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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015

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

For the transition period from to

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General Moly, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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DELAWARE	91-0232000
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if smaller reporting company)

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

The number of shares outstanding of issuer’s common stock as of October 29, 2015, was 95,862,066.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GENERAL MOLY, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except par value amounts)

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
ASSETS:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,671	\$ 13,269
Deposits, prepaid expenses and other current assets	243	698
Total Current Assets	14,914	13,967
Mining properties, land and water rights	219,922	216,595
Deposits on project property, plant and equipment	85,609	74,151
Restricted cash held at EMLLC	16,636	36,000
Restricted cash held for electricity transmission	—	12,021
Restricted cash held for reclamation bonds	4,923	5,358
Non-mining property and equipment, net	407	519
Debt Issuance Costs	169	441
Other assets	2,994	2,994
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 345,574	\$ 362,046
LIABILITIES, CRCNI, AND EQUITY:		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,593	\$ 4,633
Accrued advance royalties	500	500
Current portion of long term debt	240	290
Total Current Liabilities	3,333	5,423
Provision for post closure reclamation and remediation costs	1,170	1,276
Accrued advance royalties	5,700	5,200
Accrued payments to Agricultural Sustainability Trust	4,000	4,000
Long term debt, net of current portion	1,481	249
Senior Convertible Promissory Notes	5,423	7,763
Return of Contributions Payable to POS-Minerals	33,884	—
Other accrued liabilities	1,125	1,125

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Total Liabilities	56,116	25,036
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
CONTINGENTLY REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTEREST ("CRNCI")	173,265	210,317
EQUITY		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 650,000,000 and 200,000,000 shares authorized, respectively, 95,742,698 and 92,200,657 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	96	92
Additional paid-in capital	279,475	276,718
Accumulated deficit during exploration and development stage	(163,378)	(150,117)
Total Equity	116,193	126,693
TOTAL LIABILITIES, CRNCI, AND EQUITY	\$ 345,574	\$ 362,046

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

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(Unaudited — In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
REVENUES	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Exploration and evaluation	464	653	859	1,773
General and administrative expense	2,169	2,585	7,163	6,651
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,633	3,238	8,022	8,424
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	(2,633)	(3,238)	(8,022)	(8,424)
OTHER INCOME/(EXPENSE):				
Loss on Termination of Power Transmission Contract	—	—	(4,317)	—
Loss on Extinguishment of Senior Convertible Notes	—	—	(930)	—
Interest expense	(56)	—	(892)	—
TOTAL OTHER (EXPENSE)/INCOME, NET	(56)	—	(6,139)	—
LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	(2,689)	(3,238)	(14,161)	(8,424)
Income Taxes	—	—	—	—
CONSOLIDATED NET LOSS	\$ (2,689)	\$ (3,238)	\$ (14,161)	\$ (8,424)
Less: Net loss attributable to CRNCI	15	—	900	—
NET LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO GMI	\$ (2,674)	\$ (3,238)	\$ (13,261)	\$ (8,424)
Basic and diluted net loss attributable to GMI per share of common stock	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.09)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding — basic and diluted	95,725	91,884	94,609	91,873
COMPREHENSIVE LOSS	\$ (2,674)	\$ (3,238)	\$ (13,261)	\$ (8,424)

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GENERAL MOLY, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited — In thousands)

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Consolidated Net loss	\$ (14,161)	\$ (8,424)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	181	219
Non-cash interest expense	305	—
Stock-based compensation for employees and directors	759	1,405
Loss on Termination of Power Transmission Contract	218	—
Loss on Extinguishment of Senior Convertible Notes	930	—
Decrease in deposits, prepaid expenses and other	455	310
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,114)	663
(Decrease) in post closure reclamation and remediation costs	(162)	(274)
Net cash used by operating activities	(13,589)	(6,101)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase and development of mining properties, land and water rights	(3,374)	(7,042)
Deposits on property, plant and equipment	(11,384)	(746)
Proceeds from sale of land and equipment	425	—
Decrease (increase) in restricted cash	31,820	(10)
Net cash used by investing activities	17,487	(7,798)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Stock proceeds, net of issuance costs	(70)	(11)
Cash contributions (returned to)/received from POS-Minerals	(2,268)	440
Repayment of Long-Term Debt	(158)	(195)
Net cash provided by financing activities:	(2,496)	234
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,402	(13,665)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	13,269	21,685
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 14,671	\$ 8,020
NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		

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Equity compensation capitalized as development	\$ 109	\$ 590
Accrued portion of advance royalties	500	500
Conversion of Senior Convertible Promissory Notes	(2,488)	—
Non-Convertible Senior Promissory Notes Issued	1,340	—
Return of Contributions Payable to POS-Minerals	36,000	—
Reduction in Return of Contributions payable to POS-Minerals	(2,116)	—
Write off of debt issuance costs	(115)	—
Change in accrued portion of deposits on property, plant and equipment	74	(717)

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GENERAL MOLY, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 — DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

General Moly, Inc. (“we,” “us,” “our,” “Company,” “GMI,” or “General Moly”) is a Delaware corporation originally incorporated as General Mines Corporation on November 23, 1925. We have gone through several name changes and on October 5, 2007, we reincorporated in the State of Delaware (“Reincorporation”) through a merger involving Idaho General Mines, Inc. and General Moly, Inc., a Delaware corporation that was a wholly owned subsidiary of Idaho General Mines, Inc. The Reincorporation was effected by merging Idaho General Mines, Inc. with and into General Moly, with General Moly being the surviving entity. For purposes of the Company’s reporting status with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), General Moly is deemed a successor to Idaho General Mines, Inc.

The Company conducted exploration and evaluation activities from January 1, 2002 until October 4, 2007, when our Board of Directors (“Board”) approved the development of the Mt. Hope molybdenum property (“Mt. Hope Project”) in Eureka County, Nevada. The Company is continuing its efforts to develop the Mt. Hope Project. Since that time, the Company has continued its efforts to both obtain financing for and develop the Mt. Hope Project. However, the combination of financing delays and court proceedings has resulted in a current suspension of development. We also continue to evaluate the copper resource of our Liberty molybdenum and copper property (“Liberty Project”) in Nye County, Nevada.

The Mt. Hope Project

From October 2005 to January 2008, we owned the rights to 100% of the Mt. Hope Project. Effective as of January 1, 2008, we contributed all of our interest in the assets related to the Mt. Hope Project, including our lease of the Mt. Hope Project, into Eureka Moly, LLC (“EMLLC” or “the LLC”), and in February 2008 entered into an agreement (“LLC Agreement”) for the development and operation of the Mt. Hope Project with POS-Minerals Corporation (“POS-Minerals”). Under the LLC Agreement, POS-Minerals owns a 20% interest in the LLC and General Moly, through Nevada Moly, LLC (“Nevada Moly”), a wholly-owned subsidiary, owns an 80% interest. In this report, POS-Minerals and Nevada Moly are also referred to as the “members”. The ownership interests and/or required capital contributions under the LLC Agreement can change as discussed below.

Pursuant to the terms of the LLC Agreement, POS-Minerals made its first and second capital contributions to the LLC totaling \$100.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2008 (“Initial Contributions”). Additional amounts of \$100.7 million were received from POS-Minerals in December 2012, following receipt of major operating permits for the Mt. Hope Project, including the Record of Decision (“ROD”) from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”).

In addition, under the terms of the LLC Agreement, since commercial production at the Mt. Hope Project was not achieved by December 31, 2011, the LLC will be required to return to POS-Minerals \$36.0 million, since reduced to \$33.9 million as discussed below, of its capital contributions (“Return of Contributions”), with no corresponding reduction in POS-Minerals’ ownership percentage. Effective January 1, 2015, as part of a comprehensive agreement concerning the release of the reserve account described below, Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals agreed that the Return of Contributions will be due to POS-Minerals on December 31, 2020; provided that, at any time on or before November 30, 2020, Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals may agree in writing to extend the due date to December 31, 2021; and if the due date has been so extended, at any time on or before November 30, 2021, Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals may agree in writing to extend the due date to December 31, 2022. If the repayment date is extended, the unpaid amount will bear interest at a rate per annum of LIBOR plus 5%, which interest shall compound quarterly, commencing on December 31, 2020 through the date of payment in full. Payments of accrued but unpaid interest, if any, shall be made on the repayment date. Nevada Moly may elect, on behalf of the Company, to cause the Company to prepay, in whole or in part, the Return of Contributions at any time, without premium or penalty, along with accrued and unpaid interest, if any.

The original Return of Contribution amount of \$36.0 million due to POS-Minerals can be reduced, dollar for dollar, by the amount of capital contributions for equipment payments required from POS-Minerals under approved budgets of the LLC, as discussed further below. As of September 30, 2015, this amount has been reduced by \$2.1 million, consisting of 20% of an \$8.4 million principal payment made on milling equipment in March 2015 and a \$2.2 million principal payment made on electrical transformers in April 2015, such that the remaining amount due to POS-Minerals is \$33.9 million. If Nevada Moly does not fund its additional capital contribution in order for the LLC to make the required Return of Contributions to POS-Minerals set forth above, POS-Minerals has an election to either make a secured loan to the LLC to fund the Return of Contributions, or receive an additional interest in the LLC estimated to be 5%. In the latter case, Nevada Moly’s interest in the LLC is subject to dilution by a

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percentage equal to the ratio of 1.5 times the amount of the unpaid Return of Contributions over the aggregate amount of deemed capital contributions (as determined under the LLC Agreement) of both parties to the LLC (“Dilution Formula”). At September 30, 2015, the aggregate amount of deemed capital contributions of both parties was \$1,078.3 million.

Furthermore, the LLC Agreement permits POS-Minerals to put its interest in the LLC to Nevada Moly after a change of control of Nevada Moly or the Company, as defined in the LLC Agreement, followed by a failure by us or our successor company to use standard mining industry practice in connection with the development and operation of the Mt. Hope Project as contemplated by the parties for a period of 12 consecutive months. If POS-Minerals puts its interest, Nevada Moly or its transferee or surviving entity would be required to purchase the interest for 120% of POS-Minerals’ total contributions to the LLC, which, if not paid timely, would be subject to 10% interest per annum.

In November 2012, the Company and POS-Minerals began making monthly pro rata capital contributions to the LLC to fund costs incurred as required by the LLC Agreement. The interest of a party in the LLC that does not make its monthly pro rata capital contributions to fund costs incurred is subject to dilution based on the Dilution Formula. The Company and POS-Minerals consented, effective July 1, 2013, to Nevada Moly accepting financial responsibility for POS-Minerals’ 20% interest in costs related to Nevada Moly’s compensation and reimbursement as Manager of the LLC, and certain owners’ costs associated with Nevada Moly’s ongoing progress to complete project financing for its 80% interest, resulting in \$2.9 million paid by Nevada Moly on behalf of POS-Minerals during the term of the consensual agreement, which ended on June 30, 2014. From July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, POS-Minerals once again contributed its 20% interest in all costs incurred by the LLC. Subject to the terms above, all required monthly contributions have been made by both parties.

Effective January 1, 2015, Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals signed an amendment to the LLC Agreement under which a separate \$36.0 million owed to Nevada Moly held by the LLC in a reserve account established in December 2012 is being released for the mutual benefit of both members related to the jointly approved Mt. Hope Project expenses through 2020. In January 2015, the reserve account funded a reimbursement of contributions made by the members during the fourth quarter of 2014, inclusive of \$0.7 million to POS-Minerals and \$2.7 million to Nevada Moly. The remaining funds are now being used to pay ongoing expenses of the LLC until the Company obtains full financing for its portion of the Mt. Hope Project construction cost, or until the reserve account is exhausted. Any remaining funds after financing is obtained will be returned to Nevada Moly/the Company. The balance of the reserve account at September 30, 2015 was \$16.6 million.

Termination of Agreements with Hanlong (USA) Mining Investment Inc.

In March 2010, we signed a series of agreements with Hanlong (USA) Mining Investment, Inc. (“Hanlong”), an affiliate of Sichuan Hanlong Group, a privately held Chinese company. The agreements formed the basis of an anticipated \$745 million transaction that was intended to provide the Company with adequate capital to contribute its 80% share of costs to develop the Mt. Hope Project. The agreements resulted in the sale to Hanlong of 11.8 million shares of our

common stock for a purchase price of \$40 million, with additional potential equity issuances conditioned on Hanlong procuring a project financing Term Loan from a Chinese bank. The agreements also provided for Hanlong representation on our Board, limitations on how Hanlong would vote its shares of the Company and on their ability to purchase or dispose of our securities, and included a \$10.0 million Bridge Loan to the Company to preserve liquidity until availability of the Term Loan. Their shares were registered effective January 29, 2014, allowing Hanlong to sell their shares to a third party.

Most of the provisions of the agreements with Hanlong were terminated in 2013 because no project financing occurred. However, Hanlong remains the owner of approximately 12% of our outstanding common stock and their representative, after election by the Company's stockholders in 2013, continues as a member of our Board as of September 30, 2015.

Agreement with AMER International Group ("AMER")

Private Placement

In April 2015, the Company and AMER entered into a private placement for 40 million shares of the Company's common stock and warrants to purchase 80 million shares of the Company's common stock, priced using the trailing 90-day volume weighted average price ("VWAP") of \$0.50 on April 17, 2015, the date the investment agreement was signed. General Moly received stockholder approval of the transaction on June 30, 2015.

On November 2, 2015, the Company and AMER entered into an amendment to the Investment and Securities Purchase Agreement, thereby creating a three tranche investment strategy that will create a strategic partnership to assist the Company in obtaining full financing for the Mt. Hope Project. The first tranche of the amended Investment Agreement is a \$4 million private

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placement representing 13,333,333 shares, priced at \$0.30 per share, and warrants to purchase 80,000,000 shares of common stock at \$0.50 per share. The \$4 million private placement will be divided evenly between general corporate purposes and an expense reimbursement account to cover anticipated Mt. Hope financing costs and other jointly sourced business development opportunities. In addition, AMER and General Moly will enter into a Stockholder Agreement allowing AMER to nominate a director to a then seven member General Moly Board of Directors, additional directors following the close of Tranche 3, discussed below, and drawdown of a senior secured loan (“Bank Loan”). The Stockholder Agreement also governs amer’s acquisition and transfer of General Moly shares. The parties agreed to eliminate the condition to closing the Investment Agreement requiring a letter of intent from a Prime Chinese Bank endorsing the Bank Loan as a result of the current molybdenum market price and recent water rights decision from the Nevada Supreme Court. The parties also agreed to eliminate the requirement of the Company to obtain consent from APERAM, as Tranche 1 is being issued at \$0.30 per share, which is above the October 30, 2015, closing price of \$0.29 per share.

The second tranche of the amended Investment Agreement will include a \$6 million private placement representing 12,000,000 shares, priced at \$0.50 per share. \$5 million of the \$6 million will be used for general corporate purposes and \$1 million will be set aside for the expense reimbursement account discussed above. Closing of the second tranche is contingent on the Nevada State Engineer restoring permits for the Mt. Hope Project’s water rights and for the price of molybdenum to average in excess of \$8/lb for a 30 consecutive calendar day period.

The third tranche of the amended Investment Agreement will include a \$10 million private placement representing 14,666,667 shares, priced at \$0.68 per share. Execution of the third tranche is contingent on a final adjudication of the Mt. Hope Project’s water rights through courts or settlement, if further protests and appeals result from the issuance of the water permits, and for the price of molybdenum to average in excess of \$12/lb for a 30 consecutive calendar day period. After the third tranche of the agreement is executed, AMER will nominate a second director to General Moly’s then eight member Board of Directors.

The Company announced receipt of funds to successfully close the first tranche of the amended Investment Agreement on November 2, 2015. The second and third tranches of the investment agreement may be subject to General Moly stockholder approval.

Term Loan

AMER has agreed to work cooperatively with the Company upon the return of improved molybdenum prices to procure and support a Bank Loan of approximately \$700 million from a major Chinese bank or banks for development of the Mt. Hope Project. AMER will guarantee the Bank Loan, which is anticipated to have normal and customary covenants and security arrangements.

When documentation is complete and drawdown of the approximately \$700 million Bank Loan becomes available, 80 million warrants to purchase common shares of General Moly will become exercisable by AMER at \$0.50. After

drawdown of the Bank Loan, AMER will nominate a third Director to General Moly's Board of Directors. All conditions to complete the warrants transaction must be completed no later than April 17, 2017.

Molybdenum Supply Agreement

The Company and AMER have agreed on the substantive terms of a definitive agreement that would provide a one-time option exercisable simultaneously with Bank Loan execution to purchase the balance of the Company's share of Mt. Hope molybdenum production, estimated to be approximately 16.5 million pounds annually, for the first five years of production, and 70% of the Company's annual share of Mt. Hope molybdenum production thereafter at a cost of spot price less a slight discount.

NOTE 2 — LIQUIDITY

The cash needs for the development of the Mt. Hope Project are significant and require that we and/or the LLC arrange for financing to be combined with funds anticipated to be received from POS-Minerals in order to retain its 20% membership interest. If we are unsuccessful in obtaining financing, we will not be able to proceed with the development of the Mt. Hope Project.

Although hampered by the continuing low molybdenum prices, the Company continues its efforts to obtain full financing of the Mt. Hope Project. On April 17, 2015, the Company announced a significant Investment and Securities Purchase Agreement ("Amer Investment Agreement") with AMER. AMER has agreed to work with the Company to procure and support a senior secured term loan ("Bank Loan") of approximately \$700 million from a major Chinese bank or banks for development of the Mt. Hope Project, and to provide a guarantee for the Bank Loan. On June 30, 2015, the Company received stockholder approval of the agreement with AMER. As discussed in Note 1, on November 2, 2015, the Company announced receipt of funds to successfully close the first tranche of the amended Investment Agreement, resulting in a \$4 million cash inflow to the Company.

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There is no assurance that the Company will be successful in obtaining the financing required to complete the Mt. Hope Project, or in raising additional financing in the future on terms acceptable to the Company, or at all.

In order to preserve our cash liquidity, we implemented in the third quarter of 2013, a cost reduction and personnel retention program, which included reductions in base cash compensation for our executive officers, senior management employees and members of the Board of Directors. We approved cash and equity incentives for the executive officers who remained with the Company through the earliest to occur of a financing plan for the Mt. Hope Project approved by the Board, a Change of Control (as defined in the employment or change of control agreements between the Company and each of our executive officers); involuntary termination (absent cause); or January 15, 2015 (the "Vesting Date"), and a personnel retention program providing cash and equity incentives for other employees who remained with the Company. On the January 15, 2015 Vesting Date, we paid \$1.1 million in cash stay incentives to our eligible employees and executive officers, excluding our CEO, Bruce D. Hansen. Mr. Hansen agreed to defer his \$0.4 million cash stay incentive in consideration for an equity grant. The Company also issued 726,493 shares of common stock on the January 15th Vesting Date under this plan.

In October 2015, the Company announced a management restructuring and cost reduction program, which includes a 25% reduction in workforce, compensation reductions for senior executives, and a reduction of engineering, administrative and consulting expenses. This restructuring program resulted in a \$0.2 million expense recorded in the Company's September 30, 2015 financial statements. An additional \$0.2 million expense will be recorded in the fourth quarter related to the restructuring program. The program is focused on maintaining liquidity and sustainability during a period of challenging market conditions in the mining industry.

In December 2014, the Company sold and issued \$8.5 million in units consisting of Senior Convertible Promissory Notes (the "Notes") and warrants to accredited investors, including several directors and each of our named executive officers, pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Rule 506 thereunder. The Notes are unsecured obligations and are senior to any of the Company's future secured obligations to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such obligations. The warrants are exercisable between June 26, 2015 and December 26, 2019, for an aggregate of 8,535,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$1.00 per share. The Company received net proceeds from the sale of the units of approximately \$8.0 million, after deducting offering expenses of approximately \$0.5 million. Net proceeds from the sale are being used to fund ongoing operations. In February and April 2015, a number of the participants exercised their right to convert the Notes. Upon completion of the conversions, \$1.3 million in non-convertible Senior Promissory Notes and 2.2 million shares were issued, with \$5.9 million in Notes remaining available for conversion. See additional discussion of the Notes in Note 6.

We continue to work with our long-lead vendors to manage the timing of contractual payments for milling equipment. In March 2015, the LLC remitted \$8.9 million to the manufacturer of our crusher, SAG and ball mills, and in early April 2015, made a \$2.4 million payment due to the manufacturer of the two 230kV primary transformers. Both payments were funded with cash from the reserve account, described above. The following table sets forth the LLC's remaining cash commitments under these equipment contracts (collectively, "Purchase Contracts")

at September 30, 2015 (in millions):

	As of September 30, 2015 *
Year	
2016	1.2
2017	2.2
Total	\$ 3.4

*All amounts are commitments of the LLC, and as a result of the agreement between Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals are to be funded by the reserve account until such time that the Company obtains financing for its portion of construction costs at the Mt. Hope Project or until the reserve account balance is exhausted, and thereafter are to be funded 80% by Nevada Moly and 20% by POS-Minerals. POS-Minerals remains obligated to make capital contributions for its 20% portion of equipment payments required by approved budgets of the LLC, and such amounts contributed by the reserve account on behalf of POS-Minerals will reduce, dollar for dollar, the amount of capital contributions that the LLC is required to return to POS-Minerals, as described in Note 1.

If the LLC does not make the payments contractually required under these purchase contracts, it could be subject to claims for breach of contract or to cancellation of the respective purchase contract. In addition, the LLC may proceed to selectively suspend, cancel or attempt to renegotiate additional purchase contracts if necessary to further conserve cash. If the LLC cancels or breaches any contracts, the LLC will take all appropriate action to minimize any losses, but could be subject to liability under the

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contracts or applicable law. The cancellation of certain key contracts could cause a delay in the commencement of operations, and could add to the cost to develop the Company's interest in the Mt. Hope Project.

Through September 30, 2015, the LLC has made deposits and/or final payments of \$85.6 million on equipment orders for which the LLC has additional contractual commitments of \$3.4 million noted in the table above. Of these deposits and/or final payments, \$75.3 million relate to fully fabricated items, primarily milling equipment, while the remaining \$10.3 million reflects both partially fabricated milling equipment, and non-refundable deposits on mining equipment. The underlying value and recoverability of these deposits and our mining properties in our consolidated balance sheets are dependent on the LLC's ability to fund development activities that would lead to profitable production and positive cash flow from operations, or proceeds from the disposition of these assets. There can be no assurance that the LLC will be successful in generating future profitable operations, disposing of these assets or the Company will secure additional funding in the future on terms acceptable to us or at all. Our consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to recoverability and classification of recorded assets or liabilities.

In June 2015, the LLC reached an agreement to terminate the existing third-party transmission contracts to provide power to the Mt. Hope Project in favor of a future arrangement for transmission under the provider's network services agreement. With the agreement, the LLC received a return of approximately \$7.9 million in cash net of termination costs, expenses and consideration to the transmission providers, resulting in a loss of \$4.3 million to the LLC. In August 2015, the LLC distributed \$6.3 million to Nevada Moly and \$1.6 million to POS-Minerals under the terms of the LLC Agreement.

With our cash conservation plan, our Corporate and Liberty related cash requirements have declined to approximately \$1.6 million per quarter, while all Mt. Hope Project related funding is payable out of the \$36.0 million reserve account, the balance of which was \$16.6 million at September 30, 2015. Accordingly, based on our current cash on hand and our ongoing cash conservation plan, the Company expects it will have adequate liquidity to fund our working capital needs through the end of 2016. Additional potential funding sources include public or private equity offerings, including the \$20.0 million equity investment from AMER described above, arranging for use of other restricted cash, or sale of other assets owned by the Company. There is no assurance that the Company will be successful in securing additional funding. This could result in further cost reductions, contract cancellations, and potential delays which ultimately may jeopardize the development of the Mt. Hope Project.

NOTE 3 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim consolidated financial statements ("interim statements") of the Company are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments and disclosures necessary for a fair presentation of these interim statements have been included. All such adjustments are, in the opinion of management, of a normal recurring nature. The results reported in these interim statements are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be presented for the entire year. These interim statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission

(“SEC”) on March 11, 2015.

This summary of significant accounting policies is presented to assist in understanding the financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Company’s management, which is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

Accounting Method

Our financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with GAAP. With the exception of the LLC, all of our subsidiaries are wholly owned. In February 2008, we entered into the LLC Agreement, which established our ownership interest in the LLC at 80%. The consolidated financial statements include all of our wholly owned subsidiaries and the LLC. The POS-Minerals contributions attributable to their 20% interest are shown as Contingently Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. The net loss attributable to contingently redeemable noncontrolling interest is reflected separately on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and reduces the Contingently Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. Net losses of the LLC are attributable to the members of the LLC based on their respective ownership percentages in the LLC. During 2015, the LLC had a \$4.4 million loss primarily associated with a loss incurred upon termination of the electricity transmission contract discussed in Note 2, of which \$0.9 million was attributed to the Contingently Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest.

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Contingently Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest (“CRNCI”)

Under GAAP, certain noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities meet the definition of mandatorily redeemable financial instruments if the ability to redeem the interest is outside of the control of the consolidating entity. As described in Note 1 — “Description of Business”, the LLC Agreement permits POS-Minerals the option to put its interest in the LLC to Nevada Moly upon a change of control, as defined in the LLC Agreement, followed by a failure by us or our successor company to use standard mining industry practice in connection with the development and operation of the Mt. Hope Project as contemplated by the parties for a period of 12 consecutive months. As such, the CRNCI has continued to be shown as a separate caption between liabilities and equity. The carrying value of the CRNCI has historically included the \$36.0 million Return of Contributions, now \$33.9 million, that will be returned to POS-Minerals in 2020, unless further extended by the members of the LLC as discussed above. The expected Return of Contributions to POS-Minerals was carried at redemption value as we believed redemption of this amount was probable. Effective January 1, 2015, Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals agreed that the Return of Contributions will be due to POS-Minerals on December 31, 2020, unless further extended by the members of the LLC as discussed above. As a result, we have reclassified the Return of Contribution payable to POS-Minerals from CRNCI to a non-current liability at redemption value, and subsequently reduced it by \$2.1 million, consisting of 20% of an \$8.4 million principal payment made on milling equipment in March 2015 and a \$2.2 million principal payment made on electrical transformers in April 2015, such that the remaining amount due to POS-Minerals is \$33.9 million.

The remaining carrying value of the CRNCI has not been adjusted to its redemption value as the contingencies that may allow POS-Minerals to require redemption of its noncontrolling interest are not probable of occurring. Under GAAP, until such time as that contingency has been eliminated and redemption is no longer contingent upon anything other than the passage of time, no adjustment to the CRNCI balance should be made.

Estimates

The process of preparing consolidated financial statements requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash

We consider all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Company’s cash equivalent instruments are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy established by FASB guidance for Fair Value Measurements because they are valued based on quoted market prices in active markets.

We consider all restricted cash to be long-term. As discussed above, in December 2012, the Company established a reserve account at the direction of the LLC management committee in the amount of \$36.0 million. Effective January 1, 2015, Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals agreed upon procedures for maintaining the Mt. Hope Project as described above. Under the agreement, the funds, which were to remain restricted until availability of the Company's portion of financing for the Mt. Hope Project was confirmed or until the LLC management committee agreed to release the funds, can be released for the mutual benefit of the members for expenses related to the Mt. Hope Project. The balance of the reserve account at September 30, 2015 was \$16.6 million.

Basic and Diluted Net Loss Per Share

Net loss per share was computed by dividing the net loss attributable to the Company by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. The weighted average number of shares was calculated by taking the number of shares outstanding and weighting them by the amount of time that they were outstanding. Outstanding awards as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, were as follows:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Warrants	9,535,000	9,535,000
Stock Options	210,558	271,112
Unvested Stock Awards	2,116,554	1,723,328
Stock Appreciation Rights	1,691,628	1,923,144

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These awards were not included in the computation of diluted loss per share for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, because to do so would have been anti-dilutive. Therefore, basic loss per share is the same as diluted loss per share.

Mineral Exploration and Development Costs

All exploration expenditures are expensed as incurred. Significant property acquisition payments for active exploration properties are capitalized. If no economic ore body is discovered, previously capitalized costs are expensed in the period the property is abandoned. Expenditures to develop new mines, to define further mineralization in existing ore bodies, and to expand the capacity of operating mines, are capitalized and amortized on a units-of-production basis over proven and probable reserves.

Should a property be abandoned, its capitalized costs are charged to operations. The Company charges to the consolidated statement of operations the allocable portion of capitalized costs attributable to properties sold. Capitalized costs are allocated to properties sold based on the proportion of claims sold to the claims remaining within the project area.

Mining Properties, Land and Water Rights

Costs of acquiring and developing mining properties, land and water rights are capitalized as appropriate by project area. Exploration and related costs and costs to maintain mining properties, land and water rights are expensed as incurred while the property is in the exploration and evaluation stage. Development and related costs and costs to maintain mining properties, land and water rights are capitalized as incurred while the property is in the development stage. When a property reaches the production stage, the related capitalized costs are amortized using the units-of-production basis over proven and probable reserves. Mining properties, land and water rights are periodically assessed for impairment of value, and any subsequent losses are charged to operations at the time of impairment. If a property is abandoned or sold, a gain or loss is recognized and included in the consolidated statement of operations.

The Company has capitalized royalty payments made to Mt. Hope Mines, Inc. ("MHMI") (discussed in Note 12 below) during the development stage. The amounts will be applied to production royalties owed upon the commencement of production.

Depreciation and Amortization

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Property and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Property and equipment are depreciated using the following estimated useful lives:

Field equipment	Four to ten years
Office furniture, fixtures, and equipment	Five to seven years
Vehicles	Three to five years
Leasehold improvements	Three years or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter
Residential trailers	Ten to twenty years
Buildings and improvements	Ten to twenty seven and one-half years

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, accumulated depreciation and amortization was \$2.3 and \$2.3 million, respectively, of which \$2.0 and \$2.0 million, respectively, was capitalized.

Senior Convertible Promissory Notes and other Long-Term Debt

As discussed in Note 2, in December 2014, the Company sold and issued \$8.5 million in units consisting of Senior Convertible Promissory Notes (the “Notes”) and warrants to accredited investors, including several directors and each of the named executive officers of the Company, pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Rule 506 thereunder. The Notes are unsecured obligations and are senior to any of the Company’s future secured obligations to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such obligations.

The Notes bear interest at a rate of 10.0% per annum, payable in cash quarterly in arrears on each March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 beginning March 31, 2015. The Notes are convertible at any time in an amount equal to 80% of the greater of (i) the average volume weighted average price (“VWAP”) for the 30 Business Day period ending on the Business Day prior to the date of the conversion, or (ii) the average VWAP for the 30 Business Day period ending on the original issuance date of this note. Each Note will convert into a maximum of 100 shares per note, resulting in the issuance of up to 8,535,000 shares. General Moly’s named executive officers and board of directors who participated in the offering are restricted from

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converting at a price less than \$0.32, the most recent closing price at the time that the Notes were issued. The Notes are mandatorily redeemable at par plus the present value of remaining coupons upon (i) the availability of cash from a financing for the Mt. Hope Project or (ii) any other debt financing by the Company. In addition, 50% of any proceeds from the sale of assets cumulatively exceeding \$250,000 will be used to prepay the Notes at par plus the present value of remaining coupons. The Company has the right to redeem the Notes at any time at par plus the present value of remaining coupons. The Private Placement was negotiated by independent members of General Moly's board of directors, none of whom participated in the transaction. As of September 30, 2015, an aggregate of \$2.6 million of Notes had been converted into 2,625,000 shares of common stock and \$1.3 million of non-convertible Senior Promissory Notes, resulting in a \$0.2 million annual reduction in interest payments made by the Company in the servicing of the Notes, as further discussed in Note 6 below.

The Company evaluates its contracts for potential derivatives. See Note 6 for a description of the Company's accounting for embedded derivatives and the Notes.

The Company additionally has certain debt related to vehicle loans and a land mortgage. These items are allocated between long-term and current based on payments contractually required to be made within the next twelve months.

Debt issuance costs are costs incurred in connection with the Company's debt financings that have been capitalized and are being amortized over the stated maturity period or estimated life of the related debt, using the effective interest method.

Provision for Taxes

Income taxes are provided based upon the asset and liability method of accounting. Under this approach, deferred income taxes are recorded to reflect the tax consequences in future years of differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their financial reporting amounts at each year-end. In accordance with authoritative guidance under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 740, Income Taxes, a valuation allowance is recorded against the deferred tax asset if management does not believe the Company has met the "more likely than not" standard to allow recognition of such an asset.

Reclamation and Remediation

Expenditures for ongoing compliance with environmental regulations that relate to current operations are expensed or capitalized as appropriate. Future obligations to retire an asset, including site closure, dismantling, remediation and ongoing treatment and monitoring, are recorded as a liability at fair value at the time of construction or

development. The fair value determination is based on estimated future cash flows, the current credit-adjusted risk-free discount rate and an estimated inflation factor. The value of asset retirement obligations is evaluated on an annual basis or as new information becomes available on the expected amounts and timing of cash flows required to discharge the liability. The fair value of the liability is added to the carrying amount of the associated asset and this additional carrying amount will be depreciated or amortized over the estimated life of the asset upon the commencement of commercial production. An accretion cost, representing the increase over time in the present value of the liability, is also recorded each period as accretion expense. As reclamation work is performed or liabilities are otherwise settled, the recorded amount of the liability is reduced.

Stock-based Compensation

Stock-based compensation represents the fair value related to stock-based awards granted to members of the Board, officers and employees. The Company uses the Black-Scholes model to determine the fair value of stock-based awards under authoritative guidance for Stock-Based Compensation. For stock based compensation that is earned upon the satisfaction of a service condition, the cost is recognized on a straight-line basis (net of estimated forfeitures) over the requisite vesting period (up to three years). Awards expire five years from the date of vesting.

Further information regarding stock-based compensation can be found in Note 9 — “Equity Incentives.”

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

ASU 2015-03 — Interest — Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03 requiring that, effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015, debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are

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not affected by these amendments. The Company is currently reviewing the guidance and determining the impact on its financial statements for implementation in a future period.

NOTE 4 — MINING PROPERTIES, LAND AND WATER RIGHTS

We currently have interests in two mining properties that are the primary focus of our development, the Mt. Hope Project and the Liberty Project. We also have certain other, non-core, mining properties that are being evaluated for future development or sale.

The Mt. Hope Project. We are currently continuing our efforts to develop the Mt. Hope Project. In January 2014, the Company published an updated Technical Report on the Mt. Hope Project using Canadian Instrument NI 43-101 guidelines, which provided data on the viability and expected economics of the project. Based on the findings in the study, on a 100% basis, we reported 1.4 billion pounds of contained (1.2 billion pounds recoverable) molybdenum in proven and probable reserves.

Liberty Project. We are currently continuing to evaluate the Liberty Project. In July 2014, the Company published an updated NI 43-101 compliant pre-feasibility study, which more closely examined the use of existing infrastructure and the copper potential of the property.

Other Mining Properties. We also have mining claims and land purchased prior to 2006 which consist in part of (a) approximately 107 acres of fee simple land in the Little Pine Creek area of Shoshone County, Idaho, (b) six patented mining claims known as the Chicago-London group, located near the town of Murray in Shoshone County, Idaho, (c) 34 unpatented mining claims in Marion County, Oregon, known as the Detroit property and (d) 83 unpatented mining claims in Sanders and Madison County, Montana.

Summary. The following is a summary of mining properties, land and water rights at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (in thousands):

	At September 30, 2015	At December 31, 2014
Mt. Hope Project:		
Development costs	\$ 169,021	\$ 165,785
Mineral, land and water rights	11,324	11,728
Advance Royalties	29,800	29,300

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Total Mt. Hope Project	210,145	206,813
Total Liberty Project	9,696	9,701
Other Properties	81	81
Total	\$ 219,922	\$ 216,595

Development costs of \$169.0 million include hydrology and drilling costs, expenditures to further the permitting process, capitalized salaries, project engineering costs, and other expenditures required to fully develop the Mt. Hope Project. Deposits and/or final payments on project property, plant and equipment of \$85.6 million represent ongoing progress payments on equipment orders for the custom-built grinding and milling equipment, related electric mill drives, and other processing equipment that require the longest lead times.

Restricted Cash held for Electricity Transmission

In 2008, the LLC paid \$12.0 million into an escrow arrangement for electricity transmission services. The amount represented security for a third party transmission contract that would provide power to the Mt. Hope Project, and was accounted for as restricted cash. As electricity transmission was not delivered to the Mt. Hope Project by December 1, 2014, the LLC worked with the provider to terminate the existing agreement in favor of arranging for transmission under the provider's network services agreement. As discussed in Notes 2 and 3, in June 2015, the LLC finalized an agreement to terminate the existing third-party transmission contracts to provide power to the Mt. Hope Project in favor of a future arrangement for transmission under the provider's network services agreement. With the agreement, the LLC received a return of approximately \$7.9 million in cash net of termination costs, expenses and consideration to the transmission providers, resulting in a loss of \$4.3 million to the LLC. In August 2015, the LLC distributed the cash under the terms of the LLC Agreement to Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals according to their respective partnership interests.

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NOTE 5 — ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

Asset retirement obligations (“ARO”) arise from the acquisition, development, construction and normal operation of mining property, plant and equipment due to government controls and regulations that require closure and reclamation of mining properties. The exact nature of environmental issues and costs, if any, which the Company or the LLC may encounter in the future are subject to change, primarily because of the changing character of environmental requirements that may be enacted by governmental authorities.

The following table shows asset retirement obligations for future mine closure and reclamation costs in connection with the Mt. Hope Project and within the boundaries of the Plan of Operations (“PoO”):

	At September 30, 2015 (in thousands)
At January 1, 2014	\$ 1,112
Accretion Expense	80
Adjustments*	(115)
At December 31, 2014	\$ 1,077
Accretion Expense	55
Adjustments*	(101)
At September 30, 2015	\$ 1,031

*Includes additions, annual changes to the escalation rate, the market-risk premium rate, or reclamation time periods.

The estimated future reclamation costs for the Mt. Hope Project have been discounted using a rate of 8%. The total inflated and undiscounted estimated reclamation costs associated with current disturbance under the PoO at the Mt. Hope Project were \$6.2 million at September 30, 2015. Increases in ARO liabilities resulting from the passage of time are recognized as accretion expense.

The LLC is required by U.S. federal and state laws to provide financial assurance sufficient to allow a third party to implement approved closure and reclamation plans if the LLC is unable to do so. The laws govern the determination of the scope and cost of the closure, and the amount and forms of financial assurance. The LLC has provided the appropriate regulatory authorities with \$75.1 million in reclamation financial guarantees through the posting of surety bonds for reclamation of the Mt. Hope Project as approved in the ROD. As of September 30, 2015, we had \$4.6 million in cash deposits associated with these bonds, which are specific to the PoO disturbance and accounted for as restricted cash and are unrelated to the inflated and undiscounted liability referenced above.

The LLC has a smaller liability at the Mt. Hope Project for disturbance associated with exploration drilling which occurred outside the PoO boundaries. The LLC has not discounted this reclamation liability as the total amount is less than \$0.1 million.

The Company's Liberty Project is currently in the exploration stage. The Company has not discounted the reclamation liability incurred at the Liberty Project as the total is approximately \$0.1 million.

	Mt. Hope Project outside PoO boundary Liberty (in thousands)	
At January 1, 2014	81	125
Adjustments *	—	(7)
At December 31, 2014	\$ 81	\$ 118
Adjustments *	(59)	—
At September 30, 2015	\$ 22	\$ 118

*Includes reduced / reclaimed disturbance

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NOTE 6 — SENIOR CONVERTIBLE PROMISSORY NOTES

In December 2014, the Company sold and issued 85,350 Units of Senior Convertible Promissory Notes (the “Convertible Notes”) with warrants (the “Warrants”) to qualified buyers pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of which 23,750 Units were sold and issued to related parties, including several directors and each of our named executive officers. The Convertible Notes are unsecured obligations and are senior to any of the Company’s future secured obligations to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such obligations.

The transaction value of \$8.5 million was allocated between debt for the Convertible Notes and equity for the Warrants based on the relative fair value of the two instruments. This resulted in recording \$0.8 million in Additional Paid In Capital for the relative fair value of the Warrants and \$7.7 million as Convertible Notes. The Company received net proceeds from the sale of the Convertible Notes of approximately \$8.0 million, after deducting offering expenses of approximately \$0.5 million, which was allocated between debt and equity. As a result, the Company recognized \$0.4 million as Debt Issuance Costs to be amortized over the expected redemption period, and \$0.1 million recognized as a reduction to Additional Paid in Capital. Net proceeds from the sale will be used to fund ongoing operations until the Company’s portion of project financing is obtained.

The Convertible Notes bear interest at a rate of 10.0% per annum, payable in cash quarterly in arrears on each March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 beginning March 31, 2015. The Notes mature on December 26, 2019 unless earlier redeemed, repurchased or converted. The Company may redeem the Convertible Notes for cash, either in whole or in part, at any time, in exchange for the sum of (i) a cash payment equal to the unpaid principal plus all accrued but unpaid interest through the date of redemption and (ii) the present value of the remaining scheduled interest payments discounted to the maturity date at the annual percentage yield on U.S. Treasury securities with maturity similar to the notes plus 25 basis points (the “Optional Redemption”). The Convertible Notes are mandatorily redeemable at par plus the present value of remaining coupons upon (i) the availability of cash from a financing for Mt. Hope and (ii) any other debt financing by the Company. In addition, 50% of any proceeds from the sale of assets cumulatively exceeding \$250,000 will be used to prepay the Convertible Notes at par plus the present value of remaining coupons (the “Mandatory Redemption”).

The Convertible Notes are convertible at any time in an amount equal to 80% of the greater of (i) the average VWAP for the 30 Business Day period ending on the Business Day prior to the date of the conversion, or (ii) the average VWAP for the 30 Business Day period ending on the original issuance date of the note. Each Convertible Note will convert into a maximum of 100 shares per note, resulting in the issuance of 8,535,000 shares, or 9.3% of shares outstanding as of December 31, 2014 (the “Conversion Option”). General Moly’s executive management team and board of directors who participate in the offering will be restricted from converting at a price less than \$0.32, the most recent closing price at the time that the Convertible Notes were issued.

If the Company undergoes a “fundamental change”, the Convertible Notes will be redeemed for cash at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Notes to be repurchased plus accrued and unpaid

interest, including contingent interest and additional amounts, if any. Examples creating a “fundamental change” include the reclassification of the common stock, consolidation or merger of the Company with another entity or sale of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, certain holders of the Convertible Notes, including both directors and named executive officers of the Company, elected to convert notes totaling \$2.6 million, reducing the principal balance of the Convertible Notes to \$5.9 million. Upon conversion, the Convertible Notes holders received 2,625,000 shares of common stock, at conversion prices ranging from \$0.3462 to \$0.5485, and were issued non-convertible Senior Promissory Notes (“Promissory Notes”) of \$1.3 million, pursuant to the terms of the share maximum provision of the Conversion Option. The Promissory Notes have identical terms to the Convertible Notes, with the exception that the holder no longer has a Conversion Option. Accordingly, the Promissory Notes bear interest equal to 10.0% per annum, payable in cash quarterly in arrears on each March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 and mature on December 26, 2019. The conversions will result in a \$0.2 million annual reduction in interest payments made by the Company in the servicing of the Notes. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, the loss on extinguishment incurred at conversion was nil and \$0.9 million, respectively.

Based on the redemption and conversion features discussed above, the Company determined that there were embedded derivatives that require bifurcation from the debt instrument and accounted for under ASC 815. Embedded derivatives are separated from the host contract, the Convertible Notes, and carried at fair value when: (a) the embedded derivative possesses economic characteristics that are not clearly and closely related to the economic characteristics of the host contract; and (b) a separate, stand-alone instrument with the same terms would qualify as a derivative instrument. The Company has concluded that the Mandatory Redemption and Conversion Option features embedded within the Convertible Notes meet these criteria and, as such, must be

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valued separate and apart from the Convertible Notes as one embedded derivative and recorded at fair value each reporting period (the “Embedded Derivatives”).

A probability-weighted calculation was utilized to estimate the fair value of the Mandatory Redemption. The Company used a binomial lattice model in order to estimate the fair value of the Conversion Option in the Convertible Notes. A binomial lattice model generates two probable outcomes, arising at each point in time, starting from the date of valuation until the maturity date. A lattice was initially used to determine if the Convertible Notes would be converted or held at each decision point. Within the lattice model, the Company assumes that the Convertible Notes will be converted early if the conversion value is greater than the holding value.

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, the carrying value of the Convertible Notes, absent the embedded derivatives, was \$5.1 million and \$6.9 million inclusive of an unamortized debt discount of \$0.9 million and \$1.7 million, all of which is considered long term debt. The fair value of the Convertible Notes was \$7.7 million and \$11.2 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. As of September 30, 2015, the carrying value of the Promissory Notes was \$1.3 million. The fair value of the Promissory Notes was \$0.9 million at September 30, 2015. There were no outstanding borrowings related to the Promissory Notes as of December 31, 2014.

The embedded derivatives recorded in Convertible Notes at fair value were \$0.5 million and \$0.9 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. The changes in the estimated fair value of the embedded derivatives during the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2015 resulted in a net gain of \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. Gain or loss on embedded derivatives is recognized as Interest Expense in the Statement of Operations.

The Company has estimated the fair value of the Convertible Notes, embedded derivatives, and Promissory Notes based on Level 3 inputs. Changes in certain inputs into the valuation models can have a significant impact on changes in the estimated fair value. For example, the estimated fair value of the embedded derivatives will generally decrease with: (1) a decline in the stock price; (2) increases in the estimated stock volatility; and (3) an increase in the estimated credit spread.

The following inputs were utilized to measure the fair value of the embedded derivatives: (i) price of the Company’s common stock; (ii) Conversion Rate (as defined in the Note); (iii) Conversion Price (as defined in the Notes); (iv) maturity date; (v) risk-free interest rate; (vi) estimated stock volatility; (vii) estimated credit spread for the Company; (viii) default intensity; and (ix) recovery rate.

The following tables set forth the inputs to the models that were used to value the embedded derivatives:

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	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Stock Price	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.64
Maturity Date	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2019
Risk-Free Interest Rate	1.20%	1.75%
Estimated Stock Volatility	40.00%	40.00%
Default Intensity	2.00%	2.00%
Recovery Rate	30.00%	30.00%

Type of Event	Expected Date	Probability of Event
Mandatory Redemption	January 31, 2017	80%
Conversion Option	September 30, 2017	10%
Note Reaches Maturity	December 31, 2019	10%

NOTE 7 — COMMON STOCK UNITS, COMMON STOCK AND COMMON STOCK WARRANTS

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, we issued 22,677 and 917,041 shares of common stock, respectively, pursuant to stock awards under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan.

On December 26, 2014, the Company issued 8.5 million warrants in connection with the private placement of its Convertible Senior Promissory Notes described in Note 6 at a price of \$1.00 per share and having a relative fair value of \$0.8 million. In addition, the \$0.8 million value placed on the warrants was considered a debt discount and is to be amortized over the expected redemption period.

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Of the warrants outstanding at September 30, 2015, 1.0 million are exercisable at \$5.00 per share once General Moly has received financing necessary for the commencement of commercial production at the Mt. Hope Project and will expire one year thereafter, and the remaining 8.5 million are exercisable at \$1.00 per share at any time from June 26, 2015 through their expiration on December 26, 2019.

Pursuant to our amended Certificate of Incorporation, approved by the stockholders at the general meeting of June 30, 2015, we are authorized to issue 650.0 million shares of \$0.001 par value common stock. All shares have equal voting rights, are non-assessable and have one vote per share. Voting rights are not cumulative and therefore, the holders of more than 50% of the common stock could, if they choose to do so, elect all of the directors of the Company. The Certificate of Amendment was filed in Delaware on July 14, 2015.

Additionally, on June 30, 2015, the Company's stockholders approved an amendment to the Company's certificate of incorporation providing the Board with the flexibility to effect a reverse stock split of the Company's common stock. This amendment has not yet been implemented by the Board.

NOTE 8 — PREFERRED STOCK

Pursuant to our Certificate of Incorporation we are authorized to issue 10,000,000 shares of \$0.001 per share par value preferred stock. The authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock may be issued in designated series from time to time by one or more resolutions adopted by the Board. The Board has the authority to determine the preferences, limitations and relative rights of each series of preferred stock. At September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, no shares of preferred stock were issued or outstanding.

NOTE 9 — EQUITY INCENTIVES

In 2006, the Board and shareholders of the Company approved the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan ("2006 Plan") that replaced the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan ("2003 Plan"). In May 2010, our shareholders approved an amendment to the 2006 Plan increasing the number of shares that may be issued under the plan by 4,500,000 shares to 9,600,000 shares. The 2006 Plan authorizes the Board, or a committee of the Board, to issue or transfer up to an aggregate of 9,600,000 shares of common stock, of which 400,197 remain available for issuance as of September 30, 2015. Awards under the 2006 Plan may include incentive stock options, non-statutory stock options, restricted stock units, restricted stock awards, and stock appreciation rights ("SARs"). At the option of the Board, SARs may be settled with cash, shares, or a combination of cash and shares. The Company settles the exercise of other stock-based compensation with newly issued common shares.

Stock-based compensation cost is estimated at the grant date based on the award's fair value as calculated by the Black-Scholes option pricing model and is recognized as compensation ratably on a straight-line basis over the requisite vesting/service period. As of September 30, 2015, there was \$1.5 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to share-based compensation arrangements, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.0 years.

Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights

All stock options and SARs are approved by the Board prior to or on the date of grant. Stock options and SARs are granted at an exercise price equal to or greater than the Company's closing stock price on the date of grant. Both award types vest over a period of zero to three years with a contractual term of five years after vesting. The Company estimates the fair value of stock options and SARs using the Black-Scholes valuation model. Key inputs and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of stock options and SARs include the grant price of the award, expected option term, volatility of the Company's stock, the risk-free rate and the Company's dividend yield.

At September 30, 2015, the aggregate intrinsic value of outstanding and exercisable (fully vested) options and SARs was nil and had a weighted-average remaining contractual term of 1.3 years. No options or SARs were exercised during the three or nine months ended September 30, 2015.

Restricted Stock Units and Stock Awards

Grants of restricted stock units and stock awards ("Stock Awards") have been made to Board members, officers, and employees. Stock Awards have been granted as performance based, earned over a required service period, or to Board members and the Company Secretary without any service requirement. Time based grants for officers and employees generally vest and stock is received without restriction to the extent of one-third of the granted stock for each year following the date of grant.

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Performance based grants are recognized as compensation based on the probable outcome of achieving the performance condition. Stock Awards issued to members of the Board of Directors and the Company Secretary that are fully vested at the time of issue are recognized as compensation upon grant of the award.

The compensation expense recognized by the Company for Stock Awards is based on the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the weighted-average grant date fair value for Stock Awards was \$0.49. The total fair value of stock awards vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 is \$0.4 million.

Summary of Equity Incentive Awards

The following table summarizes activity under the Plans during the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	Stock Options		SARs		Stock Awards	
	Weighted		Weighted	Number	Weighted	
	Average	Number of Shares	Average	of Shares	Average	
	Exercise	Under Option	Strike	Under	Grant	Number of
	Price		Price	Option	Price	Shares
Balance at January 1, 2015	\$ 7.25	271,112	\$ 2.76	1,923,144	\$ 2.73	1,723,328
Awards Granted	—	—	—	—	0.49	1,660,000
Awards Exercised or Earned	—	—	—	—	1.35	(1,226,537)
Awards Forfeited	—	—	1.15	(67,596)	4.00	(40,237)
Awards Expired	8.30	(60,554)	1.45	(163,920)	—	—
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$ 6.95	210,558	2.91	1,691,628	1.70	2,116,554
Exercisable at September 30, 2015	\$ 8.30	60,558	1.96	389,466		

A summary of the status of the non-vested awards as of September 30, 2015 and changes during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 is presented below:

Stock Options		SARs		Stock Awards	
Weighted		Weighted	Number	Weighted	
Average	Number of Shares	Average	of Shares	Average	
Fair	Under Option	Fair	Under	Fair	Number of
Value		Value	Option	Value	Shares

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Balance at January 1, 2015	\$	6.40	150,000	\$	3.14	1,369,758	\$	2.73	1,723,328
Awards Granted		—	—		—	—		0.49	1,660,000
Awards Vested or Earned		—	—		—	—		1.35	(1,226,537)
Awards Forfeited		—	—		1.15	(67,596)		4.00	(40,237)
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$	6.40	150,000		3.20	1,302,162		1.70	2,116,554

Taxes

A portion of the Company's granted options are intended to qualify as incentive stock options ("ISO") for income tax purposes. As such, a tax benefit is not recorded at the time the compensation cost related to the options is recorded for book purposes due to the fact that an ISO does not ordinarily result in a tax benefit unless there is a disqualifying disposition. Stock option grants of non-qualified options result in the creation of a deferred tax asset, which is a temporary difference, until the time that the option is exercised. Any excess tax benefits from non-qualified stock option exercises are not recorded until the tax deduction reduces income tax payable.

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NOTE 10 — CHANGES IN CONTINGENTLY REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTEREST AND EQUITY

	Activity for	
	Nine Months Ended	
	September	September
	30,	30,
	2015	2014
Changes CRNCI (Dollars in thousands)		
Total CRNCI January 1, 2015 and 2014, respectively	\$ 210,317	\$ 209,007
Plus: Capital Contributions Attributable to CRNCI*	2,116	440
Less: Return of Contributions*	(36,000)	—
Less: Return of Contributions Attributable to CRNCI	(2,268)	—
Less: Net Loss Attributable to CRNCI	(900)	—
Total CRNCI September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively	\$ 173,265	\$ 209,447

*See Note 1 for additional discussion of the Return of Contributions and associated Capital Contributions Attributable to CRNCI.

	Activity for	
	Nine Months Ended	
	September	September
	30,	30,
	2015	2014
Changes in Equity		
Common stock:		
At beginning of period	92	92
Stock Awards	1	—
Shares Issued upon Conversion of Senior Convertible Notes	3	—
At end of period	96	92
Additional paid-in capital:		
At beginning of period	276,718	273,857
Share Issuance upon conversion of convertible debt	2,488	—
Issuance of non-convertible senior notes	(1,340)	—
Write off of debt issuance costs	(115)	—
Restricted stock net share settlement	(74)	(11)
Loss on Extinguishment of Senior Convertible Notes	930	—
Stock based compensation	868	1,995
At end of period	279,475	275,841
Accumulated deficit:		
At beginning of period	(150,117)	(139,157)
Consolidated net loss	(13,261)	(8,424)
At end of period	(163,378)	(147,581)

Total Equity September 30, 2015, and 2014, respectively	\$ 116,193	\$ 128,352
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NOTE 11 — INCOME TAXES

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 we had deferred tax assets principally arising from the net operating loss carry-forwards for income tax purposes multiplied by an expected rate of 35%. As management of the Company cannot determine that it is more likely than not that we will realize the benefit of the deferred tax assets, a valuation allowance equal to the net deferred tax asset has been established at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits. There was no change in the amount of unrecognized tax benefits as a result of tax positions taken during the year or in prior periods or due to settlements with taxing authorities or lapses of applicable statutes of limitations. The Company is open to federal and state tax audits until the applicable statutes of limitations expire.

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NOTE 12 — COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Mt. Hope Project

The Mt. Hope Project is owned/leased and will be operated by the LLC under the LLC Agreement. The LLC currently has a lease (“Mt. Hope Lease”) with Mount Hope Mines, Inc. (“MHMI”) for the Mt. Hope Project for a period of 30 years from October 19, 2005 and for so long thereafter as operations are being conducted on the property. The lease may be terminated earlier at the election of the LLC, or upon a material breach of the agreement and failure to cure such breach. If the LLC terminates the lease, termination is effective 30 days after receipt by MHMI of written notice to terminate the Mt. Hope Lease and no further payments would be due to MHMI. If MHMI terminates the lease, termination is effective upon receipt of a notice of termination due to a material breach, representation, warranty, covenant or term contained in the Mt. Hope Lease and followed by failure to cure such breach within 90 days of receipt of a notice of default. MHMI may also elect to terminate the Mt. Hope Lease if the LLC has not cured the non-payment of obligations under the lease within 10 days of receipt of a notice of default. In order to maintain the Lease Agreement, the LLC must pay certain minimum advance royalties as discussed below.

The Mt. Hope Lease requires a royalty advance (“Construction Royalty Advance”) of 3% of certain construction capital costs, as defined in the Mt. Hope Lease. The LLC is obligated to pay a portion of the Construction Royalty Advance each time capital is raised for the Mt. Hope Project based on 3% of the expected capital to be used for those certain construction capital costs defined in the Mt. Hope Lease. Through September 30, 2015, we have paid \$23.6 million of the total Construction Royalty Advance. Based on our Mt. Hope Project capital budget we estimate that a final reconciliation payment on the Capital Construction Cost Estimate (the “Estimate”) will be due following the commencement of commercial production, after as-built costs are definitively determined. The Company estimates, based on the revised capital estimate discussed above and the current timeline for the commencement of commercial production, that an additional \$4.2 million will be due approximately 20 — 24 months after the commencement of construction. This amount was accrued as of September 30, 2015. The capital estimates may be subject to escalation in the event the Company experiences continued delays in achieving full financing for the Mt. Hope Project.

The LLC is also obligated to make a minimum annual advance royalty payment (“Annual Advance Royalty”) of \$0.5 million each October 19 for any year wherein commercial production has not been achieved or the MHMI Production Royalty (as hereinafter defined) is less than \$0.5 million. As commercial production is not anticipated to commence until mid-2019, the Company has accrued \$2.0 million in Annual Advance Royalty payments which will be due in four \$0.5 million installments in October 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, respectively. The Estimate and the Annual Advance Royalty are collectively referred to as the “Advance Royalties.” All Advance Royalties are credited against the MHMI Production Royalties once the mine has achieved commercial production. After the mine begins production, the LLC estimates that the MHMI Production Royalties will be in excess of the Annual Advance Royalties for the life of the Mt. Hope Project. Until the advance royalties are fully credited, the LLC will pay one half of the calculated Production Royalty annually. Assuming a \$12 molybdenum price, the Annual Advance Royalties will be consumed within the first five years of commercial production.

Deposits on project property, plant and equipment

At September 30, 2015, the LLC has active orders with varying stages of fabrication on milling process equipment comprised of two 230kV primary transformers and substation, a primary crusher, a semi-autogenous mill, two ball mills, and various motors for the mills. In late 2012 and early 2013, the LLC made additional commitments for wellfield materials and equipment, and placed purchase orders for long-lead milling process equipment including the commitments for the engineering portion of flotation cells and roaster equipment.

The following table sets forth the LLC's cash commitments under mining and milling equipment contracts (collectively, "Purchase Contracts") at September 30, 2015 (in millions):

	As of September 30, 2015 *
Year	
2016	1.2
2017	2.2
Total	\$ 3.4

*All amounts are commitments of the LLC, and as a result of the agreement between Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals are to be funded by the reserve account until such time that the Company obtains financing for its portion of construction costs at the

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Mt. Hope Project or until the reserve account balance is exhausted, and thereafter are to be funded 80% by Nevada Moly and 20% by POS-Minerals. POS-Minerals remains obligated to make capital contributions for its 20% portion of equipment payments required by approved budgets of the LLC, and such amounts contributed by the reserve account on behalf of POS-Minerals will reduce, dollar for dollar, the amount of capital contributions that the LLC is required to return to POS-Minerals, as described in Note 1.

Equipment and Supply Procurement

Through September 30, 2015, the LLC has made deposits and/or final payments of \$85.6 million on equipment orders and has spent approximately \$195.6 million for the development of the Mt. Hope Project, for a total Mt. Hope Project inception-to-date spend of \$281.2 million.

In 2012, the LLC issued a firm purchase order for eighteen haul trucks. The order provides for delivery of those haul trucks required to perform initial mine development, which will begin several months prior to commercial production. Non-refundable down-payments of \$1.2 million were made in 2012, with pricing subject to escalation as the trucks were not delivered prior to December 31, 2013. During the third quarter of 2014, the LLC renegotiated the timelines for truck delivery, accepting a 4% price increase and delaying deliveries into December 2015. Haul truck deliveries will be renegotiated during the second half of 2015 extending the delivery dates into 2016. The contract is cancellable with no further liability to the LLC.

Also in 2012, the LLC issued a firm purchase order for four mine production drills with a non-refundable down-payment of \$0.4 million, and pricing was subject to escalation if the drills were not delivered by the end of 2013. In the third quarter of 2014, the LLC accepted a change order which delayed delivery into December 2015 and triggered a \$0.3 million price increase. Drill deliveries will be renegotiated during the second half of 2015 extending the delivery dates into 2016. The contract remains cancellable with no further liability to the LLC.

On June 30, 2012, the LLC's contract to purchase two electric shovels expired. On July 11, 2012, we signed a letter of intent with the same vendor providing for the opportunity to purchase the electric shovels at prices consistent with the expired contract, less a special discount in the amount of \$3.4 million to provide credit to the LLC for amounts paid as deposits under the expired contract. The letter of intent provides that equipment pricing will remain subject to inflation indexes and guarantees production slots to ensure that the equipment is available when required by the LLC. In June 2015, the parties agreed to extend the letter of intent through December 30, 2015, and are working to negotiate a further extension.

Obligations under capital and operating leases

We have contractual operating leases that will require a total of \$0.1 million in payments over the next three years. Operating leases consist primarily of rents on office facilities and office equipment. Our expected payments are nil, \$0.1 million, and nil for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2016, and 2017, respectively.

Creation of Agricultural Sustainability Trust

On August 19, 2010, the LLC entered into an agreement with the Eureka Producers' Cooperative ("EPC") whereby the LLC will fund a \$4.0 million Sustainability Trust ("Trust") in exchange for the cooperation of the EPC with respect to the LLC's water rights and permitting of the Mt. Hope Project. The Trust will be tasked with developing and implementing programs that will serve to enhance the sustainability and well-being of the agricultural economy in the Diamond Valley Hydrographic Basin through reduced water consumption.

The Trust may be funded by the LLC over several years based on the achievement of certain milestones, which are considered probable, and as such \$4.0 million has been accrued in the Company's September 30, 2015, financial statements and is included in mining properties, land, and water rights.

Permitting Considerations

In the ordinary course of business, mining companies are required to seek governmental permits for expansion of existing operations or for the commencement of new operations. The LLC was required to obtain approval from the BLM to implement the Mt. Hope Project PoO. This approval, in the form of a ROD and Finding of No Significant Impact ("FONSI") was obtained only after successful completion of the process of environmental evaluation, which incorporates substantial public comment. The LLC was also required to obtain various state and federal permits including, but not limited to, water protection, air quality, water rights and reclamation permits. In addition to requiring permits for the development of the Mt. Hope Project, we will need to obtain and

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modify various mining and environmental permits during the life of the Mt. Hope Project. Maintaining, modifying, and renewing the necessary governmental permits is a complex and time-consuming process involving numerous jurisdictions and often involving public hearings and substantial expenditures. The duration and success of the LLC's efforts to obtain, modify or renew permits will be contingent upon many variables, some of which are not within the LLC's control. Increased costs or delays could occur, depending on the nature of the activity to be permitted and the interpretation of applicable requirements implemented by the permitting authority. All necessary permits may not be obtained and, if obtained, may not be renewed, or the costs involved in each case may exceed those that we previously estimated. In addition, it is possible that compliance with such permits may result in additional costs and delays.

On November 16, 2012, the BLM issued its ROD authorizing development of the Mt. Hope Project. On April 23, 2015, the BLM issued its FONSI, approving an amendment to the PoO. The ROD and FONSI approve the Plan of Operations ("PoO") and amended PoO, respectively, for construction and operation of the mining and processing facilities and also grant the Right-of-Way, and amended Right-of-Way, respectively, for a 230kV power transmission line, discussed below. Monitoring and mitigation measures identified in the ROD and FONSI, developed in collaboration with the regulatory agencies involved throughout the permitting process, will avoid, minimize, and mitigate environmental impacts, and reflect the Company's commitment to be good stewards of the environment.

On February 15, 2013, Great Basin Resource Watch and the Western Shoshone Defense Project ("Plaintiffs") filed a Complaint against the U.S. Department of the Interior and the BLM ("Defendants") in the U.S. District Court ("District Court"), District of Nevada, seeking relief under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") and other federal laws challenging the BLM's issuance of the ROD for the Mt. Hope Project. The District Court allowed the LLC to intervene in the matter.

On July 23, 2014, the District Court denied Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment in its entirety and on August 1, 2014 the District Court entered judgment in favor of the Defendants and the LLC, and against Plaintiffs regarding all claims raised in the Complaint.

On September 22, 2014, the Plaintiffs filed their notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit of the District Court's dismissal. Plaintiffs submitted their Opening Brief on January 23, 2015 and Defendants and the LLC filed their Response Briefs on March 27, 2015. Plaintiffs filed their Reply Brief on May 1, 2015 and all briefing has been concluded. All Mt. Hope Project permits remain in effect and the Company is confident in the BLM's process and will continue to vigorously defend this subsequent appeal of the ROD.

Water Rights Considerations

In July 2011 and June 2012, respectively, the Nevada State Engineer ("State Engineer") granted all water permits and approved a Monitoring, Management and Mitigation Plan ("3M Plan") for the Mt. Hope Project. Eureka County,

Nevada and two other parties comprised of water rights holders in Diamond Valley and Kobeh Valley appealed the State Engineer's decision granting the water permits to the Nevada State District Court ("District Court") and then filed a further appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court challenging the District Court's decision affirming the State Engineer's decision to grant the water permits. In June 2013, the appeal was consolidated by the Nevada Supreme Court with an appeal of the State Engineer's approval of the 3M Plan filed by two water rights holders. The District Court previously approved the State Engineer's approval of the 3M Plan and the two parties subsequently appealed the District Court's decision to the Nevada Supreme Court. The 3M Plan was developed in coordination with Eureka County and Eureka County did not challenge the 3M Plan. While the appeals were pending, the 3M Plan had been implemented to collect information on background conditions and aquifer responses to the Mt. Hope Project's pumping, as well as to address mitigation measures for impacted third-party water rights.

On September 18, 2015, the Nevada Supreme Court issued an Order that reversed and remanded the cases to the District Court for further proceedings consistent with its Order. On October 29, 2015, the Nevada Supreme Court issued the Order as a published Opinion. The Nevada Supreme Court ruled that the State Engineer did not have sufficient evidence in the record at the time he granted the water permits to demonstrate that successful mitigation may be undertaken so as to dispel the threat to existing water rights holders.

The Company is evaluating the Opinion to fully understand the process and timing associated with addressing issues identified by the Supreme Court, and will move forward as expeditiously as possible, following the remand by the District Court to the State Engineer. The Company expects to comply with the Supreme Court Opinion and provide additional evidence of its ability to mitigate any potential impacts to water rights in Kobeh Valley that could result from the Mt. Hope Project's water use.

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Environmental Considerations

Our mineral property holdings in Shoshone County, Idaho include lands contained in mining districts that have been designated as “Superfund” sites pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. This “Superfund Site” was established to investigate and remediate primarily the Bunker Hill properties of Smeltonville, Idaho, a small portion of Shoshone County where a large smelter was located. However, because of the extent of environmental impact caused by the historical mining in the mining district, the Superfund Site covers the majority of Shoshone County including our Chicago-London and Little Pine Creek properties as well as many small towns located in Northern Idaho. We have conducted a property environmental investigation of these properties, which revealed no evidence of material adverse environmental effects at either property. We are unaware of any pending action or proceeding relating to any regulatory matters that would affect our financial position due to these inactive mining claims in Shoshone County.

NOTE 13 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On November 2, 2015, the Company and AMER entered into an amendment to the Investment and Securities Purchase Agreement, thereby creating a three tranche investment strategy that will create a strategic partnership to assist the Company in obtaining full financing for the Mt. Hope Project. The first tranche of the amended Investment Agreement is a \$4 million private placement representing 13,333,333 shares, priced at \$0.30 per share, and warrants to purchase 80,000,000 shares of common stock at \$0.50 per share. The \$4 million private placement will be divided evenly between general corporate purposes and an expense reimbursement account to cover anticipated Mt. Hope financing costs and other jointly sourced business development opportunities. In addition, AMER and General Moly will enter into a Stockholder Agreement allowing AMER to nominate a director to a then seven member General Moly Board of Directors, additional directors following the close of Tranche 3, discussed below, and drawdown of a senior secured loan (“Bank Loan”), respectively. The Stockholders Agreement also governs amer’s acquisition and transfer of General Moly shares. The parties agreed to eliminate the condition to closing the Investment Agreement requiring a letter of intent from a Prime Chinese Bank endorsing the Bank Loan as a result of the current molybdenum market price and recent water rights decision from the Nevada Supreme Court. The parties also agreed to eliminate the requirement of the Company to obtain consent from APERAM, as Tranche 1 is being issued at \$0.30 per share, which is above the October 30, 2015, closing price of \$0.29 per share.

The second tranche of the amended Investment Agreement will include a \$6 million private placement representing 12,000,000 shares, priced at \$0.50 per share. \$5 million of the \$6 million will be reserved for general corporate purposes and \$1 million will be set aside for the expense reimbursement account discussed above. Closing of the second tranche is contingent on the Nevada State Engineer restoring permits for the Mt. Hope Project's water rights and for the price of molybdenum to average in excess of \$8/lb for a 30 consecutive calendar day period.

The third tranche of the agreement will include a \$10 million private placement representing 14,666,667 shares, priced at \$0.68 per share. Execution of the third tranche is contingent on a final adjudication of the Mt. Hope Project's water

rights through courts or settlement, if further protests and appeals result from the issuance of the water permits, and for the price of molybdenum to average in excess of \$12/lb for a 30 consecutive calendar day period. After the third tranche of the agreement is executed, AMER will nominate a second director to General Moly's then eight member Board of Directors.

The Company announced receipt of funds to successfully close the first tranche of the amended Investment Agreement on November 2, 2015. The second and third tranches of the Investment Agreement may be subject to General Moly stockholder approval.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

References made in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to "we," "our," "us," or the "Company," refer to General Moly, Inc.

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations constitutes management's review of the factors that affected our financial and operating performance for nine months ended September 30, 2015, and 2014. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained elsewhere in this report and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, which was filed on March 11, 2015.

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Overview

We began the development of the Mt. Hope Project on October 4, 2007. During the year ended December 31, 2008 we also completed work on a pre-feasibility study of our Liberty Project, which we updated during 2014.

Mt. Hope Project

In August, 2007, we completed a Bankable Feasibility Study (“Bankable Feasibility Study” or “BFS”) that provided data on the viability, expected economics, and production and cost estimates of the project. Since publication of the BFS, we have revised several estimates, based primarily on engineering progress, which is approximately 65% complete at September 30, 2015. Our current estimates for the Mt. Hope Project capital cost requirements are referred to as the “Project Capital Estimate” and our current estimates for the Mt. Hope Project operating costs are referred to as the “Project Operating Cost Estimate”. On January 16, 2014, we filed a technical report (the “January 2014 Technical Report”) prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects of the Canadian Securities Administration (“NI 43-101”) for the Mt. Hope Project. The NI 43-101 is a codified set of rules and guidelines for reporting and displaying information related to mineral properties owned by, or explored by, companies which report these results on stock exchanges within Canada. The completed report estimates molybdenum reserves and resources, production, capital and operating cost parameters, along with project economics.

Project Ownership

From October 2005 to January 2008, we owned the rights to 100% of the Mt. Hope Project. Effective as of January 1, 2008, we contributed all of our interest in the assets related to the Mt. Hope Project, including our lease of the Mt. Hope Project, into Eureka Moly, LLC (“the LLC”), and in February 2008 entered into an agreement (“LLC Agreement”) for the development and operation of the Mt. Hope Project with POS-Minerals Corporation (“POS-Minerals”). Under the LLC Agreement, POS-Minerals owns a 20% interest in the LLC and General Moly, through Nevada Moly, LLC (“Nevada Moly”), a wholly-owned subsidiary, owns an 80% interest. In this report, POS-Minerals and Nevada Moly are also referred to as the “members”. The ownership interests and/or required capital contributions under the LLC Agreement can change as discussed below.

Pursuant to the terms of the LLC Agreement, POS-Minerals made its first and second capital contributions to the LLC totaling \$100.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2008 (“Initial Contributions”). Additional amounts of

\$100.7 million were received from POS-Minerals in December 2012, following receipt of major operating permits for the Mt. Hope Project, including the Record of Decision (“ROD”) from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”).

In addition, under the terms of the LLC Agreement, since commercial production at the Mt. Hope Project was not achieved by December 31, 2011, the LLC will be required to return to POS-Minerals \$36.0 million, since reduced to \$33.9 million as discussed below, of its capital contributions (“Return of Contributions”), with no corresponding reduction in POS-Minerals’ ownership percentage. Effective January 1, 2015, as part of a comprehensive agreement concerning the release of the reserve account described below, Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals agreed that the Return of Contributions will be due to POS-Minerals on December 31, 2020; provided that, at any time on or before November 30, 2020, Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals may agree in writing to extend the due date to December 31, 2021; and if the due date has been so extended, at any time on or before November 30, 2021, Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals may agree in writing to extend the due date to December 31, 2022. If the repayment date is extended, the unpaid amount will bear interest at a rate per annum of LIBOR plus 5%, which interest shall compound quarterly, commencing on December 31, 2020 through the date of payment in full. Payments of accrued but unpaid interest, if any, shall be made on the repayment date. Nevada Moly may elect, on behalf of the Company to cause the Company to prepay, in whole or in part, the Return of Contributions at any time, without premium or penalty, along with accrued and unpaid interest, if any.

The original Return of Contribution amount of \$36.0 million due to POS-Minerals can be reduced, dollar for dollar, by the amount of capital contributions for equipment payments required from POS-Minerals under approved budgets of the LLC, as discussed further below. As of September 30, 2015, this amount has been reduced by \$2.1 million, consisting of 20% of an \$8.4 million principal payment made on milling equipment in March 2015 and a \$2.2 million payment made on electrical transformers in April 2015, such that the remaining amount due to POS-Minerals is \$33.9 million. If Nevada Moly does not fund its additional capital contribution in order for the LLC to make the required Return of Contributions to POS-Minerals set forth above, POS-Minerals has an election to either make a secured loan to the LLC to fund the Return of Contributions, or receive an additional interest in the LLC estimated to be 5%. In the latter case, Nevada Moly’s interest in the LLC is subject to dilution by a percentage

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equal to the ratio of 1.5 times the amount of the unpaid Return of Contributions over the aggregate amount of deemed capital contributions (as determined under the LLC Agreement) of both parties to the LLC (“Dilution Formula”). At September 30, 2015, the aggregate amount of deemed capital contributions of both parties was \$1,078.3 million.

Furthermore, the LLC Agreement permits POS-Minerals to put its interest in the LLC to Nevada Moly after a change of control of Nevada Moly or the Company, as defined in the LLC Agreement, followed by a failure by us or our successor company to use standard mining industry practice in connection with the development and operation of the Mt. Hope Project as contemplated by the parties for a period of 12 consecutive months. If POS-Minerals puts its interest, Nevada Moly or its transferee or surviving entity would be required to purchase the interest for 120% of POS-Minerals’ total contributions to the LLC, which, if not paid timely, would be subject to 10% interest per annum.

In November 2012, the Company and POS-Minerals began making monthly pro rata capital contributions to the LLC to fund costs incurred as required by the LLC Agreement. The interest of a party in the LLC that does not make its monthly pro rata capital contributions to fund costs incurred is subject to dilution based on the Dilution Formula. The Company and POS-Minerals consented, effective July 1, 2013, to Nevada Moly accepting financial responsibility for POS-Minerals’ 20% interest in costs related to Nevada Moly’s compensation and reimbursement as Manager of the LLC, and certain owners’ costs associated with Nevada Moly’s ongoing progress to complete project financing for its 80% interest, resulting in \$2.9 million paid by Nevada Moly on behalf of POS-Minerals during the term of the consensual agreement, which ended on June 30, 2014. From July 1 to December 31, 2014, POS-Minerals once again contributed its 20% interest in all costs incurred by the LLC. Subject to the terms above, all required monthly contributions have been made by both parties.

Effective January 1, 2015, Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals signed an amendment to the LLC agreement under which a separate \$36.0 million owed to Nevada Moly and held by the LLC in a reserve account established in December 2012 is being released for the mutual benefit of both members related to the jointly approved Mt. Hope Project expenses through 2020. In January 2015, the reserve account funded a reimbursement of contributions made by the members during the fourth quarter of 2014, inclusive of \$0.7 million to POS-Minerals and \$2.7 million to Nevada Moly. The funds are now being used to pay ongoing expenses of the LLC until the Company obtains full financing for its portion of the Mt. Hope Project construction cost, or until the reserve account is exhausted. Any remaining funds after financing is obtained will be returned to Nevada Moly/the Company. The balance of the reserve account at September 30, 2015 was \$16.6 million.

Permitting Completion and Project Restart

On November 16, 2012, the BLM issued its ROD authorizing development of the Mt. Hope Project. On April 23, 2015, the BLM issued the FONSI, approving the PoO amendment. The ROD and FONSI approve the Plan of Operations (“PoO”) and amended PoO, respectively, for construction and operation of the mining and processing facilities and also grant the Right-of-Way, and amended Right-of-Way, respectively, for a 230kV power transmission line, discussed below. Monitoring and mitigation measures identified in the ROD and FONSI, developed in

collaboration with the regulatory agencies involved throughout the permitting process, will avoid, minimize, and mitigate environmental impacts, and reflect the Company's commitment to operate the Mt. Hope Project to the highest environmental standards.

On February 15, 2013, Great Basin Resource Watch and the Western Shoshone Defense Project ("Plaintiffs") filed a Complaint against the U.S. Department of the Interior and the BLM in the U.S. District Court ("District Court"), District of Nevada, seeking relief under the NEPA and other federal laws challenging the BLM's issuance of the ROD for the Mt. Hope Project, and on February 20, 2013 filed a Motion for Preliminary Injunction. The District Court allowed the LLC to intervene in the matter.

On August 22, 2013, the District Court denied, without prejudice, the Motion for Preliminary Injunction based on the parties' Joint Stipulation to Continue Preliminary Injunction Oral Argument, which advised the District Court that as a result of economic conditions, including the Company's ongoing financing efforts, all major ground disturbing activities had ceased at the Mt. Hope Project.

On July 23, 2014, the District Court denied Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment in its entirety and on August 1, 2014 the District Court entered judgment in favor of the Defendants and the LLC, and against Plaintiffs regarding all claims raised in the Complaint.

On September 22, 2014, the Plaintiffs filed their notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit of the District Court's dismissal. Plaintiffs submitted their Opening Brief on January 23, 2015 and Defendants and the LLC filed their Response Briefs on March 27, 2015. Plaintiffs filed their Reply Brief on May 1, 2015 and all briefing has been concluded. All Mt.

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Hope Project permits remain in effect and the Company is confident in the BLM's process and will continue to vigorously defend this subsequent appeal of the ROD.

The State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection ("NDEP") issued a Reclamation Permit for the Mt. Hope Project on November 19, 2012, which authorizes surface disturbance and construction of facilities. The Reclamation Permit also approved the Phase 1 reclamation cost estimate of approximately \$75.1 million and established bonding requirements based on this estimate. The BLM accepted the LLC's reclamation surety bonding in satisfaction of financial guarantee requirements under the ROD for the Mt. Hope Project. The surety bond program remains funded with a cash collateral payment, which was reduced in November, 2014 from \$5.6 million to \$4.6 million.

On May 29, 2012, NDEP issued a Class II Air Quality Operating Permit for the Mt. Hope Project. This permit establishes operating restrictions and monitoring requirements associated with specific air emission points.

On November 26, 2012, NDEP issued a Water Pollution Control Permit ("WPC") for the Mt. Hope Project. The WPC also approves the operational and closure plans for the Mt. Hope Project, and establishes monitoring requirements.

The LLC initiated cultural clearance activities at the Mt. Hope Project in early December 2012 upon receipt of an Archaeological Resource Protection Act Permit issued by the State Archeologist at the Nevada State Office of the BLM. Cultural clearance is an important component of the LLC's commitment to environmental protection and will be completed before major earthworks are done in any of the construction areas. The LLC has cleared priority areas for initial construction and will continue mitigation throughout the disturbance footprint. Use of this phased approach is intended to allow the LLC to maintain uninterrupted construction progress once construction resumes.

On January 2, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("PUCN") issued the LLC a permit to construct a 230kV power line that interconnects with Nevada Energy's transmission system at the existing Machacek Substation located near the town of Eureka, Nevada and extend it approximately 25 miles to the planned Mt. Hope Substation. In addition, the BLM approved the LLC's surety bonds for reclamation of disturbance associated with construction of the 230kV power transmission line. The PUCN permit and approved bond allows the LLC to build the transmission infrastructure in a timely manner and provide the necessary capacity to power construction activities and Mt. Hope Project operations. Construction of the transmission line will also include upgrades to the existing Machacek Substation near Eureka that will improve the reliability of electrical power to the community. At full production the Mt. Hope Project will have a total electrical demand load of approximately 75 megawatts. Transmission capacity will be secured using a network services agreement and the LLC will negotiate for generating capacity prior to Mt. Hope Project commissioning activities, which will be available once the power line is constructed and energized.

The LLC initiated preliminary construction activities in early January 2013 including early wellfield development and clearing and grubbing of terrain. Completion of the wellfield and water distribution systems are key items necessary to

begin major construction activities. Preliminary work also included clearing the open pit minesite, millsite, tailings dam and administrative office areas. Further activities have been suspended as a result of the delay in financing for the Mt. Hope Project and the recent Nevada Supreme Court decision and will resume when these issues are resolved.

Capital & Operating Cost Estimates

The development of the Mt. Hope Project has a Project Capital Estimate of \$1,312 million, which includes development costs of approximately \$1,245 million and \$67 million in cash financial guaranty/bonding requirements, advance royalty payments, and power pre-payment estimates. These capital costs were updated in the third quarter of 2012, and were then escalated by approximately 3% in the third quarter of 2013, for those items not yet procured or committed to by contract. The Mt. Hope Project has not materially changed in scope and is currently designed at approximately 65% engineering completion, with solid scope definition. The pricing associated with the estimate remains subject to escalation associated with equipment, construction labor and commodity price increases, and project delays, which will continue to be reviewed periodically. The Project Capital Estimate does not include financing costs or amounts necessary to fund operating working capital and potential capital overruns, is subject to additional holding costs as the Company experiences delays in achieving its portion of financing for the Mt. Hope Project, and may be subject to other escalation and de-escalation as contracts and purchase arrangements are finalized at then current pricing. From October 2007 through the year ended September 30, 2015, the LLC spent approximately \$281.2 million of the estimated \$1,312 million on development of the Mt. Hope Project.

The LLC's Project Operating Cost Estimate forecasts molybdenum production of approximately 40 million pounds per year for the first five years of operations at estimated average direct operating costs of \$6.28 per pound based on \$90 per barrel oil equivalent energy prices. The Costs Applicable to Sales ("CAS") per pound, including anticipated royalties calculated at a market

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price of \$15 per pound molybdenum, are anticipated to average \$7.00 per pound. We currently estimate that, for each \$10 per barrel change in oil-equivalent energy costs, the Mt. Hope Project's direct operating costs will change by approximately \$0.10 per pound. These cost estimates are based on 2013 constant dollars and are subject to cost inflation or deflation.

Equipment and Supply Procurement

Through September 30, 2015, the LLC has made deposits and/or final payments of \$85.6 million on equipment orders and has spent approximately \$195.6 million for the development of the Mt. Hope Project, for a total Mt. Hope Project inception-to-date spend of \$281.2 million.

In 2012, the LLC issued a firm purchase order for eighteen haul trucks. The order provides for delivery of those haul trucks required to perform initial mine development, which will begin several months prior to commercial production. Non-refundable down-payments of \$1.2 million were made in 2012, with pricing subject to escalation as the trucks were not delivered prior to December 31, 2013. During the third quarter of 2014, the LLC renegotiated the timelines for truck delivery, accepting a 4% price increase and delaying deliveries into December 2015. Haul truck deliveries will be renegotiated during the second half of 2015 extending the delivery dates into 2016. The contract is cancellable with no further liability to the LLC.

Also in 2012, the LLC issued a firm purchase order for four mine production drills with a non-refundable down-payment of \$0.4 million, and pricing was subject to escalation if the drills were not delivered by the end of 2013. In the third quarter of 2014, the LLC accepted a change order which delayed delivery into December 2015 and triggered a \$0.3 million price increase. Drill deliveries will be renegotiated during the second half of 2015 extending the delivery dates into 2016. The contract remains cancellable with no further liability to the LLC.

On June 30, 2012, the LLC's contract to purchase two electric shovels expired. On July 11, 2012, we signed a letter of intent with the same vendor providing for the opportunity to purchase the electric shovels at prices consistent with the expired contract, less a special discount in the amount of \$3.4 million to provide credit to the LLC for amounts paid as deposits under the expired contract. The letter of intent provides that equipment pricing will remain subject to inflation indexes and guarantees production slots to ensure that the equipment is available when required by the LLC. In June 2015, the parties agreed to extend the letter of intent through December 30, 2015, and are working to negotiate a further extension.

Termination of Agreements with Hanlong (USA) Mining Investment Inc.

In March 2010, we signed a series of agreements with Hanlong (USA) Mining Investment, Inc. (“Hanlong”), an affiliate of Sichuan Hanlong Group, a privately held Chinese company. The agreements formed the basis of an anticipated \$745 million transaction that was intended to provide the Company with adequate capital to contribute its 80% share of costs to develop the Mt. Hope Project. The agreements resulted in the sale to Hanlong of 11.8 million shares of our common stock for a purchase price of \$40 million, with additional potential equity issuances conditioned on Hanlong procuring a project financing Term Loan from a Chinese bank. The agreements also provided for Hanlong representation on our Board, limitations on how Hanlong would vote its shares of the Company and on their ability to purchase or dispose of our securities, and included a \$10.0 million Bridge Loan to the Company to preserve liquidity until availability of the Term Loan. Their shares were registered effective January 29, 2014, allowing Hanlong to sell their shares to a third party.

Most of the provisions of the agreements with Hanlong were terminated in 2013 because no project financing occurred. However, Hanlong remains the owner of approximately 12% of our outstanding common stock and their representative continues as a member of our Board as of September 30, 2015.

Molybdenum Market Update

The worldwide molybdenum price fluctuated between \$5.33 per pound in 2003 to over \$40.00 per pound in 2005 and traded in the mid-\$30s per pound prior to October 2008, when prices fell from approximately \$33.50 per pound to \$7.70 per pound in April 2009 as a result of the global financial crisis. Subsequent to April 2009, prices slowly rose finishing 2009 at \$12.00 per pound and further increasing to finish 2010 at \$16.40 per pound. By the end of 2011, prices had pulled back to \$13.30 per pound, decreased further to \$9.75 per pound at the conclusion of 2013, and fell to \$9.13 per pound at the end of 2014. In 2015, molybdenum has traded in a range of \$4.53 per pound to \$9.40 per pound according to Ryan’s Notes, driven by softening spot market molybdenum demand, particularly in energy infrastructure, a strengthening U.S. dollar, and a slowdown in the Chinese economy, amongst other factors.

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Outlook

In spite of the current low prices, we view the long-term outlook for our business positively, supported by limitations on supplies of molybdenum and the requirements for molybdenum in the steel industry. World market prices for molybdenum and other commodities have fluctuated historically and are affected by numerous factors beyond our control. We believe the underlying long-term fundamentals of the molybdenum business remain positive, supported by the significant role of molybdenum in the steel industry and a challenging long-term supply environment attributable to difficulty in replacing existing and high cost large mines' output with new production sources. Future molybdenum prices are expected to be volatile and are likely to be influenced by demand from China and emerging markets, as well as economic activity in the U.S. and other industrialized countries, the timing of the development of new supplies of molybdenum, and production levels of mines and molybdenum milling.

Liquidity, Capital Resources and Capital Requirements

For the period from December 31, 2014 to September 30, 2015

Our total consolidated cash balance at September 30, 2015 was \$14.7 million compared to \$13.3 million at December 31, 2014, representing an increase of \$1.4 million due to a variety of cash inflows and outflows. Inflows included funds released from the reserve account of \$19.3 million and a distribution from the LLC to Nevada Moly of \$6.3 million upon termination of the power transmission contract. Outflows included payments made on long-lead equipment orders of \$11.4 million, \$2.3 million in distributions by the LLC to POS-Minerals, \$3.4 million in development costs for the Mt. Hope Project and \$7.1 million in general and administrative costs.. Deposits on property, plant and equipment relate primarily to scheduled payments for long-lead time equipment for the Mt. Hope Project. The majority of funds expended were used to advance the Mt. Hope Project.

The \$36.0 million reserve account established in December of 2012, at the direction of the LLC management committee was payable to Nevada Moly upon release, at which time the funds would have become available for use by the Company. Effective January 1, 2015, Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals signed an amendment to the LLC agreement under which \$36.0 million owed to Nevada Moly and held by the LLC in the reserve account will be released over the next few years, but only for the mutual benefit of both members related to jointly approved Mt. Hope Project expenses as discussed above. The balance of the reserve account at September 30, 2015 was \$16.6 million.

The cash needs for the development of the Mt. Hope Project are significant and require that we arrange for financing to be combined with funds anticipated to be received from POS-Minerals in order to retain its 20% membership interest. The Company estimates the go-forward capital required for the Mt. Hope Project, based on 65% completed engineering, to be approximately \$1,030 million, of which the Company's 80% capital requirement is \$824 million.

In April 2015, the Company and AMER entered into a private placement for 40 million shares of the Company's common stock and warrants to purchase 80 million shares of the Company's common stock, priced using the trailing 90-day volume weighted average price ("VWAP") of \$0.50 on April 17, 2015, the date the investment agreement was signed. General Moly received stockholder approval of the transaction on June 30, 2015.

On November 2, 2015, the Company and AMER entered into an amendment to the Investment and Securities Purchase Agreement, thereby creating a three tranche investment strategy that will create a strategic partnership to assist the Company in obtaining full financing for the Mt. Hope Project. The first tranche of the amended Investment Agreement is a \$4 million private placement representing 13,333,333 shares, priced at \$0.30 per share, and warrants to purchase 80,000,000 shares of common stock at \$0.50 per share. The \$4 million private placement will be divided evenly between general corporate purposes and an expense reimbursement account to cover anticipated Mt. Hope financing costs and other jointly sourced business development opportunities. In addition, AMER and General Moly will enter into a Stockholder Agreement allowing AMER to nominate a director to a then seven member General Moly Board of Directors, additional directors following the close of Tranche 3, discussed below, and drawdown of a senior secured loan ("Bank Loan"), respectively. The Stockholders Agreement also governs amer's acquisition and transfer of General Moly shares. The parties agreed to eliminate the condition to closing the Investment Agreement requiring a letter of intent from a Prime Chinese Bank endorsing the Bank Loan as a result of the current molybdenum market price and recent water rights decision from the Nevada Supreme Court. The parties also agreed to eliminate the requirement of the Company to obtain consent from APERAM, as Tranche 1 is being issued at \$0.30 per share, which is above the October 30, 2015, closing price of \$0.29 per share.

The second tranche of the amended Investment Agreement will include a \$6 million private placement representing 12,000,000 shares, priced at \$0.50 per share. \$5 million of the \$6 million will be reserved for general corporate purposes and \$1 million will be set aside for the expense reimbursement account discussed above. Closing of the second tranche is contingent on the

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Nevada State Engineer restoring permits for the Mt. Hope Project's water rights and for the price of molybdenum to average in excess of \$8/lb for a 30 consecutive calendar day period.

The third tranche of the agreement will include a \$10 million private placement representing 14,666,667 shares, priced at \$0.68 per share. Execution of the third tranche is contingent on a final adjudication of the Mt. Hope Project's water rights through courts or settlement, if further protests and appeals result from the issuance of the water permits, and for the price of molybdenum to average in excess of \$12/lb for a 30 consecutive calendar day period. After the third tranche of the agreement is executed, AMER will nominate a second director to General Moly's then eight member Board of Directors.

The Company announced receipt of funds to successfully close the first tranche of the amended Investment Agreement on November 2, 2015. The second and third tranches of the Investment Agreement may be subject to General Moly stockholder approval.

There is no assurance that the Company will be successful in obtaining the financing required to complete the Mt. Hope Project, or in raising additional financing in the future on terms acceptable to the Company, or at all.

In order to preserve our cash liquidity, effective in the third quarter of 2013, we implemented a cost reduction and personnel retention program, which included reductions in base cash compensation for our executive officers, senior management employees and members of the Board of Directors. We approved cash and equity incentives for the executive officers who remained with the Company through the earliest to occur of a financing plan for the Mt. Hope Project approved by the Board, a Change of Control (as defined in the employment or change of control agreements between the Company and each of our executive officers); involuntary termination (absent cause); or January 15, 2015 (the "Vesting Date"), and a personnel retention program providing cash and equity incentives for other employees who remained with the Company. On the January 15, 2015 Vesting Date, we paid \$1.1 million in cash stay incentives to our eligible employees and executive officers, excluding our CEO, Bruce D. Hansen. Mr. Hansen agreed to defer his \$0.4 million cash stay incentive in consideration for an equity grant. The Company also issued 726,493 shares of common stock on the January 15th Vesting Date under this plan.

Effective January 16, 2015, the Compensation Committee of the Board approved a new personnel retention program for officers and employees of the Company. The new program includes RSU grants for our executive officers who remain with the Company through the earliest to occur of a financing plan for the Mt. Hope Project approved by the Board, a Change of Control (as defined in the employment or change of control agreements between the Company and each of the named executive officers); involuntary termination (absent cause); or January 15, 2016.

As previously mentioned, effective January 1, 2015, Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals amended their LLC agreement to allow for the use of the \$36.0 million owed to Nevada Moly and held by the LLC in a reserve account for use on

the Mt. Hope Project. The funds are now being used to pay ongoing expenses of the LLC until the Company obtains full financing for its portion of the Mt. Hope Project construction cost, or until the reserve account is exhausted. The balance of the reserve account at September 30, 2015 was \$16.6 million.

With our cash conservation plan, our Corporate and Liberty related cash requirements have declined to approximately \$1.6 million per quarter, while all Mt. Hope Project related funding is payable out of the \$36.0 million reserve account, the balance of which was \$16.6 million at September 30, 2015. Accordingly, based on our current cash on hand and our ongoing cash conservation plan, the Company expects it will have adequate liquidity to fund our working capital needs through 2016. Potential funding sources include public or private equity offerings, including the \$20.0 million equity investment from AMER described above, arranging for use of restricted cash, or sale of other assets owned by the Company. There is no assurance that the Company will be successful in securing additional funding. This could result in further cost reductions, contract cancellations, and potential delays which ultimately may jeopardize the development of the Mt. Hope Project.

When financing becomes available, the additional funding will allow us to restart equipment procurement, and agreements that were suspended or terminated will be renegotiated under current market terms and conditions, as necessary. In the event of an extended delay related to availability of the Company's portion of full financing for the Mt. Hope Project, the Company will make its best efforts to revise procurement and construction commitments to preserve liquidity, our equipment deposits and pricing structures.

Total assets as of September 30, 2015 decreased to \$345.6 million compared to \$362.0 million as of December 31, 2014 primarily due to general and administrative expenses incurred and a \$4.3 million loss incurred upon termination of the electricity termination contract at the LLC.

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Other Capital Requirements

We also require additional capital to maintain our mining claims and other rights related to the Liberty Project, as well as continue payment of ongoing general and administrative costs associated with supporting our planned operations.

Results of Operations

Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2014

For the three months ended September 30, 2015 we had a consolidated net loss of \$2.7 million compared with a net loss of \$3.2 million in the same period for 2014.

For the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, exploration and evaluation expenses were \$0.5 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, as the Liberty Project remained largely in a care and maintenance mode during both periods. Additionally, 2014 included additional costs related to the pre-feasibility study update during that year.

For the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, general and administrative expenses were \$2.2 million and \$2.6 million, respectively, with slightly lower professional and consulting fees incurred during 2015.

Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$0.1 million and nil, respectively. In 2015, the Company incurred cash interest expense on the Convertible Senior Notes issued in late 2014 of \$0.1 million.

Nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to Nine months ended September 30, 2014

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we had a consolidated net loss of \$13.3 million compared with a consolidated net loss of \$8.4 million in the same period for 2014. The 2015 net loss includes a \$4.3 million write down of the power transmission account upon termination of the agreement in place for power transmission services at the LLC.

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For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, and 2014, exploration and evaluation expenses at the Liberty Project were \$0.9 million and \$1.8 million, respectively reflecting decreased spend on the pre-feasibility study, which was completed during 2014.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, and 2014, general and administrative expenses were \$7.2 million and \$6.7 million, respectively. The increase in costs compared to the previous year relates primarily to amounts incurred as part of the Company's financing efforts, including legal and advisory fees.

Interest expense was \$0.9 million and nil for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, and 2014 as a result of interest incurred on the Senior Convertible Promissory Notes and Senior Promissory Notes in 2015.

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Contractual Obligations

Our contractual obligations as of September 30, 2015 were as follows:

	Payments due by period			
	(in millions)			
Contractual obligations *	Total	2015	2016 - 2017	2018 & Beyond
Operating Lease Obligations	0.1	—	0.1	—
Agricultural Sustainability Trust Contributions	4.0	—	4.0	—
Senior Convertible Promissory Notes**	5.9	—	5.9	—
Senior Promissory Notes**	1.3	—	1.3	—
Equipment Purchase Contracts	3.4	—	3.4	—
Advance Royalties	6.2	0.5	1.0	4.7
Return of Contributions to POS-Minerals	33.9	—	—	33.9
Reclamation Surety Bonding***	11.6	0.5	11.1	—
3M Plan Contributions	1.0	—	0.3	0.7
Total	\$ 67.4	\$ 1.0	\$ 27.1	\$ 39.3

*With the exception of the operating lease obligations, convertible senior promissory notes, senior promissory notes and return of contributions to POS-Minerals, all amounts are commitments of the LLC, and as a result of the agreement between Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals are to be funded by the \$36.0 million reserve account until such time that the Company obtains financing for its portion of construction costs at the Mt. Hope Project or until the reserve account balance is exhausted, and thereafter are to be funded 80% by Nevada Moly and 20% by POS-Minerals.

**The Convertible Senior Promissory Notes and Senior Promissory Notes carry a contractual maturity date of December 31, 2019. The Company has elected to show maturity at the date it anticipates the Term Loan will be received, thereby triggering mandatory redemption of the notes.

***Payment of the \$11.1 million surety bonding amount is contingent on the commencement of construction at the Mt. Hope Project.

In 2012, the LLC issued a firm purchase order for eighteen haul trucks. The order provides for delivery of those haul trucks required to perform initial mine development, which will begin several months prior to commercial production. Non-refundable down-payments of \$1.2 million were made in 2012, with pricing subject to escalation as the trucks were not delivered prior to December 31, 2013. During the third quarter of 2014, the LLC renegotiated the timelines for truck delivery, accepting a 4% price increase and delaying deliveries into December 2015. Haul truck deliveries will be renegotiated during the second half of 2015 extending the delivery dates into 2016. The contract is cancellable with no further liability to the LLC.

Also in 2012, the LLC issued a firm purchase order for four mine production drills with a non-refundable down-payment of \$0.4 million, and pricing was subject to escalation if the drills were not delivered by the end of 2013. In the third quarter of 2014, the LLC accepted a change order which delayed delivery into December 2015 and triggered a \$0.3 million price increase. Drill deliveries will be renegotiated during the second half of 2015 extending the delivery dates into 2016. The contract remains cancellable with no further liability to the LLC.

On June 30, 2012, the LLC's contract to purchase two electric shovels expired. On July 11, 2012, we signed a letter of intent with the same vendor providing for the opportunity to purchase the electric shovels at prices consistent with the expired contract, less a special discount in the amount of \$3.4 million to provide credit to the LLC for amounts paid as deposits under the expired contract. The letter of intent provides that equipment pricing will remain subject to inflation indexes and guarantees production slots to ensure that the equipment is available when required by the LLC. In June 2015, the parties agreed to extend the letter of intent through December 30, 2015, and are working to negotiate a further extension.

We continue to work with our long-lead vendors to manage the timing of contractual payments for milling equipment. In March 2015, the LLC remitted \$8.9 million to the manufacturer of our crusher, SAG and ball mills, and in early April 2015, made a \$2.4 million payment due to the manufacturer of the two 230kV primary transformers. Both payments were funded with cash from

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the reserve account. The following table sets forth the LLC's remaining cash commitments under these equipment contracts (collectively, "Purchase Contracts") at September 30, 2015 (in millions):

Period	Cash Commitments Under Equipment Purchase Contracts as of September 30, 2015 *
2015	—
2016	1.2
2017	2.2
2018	—
Total	\$ 3.4

*All amounts are commitments of the LLC, and as a result of the agreement between Nevada Moly and POS-Minerals are to be funded by the \$36.0 million reserve account until such time that the Company obtains financing for its portion of construction costs at the Mt. Hope Project or until the reserve account balance is exhausted, and thereafter are to be funded 80% by Nevada Moly and 20% by POS-Minerals.

If the Company does not make payments required under the purchase contracts, it could be subject to claims for breach of contract or to cancellation of the purchase contract. In addition, we may proceed to selectively suspend, cancel or attempt to renegotiate additional purchase contracts if we are forced to further conserve cash. See "Liquidity, Capital Resources and Capital Requirements" above. If we cancel or breach any contracts, we will take all appropriate action to minimize any losses, but could be subject to liability under the contracts or applicable law. The cancellation of certain key contracts could cause a delay in the commencement of operations, and could add to the cost to develop our interest in the Mt. Hope Project.

Through September 30, 2015, the LLC has made deposits and/or final payments of \$85.6 million on equipment orders for which the LLC has additional contractual commitments of \$3.4 million noted in the table above. Of these deposits and/or final payments, \$75.3 million relate to fully fabricated items, primarily milling equipment, while the remaining \$10.3 million reflects both partially fabricated milling equipment, and non-refundable deposits on mining equipment. The underlying value and recoverability of these deposits and our mining properties in our consolidated balance sheets are dependent on the LLC's ability to fund development activities that would lead to profitable production and positive cash flow from operations, or proceeds from the disposition of these assets. There can be no assurance that the LLC will be successful in generating future profitable operations or disposing of these assets or that the Company will secure additional funding in the future on terms acceptable to us or at all. Our consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to recoverability and classification of recorded assets or liabilities.

Obligations under capital and operating leases

We have contractual operating leases that will require a total of \$0.1 million in payments over the next three years. Operating leases consist primarily of rents on office facilities and office equipment. Our expected payments are nil, \$0.1 million, and nil for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2016, and 2017, respectively.

Creation of Agricultural Sustainability Trust

On August 19, 2010, the LLC entered into an agreement with the Eureka Producers' Cooperative (the "EPC") whereby the LLC will fund a \$4.0 million Sustainability Trust (the "Trust") in exchange for the cooperation of the EPC with respect to the LLC's water rights and permitting of the Mt. Hope Project. The Trust will be tasked with developing and implementing programs that will serve to enhance the sustainability and well-being of the agricultural economy in the Diamond Valley Hydrographic Basin through reduced water consumption.

The Trust may be funded by the LLC over several years based on the achievement of certain milestones, which are considered probable, and as such \$4.0 million has been accrued in the Company's September 30, 2015, financial statements and is included in mining properties, land, and water rights.

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Permitting Considerations

In the ordinary course of business, mining companies are required to seek governmental permits for expansion of existing operations or for the commencement of new operations. The LLC was required to obtain approval from the BLM to implement the Mt. Hope Project PoO. This approval, in the form of a ROD and FONSI was obtained only after successful completion of the process of environmental evaluation, which incorporates substantial public comment. The LLC was also required to obtain various state and federal permits including, but not limited to, water protection, air quality, water rights and reclamation permits. In addition to requiring permits for the development of the Mt. Hope Project, we will need to obtain and modify various mining and environmental permits during the life of the Mt. Hope Project. Maintaining, modifying, and renewing the necessary governmental permits is a complex and time-consuming process involving numerous jurisdictions and often involving public hearings and substantial expenditures. The duration and success of the LLC's efforts to obtain, modify or renew permits will be contingent upon many variables, some of which are not within the LLC's control. Increased costs or delays could occur, depending on the nature of the activity to be permitted and the interpretation of applicable requirements implemented by the permitting authority. All necessary permits may not be obtained and, if obtained, may not be renewed, or the costs involved in each case may exceed those that we previously estimated. In addition, it is possible that compliance with such permits may result in additional costs and delays.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Commodity Price Risk

We are in the business of the exploration, development and mining of properties primarily containing molybdenum. As a result, upon commencement of production, our financial performance could be materially affected by fluctuations in the market price of molybdenum and other metals we may mine. The market prices of metals can fluctuate widely due to a number of factors. These factors include fluctuations with respect to the rate of inflation, the exchange rates of the U.S. dollar and other currencies, interest rates, global or regional political and economic conditions, banking environment, global and regional demand, production costs, and investor sentiment. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation — Molybdenum Market Update" for a discussion of molybdenum prices.

In order to better manage commodity price risk and to seek to reduce the negative impact of fluctuations in prices, we will seek to enter into long-term supply contracts for our portion of the Mt. Hope production. On December 28, 2007, we entered into a molybdenum supply agreement with ArcelorMittal S.A. ("ArcelorMittal"), the world's largest steel company, that provides for ArcelorMittal to purchase 6.5 million pounds of molybdenum per year, plus or minus 10%, once the Mt. Hope Project commences commercial operations at minimum specified levels. The supply agreement provides for a floor price along with a discount for spot prices above the floor price and expires five years after the commencement of commercial production at the Mt. Hope Project. Both the floor and threshold levels at which the percentage discounts change are indexed to a producer price index. According to public filings, on January 25, 2011,

the boards of directors of ArcelorMittal S.A. and APERAM each approved the transfer of the assets comprising ArcelorMittal's stainless and specialty steels businesses from its carbon steel and mining businesses to APERAM, a separate entity incorporated in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. This transfer did not include the supply agreement the Company has in place with ArcelorMittal. The shares of the Company's common stock previously owned by ArcelorMittal were transferred to APERAM.

Additionally, on May 14, 2008, we entered into a molybdenum supply agreement with SeAH Besteel Corporation ("SeAH Besteel"), Korea's largest manufacturer of specialty steels, which provides for SeAH Besteel to purchase 4.0 million pounds of molybdenum per year, plus or minus 10%, once the Mt. Hope Project commences commercial operations at minimum specified levels. Like the APERAM supply agreement, the supply agreement with SeAH Besteel provides for a floor price along with staged discounts for spot prices above the floor price and expires five years from the date of first supply under the agreement. Both the floor and threshold levels at which the percentage discounts change are indexed to a producer price index. On July 22, 2015, the Company and SeAH Besteel entered into a first amendment to the molybdenum supply agreement, which provides that the agreement will terminate on December 31, 2020, if commercial operations at the minimum specified levels have not commenced by that date.

On August 8, 2008, the Company entered into a molybdenum supply agreement ("Sojitz Agreement") with Sojitz Corporation ("Sojitz"). The Sojitz Agreement provides for the supply of 5.0 million pounds per year of molybdenum for five years, beginning once the Mt. Hope Project reaches certain minimum commercial production levels. One million annual pounds sold under the Sojitz Agreement will be subject to a per-pound molybdenum floor price and is offset by a flat discount to spot molybdenum prices above the floor. The remaining 4.0 million annual pounds sold under the Sojitz Agreement will be sold with reference to spot molybdenum prices without regard to a floor price. The Sojitz Agreement includes a provision that allows Sojitz the option to cancel in the event that supply from the Mt. Hope Project had not begun by January 1, 2013. The described option is

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available up to ten days following the achievement of certain production levels at the Mt. Hope Project. As commercial production at the Mt. Hope Project has not commenced, Sojitz currently has the option to cancel its contract or participate in the molybdenum supply agreement as described above.

The long-term supply agreements provide for supply only after commercial production levels are achieved, and no provisions require the Company to deliver product or make any payments if commercial production is never achieved or declines in later periods and have floor prices ranging from \$13.25 to \$14.00 per pound and incremental discounts above the floor price. The agreements require that monthly shortfalls be made up only if the Company's portion of Mt. Hope production is available for delivery, after POS-Minerals has taken its 20% share. In no event do these requirements to make up monthly shortfalls become obligations of the Company if production does not meet targeted levels.

Furthermore, each of the agreements remain as contractual obligations and have take-or-pay provisions that require the buyers to either take delivery of product made available by the Company, or to pay as though they had taken delivery pursuant to the term of the agreements. In the event that our contract parties choose not to honor their contractual obligations or attempt to terminate these agreements as a result of the continuing delay in achieving production, our profitability may be adversely impacted. We may be unable to sell any product our contract parties fail to purchase in a timely manner, at comparable prices, or at all.

While we have not used derivative financial instruments in the past, we may elect to enter into derivative financial instruments to manage commodity price risk. We have not entered into any market risk sensitive instruments for trading or speculative purposes and do not expect to enter into derivative or other financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

Interest Rate Risk

As of September 30, 2015, we had a balance of cash and cash equivalents of \$14.7 million and restricted cash of \$21.6 million. Interest rates on short term, highly liquid investments have not changed materially since 2010, and continue to be 1% or less on an annualized basis.

ITEM 4.CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of the end of

the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on the foregoing, our management concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms and such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2015 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In July 2011 and June 2012, respectively, the Nevada State Engineer (“State Engineer”) granted all water permits and approved a Monitoring, Management and Mitigation Plan (“3M Plan”) for the Mt. Hope Project. Eureka County, Nevada and two other parties comprised of water rights holders in Diamond Valley and Kobeh Valley appealed the State Engineer’s decision granting the water permits to the Nevada State District Court (“District Court”) and then filed a further appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court challenging the District Court’s decision affirming the State Engineer’s decision to grant the water permits. In June 2013, the appeal was consolidated by the Nevada Supreme Court with an appeal of the State Engineer’s approval of the 3M Plan filed by two water rights holders. The District Court previously approved the State Engineer’s approval of the 3M Plan and the two parties subsequently appealed the District Court’s decision to the Nevada Supreme Court. The 3M Plan was developed in coordination with Eureka County and Eureka County did not challenge the 3M Plan. While the appeals were pending, the 3M Plan had been implemented to collect information on background conditions and aquifer responses to the Mt. Hope Project’s pumping, as well as to address mitigation measures for impacted third-party water rights.

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On September 18, 2015, the Nevada Supreme Court issued an Order that reversed and remanded the cases to the District Court for further proceedings consistent with its Order. On October 29, 2015, the Nevada Supreme Court issued the Order as a published Opinion. The Nevada Supreme Court ruled that the State Engineer did not have sufficient evidence in the record at the time he granted the water permits to demonstrate that successful mitigation may be undertaken so as to dispel the threat to existing water rights holders.

The Company is evaluating the Opinion to fully understand the process and timing associated with addressing issues identified by the Supreme Court, and will move forward as expeditiously as possible, following the remand by the District Court to the State Engineer. The Company expects to comply with the Supreme Court Opinion and provide additional evidence of its ability to mitigate any potential impacts to water rights in Kobeh Valley that could result from the Mt. Hope Project's water use.

On February 15, 2013, Great Basin Resource Watch and the Western Shoshone Defense Project ("Plaintiffs") filed a Complaint against the U.S. Department of the Interior and the BLM in the U.S. District Court ("District Court"), District of Nevada, seeking relief under the NEPA and other federal laws challenging the BLM's issuance of the ROD for the Mt. Hope Project, and on February 20, 2013 filed a Motion for Preliminary Injunction. The District Court allowed the LLC to intervene in the matter.

On August 22, 2013, the District Court denied, without prejudice, the Motion for Preliminary Injunction based on the parties' Joint Stipulation to Continue Preliminary Injunction Oral Argument, which advised the District Court that as a result of current economic conditions, including the Company's ongoing financing efforts, all major ground disturbing activities had ceased at the Mt. Hope Project.

On July 23, 2014, the District Court denied Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment in its entirety and on August 1, 2014 the District Court entered judgment in favor of the Defendants and the LLC, and against Plaintiffs regarding all claims raised in the Complaint.

On September 22, 2014, the Plaintiffs filed their notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit of the District Court's dismissal. Plaintiffs submitted their Opening Brief on January 23, 2015 and Defendants and the LLC filed their Response Briefs on March 27, 2015. Plaintiffs filed their Reply Brief on May 1, 2015 and all briefing has been concluded. All Mt. Hope Project permits remain in effect and the Company is confident in the BLM's process and will continue to vigorously defend this subsequent appeal of the ROD.

ITEM 1A.RISK FACTORS.

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, including the discussion under the heading “Risk Factors” therein, and this report describe risks that may materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations or financial condition. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and this report are not the only risks facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operations.

Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this report may constitute forward-looking statements, which involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results, performance or achievements of our Company, the Mt. Hope Project, Liberty Project and our other projects, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. We use the words “may,” “will,” “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “future,” “plan,” “estimate,” “potential” and other similar expressions in our forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward looking statements. Such risks, uncertainties and assumptions are described in the “Risk Factors” section included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, and this report, and include, among other things:

- our investors may lose their entire investment in our securities;
- our profitability depends largely on the success of the Mt. Hope Project, the failure of which would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition;
- we have not obtained, and may not obtain, alternative project financing, which could cause additional delays or expenses in developing the Mt. Hope Project;

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- certain pre-closing conditions may not be achieved and the parties may not complete the closure of the Amer Investment and Securities Purchase Agreement before its termination date of December 31, 2015;
- substantial additional financing may be required in order to fund the operations of the Company and the LLC and if we are successful in raising additional capital, it may have dilutive and other adverse effects on our stockholders;
- POS-Minerals' right under the LLC Agreement to approve certain major decisions regarding the Mt. Hope Project could impair our ability to quickly adapt to changing market conditions;
- Maintaining effectiveness of current molybdenum supply agreements;
- fluctuations in the market price of, and demand for, molybdenum and other metals;
- counter party risks;
- the ability to maintain, or renew licenses, rights and permits required to develop or operate our mines, including judicial outcomes;
- the ability to obtain re-authorized water rights and permits, subject to further judicial appeals, may further delay the development of the Mt. Hope Project;
- the timing of exploration, development and production activities and estimated future production, if any;
- estimates related to costs of production, capital, operating and exploration expenditures;
- the estimation and realization of mineral reserves and production estimates, if any;
- inherent operating hazards of mining;
- title disputes or claims;
- climate change and climate change legislation for planned future operations;
- government regulation of mining operations, environmental conditions and risks, reclamation and rehabilitation expenses;
- compliance/non-compliance with the Mt. Hope Lease Agreement;
- losing key personnel and contractors or the inability to attract and retain additional personnel;
- reliance on independent contractors, experts, technical and operational service providers over whom we have limited control;
- increased costs can affect our profitability;
- shortages of critical parts, equipment, and skilled labor may adversely affect our development costs;
- legislation may make it difficult to retain or attract officers and directors and can increase costs of doing business; and
- provisions of Delaware law and our charter and bylaws may delay or prevent transactions that would benefit stockholders.

You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report. These forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including those set forth above. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, our actual results could differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements, and any events anticipated in the forward-looking statements may not actually occur. Except as required by law, we undertake no duty to update any forward-looking statements after the date of this report to conform those statements to actual results or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. We qualify all forward-looking statements contained in this report by the foregoing cautionary statements.

ITEM 2.UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

None.

ITEM 3.DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4.MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

None.

ITEM 5.OTHER INFORMATION

On November 2, 2015, the Company and AMER entered into an amendment to the Investment and Securities Purchase Agreement, thereby creating a three tranche investment strategy that will create a strategic partnership and equity investment to assist with the Company's ability to secure full financing for the Mt. Hope Project. The Company announced receipt of funds to successfully close Tranche 1 of the amended Investment Agreement on November 2, 2015. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity, Capital Resources and Capital Requirements" for more information.

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ITEM 6.EXHIBITS

Exhibit

Number	Description of Exhibit
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation of General Moly, Inc., as amended (filed herewith)
10.1	First Amendment to Molybdenum Supply Agreement dated July 22, 2015, by and between SeAH Besteel Corporation and General Moly, Inc. (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 24, 2015.)
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith)
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith)
99.1	Press Release of General Moly, Inc. dated November 3, 2015 (filed herewith).
101	The following XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) materials are filed herewith: (i) XBRL Instance; (ii) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema; (iii) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation; (iv) Taxonomy Extension Labels, (v) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation, and (vi) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition.

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SIGNATURES

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

Dated: November 4, 2015

GENERAL MOLY, INC.

By: /s/ Lee M. Shumway
Lee M. Shumway
Chief Financial Officer and Duly Authorized Officer