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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012**

**OR**

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

**Commission File Number 000-52646**

**GEOVIC MINING CORP.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**20-5919886**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1200 Seventeenth St., Suite 980**

**Denver, Colorado 80202**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(303) 476-6455**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company   
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act):  Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

106,639,602 Shares of Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value, were outstanding at May 7, 2012

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Geovic Mining Corp.****(an exploration stage company)****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(Unaudited, in thousands)**

|   | <b>March 31,<br/>2012</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2011</b> |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                           |                              |
| <b>Current assets:</b>  |                           |                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 12,958                 | \$ 15,554                    |
| Restricted cash   | 98                        | 98                           |
| Prepaid expenses  | 570                       | 577                          |
| Other   | 327                       | 273                          |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   | <b>13,953</b>             | <b>16,502</b>                |
| Property, plant and equipment, net <i>[note 5]</i>  | 2,949                     | 3,102                        |
| Deposits  | 256                       | 256                          |
| <b>Total assets</b>   | <b>\$ 17,158</b>          | <b>\$ 19,860</b>             |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>  |                           |                              |
| <b>Current liabilities:</b>   |                           |                              |
| Accrued liabilities and other payables  | \$ 1,882                  | \$ 1,394                     |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>  | <b>1,882</b>              | <b>1,394</b>                 |
| Other liabilities   | 490                       | 497                          |
| Related party payable   | 359                       | 357                          |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>  | <b>2,731</b>              | <b>2,248</b>                 |
| Commitments and contingencies <i>[note 13]</i>  |                           |                              |
| <b>EQUITY</b>   |                           |                              |
| <b>Stockholders equity:</b>   |                           |                              |
| Common stock, par value of \$0.0001, 200 million shares authorized and 106.6 and 106.4 million shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively | 11                        | 11                           |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 110,519                   | 110,430                      |
| Deficit accumulated during the exploration stage  | (105,758)                 | (102,775)                    |
| <b>Total stockholders equity</b>  | <b>4,772</b>              | <b>7,666</b>                 |
| Noncontrolling interest <i>[note 10]</i>  | 9,655                     | 9,946                        |
| <b>Total equity</b>   | <b>14,427</b>             | <b>17,612</b>                |
| <b>Total liabilities and equity</b>   | <b>\$ 17,158</b>          | <b>\$ 19,860</b>             |

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements*

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|  | Three months ended March 31, |                   | Unaudited Period<br>from November 16, 1994<br>(inception) to<br>March 31, 2012 |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|--|
|  | 2012                         | 2011              |  |
| <b>Expenses (Income)</b>                                 |                              |                   |  |
| Exploration costs <i>[note 4]</i>                        | \$ 1,151                     | \$ 2,690          | \$ 90,204  |
| General and administrative                               | 2,081                        | 1,824             | 40,526   |
| Stock-based compensation <i>[note 6]</i>                 | 53                           | 396               | 18,639   |
| Change in fair value of warrants <i>[note 8]</i>         |                              | (127)             | (675)  |
| Interest and bank charges                                | 6                            | 13                | 397  |
| Depreciation   | 228                          | 222               | 3,817  |
| Mineral property impairment                              |                              |                   | 3,244  |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                                    | <b>3,519</b>                 | <b>5,018</b>      | <b>156,152</b>   |
| Other income   | (243)                        |                   | (1,107)  |
| Loss on disposal of assets                               | 2                            | 75                | 69   |
| Interest income  | (4)                          | (10)              | (4,857)  |
| Net loss before income taxes                             | (3,274)                      | (5,083)           | (150,257)  |
| Income tax expense (benefit) <i>[note 11]</i>            |                              |                   | (65)   |
| <b>Consolidated net loss</b>                             | <b>\$ (3,274)</b>            | <b>\$ (5,083)</b> | <b>\$ (150,192)</b>  |
| Less: Net loss attributed to the noncontrolling interest | (291)                        | (1,079)           | (30,440)   |
| Net loss attributed to Geovic stockholders               | \$ (2,983)                   | \$ (4,004)        | \$ (119,752)   |
| Net loss per share                                       | \$ (0.03)                    | \$ (0.04)         |  |
| Weighted average shares outstanding                      | 106,497,329                  | 104,519,393       |  |

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**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY**

(Unaudited, in thousands, except share amounts)

|   | Common Stock |        | Additional<br>paid-in capital | Deficit      | Noncontrolling<br>Interest | Total     |
|---|--------------|--------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|
|   | Shares       | Amount |                               |              |                            |           |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2010</b>           | 104,292,412  | \$ 10  | \$ 109,564                    | \$ (87,957)  | \$ 10,657                  | \$ 32,274 |
| Stock options exercised <i>[note 6]</i>     | 1,855,342    | 1      | 137                           |              |                            | 138       |
| Stock-based compensation <i>[note 6]</i>    | 210,000      |        | 729                           |              |                            | 729       |
| Noncontrolling interest contribution        |              |        |                               |              | 3,238                      | 3,238     |
| Net loss for year                           |              |        |                               | (14,818)     | (3,949)                    | (18,767)  |
| <b>Balance, December 31, 2011</b>           | 106,357,754  | \$ 11  | \$ 110,430                    | \$ (102,775) | \$ 9,946                   | \$ 17,612 |
| Vesting of restricted stock <i>[note 6]</i> | 100,000      |        |                               |              |                            |           |
| Stock options exercised <i>[note 6]</i>     | 181,848      |        | 36                            |              |                            | 36        |
| Stock-based compensation <i>[note 6]</i>    |              |        | 53                            |              |                            | 53        |
| Net loss                                    |              |        |                               | (2,983)      | (291)                      | (3,274)   |
| <b>Balance, March 31, 2012</b>              | 106,639,602  | \$ 11  | \$ 110,519                    | \$ (105,758) | \$ 9,655                   | \$ 14,427 |

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|   | <b>Three months ended<br/>March 31,</b> |                  | <b>Unaudited Period<br/>from November 16, 1994<br/>(inception) to<br/>March 31, 2012</b> |
|---|---|------------------|--|
|   | <b>2012</b>                             | <b>2011</b>      |  |
| <b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>   |   |                  |  |
| Consolidated net loss   | \$ (3,274)                              | \$ (5,083)       | \$ (150,192)   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities: |   |                  |  |
| Depreciation expense  | 228                                     | 222              | 3,817  |
| Stock-based compensation expense  | 53                                      | 396              | 18,639   |
| Change in fair value of warrants  |   | (127)            | (675)  |
| Loss on disposal of assets  | 2                                       | 75               | 69   |
| Mineral property impairment   |   |                  | 3,244  |
| Changes in non-cash operating working capital:                              |   |                  |  |
| Decrease (increase) in restricted cash                                      |   |                  | (98)   |
| Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses                                     | 7                                       | 126              | (570)  |
| Decrease (increase) in other assets   | (54)                                    | (89)             | (219)  |
| Decrease (increase) in deposits   |   | (11)             | (300)  |
| Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities and other payables               | 488                                     | (1,637)          | 1,882  |
| Increase (decrease) in other liabilities                                    | (7)                                     | (6)              | 490  |
| Increase (decrease) in related party payable                                | 2                                       | (246)            | 359  |
| <b>Cash used in operating activities</b>                                    | <b>(2,555)</b>                          | <b>(6,380)</b>   | <b>(123,554)</b>   |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>   |   |                  |  |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment                                  | (77)                                    | (6)              | (6,954)  |
| Proceeds on sale of assets  |   | 49               | 54   |
| Acquisition of mineral leases   |   |                  | (3,244)  |
| <b>Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>                      | <b>(77)</b>                             | <b>43</b>        | <b>(10,144)</b>  |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>   |   |                  |  |
| Noncontrolling interest contribution  |   | 2,030            | 40,095   |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock and preferred stock                  |   |                  | 95,589   |
| Cash paid to rescind exercise of stock options                              |   |                  | (15)   |
| Proceeds from issuance of stock purchase warrants                           |   |                  | 16,168   |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options and stock purchase warrants         | 36                                      | 4                | 2,564  |
| Stock issue costs   |   |                  | (7,745)  |
| <b>Cash provided by financing activities</b>                                | <b>36</b>                               | <b>2,034</b>     | <b>146,656</b>   |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash   | (2,596)                                 | (4,303)          | 12,958   |
| <b>Cash, beginning of period</b>  | <b>15,554</b>                           | <b>32,383</b>    |  |
| <b>Cash, end of period</b>  | <b>\$ 12,958</b>                        | <b>\$ 28,080</b> | <b>\$ 12,958</b>   |

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**Geovic Mining Corp.**

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**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts or as otherwise stated)**

**1. NATURE OF BUSINESS AND CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS**

Geovic Mining Corp. (the Company) is incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware. The Company owns 100% of the shares of Geovic, Ltd. ( Geovic ), a company that has been in the exploratory stage since its inception on November 16, 1994. The Company is an exploration stage company in the process of planning to develop its mineral properties through its subsidiaries. As an exploration stage entity we would require further technical analysis and financing in order to bring our properties into development.

Geovic is engaged in the business of exploring for cobalt, nickel and related minerals through its majority-owned (60.5%) subsidiary, Geovic Cameroon, PLC ( GeoCam ), a financially dependent public limited company duly organized and incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Cameroon.

The Company is also engaged in the worldwide exploration of energy and mineral resources directly or indirectly through its ownership of Geovic Energy Corp. and Geovic Mineral Sands Corp., formed in 2007 and 2009 respectively under the laws of the State of Colorado, Geovic France SAS, formed in December 2008 under the laws of France, and Geovic Nouvelle-Calédonie SAS, formed in March 2009 under the laws of New Caledonia.

As an exploration stage company, we have a history of losses, deficits and negative operating cash flows and may continue to incur losses in the future. We continue to evaluate our cash position and cash utilization. Our cash resources and ability to access additional financing will be critical to our financial condition until we begin to receive proceeds from the sale, joint venture, farm-out, or similar-type transaction involving one or more of our exploration prospects, the most significant of which is our 60.5% ownership stake in the Nkamouna Project in Cameroon.

Based on the estimated capital and start-up costs of the Nkamouna Project, we presently do not have sufficient capital resources available to meet anticipated equity requirements. Our ability to raise additional capital for this purpose would depend on a number of factors, many of which would result in significant dilution of our current stockholders. Consequently, we are proactively pursuing a strategic investment which, if successful, would result in our selling some or all of our interest in the Project to a third party.

We have been closely monitoring our fixed and variable costs and intend to restrict such costs to those expenses that are necessary to complete activities related to securing project financing or a strategic investment for the Nkamouna Project, identifying opportunities to generate cash from our existing exploration properties and identifying additional sources of working capital and general administrative costs in support of such activities. Management and the Board of Directors have already begun to implement a number of cash conservation strategies for the Company and GeoCam. The most significant cost reductions compared to previous years are our reduction of expenditures at GeoCam. With the completion of the Feasibility Study in 2011, GeoCam no longer incurs the significant costs of technical evaluations, consultant and testing fees and travel that contributed to that study. We have since reduced Project expenses to incur only necessary expenditures, primarily limited to securing the site, environmental monitoring, and supporting potential financial and strategic investor due diligence efforts. This has significantly reduced the anticipated level of GeoCam cash requirements for 2012.

We are seeking to realize value for the Cameroonian assets and shift the Company's focus to a prospect generation and strategic investment business model in 2012 and beyond. Since our position in GeoCam will likely be significantly diminished or completely eliminated through strategic investment upon completion of a financing transaction, the future direction for the Company will be to identify new exploration prospects, minimally develop and prioritize existing and new prospects, and sell or joint venture further exploration and development of those prospects to others. The Company expects to take prospects to a level where they can be timely monetized through strategic investments by others who have the resources to complete advanced exploration, permitting and development.

Our consolidated cash balance at March 31, 2012 was approximately \$13.0 million. We anticipate that the Company will be able to satisfy the cash requirements of its operations into the second quarter of 2013 with current cash resources. However, our near-term expenses could be greater than projected and we may be unable to generate additional proceeds through future business transactions on our exploration prospects. If we are unable to obtain additional capital, we will need to further curtail our operations in order to preserve working capital, which could materially harm our business and our ability to achieve cash flow in the future, including delaying or reducing implementation of certain aspects

of our plans for developing the Nkamouna Project.

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ( GAAP ) for interim financial statements and the

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instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X and accordingly do not include all disclosures required for annual financial statements. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements follow the same significant accounting policies and methods of application as the Company's audited annual consolidated financial statements as included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 (the "Annual Financial Statements"). The interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statements.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments (including normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for this interim period are not necessarily indicative of the result that may be expected for the full year ending December 31, 2012.

In June 2011, the FASB issued guidance on the presentation of comprehensive income. This guidance is effective during interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company does not have any components of other comprehensive income and, therefore, our comprehensive loss attributed to Geovic stockholders is equal to our net loss attributed to Geovic stockholders as presented in our condensed consolidated statements of operations.

**3. LOSS PER SHARE**

Basic loss per share has been computed by dividing the net loss applicable to the Company's common shareholders by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during each period. Diluted loss per share is computed by including the dilutive effect of common stock that would be issued assuming exercise of the outstanding stock options and stock purchase warrants. Shares underlying all outstanding options and warrants are excluded from the computation of diluted loss per share for each of the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 because the effect would have been anti-dilutive.

**4. EXPLORATION COSTS**

Exploration costs relate to the search for mineral deposits with economic potential. Exploration costs are expensed as incurred. GeoCam gained exclusive rights for the exploitation of the cobalt and nickel deposits with the granting of a Mining Convention by the government of Cameroon on August 1, 2002. The Mining Convention grants GeoCam the exclusive rights to mine, process, and export cobalt, nickel and related substances from lands subject to a Mining Permit, which was granted by decree on April 11, 2003. The Mining Convention, which has a primary term of 25 years, sets forth all legal and fiscal provisions governing the mining operation. It is renewable under certain conditions in 10-year increments for the life of the resource. In addition to exploration through GeoCam, our New Ventures group provides a pipeline of opportunities for future growth through grassroots exploration.

The following is a summary of the exploration costs incurred by the Company:

|                          | Three Months Ended |           | Unaudited Period       |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|
|                          | March 31,          | March 31, | from November 16, 1994 |
|                          | 2012               | 2011      | (inception) to         |
|                          |                    |           | March 31, 2012         |
| <b>Cameroon, Africa:</b> |                    |           |                        |
| Property evaluation      | \$ 379             | \$ 1,405  | \$ 53,255              |
| Office costs             | 405                | 781       | 30,110                 |

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|                                | 784             | 2,186           | 83,365           |
| <b>Other projects:</b>         |                 |                 |                  |
| Colorado/Wyoming               |                 | 37              | 2,066            |
| Arizona                        | 92              | 86              | 1,387            |
| New Mexico                     | 72              | 138             | 633              |
| New Caledonia                  | 179             | 160             | 2,040            |
| Papua New Guinea               | 23              | 82              | 289              |
| Other                          | 1               | 1               | 424              |
|                                | 367             | 504             | 6,839            |
| <b>Total Exploration Costs</b> | <b>\$ 1,151</b> | <b>\$ 2,690</b> | <b>\$ 90,204</b> |

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Property, plant and equipment consisted of the following:

|                               | March 31,<br>2012 | December 31,<br>2011 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Cameroon, Africa:</b>      |                   |                      |
| Machinery and equipment       | \$ 3,149          | \$ 3,149             |
| Vehicles                      | 1,081             | 1,012                |
| Buildings                     | 413               | 412                  |
| Furniture and equipment       | 527               | 526                  |
| Equipment in transit          |                   | 14                   |
|                               | 5,170             | 5,113                |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (2,482)           | (2,287)              |
|                               | 2,688             | 2,826                |
| <b>United States:</b>         |                   |                      |
| Machinery and equipment       | \$ 136            | \$ 115               |
| Furniture and equipment       | 523               | 536                  |
| Other                         | 143               | 143                  |
|                               | 802               | 794                  |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (541)             | (518)                |
|                               | 261               | 276                  |
|                               | \$ 2,949          | \$ 3,102             |

During the three months ended March 31, 2012, GeoCam rented idle equipment to a third party and recorded \$243 as other income in our condensed consolidated statements of operations as a result of this transaction.

**6. STOCK BASED COMPENSATION****Stock options**

The Company adopted a stock option plan which was amended in June 2007, 2008 and 2009 (the Company Option Plan), under which 18,700,000 Company shares were reserved for issuance upon exercise of options granted under the Company Option Plan. The Company Option Plan is intended to provide a means whereby the Company and its subsidiaries can attract, motivate and retain key employees, consultants, and service providers who can contribute materially to the Company's growth and success, and to facilitate the acquisition of shares of the Company's

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common stock. The Company Option Plan provides for incentive stock options meeting the requirements of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code and nonqualified stock options that do not meet the requirements for incentive stock options. The Company Option Plan requires the option exercise price per share purchasable under the option to be equal to the greater of the closing price of the Company's common shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange the day before or date of grant for all nonqualified stock options and incentive stock options. The Company has historically issued new shares when share-based awards are exercised.

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## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts or as otherwise stated)

The following table and related information summarizes the Company's stock options and the stock option activity for the three months ended March 31, 2012:

|   | Options Available<br>for Grant | Options Outstanding<br>Number<br>Outstanding | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise Price<br>per Share* | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Term (Years) | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic<br>Value<br>(000 s) |
|---|--------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Available and outstanding at December 31, 2011</b> | 5,130,390                      | 13,569,610                                   | \$ 0.81   |   |  |
| Granted   |                                |  |   |   |  |
| Exercised   | 181,848                        | (181,848)                                    | 0.20  |   |  |
| Forfeited   |                                |  |   |   |  |
| Expired   | 500,000                        | (500,000)                                    | 0.71  |   |  |
| <b>Available and outstanding at March 31, 2012</b>    | 5,812,238                      | 12,887,762                                   | \$ 0.82   | 5.38  | \$ 167                                     |
| <b>Exercisable at March 31, 2012</b>                  |                                | 12,494,762                                   | \$ 0.83   | 5.27  | \$ 167                                     |
| <b>Vested or expected to vest at March 31, 2012</b>   |                                | 12,878,259                                   | \$ 0.82   | 5.37  | \$ 167                                     |

\* Some of the options are granted with Canadian dollar exercise prices, and the weighted average prices reflect the U.S. dollar equivalent prices.

The following stock option grants were issued by the Company during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 respectively:

The Company granted zero options under the Company Option Plan [2011 1,630,000]. The Company recorded compensation expense of \$35 relating to vesting of previous grants [2011 \$301]. As of March 31, 2012, there was \$51 of total unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested stock based compensation granted under the Company Option Plan which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 0.8 years.

The weighted-average fair value per share of options granted under the Company's Options Plan during 2011 was \$0.39. The total intrinsic value of share options exercised was \$0 [2011 \$46]. The total cash received from the exercise of stock options was \$36 [2011 \$4].

The fair value of all stock options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

|                         | 2012 | 2011 |
|-------------------------|------|------|
| Expected dividend       |      | 0.0% |
| Risk-free interest rate |      | 2.1% |



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| Expected volatility*     | 67.5% - 67.7% |
| Expected life (in years) | 5.5           |

\* For the three months ended March 31, 2011, volatility was estimated based on combining the Company's historical volatility with the historical volatilities of certain other comparable exploration stage mining companies. The Company estimates expected forfeitures at the grant date and compensation expense is recorded only for those awards expected to vest. The estimate of expected forfeitures is reevaluated at the balance sheet date.

Option pricing models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, particularly as to the expected price volatility of the market value of the underlying stock. Changes in these assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate and therefore it is management's view that the existing models do not necessarily provide a single reliable measure of the fair value of the Company's equity instruments.

### Stock awards

The Company adopted the 2010 Company Stock Award Plan (the "Stock Award Plan") that was approved in June 2010. The Common Stock that may be issued pursuant to Stock Awards shall not exceed 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock. The Common Stock subject to the Stock Award Plan shall be authorized and unissued stock. Stock Awards may be granted to Employees, Directors, Officers and Consultants. Stock Awards may be granted as Restricted Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Units. During the three months ended March 31, 2012, we did not grant any Restricted Stock Awards. During the three months ended March 31, 2011, we

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granted 210,000 Restricted Stock Awards to certain members of the executive management team and the Board of Directors. The Restricted Stock Awards vest 40% on the grant date (January 21, 2011), 30% on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the grant date, and 30% on the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the grant date. During the three months ended March 31, 2012, we accelerated the vesting of 12,000 shares issued to one member of the Board of Directors after he resigned in the first quarter. For the three months ended March 31, 2012, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$11 [2011 \$71] related to the Restricted Stock Awards. Also during the three months ended March 31, 2012, we did not grant any Restricted Stock Units. During the three months ended March 31, 2011, we issued 180,000 Restricted Stock Units to certain members of the Board of Directors. The Restricted Stock Units vested on the first anniversary of the grant date. The shares will be issued to the recipient on the earlier of their termination date or on the third anniversary of the grant date. During the three months ended March 31, 2012, 100,000 shares were issued to two members of the Board of Directors who resigned in the first quarter. For the three months ended March 31, 2012, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$7 [2011 \$24] related to the Restricted Stock Units.

**7. STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY****Preferred stock**

The Company is authorized to issue 50 million shares of preferred stock, with a par value of \$0.0001. There are no shares of preferred stock issued or outstanding as of March 31, 2012.

**Stock Purchase Warrants**

The Company adjusts the share-based payment liability to the fair value each reporting period. The fair value adjustment for the stock purchase warrants did not materially affect net loss or loss per share in the condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

The following table and related information summarizes the Company's stock purchase warrants at March 31, 2012 and the stock purchase warrant activity for the three months ended March 31, 2012:

|  | Number<br>Outstanding | Weighted-Average<br>Exercise Price per Share |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Warrants outstanding at December 31, 2011</b> | 15,592,100            | \$ 3.14                                      |
| Expired  | (10,800,000)          | 2.55   |
| <b>Warrants outstanding at March 31, 2012</b>    | 4,792,100             | \$ 4.48                                      |

All outstanding warrants were fully amortized in 2009 thus the Company recorded no compensation expense relating to vesting of grants [2011 \$0]. The Company also recorded a gain of \$127 in 2011 for the change in the fair value of the warrants that have exercise prices that are denominated in Canadian dollars.

The warrants outstanding at March 31, 2012 expired in April 2012.

**8. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS****Derivative Liabilities**

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The Company currently does not hold derivative instruments to manage its exposure to commodity prices. The Company evaluates all of its financial instruments to determine if such instruments are derivatives or contain features that qualify as embedded derivatives. All derivative financial instruments are recognized on the condensed consolidated balance sheets at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in earnings if they are not eligible for hedge accounting or other comprehensive income if they qualify for cash flow hedge accounting.

A Black-Scholes option-pricing model was used to obtain the fair value of the Company's stock purchase warrants. The fair value of outstanding derivative instruments not designed as hedging instruments on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets were \$0.

The effect of derivative instruments not designed as hedging instruments on the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations was \$0 [2011 gain of \$127] for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

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**9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy, as defined below, gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

Level 2, defined as observable inputs other than Level 1 prices. These include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in an active market, quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions.

The fair value of the share-based payment liability, as described in note 8, is based on unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore, it is classified as Level 3.

At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and trade payables represented fair value because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

**10. NONCONTROLLING INTEREST**

In May 2010 GeoCam shareholders approved a capital increase equivalent to approximately \$11 million for 2010. In December 2010 they approved an additional \$13 million for the remainder of 2010 and 2011. As of March 31, 2012, there are no approved cash calls remaining, however, GeoCam may approve another capital increase in 2012.

During the three months ended March 31, 2011 GeoCam completed one cash call, equivalent to approximately \$5.1 million. In the cash call Geovic paid approximately \$3.1 million, representing 60.5% of the cash calls and the noncontrolling interest paid cash of approximately \$2.0 million.

During the three months ended March 31, 2012 GeoCam completed no cash calls and there are no remaining authorized calls to be made.

The noncontrolling interest balance of approximately \$9.7 million at March 31, 2012 [December 31, 2011 \$9.9 million] represents the balance from the capital increases contributed by the noncontrolling interest as described above. The difference between the amounts contributed and the balance at March 31, 2012 represents the noncontrolling interest share of the actual expenditures from January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2012.

**11. INCOME TAXES**

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The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, Cameroon, France, New Caledonia and Colorado. The Company has open tax years for the U.S. federal return from 2000 forward with respect to its net operating loss ( NOL ) carryforwards, where the IRS may not raise tax for these years, but can reduce NOLs. Otherwise, with few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to federal, state, or local income tax examinations for years prior to 2008. The Company has incurred losses since inception. Due to the full valuation allowance against its net deferred tax asset, management would expect that any adjustment resulting from the audit would not result in an adjustment to the Company's financial statements. In addition, the Company's ability to deduct NOL carryforwards may be subject to a limitation if the Company were to undergo an ownership change for purposes of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

There was no benefit from income taxes in the three months ended March 31, 2012 and during the same period in 2011. The effective tax rate was 0% for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and for the same period in 2011. Our effective rates differ from the statutory federal rate of 35% for certain items, such as state and local taxes, non-deductible expenses, change in valuation allowance offsetting foreign and domestic operating losses and foreign taxes at rates other than 35%.

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The Company recognizes potential accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense. For the three months ended March 31, 2012, the Company recognized no potential interest or penalties with respect to unrecognized tax benefits.

The Company had no unrecognized tax benefit as of March 31, 2012 or change in unrecognized tax benefits that would impact the effective rate. The Company does not anticipate a significant change to the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits over the remainder of the year.

**12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

GeoCam entered into a professional and management services contract with Société Nationale d Investissement du Cameroun ( SNI ), the holder of 20% and representative of other holders of an additional 19.5% of the outstanding shares of GeoCam, that was effective for fiscal year 2011. No agreement has been entered into for 2012. The services were for government relations and administrative matters related to project development. GeoCam has expensed \$0 during 2012 for these services [2011 \$82 per quarter].

**13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

- [a] In November 2009, five management level consultants or employees of GeoCam filed litigation in Cameroon, claiming approximately \$2.2 million as compensation and damages as a result of termination of their services by GeoCam in connection with a reduction in workforce in February and March 2009. In April 2010 the litigation was dismissed. In July 2010 the litigation was brought before another jurisdiction and, on June 3, 2011, the court before which four of the matters were pending entered judgments in favor of the four claimants totaling CFA 780,339,500 (approximately \$1.6 million at March 31, 2012). On November 14, 2011, the court before which the fifth matter was pending entered a judgment in favor of the claimant totaling CFA 118,804,219 (approximately \$239 at March 31, 2012). GeoCam has filed appeals in all five matters which stayed enforcement of the judgments pending resolution of the appeals. However, the Company believes all contractual and other obligations to the individuals were satisfied and that the appeals will ultimately be resolved favorably to GeoCam. Given the judgments, we believe it is reasonably possible that the outcome will be unfavorable to GeoCam, but we do not believe that an unfavorable outcome is probable therefore, we have not accrued any amounts for these judgments in our consolidated financial statements.
- [b] In December 2009 the Company engaged a financial advisor in connection with the financing of the Nkamouna project. The Company agreed to pay a fixed retainer fee of \$50 per month and a \$0.8 million success fee upon completion. The terms of the agreement were based on the assumption that the completion would occur by December 2010. A replacement agreement with GeoCam was entered into August 2010 with substantially the same terms except the new agreement extended the date of the expected completion of financing. During the first quarter of 2012, the \$50 per month retainer obligation was mutually suspended at least until the end of the second quarter of 2012.
- [c] In January 2011, the Company engaged a financial advisor to advise it with respect to the Company's obligations in connection with financing of the Nkamouna Project and to assist in developing arrangements with strategic investors. The Company agreed to pay a fixed retainer fee of \$50 per month plus reimbursement of expenditures, and a minimum success fee of \$1.0 million based on a sliding scale depending on the size of any financing transaction. During the first quarter of 2012, the \$50 per month retainer obligation was mutually suspended at least until a financing transaction is underway.

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- [d] GeoCam has engaged legal counsel in connection with expected Project financing, payable monthly with fees limited to approximately GBP 0.5 million in 2011 (equivalent to approximately \$0.8 million at March 31, 2012).
  
- [e] GeoCam is obligated under its mining permit to provide persons living in the region of the permitted area with social, sports, education and health infra-structure to promote their wellbeing. This obligation has been met by contracting with GeoAid International Inc. and/or its affiliate GeoAid Cameroon ( GeoAid ), non-profit international humanitarian organizations. During the three months ended March 31, 2012 the Company contributed \$59 [2011 \$89] to GeoAid. While the Company is not legally obligated to contribute a specific amount, the Company in 2012 and 2011 was a primary financial contributor to GeoAid.
  
- [f] GeoCam, entered into purchase orders for mining equipment in 2008 for obligations totaling 615 and deposited 99 toward the purchases. In 2009, GeoCam requested delay of the delivery of the equipment to 2010 or thereafter. The sellers agreed to accept the delay and keep the deposit for future use. No formal agreement to delay delivery has been completed. No liabilities were accrued in 2011 or 2012 for these commitments. In 2010, GeoCam utilized 55 of the deposits toward vehicle purchases.

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[g] GeoCam received a letter from the Minister of Industry, Mines and Technological Development of the Republic of Cameroon on March 20, 2006 requesting payment of surface area taxes of approximately \$500 and a penalty of the same amount for the period from 2003 to 2005. GeoCam has disputed this amount based on its interpretation of the Mining Convention signed on July 31, 2002 that GeoCam is only committed to pay this surface area tax once commercial exploitation begins. GeoCam has further disputed the amount of surface area subject to tax which would reduce the estimated liability to approximately \$470.

GeoCam deposited with the Cameroon tax authority approximately \$100 on September 30, 2006 corresponding to the surface area tax for 2003. On November 30, 2006, GeoCam deposited with the Cameroon tax authority a further \$300 corresponding to the surface area tax for 2004, 2005 and 2006. The deposit is not recorded as an asset on our condensed consolidated balance sheets.

**14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Company has evaluated all events occurring after the March 31, 2012 balance sheet date through the date of issuance of these condensed consolidated financial statements for necessary subsequent event disclosures. No items meet the requirements for subsequent event disclosures.



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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 as well as with the financial and related notes and the other information appearing elsewhere in this report. As used in this report, unless the context otherwise indicates, references to we, our, ours and us refer to Geovic Mining Corp. and its subsidiaries collectively.

#### **Overview**

This Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is intended to provide an analysis of our capital resources and liquidity at March 31, 2012, and financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared to the prior period. All amounts are presented in United States dollars unless indicated otherwise. Reference should also be made to the financial statements filed with this report and the Company's other disclosure materials filed from time to time on [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or the Company's website at [www.geovic.net](http://www.geovic.net).

#### **Business**

We are engaged in the business of identifying, planning and initially developing mineral exploration prospects. Our primary asset is a cobalt, nickel, and manganese mining project in Cameroon held by GeoCam, our majority-owned (60.5%) subsidiary incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Cameroon. We also explore for exploitable deposits of other minerals. We hold the following early stage exploration prospects: exploration licenses in New Caledonia (chromite); state exploration permits in Arizona (gold); mineral leases and mining claims in Colorado and Wyoming (uranium); mining claims in New Mexico and California (rare earth and other specialty metals); and an exploration license in Papua New Guinea (advanced and specialty metals).

Our future success will be largely dependent on our ability to advance the mining and processing of the reserves in the Nkamouna Project through the sale of some or all of our interest in the Project. We do not have available financial resources necessary to construct and open the mine and we are actively seeking third party sources of funding. A feasibility study we initiated for the Nkamouna Project in December 2009 was completed in April 2011. The feasibility study estimates approximately \$617 million of initial capital costs, including contingencies, to construct and start-up the Project. The GeoCam financial advisor estimates that the total of capital, financing, working capital, contingency and start-up costs will be approximately \$698 million, based on estimates included in the feasibility study. Additionally, cost overrun requirements of lenders to the project are estimated to be approximately \$100 million.

Since the feasibility study was completed, we have devoted most of our efforts to seeking and evaluating a means to finance the Nkamouna Project. We have considered many possible alternatives, and we continue to focus our attention on joint ventures or similar arrangements, including a sale of a significant portion or all of our interest in the Project, with one or more strategic investors who would agree to assist in financing and to purchase much of the cobalt, nickel and manganese products from the Project.

We also face other significant issues affecting development and operation of the Nkamouna Project, such as operating the Project through GeoCam as an autonomous Cameroonian entity, GeoCam's ability to recruit, train and retain a qualified and stable local workforce and mining professionals to manage its development, construction and operation, and the logistical challenges of operating the Project in a relatively undeveloped, remote area in Cameroon.

We are the majority shareholder of GeoCam. Under the Shareholder Agreement, GeoCam is operated as an autonomous entity and governed by a Board of Directors where we select three of the five GeoCam directors and two directors are selected by the other shareholders. A potential strategic investment into the Nkamouna Project by an outside party anticipates mutual agreement among Geovic, SNI, and the new investor(s), and approval by the GeoCam Board. While we represent the majority of Directors on the GeoCam Board, we generally do not take major strategic actions or decisions without general concurrence by the other shareholders who are collectively represented by SNI. We view a good working relationship with the other shareholders of GeoCam as important to the future success of the Nkamouna Project.

We are seeking to realize value for the Cameroonian assets and shift the Company's focus to a prospect generation and strategic investment business model in 2012 and beyond. Since our position in GeoCam will likely be significantly diminished or completely eliminated through strategic investment upon completion of a financing transaction, the future direction for the Company will be to identify new exploration prospects, minimally develop and prioritize existing and new prospects, and sell or joint venture further exploration and development of those prospects to others. The Company expects to take prospects to a level where they can be timely monetized through strategic investments by others who have the resources to complete advanced exploration, permitting and development.



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### **Capital Resources and Liquidity**

Our cash resources and ability to monetize one or more of our exploration prospects, including the Nkamouna Project, will be critical to our future financial condition. Spending activity for the Nkamouna Project since the completion of the Feasibility Study in 2011 has mostly been limited to securing the site and protecting assets, reclaiming certain exploration disturbances, continuing environmental monitoring and community development programs, and assisting potential investors with their due diligence activities. We plan to continue this approach until we are reasonably satisfied that an appropriate strategic transaction for the Nkamouna Project can be accomplished and the remaining financing in required amounts can be secured.

At March 31, 2012 we had approximately \$13.0 million of cash and cash equivalents on a consolidated basis compared to \$15.6 million at December 31, 2011, a decrease of approximately \$2.6 million. We expect that our cash resources will continue to be utilized at approximately this rate during the balance of 2012, subject to adjustments that may become necessary if a strategic transaction is agreed upon and completed later this year. Our cash is invested in U.S. dollar deposits and highly liquid money market funds and in the Cameroon branch of a large international bank.

New mining projects such as the Nkamouna Project are typically financed using a combination of debt secured by the project and owners' equity. Our plan had been to attempt to finance the capital costs, startup expenses and financing costs of the Project in such a manner. In conventional project debt financing, GeoCam would be required to furnish, as equity, more than 40% of the total estimated costs for the Nkamouna Project as a condition to securing loans for the balance of the costs. GeoCam's financial advisor has estimated that our share of GeoCam equity to complete such debt financing for the Project would be approximately \$225 million, which reflects the amount of equity capital we would be required to contribute to GeoCam as a condition to debt financing. Based on the estimated capital and start-up costs of the Nkamouna Project, we presently do not have sufficient capital resources available to meet anticipated equity requirements. Our ability to raise additional capital for this purpose would depend on a number of factors, many of which are partly or wholly outside of our control, including the state of world-wide financial, commodity and other markets, the market trading price of our common stock and demand for future access to the cobalt resources in the Nkamouna Project. We therefore concluded that a sale of some or all of our interest in the Project to a third party would be in the best interest of our shareholders.

During 2010 and through the present, we have met with various large international businesses with respect to the potential purchase of future off-take from, and possible investment in, the Nkamouna Project. The Company and the other GeoCam shareholders have continued to discuss possible strategic investment arrangements with several large Asian companies. These discussions could lead to proposals under which the strategic investor would acquire a large interest in GeoCam or in the Nkamouna Project directly, for cash, and would assist GeoCam to raise the additional required funding to construct the Nkamouna Project and the investor would gain preferred access to Project offtake. Any such cash paid by the strategic investor for our interest could be available to fund all or a portion of our remaining project equity requirements. Under such an arrangement our interest in the Nkamouna Project would be reduced, perhaps significantly, or eliminated. As of the date of this Report, no such proposal has been finalized. Although we considered selling Company securities as a means to raise a portion of required equity for the Nkamouna Project financing, we do not anticipate taking such action as dilution to our stockholders would be significant.

We are currently investigating all strategic alternatives available to us. If we are unable to raise our share of equity required as a condition to Project debt financing or secure a strategic investment by another qualified party, construction of the Nkamouna Project would be delayed.

We do not anticipate generating operating revenue until operations at the Nkamouna Project begin, which could be at least three years after completion of required financing arrangements. If we are successful in selling some or all of our interest in the Project to a third party, our future requirement to fund GeoCam and Project construction would be reduced and our opportunity to realize revenue from the Project would also be reduced or eliminated. Some or all of the proceeds from such a sale could be available for other purposes. We believe that our cash resources will satisfy our capital and liquidity requirements for pre-construction operations and other Company expenses into the second quarter of 2013, depending on GeoCam's level of activity. The GeoCam pre-construction cash expenditures are presently expected to total approximately \$3.6 million for 2012, for which Geovic is responsible to fund 60.5%.

GeoCam's operating expenses are paid through capital increases approved by the shareholders of GeoCam and funded in accordance with the respective ownership interests prior to the capital increase. We will be obligated to fund 60.5% of future GeoCam capital increases. We anticipate further capital increases at GeoCam during 2012, and that approximately \$2.1 million of our available cash will be used during 2012 to pay our share of pre-construction operating expenses in Cameroon.

We expect our 2012 general and administrative expenses to total approximately \$6.5 million, not including any transaction costs related to a potential sale of some or all of our interest in the Nkamouna Project. We also expect to spend up to \$2.1 million for exploration of mineral properties, or investment in other resource entities, in the United States and elsewhere. We expect that a significant portion of our cash resources will be expended or committed for these purposes through early 2013 or later and that our cash balances will continue to decrease from quarter

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to quarter. Based on our current planned 2012 expenditures, we anticipate that our 2012 year end consolidated cash and cash equivalents will be approximately \$3 to \$4 million.

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We expect that we will work with the other shareholders of GeoCam to reach an agreement with a third party on financing transactions for the Nkamouna Project in mid to late 2012. We have budgeted a lower level of general and administrative and operating expenditures for 2012 to reflect our lower liquidity and relatively limited cash. We have also identified other areas where we can further reduce our expenses during the last half of 2012 if we have not progressed toward financing or selling some or all of our interest in the Nkamouna Project by mid-year. We have taken these steps with a view to assuring that our cash resources will satisfy our cash requirements into the second quarter of 2013.

Management and the Board of Directors have already begun to implement a number of cash conservation strategies for the Company and GeoCam. The most significant cost reductions compared to previous years is our reduction of expenditures at GeoCam. With the completion of the Feasibility Study in 2011, GeoCam no longer incurs the significant costs of technical evaluations, consultant and testing fees and travel that contributed to that study. We have since reduced Project expenses to incur only necessary expenditures, primarily limited to securing the site, reclaiming exploration disturbances, environmental monitoring, and supporting potential financial and strategic investor due diligence efforts. This has significantly reduced the anticipated level of GeoCam cash requirements for 2012.

In addition, we reduced the size of our Board of Directors to five persons, eliminated two consulting positions, agreed with a financial advisor to discontinue its services at least until a financing transaction is underway, eliminated much of our mineral and corporate marketing activities and limited travel and office expenses. We are looking to amicably reduce certain other financial obligations that are subject to contractual obligations through negotiations and mutually acceptable resolution. Finally we have decided to defer major exploration expenditures planned for New Caledonia. This downsizing and deferral is being implemented to reduce financial commitments and overheads and position the Company for success going forward.

Neither the Company, nor GeoCam, has any material debt or other similar obligations or commitments. We believe that our present capital resources will be sufficient to satisfy the Company's existing capital and liquidity requirements described above into the second quarter of 2013, not including any equity requirements in connection with any Nkamouna Project debt financing by GeoCam. We have no standby financing arrangements currently in place.

## **Results of Operations**

### **Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2011:**

The Company had no revenue and incurred losses from operations during the first quarters of 2012 and 2011, and has had no revenue from operations since inception. The net loss attributed to the Company decreased approximately \$1.0 million in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter 2011. Exploration expenses decreased by \$1.5 million in the quarter compared to the year earlier period, of which approximately \$1.3 million represents a decrease in exploration costs in Cameroon and \$0.2 million represents a decrease in exploration expense in other Company projects mainly in New Mexico and Papua New Guinea. Exploration office costs of GeoCam decreased approximately \$0.3 million from 2011 to 2012. Property evaluation expenses decreased approximately \$1.0 million from 2011 to 2012 primarily due to the completion of the feasibility study in 2011.

Stock compensation expense decreased approximately \$0.3 million from 2011 to 2012. Stock compensation expense was lower in 2012 due to no stock options or restricted shares being granted in the first quarter of 2012 as they had been in 2011. Change in fair value of warrants for the first quarter of 2012 was \$0 compared to a loss of \$0.1 million for the same period in 2011. The change is due to the fair value of the warrants becoming \$0 in the second quarter of 2011 due to the decrease in the stock price and lower volatility as the warrants were getting closer to their expiration date.

General and administrative expenses increased \$0.3 million in the quarter, when compared to the first quarter of 2011 primarily due to severance related to the departure of our President of New Ventures in 2012. Other general and administrative activities decreased from 2011 to 2012 primarily related to financial advising fees, Delaware franchise tax, travel expenses, Board of Director fees and charitable contributions.

As an exploration stage company, we have charged our exploration and pre-construction expenses incurred for GeoCam to operations in the periods incurred and no such expenditures have been capitalized. We expect to continue this practice until a final development and mining plan is adopted and project financing is committed.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have no off balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures, or capital resources.



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### **Safe Harbor Statement**

Certain statements contained in this report (including information incorporated by reference) are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and are intended to be covered by the safe harbor provided for under these sections. Our forward-looking statements include, without limitation statements with respect to the feasibility study for the Nkamouna Project; our expectations regarding capital required at the Nkamouna Project; requirements for additional capital; anticipated terms and requirements under future Project debt financing arrangements; anticipated expenditures in 2012; our anticipated cash position at the end of 2012; and our plans with respect to future debt and equity financing.

Where we express an expectation or belief as to future events or results, such expectation or belief is expressed in good faith and believed to have a reasonable basis. However, our forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors, which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed, projected, or implied by those forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such forward-looking statements (cautionary statements) are disclosed under Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and include actual deviation from the feasibility study results; the availability of financing on acceptable terms or at all; actual results of current exploration activities; conclusions of economic evaluations; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; future prices of metals; market demand for metals; ability to negotiate acceptable metal sales agreements; possible variations in ore reserves, grades, or recovery rates; labor disputes, cost trends and availability of mining and processing equipment, operating materials and services; geopolitical developments and the results of national elections in Cameroon; delays in obtaining governmental approvals or changes in governmental laws and regulations; delays in the completion of development or construction activities and other factors as described herein. Many of these factors are beyond our ability to control or predict. Given these uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements.

All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or to persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements. We disclaim any intention or obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws.

### **ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.**

Not required.

### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Geovic maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)), that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining our disclosure controls and procedures. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer participated with our management in evaluating the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2012.

Based on our management's evaluation (with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer), our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of March 31, 2012 our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### **Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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Management has evaluated, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, whether any changes in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during our last fiscal quarter which have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. During the quarter ended March 31, 2012, management concluded that there were no such changes to our internal control over financial reporting.



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**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

In November 2009, five management level consultants or employees of GeoCam filed lawsuits against GeoCam in Cameroon, claiming approximately \$2.2 million as compensation and damages as a result of termination of their services by GeoCam in connection with a reduction in workforce in February and March 2009. In April 2010 the litigation was dismissed. In July 2010 the litigation was re-filed in other jurisdictions and, on June 3, 2011, the High Court of Abong-Mbang before which four of the matters were pending entered judgments in favor of the four claimants totaling CFA 780,339,500 (approximately \$1.6 million at March 31, 2012). On November 14, 2011, the High Court of Mfoundi, Yaoundé before which the fifth matter was pending entered a judgment in favor of the claimant totaling CFA 118,804,219 (approximately \$0.24 million at March 31, 2012). GeoCam has filed appeals with the Court of Appeal of the Court of Appeal East Region at Bertoua in the four matters and to the Court of Appeal of the Center Region at Yaoundé in the fifth matter. These appeals stayed enforcement of the judgments pending resolution of the appeals. The Company believes all contractual and other obligations to the individuals were satisfied at the time of termination and that the appeals will ultimately be resolved favorable to GeoCam. GeoCam intends to vigorously defend its position throughout the appellate process.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.**

There are no material changes to the Risk Factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

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

None.

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES.**

None.

**ITEM 4. (REMOVED AND RESERVED)**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.**

None.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS.**

(a) Exhibits.

- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
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**SIGNATURES**

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

GEOVIC MINING CORP.  
Registrant

May 11, 2012

By: /s/ Michael T. Mason  
Michael T. Mason  
Chief Executive Officer

May 11, 2012

By: /s/ Greg Hill  
Greg Hill  
Chief Financial Officer

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