

NEW STRATUS ENERGY INC.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

This Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is meant to help readers understand key operational and financial events that influenced the results of New Stratus Energy Inc. ("New Stratus", "NSE", "our", "we", or the "Company") for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024.

This MD&A is dated November 27, 2024, and should be read with the Company's Interim Condensed Financial Statements (Unaudited) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 and 2023. Additional information, including the Company's previous MD&A, and audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022, and December 31, 2023, are available on SEDAR at www.sedarplus.ca. Information contained in the annual MD&A is not discussed in this MD&A if it remains substantially unchanged.

All dollar figures in this MD&A are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated.



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1. BUSINESS OVERVIEW

New Stratus Energy Inc. ("New Stratus", the "Company" or "NSE") is a Canadian publicly traded company domiciled in Canada which operations involve the acquisition, exploration, and development of oil and gas properties in Latin American countries and from January 14, 2022, to December 31, 2022, operated a production of oil and gas fields in Ecuador. The Company was incorporated on April 12, 2005, pursuant to the Business Corporations Act (Alberta) ("ABCA") and is a reporting issuer in Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, and Saskatchewan. The common shares of the Company are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the trading symbol "NSE".

Effective in 2022, the Company changed its fiscal year end from March 31^{st.} to December 31^{st.} to align with the year-end of comparative companies and its subsidiaries, which operate on a calendar year basis.

The Company's registered office is 1500, 850 2nd Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and its mailing address is 372 Bay Street, Suite 3100, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2W9.

The Company has subsidiaries in Ecuador, Spain, Colombia, and Mexico, and active operations are focused on Venezuela and Mexico.

Additional information related to the Company and factors that could affect the Company's operations and financial results are included in reports on file with Canadian securities regulatory authorities and may be accessed through the SEDAR website at www.sedarplus.ca

2. CORPORATE STRATEGY

Management's objective is to establish a production of approximately 50,000 bbl/d, within three to five years. This strategy involves the acquisition of production up to 15,000 bbl/d, and the utilization of management expertise to improve and grow acquired production organically.

NSE's strategy focuses mainly on Latin America and recently the Company is evaluating additional opportunities in Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Mexico, and Venezuela.

3. CORPORATE HISTORY AND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

Mexico:

On May 14, 2024, NSE entered into definitive agreements (the "Definitive Agreements") with an arm's-length vendor (the "Vendor") for the acquisition of an initial 49% equity interest in Operaciones Petroleras Soledad S. de R.L. de C.V. ("OPS"), a private Mexican oil & gas company, with the exclusive right for NSE to negotiate the purchase up to an additional 41% of the equity interest in OPS, as described in further detail below (the "Acquisition").

OPS is the third-party contractor and operator of a hydrocarbons production contract awarded by Pemex Exploracion y Produccion, S.A. de C.V. ("PEP"), a subsidiary of Petroleos Mexicanos the Mexican national oil company, on the Soledad block ("Soledad Block") located in the State of Veracruz in eastern Mexico (the "O&G Contract").



The Acquisition has been structured into two tranches. The first tranche involves the purchase by NSE of an initial 49% equity interest in OPS.

As consideration for the first tranche of the Acquisition, NSE will (i) pay the vendor a fixed amount of US\$2.0 million at closing; (ii) fund the capital commitments and, in certain cases, operational costs of OPS for the next two years of the O&G Contract (the "Commitment") for an amount of US\$15.0 million in year one, and US\$30.0 million in year two; and (iii) assume 49% of the abandonment obligations to be completed by the end of the O&G Contract in 2039, which are estimated at US\$9.95 million net to NSE.

Closing of this transaction occurred on September 27, 2024. Pursuant to the terms of the Definitive Agreements, NSE complied with the payment of the purchase price of \$2.7 million (US\$2.0 million) and funded \$20.2 (US\$15.0 million) of the Commitment. NSE is entitled to the economic interest and cash flows from holding a 49% equity interest in OPS, effective May 1, 2024.

The Commitment will be reimbursed by OPS using cashflow from operations and the maximum capital exposure of NSE under the Commitment is estimated at US\$12.5 million. With the signing of the first tranche of the Acquisition, NSE has nominated one director to the board of directors of OPS, has filled a number of technical and managerial positions of OPS, and will nominate a member of OPS in the operating committee of the O&G Contract.

The second tranche involves the purchase by NSE of up to an additional 41% of the equity interest of OPS under terms to be negotiated among NSE and the Vendor based on the results of operations on the field. NSE will have exclusivity, a right of first offer and a first right of refusal for six months after completion of the two-year Commitment, to negotiate the second tranche of the Acquisition, which will be subject to regulatory approval.

OPS has been operating the O&G Contract at the Soledad Block awarded by PEP since 2013. On May 1, 2024, and with an effective date of May 1, 2024, the O&G Contract was amended to, among other things, extend its term until 2039, with a possible additional 10-year extension, and to include a profit-sharing remuneration structure for OPS based on revenues minus royalties, special taxes and irreducible costs. Under current pricing and based on current royalty rates and tax rates, the profit participation for OPS under the O&G Contract is 88.23%. Gross current production for the Soledad Block is approximately 1,430 boe/d. Additionally, this amended O&G Contract provides economic incentive for additional investment in the Soledad Block which is expected to materially increase production. The new development plan approved by PEP calls for 42 workover wells, 12 deviated wells and 4 horizontal wells during the first two years, which will be funded through the Commitment.

Venezuela:

On January 2, 2024, New Stratus announced the acquisition of a 50% indirect interest in GoldPillar International Fund SPC Ltd. ("GoldPillar"), a private entity organized and existing under laws of the British Virgin Islands, which has acquired a 40% equity participation in a joint venture company, Petrolera Vencupet, S.A. ("Vencupet"), which holds the oil production rights for the fields named "Adas," "Lido," "Limon," "Leona", "Oficina Norte" and "Oficina Central" all located onshore in the Anzoategui and Monagas States in Eastern Venezuela (the "Fields"). Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. ("PDVSA"), the Venezuelan national oil company, through its subsidiary Corporacion Venezolana de Petroleo S.A., owns the remaining 60% of the share capital of Vencupet.



This investment will allow NSE to access to four revenue streams:

- oil production revenue from the 40% working interest in the Fields;
- oil trading fees from commercializing the production from the Fields;
- fees from financial, operational and logistic support to contractor that provides technical assistance services to Vencupet; and,
- financing fees from providing the upfront capital to finance the capital expenditure requirements for the Fields. The funds are being made available by NSE to GoldPillar, which at the same time has in place a six-month €60 million revolving line of credit to Vencupet for a total period of four and a half years. Indirect maximum capital exposure of NSE under the facility at any point in time will be approximately US\$25 million.

The Fields are located onshore in the Eastern Venezuela Basin and have an aggregate area of 794.2 km2. A reactivation program will be deployed for 246 wells, with 90 wells initially planned for reactivation in 2024 and 2025 and the remaining 156 wells planned for reactivation in 2026 and beyond. Conventional workovers in each well will be executed with the goal of returning the wells to primary production. By reviewing the available technical and geological data, the Company expects there will be opportunities to recover shut-in and by-passed oil in the previously active Fields

On May 23rd,2024 and May 27th, 2024, the Company executed all the documentation to recognize the investment in GoldPillar, effective retroactively to January 1, 2024. Pursuant to this documentation, the Company has modified its original 50% interest in GoldPillar down to 49%. At the same time, GoldPillar has (i) carved out its interest and capital share from the Contractor., the general contractor entity that will provide technical assistance services to Vencupet, and (ii) executed a financing, operating, and logistics agreement with this contractor.

Ecuador:

On January 14, 2022, the Company acquired 100% of the shares of Petrolia Ecuador S.A. ("Petrolia") (previously Repsol Ecuador S.A.). Through Petrolia's branch in Ecuador (the "Branch"), the Company held a 35% operated working interest in the service contracts (the "Service Contracts") for Blocks 16 and 67 (the "Blocks"). The Blocks are located in the Orellana Province in the Oriente Basin in Ecuador.

The Service Contracts were entered into between Petrolia and Ecuador's Ministry of Energy and Mines and entitled Petrolia to collect a fixed service tariff for each barrel delivered.

On December 31, 2022, the Service Contracts expired. The termination of the Service Contracts resulted in the transfer of Blocks to the Ministry of Energy and Mines, along with all the facilities and infrastructure, at no cost, in good operational condition and in accordance with hydrocarbon laws and regulations.

After December 31, 2022, the Branch's main objective is to manage the remaining administrative functions related to the consortium reversion process obligations. Since this date, the Branch's operating expenses are categorized as general and administrative expenses.

The Ministry of Energy and Mines in Ecuador has approved Petrolia as a qualified operator, allowing it to participate in bidding processes for development and exploration. Petrolia has evaluated these opportunities as an approved bidder.



Colombia:

On November 27, 2018, the Company entered into a farm-in agreement (the "Agreement") with Montajes JM ("JM") whereby the Company had the right to earn up to 100% interest in the Block VMM-18 exploration and production contract (the "Project"). The Project involved the exploration and production of hydrocarbons in Cuenca Valle Medio del Magdalena in Colombia. The Company fulfilled all of its commitments under the Agreement except for the drilling of an exploration well which was subject to the approval of an environmental license by the National Agency of Hydrocarbons of Colombia ("ANH").

On August 24, 2022, NSE obtained the ANH's approval for the environmental license but with strict limitations on the exploration area. These restrictions impacted the project's feasibility, both financially and operationally. As a result, on September 26, 2022, the Company requested the termination of the Project and wrote off \$2.2 million of capitalized exploration expenses.

On May 31, 2024, the ANH issued a formal termination of the Agreement relieving the Company of any further obligations of the Project.

Other Countries:

NSE has expressed interest in other properties managed under PeruPetro (Peruvian National Agency) management and is awaiting their response. Additionally, NSE was invited to a private process to evaluate opportunities in northwestern Peru, near the border with Ecuador. The Company expects this evaluation will continue through the fourth quarter of 2024.

4. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE

The Company's operations involve the acquisition, exploration, and development of oil and gas properties and, since January 14, 2022, the operation and production of oil and gas deposits. These operations are subject to risks and challenges like those of companies in a comparable stage. These risks include but are not limited to, the challenges of securing adequate capital; exploration, development and operational risks inherent in the oil and gas industry; changes in government policies and regulations; the ability to obtain the necessary environmental permits; challenges in profitable production New Stratus' ability to dispose of its interest on an advantageous basis; and global economic and commodity price volatility; all of which are uncertain.



5. RESULTS OVERVIEW

Periods ended september 30, 2024	Three months	Nine months
General and administrative	\$ (3,193,490)	\$ (12,057,178)
Financial cost, net	(752,222)	(1,811,382)
Income from investments in Joint venture	1,310,727	5,612,229
Stock-based compensation	(494,185)	(494,185)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(397,273)	(189,480)
Other income	206,548	819,755
Gain on Financial liability at FVPL	1,202,860	1,202,860
Net income (loss)	\$ (2,117,035)	\$ (6,917,381)
DD&A	91,989	299,192
Exchange loss	397,273	189,480
Financial cost (1)	752,222	1,811,382
Other Income (2)	6,392,216	6,392,216
ADJUSTED EBITDA	\$ 5,516,665	\$ 1,774,889

- (1) Includes financial cost related to contingencies registered in Petrolia Ecuador S.A.
- (2) The Government of Ecuador has recognized in favor of the Company \$6.4 million (US\$4.7 million) as compensation for the tax changes which occurred during the execution of the Service Contract that ended on December 31, 2022. The Company is working with the Government of Ecuador to secure and guarantee the payment mechanisms for the compensation.

Operational Highlights

Investment in Joint Ventures

a) Investment in OPS (Mexico)

As further described above in Section 3, Corporate History and General Development - Mexico, NSE entered into the Definitive Agreements on May 14, 2024. Pursuant to the terms of the Definitive Agreements, effective May 1, 2024, NSE is entitled to the economic interests, including production and cash flows, from holding a 49% equity interest in OPS. This entitlement begins in advance of the closing of the first tranche. Closing of the first tranche, originally scheduled for July 29, 2024, was concluded on September 27, 2024.

As of September 30, 2024, the Company has recorded an investment of \$63.4 million (US\$ 47.0 million) in OPS, allocated as follows:



- \$20.2 million (US\$ 15.0 million) advanced as at September 30, 2024 to fund capital and operational expenditures under the Commitment,
- \$2.7 million (US\$ 2.0 million) as consideration paid for the acquisition of an initial 49% equity interest in OPS; and,
- \$40.5 million (US\$ 30.0 million) as the balance under the Commitment, payable over the next two years from September 27, 2024.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company recognized an income of \$972,925, from investments in Joint ventures. This amount relates to the equity pickup of the Company's 49% share of the net income from OPS. As of September 30, 2024, OPS reported a net income of US\$1,459,542.

The accumulated fiscalized (delivered) production (100%) at OPS for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, is 190,087 boe and 128,375 boe, respectively.

Under the Definitive Agreements, the Company is entitled to earnings from Soledad Block starting May 1, 2024. These rights became effective after the transaction closed on September 27, 2024.

	Operaciones Petroleras Soledad
Balances on December 31, 2023	\$ -
Investment in shares	63,445,300
Company's share of the income from the joint venture	972,925
Balances on September 30, 2024	\$64,418,225

b) Investment in GoldPillar (Venezuela)

As of September 30, 2024 the Company has registered a \$16.7 million (US\$ 12.6 million) investment, as follows:

- \$0.5 million (US\$ 0.4 million) reclassification from the advances accounts for considerations cost in share paid to Mr. Franco Favilla ("Favilla") during 2023. Favilla was the beneficial owner of 100% of the share capital of GoldPillar;
- \$3.4 million (US\$2.5 million) consideration paid to Favilla during the nine-month ended September 30, 2024;
- \$7.4 million (US\$5.6 million) recognizing a finder's fee payable to Favilla, payable in installments over 24 months from May 27, 2024; and,
- \$5.4 million (US\$4.1 million) consideration paid as 40% equity participation in Vencupet.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, seven well reactivations were carried out. The accumulated fiscalized (delivered) production (100%) at Vencupet for the three and nine months ended September 30,2024 is 51,871 and 95,687 barrels respectively.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company recognized an income of \$337,803 and \$4,639,305 respectively, in income from investments in joint ventures. This amount relates to the equity pickup of the company's 49% share of the net income from Desarrolladora de Oriente Oil &



Gas Ltd. As of September 30, 2024, Desarrolladora de Oriente Oil & Gas Ltd. reported a net income of USD\$6,976,079.

	Desarrolladora de Oriente Oil & Gas Ltd.
Balances on December 31, 2023	\$ -
Investment in shares	16,707,518
Company's share of the income from the joint venture	4,639,305
Balances on September 30, 2024	\$21,346,823

c) Breakdown of production and results

The following schedule provides a summary of the production obtained from the Mexican and Venezuelan operations, on a 100% basis and net to the Company, for the nine months ended September 30, 2024:

Production	ene-24	feb-24	mar-24	abr-24	may-24	jun-24	jul-24	ago-24	sep-24
MEXICO									
bopd					1,231	1,171	1,123	1,322	1,219
Mpcd (Gas)					3,853	3,896	3,652	3,663	3,784
Boe /d					898	908	851	854	882
Total Boe/d	-	-	-	-	2,129	2,079	1,974	2,176	2,101
VENEZUELA									
Bopd	116	83	97	324	365	396	639	532	519
Total Boe/d	116	83	97	324	2,494	2,475	2,613	2,708	2,620
NET TO NSE (1)	23	16	19	64	1,115	1,096	1,093	1,170	1,131

⁽¹⁾ Net production attributable to NSE starts (i) on May 1st for the project in Mexico (49%); and (ii) on January 1st for the project in Venezuela (19.6%).

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The following schedule provides a breakdown of results, accredited to the Company, on its Mexican and Venezuelan operations, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024:

	Three Months				Nine Months			
		Net NSE		Net NSE		Net NSE		Net NSE
Nine months ended Septermber 30, 2024		USD		CAD		USD		CAD
MEXICO + VENEZUELA								
Production & Operational revenues	\$	4,312,469	\$	5,866,674	\$	4,848,479	\$	6,593,440
Royalties + extraction tax		(75,022)		(102,057)		(340,497)		(462,124)
Opex		(3,213,056)		(4,371,052)		(3,437,384)		(4,676,261)
Other Revenues (1)		32,234		43,853		3,105,986		4,215,711
EBITDA	\$	1,056,624	\$	1,437,417	\$	4,176,584	\$	5,670,766
DD&A (*)		(14,492)		(19,714)		(38,866)		(52,749)
Exchange difference		(78,637)		(106,975)		(4,264)		(5,787)
Net Income	\$	963,495	\$	1,310,728	\$	4,133,454	\$	5,612,230
DD&A (*)		14,492		19,714		38,866		52,749
Acquisition Payments	((17,500,000)		(23,623,529)		(19,861,255)		(26,785,252)
Cash Calls		(510,754)		(689,742)		(4,889,470)		(6,602,930)
Cash Flow	\$ ((17,032,767)	\$	(22,982,829)	\$	(20,578,405)	\$	(27,723,204)

⁽²⁾ In addition to the production revenues in Venezuela, GoldPillar is entitled to revenues from procurement, technical assistance, financing and oil trading activities.

The following schedules reconcile the income from investment in joint ventures, as per the financial statements to Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP measure and to net income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024:

Periods ended September 30, 2024	Three month	ns Nine months
Income from investment in Joint Venture	\$ 1,310,	,728 \$ 5,612,229
Add (deduct)		
DD&A	19,	,714 52,749
Exchange difference	106,	,975 5,787
EBITDA	\$ 1,437,	,417 \$ 5,670,765
EBITDA in Joint Ventures	\$ 1,437,	417 \$ 5,670,766

^(*) Includes non-cash impairment for retirement costs and write-off on long tern accounts receivable in Venezuela.



Periods ended September 30, 2024	Tì	ree months	Nine months
Income from investment in Joint Venture	\$	1,310,728 \$	5,612,229
Other consolidated results, as per financial statements:			
General and administrative		(3,193,490)	(12,057,178)
Financial cost, net		(752,222)	(1,811,382)
Stock-based compensation		(494,185)	(494,185)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)		(397,273)	(189,480)
Other income		206,548	819,755
Gain on Financial liability at FVPL		1,202,860	1,202,860
Net loss per financial statements	\$	(2,117,034) \$	(6,917,381)

Please see Section 11 "NON-GAAP AND OTHER FINANCIAL MEASUREMENTS" for Non-GAAP adjustment comments.

Reversion activities (Ecuador)

As further described above in Section 3, Corporate History and General Development - Ecuador, since January 1, 2023, the main activity of Petrolia focused on managing its operating expenses, completing all reversion activities related to the termination of the Service Contracts, completed the activities to sign the final minutes with the Minister of Energy and Mines, and evaluating development and exploration opportunities as a bidder approved by the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

During the year ended of 2023, Petrolia completed the reports of all pending audits from 2022 (second quarter July - December 2022), which were timely delivered to the regulatory entity for analysis and subsequent approval. These audits did not reveal significant deviations or non-compliances. Work has also been done to respond to the observations made by the Ministry of the Environment in recent months to other environmental audits of past periods (this is part of the normal review and approval process for this type of audits). During 2023, four environmental audits have been approved with no major findings or non-conformities.

During the year 2024, two additional audits were approved by the Ministry of Environment, and one is pending approval and reviewed by the Ministry of Environment. It is expected to be processed and approved within 2024. At present, all Petrolia's obligations with respect to environmental audits are up to date and, as mentioned, awaiting the approval by the authorities.

From January 2023 the Consortium, composed by Petrolia and three other non-related parties, had completed the settlement of 216 out 265 contracts with the final minutes (the "Minutes"). This document summarizes the non-existence of outstanding obligations among the parties. This is in connection with the contracts with suppliers that ended in December 2022 as part of the reversion process. A letter requesting the acceptance of this settlement will be sent to 32 suppliers that have not answered Consortium's requests. This process is planned to be completed by the end of the fourth quarter.



Colombia - Block VMM-18

As further described above in Section 3, *Corporate History and General Development - Colombia*, on November 27th., 2018, the Company entered into the Agreement with JM where the Company acquired the right to earn up to 100% in the Project. Under the Project, JM was entitled to a 5% royalty in the production of Block VMM-18.

The Block VMM-18 is an exploration and production contract with the ANH, covering a total area of 75,968 acres in the Middle Magdalena Basin. Acquiring the property required the execution of an exploratory well, therefore an environmental study in the prospective area was required. As part of these activities, the cartography of a large perforable structure was achieved. The structure is divided into four compartments of NE-SW orientation (Northeast-Southwest), separated by side ramps. The Company has marked the first drilling locations on the maps, developed a drilling prognosis, and conducted field visits to assess the penetration routes for reaching the site where the first well will be drilled. All of these activities were completed except for the drilling of the exploratory well.

Due to significant financial and operational constraints imposed by the exploration area granted to the Company, on September 26, 2022, the Company submitted a request to the ANH to mutually agree to terminate the exploration and production contract for Block VMM-18. In response, the ANH asked for confirmation of the restrictions set by the Colombian National Environmental Agency. The Company provided the requested documentation on March 9, 2023. On May 31, 2024, the ANH issued a formal termination of the Agreement relieving the Company of any further obligations of the Project. The Company has written-off all its previously capitalized expenditures on the property totaling \$2.2 million.

6. OTHER EXPENSES AND INCOME

Consolidated General and Administrative Expenses

The following schedule describe NSE's general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, and September 30, 2023:

Nine months ended September 30,	2024	2023	Change
Insurances	\$ 104,717	48,961	\$ 55,756
Legal and accounting	1,635,969	433,411	1,202,558
Management fees	4,942,039	3,335,456	1,606,583
Professional fees	4,612,723	3,584,390	1,028,333
Office and administration	376,594	1,889,577	(1,512,983)
Shareholders information and investor relations	85,944	89,132	(3,188)
Other purchase and services	-	650,411	(650,411)
Amortization and depreciation	299,192	441,954	(142,762)
Taxes	-	506,056	(506,056)
	\$ 12,057,178	\$ 10,979,348	\$ 1,077,830

The main elements explaining the increase in general and administrative expenses ("G&A") for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, when compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023, relates to have been segregated by country as follows:



The following schedules segregates G&A expenses by country, for the nine months ended September 30, 2024 and, 2023

Nine months ended September 30, 2024	Coporate	Colombia	Mexico	Ecuador	Total
Insurances	\$ 104,717 \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	104,717
Legal and accounting	1,635,969	-	-	-	1,635,969
Management fees	2,891,807	1,531,242	-	518,990	4,942,039
Professional fees	4,220,544	-	-	392,179	4,612,723
Office and administration	768,993	261,405	49,587	(703,391)	376,594
Shareholders information and investor relations	85,944	-	-	-	85,944
Amortization and depreciation	190,698	108,494	-	-	299,192
	\$ 9,898,672 \$	1,901,141 \$	49,587 \$	207,778 \$	12,057,178

Nine months ended September 30, 2023	Corporate	Colombia	Mexico	Ecuador	Total
Insurances	\$ 48,961 \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	48,961
Legal and accounting	433,411	-	-	-	433,411
Management fees	1,373,142	1,142,461	-	819,853	3,335,456
Professional fees	2,381,631	-	-	1,202,759	3,584,390
Office and administration	1,271,494	(10,524)	-	628,606	1,889,576
Shareholders information and investor relations	89,132	-	-	-	89,132
Other purchase and services	-	155,660	-	494,751	650,411
Depletion and depreciation	190,176	250,758	-	1,020	441,954
Taxes	-	-	-	506,057	506,057
	\$ 5,787,947 \$	1,298,121 \$	- \$	3,653,045 \$	10,979,348

The G&A for the nine months of September 30,2024, increased by \$1.1 million compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2023The main reason for this increase is attributed to the increase in corporate operations by \$4.1 million with the most significant increase relating to legal and accounting costs of \$1.2 million, management fees of \$1.5 million and professional fees of \$1.8 million. The increase in legal and accounting fees as well as professional fees are principally related to costs associated with due diligence, evaluations and negotiations of new project opportunities. The increase in management fees relates to increasing personnel, compensation and bonuses granted during the period.

The Ecuadorian G&A decreases \$3.5 million is the result of: (i) a reduction in activities related to reversion process; (ii) and inclusion of management consortium fees in 2024; and (iii) the reversal of accruals derived from the joint operation.

The increase in Colombian G&E expenses is mainly related to an increase in management fees related to the engagement of new technical personal required to evaluate current and prospective project as well as general administration required to sustain the organization's growth.



7. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Balances as of,	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023	Change
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 218,188	\$ 33,624,812	\$ (33,406,624)
Current Assets	9,387,742	48,022,015	(38,634,273)
Total Assets	96,265,698	48,658,378	47,607,320
Current Liabilities	10,654,215	3,936,045	6,718,170
Total Non-Current Liabilities	65,446,113	22,662,562	42,783,551
Total Liabilities	76,100,328	26,598,607	49,501,721

The OPS investment and operating advances made in the Venezuelan joint venture explains the change in cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash). As September 30, 2024, cash and cash equivalents decreased to \$0.2 million, from \$33.6 million on December 31, 2023.

This \$33.4 million decrease also contributed to the \$38.6 million decrease of current assets.

Current liabilities increased by \$6.7 million primarily due to increases in the amount payable to Favilla, for about \$7.5 million on the Vencupet investment.

Non-current liabilities increased by \$42.8 million mainly due to the assumption of US\$45 million Capital expenditure commitments on the OPS operations. Due to delays in completing the planned activities for 2024, OPS proposed a deferral of these activities to 2025 to PEMEX, with the remaining planned activities postponed to subsequent years. Since NSE has fully funded the original 2024 program with US\$15 million, and the related activities are not expected to take place before 2026, the Company has classified the remaining obligation of US\$30 million as a long-term liability.

8. ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE

NSE's Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") performance includes information of its operations in Ecuador and how it helped to mitigate potential non-financial risks emanating from the oil fields.

1. **Environmental**

The operation of the Blocks took place in an area of great environmental sensitivity, which partially coincides with the Yasuni National Park, located in the Amazon jungle of Ecuador.

Following the work of the socio-environmental subcommittee on the environmental component during the reversion process on December 31, 2022, a report and meeting minutes were finalized. These documents identified a total of 67 outstanding issues (47 from the Ministry of the Environment and 20 from Petrolia). As of September 30, 2024, 92% of these issues have been resolved, mainly related to administrative aspects of compliance with the Environmental Management Plan and Environmental Events during the operational period. The remaining 8% are still being addressed, including 2 issues awaiting responses from the Ministry of the Environment and 4 that Petrolia must resolve address within the term.



The first commitment involves completing the environmental remediation of an incident that occurred in July 2021, which was promptly reported to the authorities and managed by Petrolia. Remediation work continued until December 2022. Beginning in January 2023, following the reversion process and the transition to a new operator in the Blocks, efforts were made to resume the remediation process, in accordance with the requirements of the new operator and relevant authorities. The remediation work officially restarted on October 12, 2023, after receiving approval from the current operator.

The second commitment pertains to a request from the Ministry of the Environment to monitor various locations within the Blocks to assess potential sources of contamination. Petrolia has completed the monitoring, and all laboratory results have complied with legal regulations and permissible limits. This confirms that there is no environmental liability associated with the operation of the Blocks as of December 31, 2022.

In addition to these results, it is important to note that all audits conducted in previous years by independent companies, and endorsed by the environmental regulator, concluded that there is no evidence of environmental liabilities (real or potential) associated with the operations of the Blocks as of December 31, 2022, the date the service contract ended.

During the year ended 2023, Petrolia completed all pending audit reports from 2022 (for the period of July to December 2022), which were promptly submitted to the regulatory entity for analysis and approval. These audits did not reveal any significant deviations or non-compliances. Additionally, work has been done to respond to observations made by the Ministry of the Environment in recent months regarding other environmental audits from previous periods, as part of the normal review and approval process for these types of audits. In 2023, four environmental audits were approved with no major findings or non-conformities.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2024, two additional audits were approved by the Ministry of Environment, and one is pending approval and under review by the Ministry of Environment. It is expected to be processed and approved within 2024. At present, all of Petrolia's obligations with respect to environmental audits are up to date and are awaiting approval from the Ministry of Environment.

Social

The Blocks are located in the Waorani and Kichwa indigenous communities. To balance the opportunities that the communities have for a better quality of life, prior operators signed a collaboration agreement with N.A.W.E (Nacionalidad Waorani del Ecuador) in the Waorani community. The agreement focuses on four broad clusters: health, education, support to N.A.W.E. management and community leaders and, support to the development of the communities.

Additionally, three projects embodied in the Single Act (the hydrocarbon regulations that stipulate that the minute (the "Single Act") shall be executed between the Ministry of Energy and the Company, reflecting the actual transfer of the operation of the Blocks and the delivery of all the facilities on the service contract termination date), were delivered to the communities, including the construction of a health centre in the Guiyero community (Waorani). The projects were delivered to the communities' complete satisfaction. The Company has fulfilled all related commitments, and no further projects are required.



9. LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's principal liquidity and capital resource requirements include:

- capital expenditures for exploration, production, and development, including growth plans.
- costs and expenses relating to operations, commitments, and existing contingencies; and
- merger and acquisition activities.

Liquidity

The Company funds its anticipated cash requirements and strategic objectives using current cash and working capital balances, cash flows from operations, and, if required, additional equity financing. In accordance with the Company's investment policy, available cash balances are held in current non-interest-bearing accounts and interest-bearing term deposits. The Company regularly reviews its capital structure and liquidity sources with a focus on ensuring that capital resources will be sufficient to meet operational needs and other obligations.

Operating Activities

For the nine months ended September 30, 2024, cash used in operating activities was \$11.6 million, compared to \$23.5 million generated during the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

The most significant changes in non-cash working capital items are described in the table below.

Changes in operating component of working capital:

Nine months ended September 30,	2024	2023	Change
Depletion and depreciation	\$ 299,192 \$	441,954 \$	(142,762)
Income from investment in Joint Venture	(5,612,229)	-	(5,612,229)
Payments of employee defined, benefit & retirement obligations	(532,784)	(1,359,861)	827,077
Payments of asset retirement obligation	(62,008)	(239,541)	177,533
Foreign currency exchange	(189,480)	259,338	(448,818)
Stock based compensation	494,185	-	494,185
Gain on Financial liability at FVPL	(1,202,860)	-	(1,202,860)
Tax credit refund	6,321,175	19,399,222	(13,078,047)
Change in operating components of working capital	\$ (484,809) \$	18,501,112 \$	(18,985,921)

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Net change in non-cash working capital items.

The most significant changes in non-cash working capital items, are described in the table below:

Nine months ended September 30,	2024	2023	Change	
Trade and other receivables	\$ (2,752) \$	9,311,159 \$	(9,313,911)	
Account receivable from related entities	(6,602,740)	6,892,209	(13,494,949)	
Recoverable taxes	-	8,479,631	(8,479,631)	
Advances to suppliers and others	5,511,966	76,560	5,435,406	
Investments in joint venture	(53,241,929)	-	(53,241,929)	
Other asset	(731,400)	69,740	(801,140)	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,605,633	(8,403,687)	17,009,320	
Taxes payables	3,290	(3,068,123)	3,071,413	
Employee benefit obligation	330,458	845,739	(515,281)	
DBO	(433,880)	-	(433,880)	
Other liability	 42,314,928	991,465	41,323,463	
Total net change in non-cash working capital	\$ (4,246,426) \$	15,194,693 \$	(19,441,119)	

Investing Activities

During the nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company has made investments in joint ventures totalling \$26.5 million.

Financing activities

For the nine months ended September 30, 2024, New Stratus Energy generated \$4.2 million cash from financing, primarily from warrants exercised, totaling \$4.3 million, less \$0.1 million related to the Company's share repurchase program. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, the Company did not generate or use cash from the financing activities.

Available Sources of Liquidity

As at September 30, 2024, the Company held \$100,000 restricted short-term investments, related to a letter of credit associated with a guarantee on corporate credit cards.

Capital Management

The Company's objective when managing capital is to maintain its ongoing viability, provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. The Company includes equity, comprised of issued capital stock, warrants, contributed surplus and deficit, in the definition of capital

The Company's primary objective with respect to its capital management is to ensure that it has sufficient cash resources to support further acquisitions, property exploration and to discharge its obligations related the Blocks . To secure the additional capital necessary to pursue these plans, the Company may attempt to raise additional funds through the issuance of equity and warrants, or by securing strategic partners.

The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements and there has been no change to the overall capital risk management strategy during the period ended September 30, 2024.



10. SHARE CAPITAL

The authorized capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares.

As of September 30, 2024, the Company had 133,301,656 common shares issued and outstanding with a nominal value of \$36,892,117.

Warrants

As part of the July 30, 2021, financing, the Company issued 16,095,376 warrants valued at \$186,776. Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one common share at an exercise price of \$0.45 until the second anniversary of the issuance of the warrant. The Company uses a Black-Scholes valuation methodology to value the warrants at the date of issuance for accounting purposes. The significant inputs into the model were share price of \$0.32, exercise price of \$0.45, volatility of 70%, dividend yield of 0%, an expected warrant life of two year and an annual risk-free interest rate of 0.45%. Volatility was estimated based on average volatility of a sample of peer companies with public pricing data available.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2024, 9,747,044 warrants were exercised at a price of \$0.45 for proceeds of \$4,386,170.

All 3,245,056 unexercised warrants expiring July 30, 2024, exercisable at \$0.45 are now expired. At the date of this report there were no warrants outstanding.

Stock based compensation.

The Company has a stock option plan for employees, officers, directors, and consultants. The Company uses a Black-Scholes valuation methodology to value the stock options at the date of award for accounting purposes. The maximum number of stock options reserved for issuance under the plan may not exceed 10 percent of the number of common shares issued and outstanding.

During the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company issued 1,800,000 options exercisable at \$ 0.46 until September 4, 2029. The options were fully vested on granting.

As of September 30, 2024, there are 12,555,000 stock options outstanding at an average exercise price of \$0.50.

Fully diluted shares information:

As at September 30, 2024 there were:

Three months ended September 30,	2024
Common shares	133,301,656
Stock based compensation	12,555,000
Warrants	-
Fully diluted number of shares	145,856,656



Weighted average number of shares and dilutive effect:

	Three m	onths	Nine months		
Period ended September 30,	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Net income (loss)	\$ (2,117,035)	\$ (4,261,385)	\$ (6,917,381)	\$ (10,228,349)	
Weighted-average common share adjustments:					
Weighted-average common shares outstanding, basic	131,900,467	122,913,523	131,900,467	122,913,523	
Effect of stock options & warrants	-	7,863,802	-	7,863,802	
Weighted-average common shares outstanding, diluted	131,900,467	130,777,325	131,900,467	122,913,523	
Basic loss per share	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.08)	
Fully diluted loss per share	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.08)	

For the three and nine months ended September 2024 and 2023, stock options and warrants were antidilutive due to the net loss. The calculation of fully diluted earnings per share differs during a period when a loss is realized because all potential savings from conversions and all potential increases in the number of shares are anti-dilutive. This is because the loss per share is reduced when they are included.

11. NON-GAAP AND OTHER FINANCIAL MEASUREMENTS

This MD&A uses various "non-GAAP financial measures" and "non-GAAP ratios" (as defined in NI 52-112), which are described in further detail below. Such measures are not standardized financial measures under IFRS and might not be comparable to similar financial measures disclosed by other issuers. Investors are cautioned that non-GAAP financial measures should not be constructed as alternatives to or more meaningful than the most directly comparable GAAP measures as indicators of New Stratus Energy's performance.

These measures facilitate management's comparisons to the Company's historical operating results in assessing its results and strategic and operational decision-making and may be used by financial analysts and others in the oil and gas industry to evaluate the Company's performance. Further, management believes that such financial measures are useful supplemental information to analyze operating performance and provide an indication of the results generated by the Company's principal business activities. Below is a description of each of these measures used in this MD&A.

Adjusted Working Capital

Adjusted working capital is a non-GAAP financial measure, that includes, as part of the Company's current assets, warrants and options exercisable at prices below the current market price.

Periods ended,	S	eptember 30, 2024	D	ecember 31, 2023
Current Assets		9,387,742		48,022,015
Current Liabilities		(10,654,215)		(3,936,045)
Value of exercisable warrants (2)		-		12,992,100
Value of exercisable options (3)		2,150,400		2,984,150
Correction factor receivable (4)		6,392,216		-
Adjusted working capital (1)	\$	7,276,143	\$	60,062,220
Adjusted working capital per share (5)	\$	0.05	\$	0.42



- (1) Includes assumed proceeds on conversion of "in the money" options and warrants.
- (2) Assumes the conversion of 12,992,100 for 2023, when market price at periods end was \$0.79.
- (3) Assumes the conversion of 5,120,000 options for 2024 and 8,135,000 for 2023 when market prices at September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023 were \$0.42 and \$0.79 respectively.
- (4) During the three months ended September 30, 2024, NSE was notified by the Government of Ecuador that it will be receiving a \$6.4 million (US\$4.7 million) correction factor adjustment dating back to an application made in 2022, which payment is expected within the first quarter of 2025. The addition of this amount will enhance our projected future short-term working capital by approximately the same amount.
- (5) Adjusted working capital per share assumes all "in the money" options and warrants are exercised, hence there is no dilution effect.

Funds Flow Provided by Operations

Funds flow provided by operations is a non-GAAP financial measure. It is most comparable to cash from operating activities. Funds flow provided by operations is a measure of the Company's ability to finance its capital investment plans and meet its financial obligations. This measure is defined as cash from (used in) operating activities excluding settlement of asset retirement obligations and net change in non-cash working capital items.

Funds flow provided by operations is not a standardized financial measure under the reporting framework used to prepare our financial statements and may not be comparable to similar financial measures disclosed by other issuers.

Nine months ended September 30,	2024	2023
Cash provided (used) by operating activities	(\$11,648,616)	\$ 23,467,456
Add (deduct):		
Net change in non-cash working capital	4,246,426	(15,194,693)
Funds flow provided by operations	\$ (7,402,190)	\$ 8,272,763
Funds flow provided by operations (per share basic)	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.07
Funds flow provided by operations (per share diluted)	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.07

Capital Investment

Capital investment is a non-GAAP financial measure which the Company uses to describe its total capital costs associated with exploration activities as well as the acquisition of other equipment. The measure includes expenditures for property, plant and equipment and expenditures for exploration, production, and development, including organic growth plans and can be found on the Company's cash flow statement for the period.

Nine months ended September 30,	2024	2023
Property, plant and equipment expenditure	\$ (41,308) \$	-
Purchase price consideration paid for business combination	-	(6,772,000)
Investments in Joint Venture	(26,560,766)	-
Payment to Repsol	-	(7,139,042)
Total Capital Investment	\$ (26,602,074) \$	(13,911,042)



Free Funds Flow

Free Funds Flow is a non-GAAP financial measure. It is most comparable to cash from operating activities as reported in the primary financial statements. Free funds flow assists the Company in measuring its available funds after financing its capital programs. It is defined as operating activities excluding the settlement of asset retirement obligations and net change in non-cash working capital less capital investment. It demonstrates the Company's ability to fund its return of capital, such as dividend payments or a normal-course issuer bid without accessing outside funds.

Free funds flow is not a standardized financial measure under the reporting framework used to prepare our financial statements and may not be comparable to similar financial measures disclosed by other issuers.

Nine months ended September 30,	2024	2023
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(\$11,648,616)	33,467,456
(Add) deduct:		
Net change in non-cash working capital	4,246,426	15,194,693
Funds flow provided by operations	(7,402,190)	8,272,763
Capital Investment	(26,602,074)	(13,911,042)
Free funds flow ¹	\$ (34,004,264)	(5,638,279)

⁽¹⁾ Funds flow provided by operations and Free funds flow are non-GAAP measures. Additional information regarding these non-GAAP measures are provided in the Non-GAAP and Other Measures section of this MD&A.

Adjusted EBITDA

"Adjusted EBITDA" (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) is used by management to analyze the Company's profitability based on the Company's principal business activities prior to how these activities are financed, how assets are depreciated, amortized and impaired, and how the results are taxed. The Company's does not deem these to relate to the performance of its principal business. Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to represent net profit (or loss) as calculated in accordance with IFRS.

Please see Section 5 "Results Overview", "Operating Highlights", for additional non-GAAP disclosure.



12. QUARTERLY INFORMATION

The schedule below highlights selected quarterly information for the Company's last eight fiscal quarters of operations.

		2024			
Three month-periods ended	September 30	er 30 June 30,		March 31,	December 31
Revenue	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -
Gross Profit	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	
Net income / (loss)	\$ (2,117,035)	\$	(161,500)	\$ (4,638,846)	\$ (1,121,723)
Basic income / (Loss) per share	\$ (0.02)	\$	(0.00)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.01)
Basic number of shares	133,301,656		125,785,428	124,696,778	-
Total assets	\$96,265,698	\$	55,355,560	\$53,530,572	\$ 48,658,378

		2023			
Three month-periods ended	September 30		June 30,	March 31,	December 31
Revenue	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 30,586,045
Gross Profit	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 1,151,635
Net income / (loss)	\$ (4,261,385)	\$	(2,733,720)	\$ (3,233,244)	\$ (7,896,009)
Basic income / (Loss) per share	\$ (0.03)	\$	(0.02)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.06)
Basic number of shares	122,913,523		122,913,523	122,913,523	122,904,436
Total assets	\$ 54,252,705	\$	57,835,534	\$ 49,597,533	\$ 68,926,882

13. QUARTERLY RESULTS OVERVIEW

Financial and Operating Highlights

Three months ended Sep 30,	2024	2023	Change
General and administrative	\$ (3,193,490) \$	(4,590,711) \$	1,397,221
Financial cost, net	(752,222)	(435,674)	(316,548)
Income from investments in Joint venture	1,310,727	-	1,310,727
Stock-based compensation	(494,185)	-	(494,185)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(397,273)	(269,087)	(128,186)
Other income	206,548	1,030,455	(823,907)
Gain on Financial liability at FVPL	1,202,860	-	1,202,860
Net loss before income taxes	(2,117,035)	(4,265,017)	2,147,982
Income tax (expense)	-	3,632	(3,632)
Net loss	\$ (2,117,035) \$	(4,261,385) \$	2,144,350

All expenses incurred by Petrolia are grouped as part of general and administrative expenses.

The following schedules disclose the consolidated general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2024, and 2023, as well as a breakdown of such expenses by country for the same period:



Three months ended Sep 30,	2024	2023	Change
Insurances	\$ 14,500 \$	24,021	\$ (9,521)
Legal and accounting	371,938	241,873	130,065
Management fees and salaries	1,555,712	1,042,755	512,957
Professional fees	1,199,743	1,310,648	(110,905)
Office and administration	(61,370)	1,557,163	(1,618,533)
Shareholders information and investor relations	20,978	19,753	1,225
Other purchases and services	-	109,707	(109,707)
Taxes	-	224,178	(224,178)
Depreciation of computer equipment	91,989	60,613	31,376
	\$ 3,193,490 \$	4,590,711	\$ (1,397,221)

Three months ended Sep 30, 2024	Corporate	Colombia	Mexico	Ecuador	Total
Insurances	\$ 14,500 \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	14,500
Legal and accounting	371,938	-	-	-	371,938
Management fees	844,631	567,798	-	143,283	1,555,712
Professional fees	1,071,353	-	-	128,390	1,199,743
Office and administration	244,412	(22,527)	5,694	(288,948)	(61,369)
Shareholders information and investor relations	20,978	-	-	-	20,978
Amortization and depreciation	63,566	28,423	-	(1)	91,988
	\$ 2,631,378 \$	573,694 \$	5,694 \$	(17,276) \$	3,193,490

Three months ended September 30, 2023	Corporate	Colombia	Mexico	Ecuador	Total
Insurances	\$ 24,021 \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	24,021
Legal and accounting	241,873	-	-	-	241,873
Management fees	462,478	314,165	-	266,113	1,042,756
Professional fees	1,002,246	-	-	308,402	1,310,648
Office and administration	339,941	(10,524)	-	1,227,745	1,557,162
Shareholders information and investor relations	19,753	-	-	-	19,753
Other purchase and services	-	44,898	-	64,809	109,707
Depletion and depreciation	64,089	159,337	-	752	224,178
Taxes	-	-	-	60,614	60,614
	\$ 2,154,401 \$	507,876 \$	- \$	1,928,434 \$	4,590,711

As mentioned above, the overall increase in general and administrative expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024, when compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, relates to the reclassification of Petrolia's general and administrative expenses. Since January 1, 2023, Petrolia has not operated as an active operator, and its activities have been primarily focused on decommissioning and administrative tasks. Consequently, these activities are more administrative in nature rather than revenue-generating. The most significant expenses in this period include management fees and salaries, professional fees, other purchases and services, and taxes.

With respect to the increase in corporate G&A, similar to the nine months ended September 30, 2024 when compared to the same period of 2023, management fee increase is a result of increases in personnel, compensations and bonuses paid during the quarter.



14. OUTLOOK

During the nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company continued to execute the remaining activities derived from the asset retirement obligation and the Single Act in Ecuador. The Company expects to have the majority of these activities complete by the end of the year.

New Stratus is aggressively focusing on initiating production in its Venezuelan projects and generating positive cash flow in the short run.

On the newly acquired interest in Mexico, the Company's technical team is in place and currently assessing existing production and exploring alternatives to increase production output.

As part of the Company's expansion objectives, the Company continues to evaluate different projects in the Sub-Andean Basins, including in Colombia, Ecuador, Brazil, Peru, Mexico, and Venezuela. These countries have a significant production history, extensive oil reserves and established infrastructure. They also have a presence of important service providers in hydrocarbon exploration, production, and transportation areas.

15. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company's business, which includes the exploration, evaluation, development and production of hydrocarbons is subject to certain risks. The risks described below are not exhaustive, other unknown risks may emerge or risks currently deemed immaterial may become material. There is no guarantee that other factors will not affect the Company in the future. Many of these risks are beyond the Company's control.

Investing in the Company's common shares involves several risks. In addition to the information contained in this MD&A, investors should consider the following factors, which are qualified in their entirety by reference to, and must be read in conjunction with, the detailed information appearing elsewhere in this MD&A. If any of the described risks or uncertainties occur, they could adversely affect the Company's business, prospects, financial condition and operating results. In that event of a decline in the market price of the Company's common shares, investors could lose all or part of their investment. Additionally, unknown risks or risks not currently believed to be material at this time may also impair or have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations. In addition to the risks described elsewhere in this MD&A and other information provided, prospective investors should carefully consider each risk factor and the cumulative effect of all risk factors. References in the below risk factors to "we", "our" or "us" refer to the management of the Company.

Limited History of Operations

The Company has had a limited operating history upon which an evaluation of the Company, its current business and its prospects can be based. When considering any purchase of the Company's securities, an investor should consider the risks, expenses and problems frequently encountered by all companies in the early stages of their corporate development.

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Future Financing Requirements

The Company may need additional financing to continue it's business and there can be no assurance that such financing will be available or, if available, will be on reasonable terms. To the extent financing is not available, business opportunities and potential acquisitions could be lost for the Company.

Dilution and Future Sales of Common Shares

The Company may issue additional shares in the future, which could dilute existing shareholder's holdings. The Company's articles of incorporation allow for the issuance of an unlimited number of common shares and an unlimited number of preferred shares, which can be issued in series. Shareholders will not have preemptive rights with respect to any future share issuances. The Company's directors have the discretion to determine the provisions attaching to any series of preferred shares and to determine the price and terms of further issuances of common shares, subject to compliance with applicable corporate and securities laws and stock exchange regulations.

Risks Inherent in Acquisitions and Dispositions

As part of Company's corporate strategy, the Company actively seeks to acquire exploration, development, and production assets in line with its acquisition and growth strategy. From time to time, the Company may also acquire securities or other interests in companies, potentially leading to further acquisitions or transactions. These transactions and acquisitions involve inherent risks, including but not limited to:

- accurately assessing the value, strengths, weaknesses, contingent and other liabilities and potential profitability of acquisition candidates;
- ability to achieve identified and anticipated operating and financial synergies;
- unanticipated costs;
- diversion of management attention from existing business;
- potential loss of the Company's key employees or key employees of any business acquired;
- unanticipated changes in business, industry or general economic conditions that affect the assumptions underlying the acquisition; and
- decline in the value of acquired properties, companies, or securities.

Any of these factors or other risks could prevent the Company from realizing the anticipated benefits of an acquisition and may have a material adverse effect on its financial condition.

Additionally, the Company may periodically dispose of non-core assets to focus its efforts and resources more efficiently. Depending on market conditions, these non-core assets may sell for less than their carrying value on the Company's financial statements.



Exploration and Development of Oil and Gas Properties

New Stratus is engaged in oil and natural gas exploration, which is a high-risk venture with uncertain prospects for success and for which even a combination of experience, knowledge and careful evaluation may not be able to overcome. There is no assurance that expenditures made on future exploration or development activities by New Stratus will result in discoveries of oil or natural gas that are commercially or economically possible. It is difficult to project the costs of implementing any exploratory drilling program due to the inherent uncertainties of drilling. Even if commercial quantities of petroleum or natural gas are discovered, there is no assurance that production therefrom or development thereof will occur or be profitable. Natural resource prices fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors such as inflation, interest rates, demand, global or regional political and economic crisis and production costs in major producing regions. The aggregate affect of these factors, all of which are beyond New Stratus' control, is impossible to predict. No assurance can be given that commercial accumulations of oil and natural gas will be discovered as a result of the efforts of New Stratus and prospective investors must rely upon the ability, expertise, judgment, discretion, integrity, and good faith of the management of New Stratus.

The future value of New Stratus is dependent on the success or otherwise of New Stratus' activities which are directed toward the exploration, appraisal, and development of its assets. Exploration, appraisal and development of oil and gas reserves are speculative and involves a significant degree of risk. There is no guarantee that exploration or appraisal of the properties in which New Stratus holds rights will lead to a commercial discovery or, if there is commercial discovery, that New Stratus will be able to realize such reserves as intended. Few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into new reserves. If at any stage New Stratus is precluded from pursuing the exploration or development of its assets, New Stratus' business, financial condition and/or results of operations and, accordingly, the trading price of the common shares, is likely to be materially adversely affected.

Management of Growth

Any expansion of the Company's business may place a significant strain on its financial, operational, and managerial resources. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to implement and subsequently improve its operations and financial systems successfully and in a timely manner to manage any growth it experiences. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to manage growth successfully. An inability of the Company to manage growth successfully could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, and results of operations.

The Company may expand its operations through the acquisition of additional assets, businesses, products, or technologies that it believes will complement its current or future business. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to identify, acquire or profitably manage additional assets or businesses or successfully integrate any acquired assets, businesses, products, or technologies into the Company without substantial expenses, delays or other operational or financial problems. If a strategy of growth through acquisition is pursued, the failure of the Company to manage this strategy successfully could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.

Uninsured Risks Exist and May Affect Certain Values

The Company maintains insurance to cover normal business risks. In the course of exploration and development of its properties, certain risks, and in particular, unexpected or unusual geological operating conditions may occur. It is not always possible to fully insure against such risks as a result of high premiums

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or other reasons. Should such liabilities arise, they could reduce or eliminate any future profitability and result in increasing costs and a decline in the value of the Common Shares.

Key-Man and Liability Insurance Factors Should be Considered.

The success of the Company will be largely dependent upon the performance of its key officers. The Company has not, as yet purchased any "key-man" insurance with respect to any of its directors, officers, key employees and has no current plans to do so.

Although the Company may obtain liability insurance in an amount which management considers adequate, the nature of the risks for mining companies is such that liabilities might exceed policy limits, the liabilities and hazards might not be insurable, or the Company might not elect to insure itself against such liabilities due to high premium costs or other reasons, in which event the Company could incur significant costs that could have a material adverse effect upon its financial condition.

Ability to Attract and Retain Qualified Personnel

Recruiting and retaining qualified personnel is critical to the Company's success. The number of persons skilled in the acquisition, exploration and development of its properties is limited and competition for such persons is intense. As the Company's business activity grows, they will require additional key financial, administrative and operations personnel. If the Company is not successful in attracting and training qualified personnel, the efficiency of its operations could be affected, which could have a material adverse impact on the Company's future cash flows, earnings, results of operations and financial condition. *Factors Beyond Company's Control*

The exploration and development of the Company's assets will be affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company. These factors include government regulation, high levels of volatility in market prices, availability of markets, availability of adequate transportation and processing facilities and the imposition of new or amendments to existing taxes and royalties. The effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted.

Government Regulation

The oil and gas business is subject to regulation and intervention by governments in such matters as the awarding of exploration and production interests, the imposition of specific drilling obligations, environmental protection controls, control over the development and abandonment of fields (including restrictions on production) and possible expropriation or cancellation of contract rights, as well as with respect to prices, taxes, export quotas, royalties and the exportation of oil and natural gas. Such regulations may be changed from time to time in response to economic or political conditions. The implementation of new regulations or the modification of existing regulations affecting the oil and gas industry could reduce demand for oil and natural gas, increase the Company's costs and have a material adverse effect on the Company.

Environmental Risks and Hazards

The Company's activities are subject to extensive national, provincial, and local laws and regulations governing environmental protection and employee health and safety. The Company is required to obtain governmental permits and provide bonding requirements under environmental laws. All phases of the

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Company's operations are subject to environmental regulation. These regulations include limitations on the generation, transportation, storage, and disposal of solid and hazardous waste. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner, which will require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, and more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects. There is no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect the Company's operations.

Environmental laws and regulations are complex and have tended to become more stringent over time. These laws are continuously evolving. The Company is not able to predict the impact of any future changes in environmental laws and regulations on its future financial position due to the uncertainty surrounding the ultimate form such changes may take.

Existing and possible future environmental legislation, regulations and actions could cause additional expense, capital expenditures, restrictions, and delays in the activities of the Company, the extent of which cannot be predicted.

Share Price Fluctuations

The market price of securities of many companies, particularly development stage companies, experience wide fluctuations in price that are not necessarily related to the operating performance or the underlying asset values of prospects of such companies. There can be no assurance that fluctuations in the Company's share price will not occur.

Price Volatility of Publicly Traded Securities

Securities of natural resource companies have experienced substantial volatility in the past, often based on factors unrelated to the financial performance or prospects of the companies involved. These factors include macroeconomic developments in North America and globally, and market perceptions of the relative attractiveness of particular industries. The Company's share price is also likely to be significantly affected by short-term changes in commodity prices or in the Company's financial condition or results of operations as reflected in quarterly earnings reports.

Other factors unrelated to the Company's performance that may have an effect on the price of the Company's shares include the following:

- the extent of analyst coverage available to investors concerning the Company's business may be limited if investment banks with research capabilities do not follow its securities.
- limited trading volumes and general market interest in the Company's securities may affect an investor's ability to trade the Company's shares; and
- the relatively small number of publicly held shares may limit the ability of some institutions to invest in the Company's securities.

As a result of any of these factors, the market price of the Company's shares at any given point in time may not accurately reflect the Company's long-term value.

Conflicts of Interest

There are potential conflicts of interest which the directors and officers of the Company may be subject in connection with the operations of the Company. Some of the directors and officers of the Company may

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be, or may become, engaged in the oil and gas industry, and situations may arise where directors, officers and promoters will be in direct conflict with the Company. Such conflicts must be disclosed in accordance with and are subject to such other procedures and remedies as apply under, the ABCA and the applicable statutes of the jurisdictions of in Company of the Company's subsidiaries.

16. OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

There are no off-balance sheet arrangements on September 30, 2024, or December 31, 2023, nor have any such arrangements been entered into by the Company as of the date of this MD&A.

17. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

The Company's key management personnel include its directors and officers. Key management personnel were compensated as follows:

	Three mo	nths	Nine months	
Periods ended September 30,	2024	2023	2024	2023
Officers and management fees	\$ 581,388 \$	444,414 \$	2,465,879 \$	1,281,713
Director Fees	16,400	30,753	63,041	122,489
Consulting fees paid to a director	41,435	58,479	122,577	114,411
	639,223	533,646	2,651,497	1,518,613

All the above transactions are in the normal course of operation and are measured at fair value, which is the price agreed to by the related parties.

On August 23, 2023, the Company and its Chief Midstream and Downstream officer agreed to terminate the original Officer's contract, signed on February 1, 2022. As compensation for bridging the original agreement, NSE settled with the officer a departing payment totaling US\$151,500, payable in twelve equal quarterly installments of US\$12,625. The departing officer will continue to act as an independent business development consultant for a monthly fee of US\$4,500.

18. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited consolidated financial statements and related Note 4 *Significant Accounting Judgements, Estimates and Assumptions for the three and* nine months ended September 30, 2024, wherein a more detailed discussion of accounting estimates is presented.

19. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Consulting agreements

The Company is obligated under a consulting agreement to pay US\$5,000 per month until May 31, 2026.

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Executive compensation

On July 1, 2021, the Company entered into employment agreements with its senior executives which contain clauses requiring additional payments of up to \$3,390,000 to be made upon the occurrence of certain events such as change of control. As such triggering events have not occurred, the contingent payment has not been provided for in these consolidated financial statements.

GoldPillar acquisition

As part of the GoldPillar transaction announced on January 2, 2024, the Company signed a shareholder's agreement on October 25, 2023, and executed additional agreements on May 23rd and 27th, 2024 that outline the administrative and corporate structure of the venturers involved in the agreement with Vencupet. Under these agreements the Company assumed the obligation to fund the operational and capital expenditures required for the operation of Vencupet, including PDVSA's 60% share. The funds will be provided by NSE to GoldPillar, which at the same time has in place a six-month €60 million revolving line of credit to Vencupet for a total period of four and a half years. The indirect maximum capital exposure of the Company under the facility at any point in time will be approximately US\$25 million. Repayment from PDVSA will be performed in crude oil.

CONTINGENCIES

State Oil Company of Ecuador Petroecuador EP

Shushufindi Agreement: As recommended by the Comptroller General's Office, within the special examination of the contracting process and development of the cooperation agreement with Petroproduccion to increase crude oil production and reserves in the Shushufindi field, EP Petroecuador issued invoices for \$4,090,186 (US\$3,013,240) and initiated an enforceable by law collection process, proceeding to seize the invoiced amount. The Branch has challenged the procedures initiated by Petroproducción. The Company has recorded a provision for this matter.

<u>Law 122:</u> Ecuador Petroecuador EP is requesting the payment of \$22,547,423 (US\$16,610,743) to the consortium that operated Block 67 (Tivacuno) where the Company has a 35% interest. On August 14, 2023, a payment request was issued based on a unilateral liquidation performed by Ecuador Petroecuador EP under a service contract which ended in 2010, stating that Petroecuador has not withheld the entire tariff of the tax contemplated in Law 122. The Company has challenged such payment request before the Tax Court, stating that the statute of limitations to request such payment has been largely exceeded. On September 19, 2024, Petroecuador intitated a coercive procedure to collect this contingency, plus interest. On October 4th, Petroecuador, based on the information provided by Petrolia, cancelled the coercive procedure. The Company has not recorded any provision in the financial statements.

Auca Process, Yulebra, Culebra: EP Petroecuador claims payment of \$1,387,307.59 (US\$1,022,033) for information provided to Repsol YPF Ecuador S.A. for a failed bidding process called by EP Petroecuador. Repsol YPF Ecuador S.A. paid the cost of the bidding conditions, which included access to the "data room" and all the information available for this purpose. After several judicial resolutions (both from the Superior Court and the National Court of Justice), the process was sent to the District Court of Administrative Disputes in the Metropolitan District of Quito for resolution. However, the request was denied. The



Company has filed an extraordinary protection action before the Constitutional Court, which has not yet been admitted. The Company has not recorded any provision for this in the financial statements.

Special Examination Reports of the Comptroller General's Office

Friction Reduction Chemicals: On May 31, 2005, the Office of the Comptroller General of the State issued audit assessments against the contractor of the Block 16 participation contract for \$3,500,208 (US\$2,578,612) for the purchase and use of friction reducing chemical, of which \$1,225,073 (US\$902,514) corresponds to the Company. On November 23, 2006, Petrolia's Branch, on behalf of the contractor filed a challenge before the Contentious Administrative Court.

Solidarity Contribution tax trial

On October 7, 2019, the Internal Revenue Service of Ecuador requested two additional payments on the denominated solidarity contribution on profits, created by the Organic Law of Solidarity and Citizen Coresponsibility. The Internal Revenue Service requested two additional payments totalizing \$2,172,764 (US\$1,653,441), including principal, interest and penalties. The Company has challenged such payment requests and currently the matter is being discussed at the Tax Court and at the National Court of Justice in Ecuador. The Company has recorded a provision for the above-mentioned matter.

Based on a final and definitive ruling from the National Court of Justice issued, one of the additional payment requests was resolved favorably to the Company. Therefore, a reversal on the provision was recorded for \$0.19 million (US\$0.14 million). As at September 30, the reserve for this contingency is \$2.0 million (US\$1.5 million).

20. ADVISORY ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in the following MD&A constitute forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements involve several known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance, or achievements of the Company to be materially different from actual future results and achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statements were made. Readers are also advised to consider such forward-looking statements while considering the risks set forth below.

Except for statements of historical fact relating to the Company, certain information contained in this MD&A constitutes "forward-looking information" under Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking information in this MD&A includes, but is not limited to, statements with respect to future acquisitions; the extension of the term of the Blocks and entering into a production sharing contract with the Government of Ecuador in respect of the Blocks instead of the Service Contracts; the potential of the Company's properties; the future of commodity prices; success of exploration activities; cost and timing of future exploration and development; requirements for additional capital; and other statements relating to the financial and business prospects of the Company.

Generally, forward-looking information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", "believes", or variations of such words and phrases.

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Forward-looking information may also be identified in statements where certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved".

Forward-looking information is based on the reasonable assumptions, estimates, analysis, and opinions of management made in light of its experience and its perception of trends, current conditions and expected developments, as well as other factors that management believes to be relevant and reasonable in the circumstances at the date that such statements are made.

Forward-looking information is inherently subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information, including but not limited to risks related to: the timing and progress of oil and gas exploration; future acquisitions; the government regulation of operations; permits and authorizations; expectations regarding the Company's ability to raise capital; expenditures to be made by the Company to meet certain work commitments; environmental risks; and potential title disputes or claims and limitations on insurance coverage.

In addition, the Company has also made certain assumptions that the Company believes are reasonable. These assumptions include but are not limited to the legislative and regulatory environment; the impact of increasing competition; the success and timely completion of planned exploration and development projects; that general business and economic conditions will not change in a materially adverse manner; anticipated results of exploration, development, and production activities; and the Company's ability to obtain additional financing on satisfactory terms.

Although management of the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking information, other factors could also cause materially different results. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements.

Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking information, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.



21. GLOSSARY

Term/Abbreviation	Definition			
ABCA	Business Corporations Act			
Adjusted EBITDA	Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization			
Agreement	The Farm-in-agreement between JM and the Company whereby the Company had the right to earn up to 100% interest in the Project			
ANH	National Agency of Hydrocarbons of Colombia			
Acquisition	NSE's acquisition of a 50% indirect interest in GoldPillar			
boe/d	Barrel of oil equivalent per day			
bbl/d	Barrel of oil per day			
Blocks	Blocks 16 and Blocks 17 in the Orellana Province in the Oriente Basin in Ecuador			
Commitment	The capital commitments and operational costs NSE has agreed to fund for the next two years of the O&G Contract			
Company	New Stratus Energy Inc.			
DD&A	Depreciation, depletion and amortization			
Definitive Agreements	The definitive agreements entered into between NSE and OPS for the acquisition a 49% equity interest in OPS and the exclusive right for NSE to negotiate the purchase of an additional 41% equity interest in OPS			
ESG	Environmental, Social and Governance			
farm-in agreement	An agreement between two operators, one of which owns the interest in a piece of land where oil or gas has been discovered			
Favilla	Mr. Franco Favilla			
Fields	Anzoategui and Monagas States in Eastern Venezuela			
G&A	General and administrative expenses			
GoldPillar	GoldPillar International Fund SPC Ltd.			
JM	Montajes JM			



MD&A	Management's Discussion and Analysis
New Stratus	New Stratus Energy Inc.
NSE	New Stratus Energy Inc.
O&G Contract	A hydrocarbons production contract awarded by PEP to OPS on the Soledad Block.
OPS	Operaciones Petroleras Soledad S. de R.L. de C.V.
PDVSA	Petroleos de Venezuela S.A.
PEP	Pemex Exploracion y Produccion, S.A. de C.V.
Petrolia	Petrolia Ecuador S.A.
Project	The Block VMM-18 exploration and production contract
Service Contracts	The service contracts for Blocks
Soledad Block	Soledad block located in the State of Veracruz in eastern Mexico
Vencupet	Petrolera Vencupet, S.A.
US\$	United States Dollars