation or its competitors; and
- the factors listed under the heading "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements".

In addition, the market price of the Common Shares are affected by many variables not directly related to the Corporation's success and are, therefore, not within the Corporation's control, including other developments that affect the market for all resource sector shares, the breadth of the public market for the Common Shares, and the attractiveness of alternative investments. The effect of these and other factors on the market price of Common Shares on the exchanges on which the Corporation trades has historically made the Corporation's share price volatile and suggests that the Corporation's share price will continue to be volatile in the future.

BECAUSE THE CORPORATION IS A CANADIAN CORPORATION AND THE MAJORITY OF ITS DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ARE RESIDENT IN CANADA, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR INVESTORS IN THE UNITED STATES TO ENFORCE CIVIL LIABILITIES AGAINST THE CORPORATION BASED SOLELY UPON THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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The Corporation is a Canadian corporation, with its principal place of business in Canada. A majority of the Corporation's directors and officers and the experts named in this Prospectus are residents of Canada and a significant portion of the Corporation's assets and the assets of a majority of the Corporation's directors and officers and the experts named in this Prospectus are located outside the United States. Consequently, it may be difficult for U.S. investors to effect service of process within the United States upon the Corporation or its directors or officers or such experts who are not residents of the United States, or to realize in the United States upon judgments of courts of the United States predicated upon civil liabilities under the U.S. Securities Act. Investors should not assume that Canadian courts (1) would enforce judgments of U.S. courts obtained in actions against the Corporation or such directors, officers or experts predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws or the securities or "blue sky" laws of any state within the United States or (2) would enforce, in original actions, liabilities against the Corporation or such directors, officers or experts predicated upon the U.S. federal securities laws or any such state securities or "blue sky" laws.

THE CORPORATION IS CURRENTLY RESTRICTED FROM PAYING DIVIDENDS ON THE COMMON

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SHARES AND THE CORPORATION DOES NOT PLAN TO PAY DIVIDENDS ON THE COMMON SHARES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

The Corporation has never declared or paid any dividends on the Common Shares and does not anticipate paying dividends in the near future. Moreover, the Corporation's ability to pay dividends on the Common Shares is restricted by the terms of its credit facilities and the Securities Purchase Agreement and may in the future be restricted by the terms of special shares that the Corporation has the ability to issue under its articles of incorporation. The actual timing, payment and amount of any dividends will be determined by the board of directors from time to time based upon, among other things, cash flow, results of operations and financial condition, the need for funds to finance ongoing operations and such other business considerations as the board of directors may consider relevant.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY ISSUE, WITHOUT SHAREHOLDERS' APPROVAL, AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF SPECIAL SHARES THAT HAVE RIGHTS AND PREFERENCES SUPERIOR TO THOSE OF THE COMMON SHARES. SUCH AN ISSUANCE MAY DELAY OR PREVENT A CHANGE OF CONTROL.

While there are no special shares currently outstanding, the Corporation's articles of incorporation allow the issuance of an unlimited number of special shares in one or more series. The board of directors may set the rights and preferences of any series of special shares in its sole discretion without shareholders' approval. The rights and preferences of those special shares may be superior to those of the Common Shares. Accordingly, the issuance of special shares may adversely affect the rights of holders of Common Shares and could have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control, which may deprive the Corporation's shareholders of a control premium that might otherwise be realized in connection with an acquisition of the Corporation.

THE CORPORATION CANNOT ASSURE THAT IT WILL MEET ITS GOALS FOR PRODUCTION AND OPERATING COSTS AND IF IT DOES NOT, ITS OPERATING RESULTS WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

Planned production levels and operating costs are estimated based on the Corporation's experience in operating its mine. These estimates are subject to numerous uncertainties, many of which are beyond the Corporation's control. The Corporation cannot make assurances that its actual production levels will not be substantially lower than its estimates or that its operating costs will not be materially higher than anticipated.

IF RESERVE ESTIMATES ARE NOT ACCURATE, PRODUCTION MAY BE LESS THAN ESTIMATED WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CORPORATION'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULT OF OPERATIONS.

Reserve estimates are imprecise and depend on geological analysis based partly on statistical inferences drawn from drilling, which may prove unreliable, and assumptions about operating costs and metal prices. The Corporation cannot be certain that the reserve estimates are accurate and cannot guarantee that it will recover the indicated quantities of metals. Future production could differ dramatically from such estimates for the following reasons:

- mineralization or formations at the mine could be different from those predicted by drilling, sampling and similar examinations;

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- declines in the market price of palladium may render the mining of some or all of the reserves uneconomic; and

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- the grade of ore may vary significantly from time to time and the Corporation cannot give any assurances that any particular quantity of metal will be recovered from the reserves.

The occurrence of any of these events may cause the Corporation to adjust the reserve estimates or change its mining plans, which could negatively affect the Corporation's financial condition and results of operation. Moreover, short-term factors, such as the need for additional development of the ore body or the processing of new or different grades, may impair its profitability in any particular accounting period.

THE RISKS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH MINING AND PROCESSING MAY INCREASE COSTS AND REDUCE PROFITABILITY IN THE FUTURE.

Mining and processing operations involve many risks and hazards, including among others:

- environmental hazards;
- mining and industrial accidents;
- metallurgical and other processing problems;
- unusual and unexpected rock formations;
- pit slope failures;
- flooding and periodic interruptions due to inclement or hazardous weather conditions or other acts of nature;
- mechanical equipment and facility performance problems; and
- unavailability of materials, equipment and personnel.

These risks could result in, among other things:

- damage to, or destruction of, the Corporation's properties or production facilities;
- personal injury or death;
- environmental damage;
- delays in mining;
- increased product costs;
- asset write downs;
- monetary losses; and
- possible legal liability.

The Corporation cannot be certain that its insurance will cover the risks associated with mining or that it will be able to maintain insurance to cover these risks at affordable premiums. The Corporation might also become subject to liability for pollution or other hazards against which it cannot insure or against which the Corporation may elect not to insure because of premium costs or other reasons. Losses from such events may increase costs and decrease profitability.

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IF THE CORPORATION FAILS TO DEVELOP ITS UNDERGROUND MINING OPERATIONS AT A REASONABLE COST, OR TO ACHIEVE PROJECTED PRODUCTION LEVELS FOR ITS UNDERGROUND MINING OPERATIONS, ITS ABILITY TO GENERATE REVENUE AND PROFITS WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

The Corporation's future prospects will be negatively affected if the underground mine fails to achieve and maintain projected production levels. Unforeseen conditions or developments could arise during the operation of the underground mine which would increase operating costs and adversely affect the Corporation's ability to generate revenue and profits. These events may include, among others:

- shortages of equipment, materials or labour;

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- delays in delivery of equipment or materials;
- labour disruptions;
- adverse weather conditions or natural disasters;
- unanticipated increases in costs of labour, supplies and equipment;
- accidents; and
- unforeseen engineering, design, environmental or geological problems.

FUTURE EXPLORATION AT LAC DES ILES MINE OR ELSEWHERE MAY NOT RESULT IN INCREASED RESERVES, WHICH WOULD PREVENT THE CORPORATION FROM SUSTAINING ITS TARGETED PRODUCTION LEVELS.

The Corporation conducts exploration programs at and surrounding the Lac des Iles mine with the objective of increasing reserves. Mineral exploration involves significant risks over a substantial period of time, which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. Even if the Corporation discovers a valuable deposit of minerals, it may be several years before production is possible and during that time it may become economically unfeasible to produce those minerals. There is no assurance that current or future exploration programs will result in any new economically viable mining operations or yield new reserves to replace and expand current reserves at the Lac des Iles mine. In the event that new reserves are not discovered, the Corporation may not be able to sustain production beyond 2010 or earlier.

THE CORPORATION FACES STRONG COMPETITION FROM OTHER MINING COMPANIES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW PROPERTIES.

Mines have limited lives and, as a result, the Corporation continually seeks to replace and expand its reserves through the acquisition of new properties. In addition, there is a limited supply of desirable mineral lands available in areas where the Corporation would consider conducting exploration and/or production activities. Because the Corporation faces strong competition for new properties from other mining companies, many of which have greater financial resources than it, the Corporation may be unable to acquire attractive new mining properties on terms acceptable to it.

THE CORPORATION DEPENDS ON A SINGLE MINE TO GENERATE REVENUES AND, IF MINING OPERATIONS ARE INTERRUPTED, THE CORPORATION'S BUSINESS WILL SUFFER.

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All of the Corporation's revenues are derived from its mining operations at the Lac des Iles mine, which is the Corporation's only mine and the only place it has reserves. If there is an interruption in operations at the Lac des Iles mine, or if the Corporation can no longer extract ore from this mine for any reason, the Corporation's business will suffer significantly. In addition, any adverse condition affecting mining conditions at the Lac des Iles mine could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's financial performance and results of operations until such time as the condition is remedied.

THE CORPORATION IS DEPENDENT ON A THIRD PARTY FOR SMELTING AND REFINING ITS PALLADIUM AND IF THE THIRD PARTY IS UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE CORPORATION'S SMELTING AND REFINING REQUIREMENTS OR THE EXISTING CONTRACT IS TERMINATED OR NOT RENEWED THE CORPORATION'S ABILITY TO GENERATE REVENUES COULD BE HARMED.

The Corporation has a smelter agreement with Falconbridge which provides for the smelting and refining of the principal metals contained in the concentrates produced at Lac des Iles mine. The existing agreement with Falconbridge expires on September 30, 2006. The agreement with Falconbridge can be terminated in certain circumstances, such as default of performance. The inability to renew this agreement under similar terms or the termination of the agreement could have a material adverse affect on the Corporation's financial performance and results of operations until such time as alternative smelting and refining arrangements can be made or alternative purchasers of the Corporation's concentrates can be found.

THE CORPORATION'S VULNERABILITY TO CHANGES IN METAL PRICES MAY CAUSE THE COMMON SHARE PRICE TO BE VOLATILE AND MAY AFFECT THE CORPORATION'S OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL RESULTS.

The Corporation's primary source of revenue is the sale of palladium. In fiscal 2005, sales of palladium accounted for approximately 47% of the Corporation's revenues. Historically, changes in the market price of palladium have

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significantly impacted the Corporation's profitability and Common Share price. The Corporation's financial results are very sensitive to external economic criteria related to the palladium price. A major risk will arise if there is a significant weakening of the U.S. dollar combined with a prolonged period of lower palladium prices. Many factors beyond the Corporation's control influence the market price of palladium. These factors include:

- global supply and demand;
- availability and costs of metal substitutes;
- speculative activities;
- international political and economic conditions; and
- production levels and costs in other platinum group metal-producing countries, particularly Russia and South Africa.

Economic and political events in Russia could result in declining market prices. If Russia disposes of substantial amounts of palladium, platinum, rhodium, ruthenium, osmium and iridium, which are referred to as platinum group metals, from stockpiles or otherwise, the increased supply could reduce the market prices of palladium and platinum and adversely affect the Corporation's

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profitability and Common Share price. Russia's economic problems make Russian stockpiles difficult to predict and the risk of sales from stockpiles more significant.

SINCE THE CORPORATION'S REVENUES ARE IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS AND EXPENDITURES ARE IN CANADIAN DOLLARS, THE CORPORATION IS SUBJECT TO FLUCTUATIONS IN EXCHANGE RATES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN DOLLARS.

Currency fluctuations may affect cash flow since the Corporation's production currently is sold in United States dollars, whereas the Corporation's administration, operating and exploration costs are incurred in Canadian dollars. Exploration costs and other property costs will also be incurred in Euros. Significant long term fluctuations in relative currency values could adversely affect the Corporation's results of operations. In particular, the Corporation may be adversely affected by a significant strengthening of the Canadian dollar against the United States dollar. In addition, the Corporation's financial results are sensitive to fluctuations in the exchange rate. A major risk will arise if there is a significant weakening of the U.S. dollar combined with a prolonged period of lower palladium spot prices.

THE CORPORATION ENTERED INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STEEL WORKERS OF AMERICA, WHICH WAS RATIFIED BY EMPLOYEES ON APRIL 13, 2006, PROVIDING FOR A NEW COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT WITH A THREE YEAR TERM. THE INABILITY TO RENEW THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT ON SIMILAR TERMS ON ITS EXPIRY IN FEBRUARY 2009 COULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE AFFECT ON THE CORPORATION.

The Corporation's collective agreement with the United Steel Workers of America, the union representing the employees at the Lac des Iles mine (other than employees at or above the rank of foreman, safety coordinator, surveyors, dispatchers, technical staff and office, clerical and security personnel), will expire in February 2009. The inability to renew the agreement on similar terms could have a material adverse affect on the Corporation, including the affect of work stoppages or strikes on the results of operations and financial performance of the Corporation.

THE CORPORATION IS SUBJECT TO EXTENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION AND THE COSTS OF COMPLYING WITH THESE REGULATIONS MAY BE SIGNIFICANT.

Environmental legislation relating to land, air and water affects nearly all aspects of the Corporation's operations. This legislation requires the Corporation to obtain various operating licenses and also imposes standards and controls on activities relating to the exploration, development and production of palladium and associated metals. The cost of obtaining operating licenses and abiding by standards and controls on its activities may be significant. Further, if the Corporation fails to obtain or maintain such operating licenses or breaches such standards or controls imposed on its activities, it may not be able to continue its operations in its usual manner, or at all, or the Corporation may be subject to fines or other claims for remediation which may have a material adverse impact on its operations or financial results.

The Corporation will be responsible for all costs of closure and reclamation at the Lac des Iles mine. Under applicable environmental legislation, the Corporation had to establish a trust fund to prepare for closure and

reclamation. The current amended mine closure plan requires \$7.8 million for clean-up and restoration of the mine site. The trust fund, maintained by the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, is designed to collect \$7.8

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million through instalments of \$100,000 per month. The money in the trust fund will become available to the Corporation when the mine closure is completed. At March 31, 2006, approximately \$7.5 million was on deposit in the trust fund. Development of the underground mine as planned required an amendment to the existing closure plan and may result in an increase in the amount of financial assurance required by the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. The actual amount needed for the closure of the Lac des Iles mine may be materially more than the original estimate. Changes in the Province of Ontario mining regulations may require the Corporation to provide a letter of credit or other financial instrument as security for the closure of the Lac des Iles mine.

CHANGES IN ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION COULD INCREASE THE COSTS OF COMPLYING WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS AND REDUCE LEVELS OF PRODUCTION.

Changes in environmental laws, new information on existing environmental conditions or other events may increase future compliance expenditures or otherwise have a negative effect on the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations. In addition to existing requirements, it is expected that other environmental regulations will likely be implemented in the future with the objective of further protecting human health and the environment. Some of the issues currently under review by environmental agencies include reducing or stabilizing air emissions, mine reclamation and restoration, and water quality. Other changes in environmental legislation could have a negative effect on production levels, product demand, product quality and methods of production and distribution. The complexity and breadth of these issues make it difficult for the Corporation to predict their impact. The Corporation anticipates capital expenditures and operating expenses will increase as a result of compliance with the introduction of new and more stringent environmental regulations. Failure to comply with environmental legislation may result in the issuance of clean up orders, imposition of penalties, liability for related damages and the loss of operating permits. The Corporation cannot give assurances that it will at all future times be in compliance with all federal and provincial environmental regulations or that steps to bring the Corporation into compliance would not have a negative effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT AND FUTURE GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS MAY CAUSE THE CORPORATION TO INCUR SIGNIFICANT COSTS AND SLOW ITS GROWTH.

The Corporation's activities are subject to extensive Canadian federal and provincial laws and regulations governing matters relating to mine safety, occupational health, labour standards, prospecting, exploration, production, exports and taxes. Compliance with these and other laws and regulations could require the Corporation to make significant capital outlays which may slow its growth by diverting its financial resources. The enactment of new adverse regulations or regulatory requirements or more stringent enforcement of current regulations or regulatory requirements may increase costs, which could have a harmful effect on the Corporation. The Corporation cannot make assurances that it will be able to adapt to these regulatory developments on a timely or cost effective basis. Violations of these regulations and regulatory requirements could lead to substantial fines, penalties or other sanctions.

THE CORPORATION IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AND RENEW GOVERNMENTAL PERMITS IN ORDER TO CONDUCT MINING OPERATIONS, WHICH IS OFTEN A COSTLY AND TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS.

In the ordinary course of business, the Corporation is required to obtain and renew governmental permits for the operation and expansion of existing operations or for the commencement of new operations. Obtaining or renewing the necessary governmental permits is a complex and time-consuming process. The duration and success of the Corporation's efforts to obtain and renew permits are contingent upon many variables not within the Corporation's control including the interpretation of applicable requirements implemented by the permitting authority. The Corporation may not be able to obtain or renew permits

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that are necessary to its operations, or the cost to obtain or renew permits may exceed what the Corporation expects. Any unexpected delays or costs associated with the permitting process could delay the development or impede the operation of a mine, which could adversely affect the Corporation's revenues and future growth.

THE CORPORATION FACES COMPETITION WITH OTHER LARGER SUPPLIERS OF PLATINUM GROUP METALS AND FROM POTENTIAL NEW SOURCES OF PLATINUM GROUP METALS.

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The Corporation competes with other suppliers of platinum group metals, many of which are significantly larger than it is and have access to greater mineral reserves and financial resources than it does. In addition, new mines may open which would increase supply of palladium and platinum. Furthermore, in certain industrialized countries an industry has developed for the recovery of platinum group metals from scrap sources, mostly from spent automobile and industrial catalysts. The Corporation may not be successful in competing with these existing and emerging platinum group metal producers.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY OR NEW ALLOYS COULD REDUCE THE DEMAND FOR PALLADIUM AND PLATINUM.

The development of a substitute alloy or synthetic material which has catalytic characteristics similar to platinum group metals would result in a decrease in demand for palladium and platinum. Furthermore, the development by the automobile industry of automobiles that do not use catalytic converters could reduce the demand for palladium and platinum. Demand might also be reduced by manufacturers in such industries as automobiles, electronics and dentistry finding substitutes for palladium. The dentistry and electronics industries have already experienced advances in new technology which use base metals as a substitute for palladium in certain component parts. High prices for palladium would create an incentive for the development of substitutes. Any such developments could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations.

IF THE CORPORATION LOSES KEY PERSONNEL OR IS UNABLE TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, THE CORPORATION'S MINING OPERATIONS AND PROSPECTS COULD BE HARMED.

The Corporation is dependent upon the services of a small number of members of senior management including James D. Excell, the President and Chief Executive Officer, and Ian M. MacNeily, the Chief Financial Officer. The Corporation's current mining operations, its successful development of the underground mine and its future prospects depends on the experience and knowledge of these individuals. The Corporation does not maintain any "key man" insurance. The loss of one or more of these individuals could have a material adverse affect on the Corporation's mining operations.

THE MINING LEASES CONSTITUTING THE LAC DES ILES MINE EXPIRE IN 2006 AND MAY NOT BE RENEWED.

The Lac des Iles mine consists of four mining leases issued by the Government of Ontario. The mining leases are dated August 16, 1985 and have a 21 year term, which is the term of all mining leases granted by the Government of Ontario. These leases expire on August 31, 2006 and are renewable for a further term of 21 years if the terms and conditions of the leases have been complied with. If the leases expire and are not renewed, the Corporation will not be able to continue its mining operations.

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THE CORPORATION'S CREDIT FACILITIES HAVE EVENTS OF DEFAULT, SOME OF WHICH ARE BEYOND THE CORPORATION'S CONTROL.

The Corporation has borrowed funds under its credit facilities to finance its operations. The credit facilities and the Notes contain certain events of default, some of which are beyond the Corporation's control, the occurrence of which could require the Corporation to pay back immediately all amounts borrowed under the credit facilities.

THE CORPORATION'S PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDER HAS THE ABILITY TO DIRECT THE CORPORATION'S AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS AND, BECAUSE IT OWNS APPROXIMATELY 50% OF THE COMMON SHARES, THIRD PARTIES MAY BE DETERRED FROM ACQUIRING THE CORPORATION.

To the best of the Corporation's knowledge, KFOC, a privately-held oil and gas company based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, owns Common Shares, representing approximately 50% of the total number of Common Shares outstanding as of June 5, 2006. KFOC, therefore, has the ability to direct the affairs and business of the Corporation. This concentration of ownership may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control of the Corporation, which may deprive the Corporation's shareholders of a control premium that might otherwise be realized in connection with an acquisition of the Corporation.

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THE CORPORATION'S HEDGING ACTIVITIES OR ITS DECISION NOT TO HEDGE COULD EXPOSE IT TO LOSSES.

From time to time, the Corporation engages in hedging activities in connection with the metals it produces, such as forward sales contracts and commodity put and call option contracts, to partially offset the risk of declines in metal prices on its operating results. While these hedging activities may protect the Corporation against low metal prices, they may also limit the price it can receive on hedged products. As a result, the Corporation may be prevented from realizing possible revenues in the event that the market price of a metal exceeds the price stated in a forward sale or call option contract. In addition, the Corporation may experience losses if a counterparty fails to purchase under a contract when the contract price exceeds the spot price of a commodity.

EXCHANGE RATE INFORMATION

The following table sets forth, for each period indicated, the high and low exchange rates for Canadian dollars expressed in U.S. dollars, the average of such exchange rates on the last day of each month during such period, and the exchange rate at the end of such period. These rates are based on the inverse noon buying rate in the City of New York for cable transfers in Canadian dollars as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

| | FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | (US DOLLARS) | | | |
| Highest rate during period..... | 0.6619 | 0.7738 | 0.8493 | 0.8690 |
| Lowest rate during period..... | 0.6200 | 0.6349 | 0.7158 | 0.7872 |
| Average rate during period..... | 0.6368 | 0.7186 | 0.7702 | 0.8276 |
| Rate at the end of period..... | 0.6329 | 0.7708 | 0.8402 | 0.8569 |

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On June 5, 2006, the inverse of the noon buying rate was \$1.00 per US\$0.9082.

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The Corporation's summary historical consolidated financial data in the table below is derived from and qualified by reference to the audited consolidated financial statements for each of the two fiscal years in the period ended December 31, 2005, which have been audited by KPMG LLP and the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the 3 months ended March 31, 2006.

Prospective investors should read the following information in conjunction with management's discussion and analysis of financial results, the Corporation's audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes, all of which are incorporated by reference herein and the "Risk Factors" sections in this Prospectus. The Corporation's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP, which differs in certain significant respects from U.S. GAAP. For a discussion of the principal differences between Canadian GAAP and U.S. GAAP, see note 19 to the Corporation's audited consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference herein.

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

| | AS AT OR FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31 2006 ----- | AS AT OR FOR THE YEAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 ----- | 2004 ----- |
|--|---|--|---------------|
| STATEMENT OF EARNINGS DATA | | | |
| | (CDN\$000S EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS) | | |
| Revenue from metal sales | 31,492 | 92,606 | 185,204 |
| Net income (loss) | (4,141) | (53,611) | (92,110) |
| Net income (loss) per Common Share | | | |
| - basic | (0.08) | (1.03) | (1.79) |
| - fully diluted | (0.08) | (1.03) | (1.79) |
| BALANCE SHEET DATA | | | |
| Total assets | 275,381 | 238,357 | 297,897 |
| Total long-term debt (including current portion) | 68,881 | 46,272 | 50,171 |
| Shareholders' equity | 180,324 | 167,211 | 217,833 |

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PRODUCTION AND OPERATING DATA

The following tables provide historical production and operating data for the Lac des Iles mine for the periods indicated below:

FOR THE THREE FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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| | MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 | DECEMBER 31, ----- 2005 2004 ----- | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------|
| PRODUCTION DATA | | | |
| Ore milled (tonnes) | 1,125,710 | 4,780,599 | 5,298,544 |
| Palladium (ounces) | 47,015 | 177,167 | 308,931 |
| Platinum (ounces) | 4,698 | 18,833 | 25,128 |
| Gold (ounces) | 3,615 | 14,308 | 25,679 |
| Nickel (lbs) | 616,037 | 2,353,227 | 4,320,970 |
| Copper (lbs) | 1,213,394 | 5,514,670 | 7,836,183 |
| OPERATING DATA | | | |
| Ore milled (tonnes) | 1,125,710 | 4,780,599 | 5,298,544 |
| Mill throughput (tpd) | 12,508 | 13,098 | 14,477 |
| Grade (g/t) | 1.79 | 1.66 | 2.41 |
| Palladium recovery (%) | 72.7% | 69.6% | 75.2% |
| Palladium production (ounces) | 47,015 | 177,167 | 308,931 |
| Total cash costs (US\$/ounce) (1) | \$ 329 | \$ 359 | \$ 159 |

(1) Total cash costs including overhead and smelter treatment, refining and freight costs net of by-product credits and net smelter royalty.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The selling securityholders will receive the net proceeds from the sale of the Interest Shares sold under this Prospectus. The sale of Interest Shares will not result in any proceeds to the Corporation.

The Corporation realized net proceeds of US\$32,850,000 from the sale of the Notes (after deducting the related offering expenses and placement agent fees) and no proceeds from the sale of the Warrants. The Corporation has used or intends to use the net proceeds realized from the sale of the Notes and any proceeds received upon exercise of the Warrants to complete the underground development at its Lac des Iles mine (as further described in the AIF), to advance the work on the Arctic Platinum Project (described below) in order to earn up to a 50% and, in certain circumstances, 60% interest in certain properties indirectly owned by Gold Fields Exploration B.V. ("GFBV") and for general corporate purposes. The Arctic Platinum Project comprises certain mining properties indirectly owned by GFBV. The Corporation has been granted an option (the "Option") to earn up to a 50% and, in certain circumstances, a 60% interest in the Arctic Platinum Project and will become the project operator. In order to exercise the Option, the Corporation must spend US\$12.5 million, complete a feasibility study and make a production decision as well as pay GFBV US\$36 million or US\$45 million to earn a 50% or 60% interest, respectively, through the issuance of Common Shares (approximately 7.3 million Common Shares or 9.2 million Common Shares as the case may be) on or before August 31, 2008.

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CONSOLIDATED CAPITALIZATION

Other than the issuance of 41,568 Common Shares to the employee registered retirement savings plan, the issuance of 120,588 Common Shares upon the exercise of options, the issuance of the Interest Shares and the issuance of \$35,000,000 principal amount of Notes, there have been no material changes in the share and loan capitalization of the Corporation which have occurred subsequent to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.

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PRICE RANGE AND TRADING VOLUME

The Common Shares are listed for trading on the AMEX and TSX under the trading symbols "PAL" and "PDL", respectively. The following table sets out the reported high and low closing prices and trading volume of the Common Shares on the AMEX and TSX for the periods indicated:

| | AMEX | | | TSX | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | HIGH | LOW | VOLUME | HIGH | LOW | VOLUME |
| | (US\$) | (US\$) | | (CDN\$) | (CDN\$) | |
| 2006 | | | | | | |
| June (through June 2) | 9.21 | 9.14 | 526,800 | 10.12 | 10.06 | 47,743 |
| May | 11.29 | 8.48 | 10,404,600 | 12.50 | 9.70 | 1,847,910 |
| April | 12.29 | 10.80 | 7,925,200 | 14.20 | 12.31 | 1,172,472 |
| March | 12.30 | 9.65 | 12,908,900 | 14.27 | 11.10 | 1,979,853 |
| February | 12.39 | 9.60 | 12,223,900 | 14.10 | 11.21 | 2,140,121 |
| January | 10.73 | 8.50 | 7,645,900 | 12.30 | 9.79 | 1,505,791 |
| 2005 | | | | | | |
| Fourth Quarter | 9.50 | 4.54 | 28,331,700 | 10.92 | 5.28 | 5,219,158 |
| Third Quarter | 5.51 | 4.22 | 11,154,300 | 6.78 | 5.12 | 2,122,365 |
| Second Quarter | 7.36 | 3.90 | 12,433,200 | 9.04 | 5.02 | 2,596,195 |
| First Quarter | 8.65 | 7.23 | 12,971,700 | 10.56 | 8.81 | 2,762,370 |
| 2004 | | | | | | |
| Fourth Quarter | 9.67 | 7.53 | 18,646,800 | 11.60 | 9.14 | 3,414,946 |
| Third Quarter | 9.55 | 6.32 | 12,484,000 | 12.49 | 8.34 | 2,267,677 |
| Second Quarter | 13.67 | 8.30 | 27,533,700 | 17.85 | 11.39 | 6,421,183 |
| First Quarter | 11.78 | 7.75 | 21,129,100 | 15.58 | 9.93 | 4,353,560 |

The last reported sale price of the Common Shares on June 2, 2006 was US\$9.21 and Cdn\$10.12 on the AMEX and TSX, respectively.

DIVIDEND POLICY

The Corporation has not paid any dividends to date on the Common Shares. In addition, the payment of dividends on the Common Shares is restricted under the Corporation's credit facilities with a Canadian chartered bank and KFOC and under the terms of the Securities Purchase Agreement. Accordingly, it is not anticipated that the Corporation will pay any dividends on its Common Shares in the near future. The actual timing, payment and amount of any dividends will be determined by the board of directors from time to time based upon, among other things, cash flow, results of operations and financial condition, the need for funds to finance ongoing operations and such other business considerations as the board of directors may consider relevant.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON SHARES

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares. Each Common Share entitles the holder thereof to one vote at all meetings of shareholders other than meetings at which only the holders of another class or series of shares are entitled to vote. Each Common Share entitles the holder thereof, subject to the prior rights of the holders of special shares (none of which are currently issued and outstanding), to receive any dividends

declared by the board of directors and the remaining property of the Corporation upon dissolution. As of June 5, 2006, there were 52,403,145 Common Shares issued and outstanding (including the Interest Shares).

There are no pre-emptive or conversion rights that attach to the Common Shares. All Common Shares now outstanding and to be outstanding upon issuance of the Interest Shares are, or will be, fully paid and non-assessable, which means that the holders of such Common Shares will have paid the purchase price in full and the Corporation cannot ask them to pay additional funds.

The Corporation's by-laws provide for certain rights of its shareholders in accordance with the provisions of the Canada Business Corporations Act. Such by-laws may be amended either by a majority vote of the shareholders or by a majority vote of the board of directors. Any amendment of the by-laws by action of the board of directors must be submitted to the next meeting of the shareholders whereupon the by-law amendment must be confirmed as amended or repealed by a majority vote of the shareholders voting on such matter.

Shareholders do not have cumulative rights for the election of directors. Therefore, the holders of more than 50% of the Common Shares voting for the election of directors could, if they choose to do so, elect all of the directors and, in such event, the holders of the remaining Common Shares would not be able to elect any directors.

The rights of holders of Common Shares may be adversely affected by the rights of holders of any special shares that may be issued in the future.

SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

The table below sets forth the name of each selling securityholder, the total number of Common Shares held by such selling securityholder as of June 5, 2006, the percentage of the outstanding Common Shares that the Common Shares held by the selling securityholder represents and the Interest Shares covered by this Prospectus held by each of the selling securityholders.

| SELLING SECURITYHOLDER | COMMON SHARES OWNED AS OF JUNE 5, 2006 (INCLUDING INTEREST SHARES) | % OF OUTSTANDING COMMON SHARES (INCLUDING INTEREST SHARES) | INTEREST SHARES COVERED BY THIS PROSPECTUS |
|-------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Kaiser-Francis Oil Company | 26,102,205 | 50% | 21,886 |
| IP Synergy Finance Inc. | 21,886 | | |