

**Shear Minerals Ltd.**  
(a development stage company)

Consolidated Interim Financial Statements  
(Unaudited)  
**August 31, 2006**

To the Shareholders of Shear Minerals Ltd.:

The consolidated interim balance sheet of Shear Minerals Ltd. as at August 31, 2006, and the consolidated interim statements of loss and deficit and of cash flows for the periods then ended have been compiled by management.

No audit or review of this information has been performed by the company's auditors.

# Shear Minerals Ltd.

## Consolidated Interim Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

As at August 31, 2006

	<b>August 31, 2006</b>	November 30, 2005
	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,110,291	558,328
Restricted cash (note 4)	192,000	1,113,714
Short-term investments – market value \$104,441 (2005 – \$72,883)	87,841	72,483
Accounts receivable	264,957	319,200
Operator recoveries	319,992	187,854
Prepaid expenses	31,679	25,921
	<u>4,006,760</u>	<u>2,277,500</u>
<b>Equipment</b>	68,375	78,816
<b>Mineral properties</b> (note 5)	<u>14,342,395</u>	<u>12,506,998</u>
	<u>18,417,530</u>	<u>14,863,314</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accruals	382,006	326,621
Deposits from exploration partners	-	635,933
	<u>382,006</u>	<u>962,554</u>
<b>Future income taxes</b>	<u>3,074,729</u>	<u>2,587,309</u>
	<u>3,456,735</u>	<u>3,549,863</u>
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>		
<b>Share capital</b> (note 6)	19,545,977	15,775,692
<b>Contributed surplus</b> (note 6)	1,597,166	1,458,825
<b>Deficit</b>	<u>(6,182,348)</u>	<u>(5,921,066)</u>
	<u>14,960,795</u>	<u>11,313,451</u>
	<u>18,417,530</u>	<u>14,863,314</u>

Approved by the Board of Directors

“Pamela Strand”

“David Mullen”

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Director

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Director

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## Consolidated Interim Statements of Loss and Deficit

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For the periods ended August 31, 2006

	<b>Three Months Ended Aug. 31, 2006 \$</b>	Three Months Ended Aug. 31, 2005 \$	<b>Nine Months Ended Aug. 31, 2006 \$</b>	Nine Months Ended Aug. 31, 2005 \$
<b>Revenue</b>				
Management fees	19,662	26,169	59,666	65,180
Interest	42,404	34,915	70,419	85,393
Other revenue	-	-	13,680	-
	<u>62,066</u>	<u>61,084</u>	<u>143,765</u>	<u>150,573</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
General and administrative	84,291	114,269	232,493	273,295
Management fees (note 7)	22,500	21,000	67,000	164,225
Professional fees	12,906	3,689	54,196	34,153
Consulting fees	15,000	18,400	47,400	68,394
Amortization	6,439	3,814	19,316	10,979
	<u>141,136</u>	<u>161,172</u>	<u>420,405</u>	<u>551,046</u>
	(79,070)	(100,088)	(276,640)	(400,473)
<b>Recovery (write down) of short-term investments</b>	<u>(4,746)</u>	<u>11,252</u>	<u>15,358</u>	<u>(28,504)</u>
<b>Net loss for the period</b>	<u>(83,816)</u>	<u>(88,836)</u>	<u>(261,282)</u>	<u>(428,977)</u>
<b>Deficit – Beginning of period</b>	<u>(6,098,532)</u>	<u>(4,172,597)</u>	<u>(5,921,066)</u>	<u>(3,832,456)</u>
<b>Deficit – End of period</b>	<u>(6,182,348)</u>	<u>(4,261,433)</u>	<u>(6,182,348)</u>	<u>(4,261,433)</u>
<b>Basic and diluted loss per share</b>	<u>(0.001)</u>	<u>(0.002)</u>	<u>(0.004)</u>	<u>(0.008)</u>
	#	#	#	#
<b>Weighted average number of shares outstanding</b>	<u>65,957,068</u>	<u>54,628,421</u>	<u>62,370,784</u>	<u>54,500,866</u>

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## Consolidated Interim Statements of Cash Flows

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For the periods ended August 31, 2006

	<b>Three Months Ended Aug. 31, 2006</b> \$	Three Months Ended Aug. 31, 2005 \$	<b>Nine Months Ended Aug. 31, 2006</b> \$	Nine Months Ended Aug. 31, 2005 \$
<b>Cash provided by (used in)</b>				
<b>Operating activities</b>				
Net loss for the period	(83,816)	(88,836)	(261,282)	(428,977)
Items not affecting cash				
Amortization	6,439	3,814	19,316	10,979
Share-based compensation	-	-	87,500	138,125
Write down (recovery) of short-term investments	4,746	(11,252)	(15,358)	28,504
	(72,631)	(96,274)	(169,824)	(251,369)
Net change in non-cash working capital balances relating to operating activities	(101,202)	121,917	(664,201)	(1,855,670)
	(173,833)	25,643	(834,025)	(2,107,039)
<b>Financing activities</b>				
Issuance of shares	112,296	-	4,575,455	175,000
Share issue costs	-	-	(380,909)	-
	112,296	-	4,194,546	175,000
<b>Investing activities</b>				
Mineral properties				
Acquisition costs	(213,732)	(39,596)	32,306	(71,140)
Exploration costs	(695,631)	(1,416,845)	(1,753,703)	(3,161,669)
(Increase) decrease in restricted cash	(74,000)	-	921,714	-
Purchase of equipment	-	(2,060)	(8,875)	(2,060)
	(983,363)	(1,458,501)	(808,558)	(3,234,869)
<b>(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(1,044,900)</b>	<b>(1,432,858)</b>	<b>2,551,963</b>	<b>(5,166,908)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents – Beginning of period</b>	<b>4,155,191</b>	<b>3,564,172</b>	<b>558,328</b>	<b>7,298,222</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents – End of period</b>	<b>3,110,291</b>	<b>2,131,314</b>	<b>3,110,291</b>	<b>2,131,314</b>
<b>Supplementary information</b>				
Interest received	26,830	70,886	49,509	98,742

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### 1 Nature of operations

Shear Minerals Ltd. (the “Company” or “Shear”) is in the business of acquiring and exploring mineral properties located primarily in Canada. The Company has not yet determined whether these properties contain precious mineral reserves that are economically recoverable and the Company is not presently carrying on active exploration efforts on certain of its mineral properties. To date, the Company has not earned significant revenues and is considered to be in the development stage. The recoverability of the amounts shown for mineral properties is dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves, securing and maintaining title and beneficial interest in the properties, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete the development, and ultimately upon future profitable production or proceeds from disposition of the mineral properties. The amounts shown in note 5 represent costs to date for property acquisition (including mineral claims and permits) and exploration expenditures, and do not necessarily reflect present or future values.

### 2 Basis of presentation

These consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company’s November 30, 2005 audited financial statements and the notes thereto. These consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles by the Company and follow the same accounting policies and method of application as the Company’s consolidated financial statements for the year ended November 30, 2005.

Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada have been omitted. In the opinion of management, all adjustments of a normal and recurring nature that are necessary for a fair presentation of the balance sheet, results of operations, and cash flows of the interim periods have been included.

### 3 Accounting policies

#### Use of estimates

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Canada. Because the precise determination of many assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses are dependent on future events, the preparation of financial statements for a period necessarily includes the use of estimates and approximations which have been made using careful judgment. Actual results could differ from those estimates. These financial statements have, in management’s opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the accounting policies summarized below.

#### Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary companies 4579 Nunavut Limited and 5098 Nunavut Limited.

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### Revenue recognition

Fees for project management are recorded on an accrual basis as services are provided under the respective operating agreements.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as amounts on deposit with banks and readily convertible guaranteed investment certificates with original maturities of less than three months.

### Short-term investments

Short-term portfolio investments are carried at the lower of cost or market value. When an investment which was previously written down to market value has recovered in market value, a recovery of short-term investments is recorded in the statement of loss and deficit and the carrying value of the investment is adjusted accordingly, up to the maximum of its original cost.

### Equipment

Equipment is recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is calculated using the straight-line method at 30% per annum on computer equipment and 20% per annum on field equipment. Equipment is considered to be impaired when its carrying value exceeds the total cash flows expected from its use and eventual disposition. The amount of impairment is determined as the carrying amount in excess of fair values and is charged to income in the period incurred.

### Mineral properties

Direct costs relating to the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral properties, including interest on borrowings directly related to a property, are capitalized on an area of interest basis. When the Company is the operator of a project and incurs costs on behalf of joint venture partners, these costs are periodically charged back to the partners and are recorded as operator recoveries. Operator recoveries are credited to exploration costs. Cumulative expenditures will be charged against income, through unit-of-production depletion, when properties are developed to the stage of commercial production. Where the Company's exploration commitments for an area of interest are performed under option agreements with a third party, the proceeds of any option payments under such agreements are applied to the area of interest to the extent of costs incurred. The excess, if any, is credited to operations. The impairment of mineral properties is assessed whenever changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount may not be recoverable and the properties are written down to estimated fair value. Specifically, if the Company's work program on an area of interest has significantly changed so that it no longer has plans for future exploration, previously deferred costs related to the property are charged to operations.

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### **Income taxes**

The asset and liability method is used for determining income taxes. Under this method, future tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated tax recoverable or payable that would arise if assets and liabilities were recovered and settled at the financial statement carrying amounts. Future tax assets and liabilities are measured using substantively enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Changes to these balances are recognized in income in the period in which they occur. The amount of future income tax assets recognized is limited to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized.

### **Flow-through common shares**

The Company credits the proceeds of flow-through common shares, which transfer the deductibility of exploration expenses to the investor, to share capital. A future income tax liability is recorded and share capital is reduced by the cost of future income taxes when the Company files the renouncement documents to renounce the tax credits to the holders of these shares.

### **Share-based compensation**

The Company grants share options to executive officers, directors and certain consultants pursuant to a share option plan. In addition, from time to time in connection with short form offerings and private placements, the Company issues warrants to agents as commission for services. Awards of share options are accounted for in accordance with the fair value method of accounting for stock-based compensation and result in compensation expense and a credit to contributed surplus when share options are granted. Awards of warrants to agents are also accounted for using the fair value method and result in share issue costs and a credit to contributed surplus when the warrants are issued. Any consideration paid on exercise of share options is credited to share capital.

### **Loss per share**

Loss per share is calculated using the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year. Diluted loss per share is calculated using the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, deemed proceeds from the exercise of options and warrants whose exercise prices are below the average market price of the shares are considered to be used to reacquire common shares at the average market price during the year.

### **Joint interest options**

Certain of the Company's exploration activities are conducted jointly with others. These financial statements reflect only the Company's proportionate interest in such activities.

### **Comparative amounts**

Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

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### 4 Restricted cash

The Company has provided guaranteed investment certificates totalling \$192,000 to secure the Company's credit cards and various letters of credit in support of the Company's exploration activities.

### 5 Mineral properties

				Aug. 31, 2006	Nov. 30, 2005
	Percentage ownership interest %	Acquisition costs \$	Exploration costs \$	Net carrying amount \$	Net carrying amount \$
Northwest and Nunavut Territories					
Churchill Diamond Project	51.00	805,257	10,042,861	10,848,118	9,689,430
Aylmer Lake West	61.90	135,937	730,882	866,819	866,300
XYZ	80.00	170,956	468,482	639,438	601,397
Afridi Lake	56.00	133,819	444,708	578,527	520,988
Hecla	100.00	17,102	194,133	211,235	248,181
Churchill West	26.45	57,260	213,073	270,333	234,529
Sakari	*50.00	97,619	-	97,619	-
Alaska					
Shulin Lake	9.20	3,821	230,753	234,574	233,681
Alberta					
Piche	*51.00	6,776	152,418	159,194	6,414
Liege	*51.00	43,218	116,341	159,559	11,848
Saskatchewan					
Stella Polaris	*100.00	142,460	6,725	149,185	-
Other	100.00	2,016	125,778	127,794	94,230
		1,616,241	12,726,154	14,342,395	12,506,998

\*In the process of earning into an ownership interest through completion of terms in option agreements.

#### Changes in contractual options and commitments

##### a) Churchill Diamond Project and Churchill West

On March 27, 2006 BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. informed Shear of their intention not to participate in the 2006 Churchill and Churchill West exploration programs and to allow their interest in the two projects to dilute accordingly.

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### b) Stella Polaris

On April 21, 2006, the Company acquired The Stella Polaris Diamond Project in southern Saskatchewan.

Pursuant to an agreement dated January 30, 2006 (the "Agreement") between Shear and the Vendors, Shear must:

- (i) within 10 days of receipt of regulatory approval, pay to the Vendors \$25,000 and issue to the Vendors an aggregate of 200,000 common shares of Shear ("Common Shares");
- (ii) pay \$25,000 to the Vendors before January 30, 2007;
- (iii) pay \$35,000 to the Vendors and issue to the Vendors an aggregate of 100,000 Common Shares before January 30, 2008;
- (iv) pay \$50,000 to the Vendors and issue to the Vendors an aggregate of 100,000 Common Shares before January 30, 2009; and
- (v) pay \$75,000 to the Vendors and issue to the Vendors an aggregate of 200,000 Common Shares before January 30, 2010.

(collectively, the "Consideration"). Until the Consideration is fully paid, Shear and the Vendors are subject to an area of mutual interest and will jointly review decisions regarding the Property, including proposed work programs. Shear can elect to accelerate payment of the Consideration, in which case the Vendors will have no further interest in the Property except for a 3% gross overriding royalty ("GORR") on diamonds, metals and minerals produced from the Property. Shear shall be entitled to purchase 1% of the 3% GORR for \$2 million cash at any time. Shear can be relieved of its obligations pursuant to the Agreement, including the payment of the balance of the Consideration following the initial payment and share issuance, by relinquishing all rights in the Property to the Vendors.

In relation to the acquisition of the Property, Shear entered into an agreement with Lyncorp. International Ltd. ("Lyncorp"), a private Alberta company owned by a director of Shear, whereby Lyncorp agreed to fund \$250,000 in exploration expenditures or acquisition costs on the Property within one year to earn an undivided 49% interest in the Property. Once the earn-in is complete, a formal joint venture will be formed whereby each party is responsible for their pro rata share of exploration expenditures and property payments consisting of both cash and shares (or cash equivalent). Shear has a right of first refusal on Lyncorp's interest. Shear will be the operator of the Property.

### c) Sakari Property

On August 15, 2006 Shear entered into an agreement with Diamonds North Resources Ltd. ("Diamonds North") whereby Shear can earn a 50% interest in approximately 42,000 acres of claims located in the Pelly Bay Diamond District of Nunavut by making a payment of \$97,000 in refundable deposits (completed) and incurring exploration expenditures of \$186,000 before June 30, 2007.

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### 6 Share capital and contributed surplus

#### Common shares

##### Authorized

Unlimited number of common shares

Unlimited number of preferred shares

##### Issued and issuable

#### For the periods ended August 31, 2006

	Common shares #	Amount \$
Balance – November 30, 2005	56,128,421	15,775,692
<b>1<sup>st</sup> quarter activity</b>		
Shares issued for cash	4,832,664	1,449,799
Share issue costs	-	(185,307)
Future income taxes	-	(487,420)
Balance – February 28, 2006	60,961,085	16,552,764
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> quarter activity</b>		
Shares issued for cash	4,302,000	2,949,975
Shares issued for property acquisition	200,000	114,000
Exercise of warrants	211,283	80,288
Share issue costs	-	(266,625)
Balance – May 31, 2006	65,674,368	19,430,402
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> quarter activity</b>		
Exercise of warrants	40,985	15,575
Exercise of options	400,000	100,000
Balance – August 31, 2006	66,115,353	19,545,977

On December 30, 2005, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement of 4,832,664 flow-through common shares at a price of \$0.30 per flow-through share for gross proceeds of \$1,449,799. In connection with the private placement, the Company issued non-transferable share purchase warrants to acquire 318,441 common shares of Shear. The warrants are exercisable at a price of \$0.30 within one year of issuance. Related to this, the Company recorded share-based compensation in the amount of \$25,475 as a share issue cost.

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During the first quarter, the Company renounced \$1,499,799 (2005 - \$4,000,000) of qualifying expenditures to holders of flow-through shares, resulting in future income taxes of \$487,420 (2005 - \$1,384,800) which is reflected as a cost of issuing flow through shares.

On May 1, 2006, the Company issued 200,000 common shares to two arm's length parties to acquire the Stella Polaris Diamond Project at a deemed value of \$0.57 per share for a total of \$114,000.

On May 10, 2006, 211,283 warrants priced at \$0.30 per warrant were exercised. The total addition to share capital includes \$63,385 in cash proceeds plus \$16,903 in share-based compensation that had been recorded in contributed surplus pending exercise of the warrants.

On May 19, 2006, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement of 1,228,500 units ("Units") at a price of \$0.65 per Unit and 3,073,500 flow-through common shares at a price of \$0.70 per flow-through share for gross proceeds of \$2,949,975. Each Unit consisted of one common share and one-half of a non-transferable share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to acquire an additional common share at a price of \$0.80 at any time within 18 months of issuance. In connection with the private placement, the Company issued non-transferable share purchase warrants to acquire 284,676 common shares. The warrants are exercisable at a price of \$0.65 at anytime within 18 months of issuance. Related to this, the Company recorded share-based compensation in the amount of \$45,548 as a share issue cost.

During the third quarter, 40,985 warrants were exercised for cash proceeds of \$12,296. The total addition to share capital includes \$12,296 in cash proceeds plus \$3,279 in share-based compensation that had been recorded in contributed surplus pending exercise of the warrants.

On July 5, 2006, 400,000 options priced at \$0.25 per option were exercised.

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### Share options

The Company has a share option plan for the benefit of directors, management and certain consultants of the Company. Under the plan, the Company may grant options for up to 10% of the issued common shares. The exercise price of each option may be discounted up to 25% from the market price of the Company's common shares on the date of grant and an option's maximum term is five years.

The following table summarizes activity related to share options:

	Number of options outstanding #	Weighted average exercise price \$
Balance – November 30, 2005	5,275,000	0.55
<b>1<sup>st</sup> quarter activity</b>	-	-
Balance – February 28, 2006	5,275,000	0.55
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> quarter activity</b>		
Granted	300,000	0.60
Expired	(275,000)	0.72
Balance – May 31, 2006	5,300,000	0.54
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> quarter activity</b>		
Exercised	(400,000)	0.25
Balance – August 31, 2006	4,900,000	0.57

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The following table summarizes information about the Company's share options outstanding as at August 31, 2006:

<b>Number of options outstanding #</b>	<b>Weighted average exercise price \$</b>	<b>Weighted average remaining contractual life Years</b>
311,000	0.21	0.5
734,000	0.26	1.5
1,525,000	0.84	2.0
530,000	0.83	2.4
50,000	0.75	3.0
1,400,000	0.40	3.5
50,000	0.41	3.7
300,000	0.60	4.6
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4,900,000	0.57	2.5

4,850,000 of the share options outstanding were exercisable at August 31, 2006.

On March 1, 2006, 200,000 share options priced at \$0.84 and 75,000 share options priced at \$0.40 expired.

On April 12, 2006, the Company issued 300,000 share options priced at \$0.60 per option exercisable for a period of 5 years from the date of grant to employees and consultants. This resulted in share based compensation of \$87,500 (\$0.35 per option) in the second quarter of 2006. An additional \$17,500 in share based compensation will be recorded in October 2006 when the remaining options vest. The fair values were calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

Risk-free rate	3.9%
Expected volatility	88.0%
Annual dividend yield	0.0%
Expected life of warrants	3 years

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### Warrants

The following table summarizes activity related to warrants:

	Number of warrants #	Weighted average exercise price \$
Balance – November 30, 2005	750,000	1.50
<b>1<sup>st</sup> quarter activity</b>		
Issued	318,441	0.30
Balance – February 28, 2006	1,068,441	1.14
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> quarter activity</b>		
Issued	898,926	0.75
Exercised	(211,283)	0.30
Balance – May 31, 2006	1,756,084	1.04
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> quarter activity</b>		
Exercised	(40,985)	0.30
Balance – August 31, 2006	1,715,099	1.06

The Company has recorded share issue costs in the amount of \$25,475 relating to 318,441 warrants issued to agents in lieu of cash compensation relating to the private placement during the first quarter. The warrants vest four months from the issue date, and the fair values were calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

Risk-free rate	3.9%
Expected volatility	72.0%
Annual dividend yield	0.0%
Expected life of warrants	1 year

The Company has recorded share issue costs in the amount of \$45,548 relating to 284,676 warrants issued to agents in lieu of cash compensation relating to the private placement during the second quarter. The warrants vest on September 19, 2006 and the fair values were calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

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Risk-free rate	4.2%
Expected volatility	80.0%
Annual dividend yield	0.0%
Expected life of warrants	1.5 years

### Contributed surplus

The following table summarizes activity related to contributed surplus:

	\$
Balance – November 30, 2005	1,458,825
<b>1<sup>st</sup> quarter activity</b>	
Value of agent warrants issued	<u>25,475</u>
Balance – February 28, 2006	1,484,300
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> quarter activity</b>	
Value of options issued	87,500
Value of agent warrants issued	45,548
Warrants exercised	<u>(16,903)</u>
Balance – May 31, 2006	1,600,445
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> quarter activity</b>	
Warrants exercised	<u>(3,279)</u>
Balance – August 31, 2006	<u>1,597,166</u>

## 7 Related party transactions

During the nine months ended August 31, 2006, the Company incurred management fees of \$67,000 (2005 – \$88,100 – including \$26,100 in share based compensation) to Encore Resources Inc., a company in which certain directors and officers of the Company have significant influence. In the opinion of management, these fees are considered to be at market value.

Shear Minerals Ltd. is currently participating in a joint venture at the Shulin Lake Property. One of the partners is Shulin Lake Mining, a private company in which a director of Shear Minerals Ltd. has a 50% ownership position.

In relation to the acquisition of the Stella Polaris Property, Shear entered into an agreement with Lyncorp International Ltd. (“Lyncorp”), a private Alberta company owned by a director of Shear, whereby Lyncorp

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agreed to fund \$250,000 in exploration expenditures or acquisition costs on the property within one year to earn an undivided 49% interest in the property.

## **8 Financial instruments**

The Company's financial instruments recognized in the balance sheet consist of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, short-term investments, accounts receivable, operator recoveries, accounts payable and accruals, and deposits from exploration partners. The Company has no unrecognized financial instruments.

The fair value of short-term investments is determined by the trading price of the shares at the balance sheet date. The estimated fair market values of the other financial instruments approximate their carrying values due to their short-term maturities.

Operator recoveries are due from companies which operate in the mining exploration industry and accordingly, are subject to the risks associated with this industry. All of the operator recoveries are due from four companies.