#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### **FORM 10-Q**

## [X] QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2017

## [ ] TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

<u>000-54416</u>

(Commission File Number)

SCANDIUM INTERNATIONAL MINING CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

British Columbia, Canada (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) <u>98-1009717</u> (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

1430 Greg Street, Suite 501, Sparks, Nevada 89431

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

<u>(775) 355-9500</u>

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

<u>N/A</u>

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) filed all reports required to be filed by sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [X] 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 [**X**] 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. Large accelerated filer [] Accelerated filer [] Non-accelerated filed [] Smaller reporting company [X]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company, as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Yes [] No [X]

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: <u>As of May 9, 2017, the registrant's outstanding common stock consisted of 229,486,261 shares.</u>

# PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Item 1. Financial Statements** 

## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion of the operating results, corporate activities and financial condition of Scandium International Mining Corp. (hereinafter referred to as "we", "us", "Scandium International", "SCY", or the "Company") and its subsidiaries provides an analysis of the operating and financial results between December 31, 2016 and March 31, 2017 and a comparison of the material changes in our results of operations and financial condition between the three-month period ended March 31, 2016 and the three-month period ended March 31, 2017. This discussion should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

This discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors, including, but not limited to, those set forth under the heading "Risk Factors and Uncertainties" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

The interim statements have been prepared in accordance with US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, as required under U.S. federal securities laws applicable to the Company, and as permitted under applicable Canadian securities laws. The Company is a reporting company under applicable securities laws in Canada and the United States. The reporting currency used in our financial statements is the United States Dollar.

The information contained within this report is current as of May 9, 2017 unless otherwise noted. Additional information relevant to the Company's activities can be found on SEDAR at <u>www.sec.gov</u>.

Technical information in this MD&A has been reviewed and approved by Willem Duyvesteyn, a Qualified Person as defined by Canadian National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101"). Mr. Duyvesteyn is a director and consultant of Scandium International.

## Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors Regarding Reserve and Resource Estimates

The Company uses Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum definitions for the terms "proven reserves", "probable reserves", "measured resources" and "indicated resources". U.S. investors are cautioned that while these terms are recognized and required by Canadian regulations, including National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"), the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") does not recognize them. Canadian mining disclosure standards differ from the requirements of the SEC under SEC Industry Guide 7, and reserve and resource information referenced in this Form 10-O may not be comparable to similar information disclosed by companies reporting under U.S. standards. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term "resource" does not equate to the term "reserve". Under United States standards, mineralization may not be classified as a "reserve" unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve determination is made. The SEC's disclosure standards normally do not permit the inclusion of information concerning "measured mineral resources" or "indicated mineral resources" or other descriptions of the amount of mineralization in mineral deposits that do not constitute "reserves" by U.S. standards in documents filed with the SEC. Disclosure of "contained ounces" in a resource estimate is permitted disclosure under Canadian regulations; however, the SEC normally only permits issuers to report mineralization that does not constitute "reserves" by SEC standards as tonnage and grade without reference to unit measures. The requirements of NI 43-101 for identification of "reserves" are also not the same as those of the SEC, and reserves in compliance with NI 43-101 may not qualify as "reserves" under SEC standards.

## **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements made in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may constitute forward-looking statements about the Company and its business. Forward looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and include, but are not limited to, reserve and resource estimates, estimated value of the project, projected investment returns, anticipated mining and processing methods for the project, the estimated economics of the project, anticipated Scandium recoveries, production rates, Scandium grades, estimated capital costs, operating cash costs and total production costs, planned additional processing work and environmental permitting. The forward-looking statements in this report are subject to various risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause the Company's actual results or achievements to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by forward looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, without limitation, risks related to uncertainty in the demand for Scandium and pricing assumptions; uncertainties related to raising sufficient financing to fund the Nyngan Scandium Project in a timely manner and on acceptable terms; changes in planned work resulting from logistical, technical or other factors; the possibility that results of work will not fulfill expectations and realize the perceived potential of the Company's properties; uncertainties involved in the estimation of Scandium reserves and resources; the possibility that required permits may not be obtained on a timely manner or at all; the possibility that capital and operating costs may be higher than currently estimated and may preclude commercial development or render operations uneconomic; the possibility that the estimated recovery rates may not be achieved; risk of accidents, equipment breakdowns and labor disputes or other unanticipated difficulties or interruptions; the possibility of cost overruns or unanticipated expenses in the work program; risks related to projected project economics, recovery rates, and estimated NPV and anticipated IRR and other factors identified in the Company's SEC filings and its filings with Canadian securities regulatory authorities. Forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs, opinions and expectations of the Company's management at the time they are made, and other than as required by applicable securities laws, the Company does not assume any obligation to update its forward-looking statements if those beliefs, opinions or expectations, or other circumstances, should change.

# Scandium International Corporate Overview

Scandium International is a specialty metals and alloys company focused on developing the production and sales of scandium and other specialty metals. The Company intends to utilize its knowhow and, in certain instances, patented technologies to maximize opportunities in scandium and other specialty metals.

The Company was formed in 2006, under the name Golden Predator Mines Inc. As part of a reorganization and spin-out of the Company's precious metals portfolio in March 2009, the Company changed its name to EMC Metals Corp. In order to reflect our emphasis on mining for scandium minerals, effective November 19, 2014, we changed our name to Scandium International Mining Corp. The Company currently trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "SCY".

Our focus of operations is the exploration and development of the Nyngan scandium deposit located in New South Wales ("NSW"), Australia ("Nyngan" or the "Nyngan Scandium Project"). We also hold an exploration stage property in Australia, known as the "Honeybugle scandium property".

We acquired a 100% interest in the Nyngan Scandium Project in June of 2014 pursuant to the terms of a settlement agreement with Jervois Mining Ltd. of Melbourne, Australia. The project is held through our Australian subsidiary, EMC Metals Australia Pty Ltd. ("EMC Australia"), which also holds the Honeybugle scandium property.

During Q3 of 2015, the Company converted a \$2,500,000 loan from Scandium Investments LLC ("SIL"), an unrelated investment company, into a 20% minority interest in EMC Australia. As a result, the Company currently holds an 80% equity interest in its Australian subsidiary, with SIL holding a 20% interest. EMC Australia is operated as a joint venture between SIL and SCY with SIL holding a carried interest in the Nyngan Scandium Project until the Company meets two development milestones: (1) filing

a feasibility study on SEDAR (the report was filed on May 6, 2016), and (2) receiving a Mining lease on either joint venture property). As both of these two development milestones are now met, SIL becomes fully participating as to their share of project cost.

Completion of the development milestones by the Company, as described above, has triggered a limited period option whereby SIL can elect to convert the fair market value of its 20% interest in EMC Australia into an equivalent value of SCY common shares, at then prevailing market prices. Conversion has not been elected as of May 9, 2017.

During the first quarter of 2017, we focused on Nyngan Scandium Project activities including scandium marketing arrangements and application for a mining lease with NSW Mines Department.

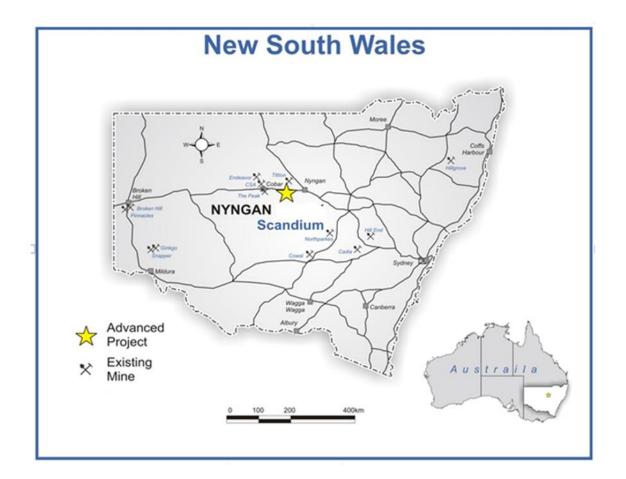
## **Principal Properties Review**

## Nyngan Scandium Project (NSW, Australia)

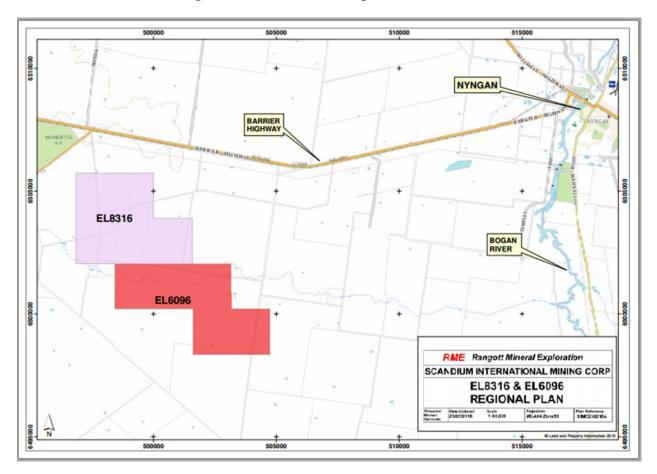
## Nyngan Property Description and Location

The Nyngan Scandium Project site is located approximately 450 kilometers northwest of Sydney, NSW, Australia and approximately 20 kilometres due west of the town of Nyngan, a rural town of approximately 2900 people. The general area can be characterized as flat countryside and is classified as agricultural land, used predominantly for wheat farming and livestock grazing.

The specific location of the exploration licenses that we may earn an interest in are provided in Figure 2 below.



# Figure 1: Location of Nyngan Project



**Figure 2: Location of the Exploration Licenses** 

## Nyngan Feasibility Study

On April 18, 2016 the Company announced the results of an independently prepared feasibility study on the Nyngan Scandium Project. The technical report on the feasibility study entitled "*Feasibility Study – Nyngan Scandium Project, Bogan Shire, NSW, Australia*" is dated May 4, 2016 and was independently compiled pursuant to the requirements of NI 43-101 (the "Feasibility Study"). The report was filed on May 6, 2016 and is available on SEDAR (<u>www.sedar.com</u>) and on the Company's website (<u>www.scandiummining.com</u>) and the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). A full discussion on the technical report was provided in the Company's Form 10Q for the quarterly period ending March 31, 2016, as filed with the SEC and on SEDAR on May 13, 2016.

The Feasibility Study concluded that the Nyngan Scandium Project has the potential to produce an average of 37,690 kilograms of scandium oxide (scandia) per year, at grades of 98.0%-99.8%, generating an after tax cumulative cash flow over a 20 year Project life of US\$629 million, with an NPV<sub>10%</sub> of US\$177 million. The average process plant feed grade over the 20 year Project life is 409ppm of scandium.

The financial results of the Feasibility Study are based on a conventional flow sheet, employing continuous high pressure acid leach (HPAL) and solvent extraction (SX) techniques. The flow sheet was modeled and validated from METSIM modeling and considerable bench scale/pilot scale metallurgical test work utilising Nyngan resource material. A number of the key elements of this flowsheet work have been protected by the Company under US Patent Applications.

The Feasibility Study has been developed and compiled to an accuracy level of +15%/-5%, by a globally recognized engineering firm that has considerable expertise in laterite deposits and process facilities, as well as in smaller mining and processing projects, and has excellent familiarity with the Nyngan Scandium Project location and environment.

## Nyngan Scandium Project Highlights

- Capital cost estimate for the Project is US\$87.1 million,
- Annual scandium oxide product volume averages 37,690 kg per year, over 20 years,
- Annual revenue of US\$75.4 million (oxide price assumption of US\$2,000/kg),
- Operating cost estimate for the Project is US\$557/kg scandium oxide,
- Project Constant Dollar NPV10% is US\$177 million, (NPV8% is US\$225 million),
- Project Constant Dollar IRR is 33.1%,
- Oxide product grades of 98-99.8%, as based on customer requirements,
- Project resource increases by 40% to 16.9 million tonnes, grading 235ppm Sc, at a 100ppm cutoff in the measured and indicated categories, and
- Project Reserve totalling 1.43 million tonnes, grading 409ppm Sc was established on part of the resource.

## DFS Conclusions and Recommendations

The production assumptions in the Feasibility Study are backed by solid independent flow sheet test work on the planned process for scandium recovery. The Feasibility Study consolidates a significant amount of metallurgical test work and prior study on the Nyngan Scandium Project, including important test work results completed since the PEA was generated in 2014. The entire body of work demonstrates a viable, conventional process flow sheet utilizing a continuous-system HPAL leaching process, and good metallurgical recoveries of scandium from the resource. The metallurgical assumptions are supported by various bench and pilot scale independent test work programs that are consistent with known outcomes in other laterite resources. The continuous autoclave configuration, as opposed to batch systems explored in previous flow sheets, is also a more conventional and current design choice. The level of accuracy established in the Feasibility Study substantially reduces the uncertainty levels inherent in earlier studies, specifically the PEA. The greater confidence intervals around the Feasibility Study were achieved by reliance on significant project engineering work, a capital and operating cost estimate supported by detailed requirements and vendor pricing, plus one offtake agreement and an independent marketing assessment, both supportive of the marketing assumptions on the business.

The Feasibility Study delivered a positive result on the Nyngan Scandium Project, and recommends the Nyngan Scandium Project owners seek finance and proceed to construction. Recommendations were made therein for additional immediate work, notably to win additional offtake agreements with customers, complete some optimizing flow sheet studies, and to initiate as early as possible detailed engineering required on certain long-lead capital items.

## **Confirmatory Metallurgical Test Results**

On June 29, 2016 we announced the results of a confirmatory metallurgical test work report from Altrius Engineering Services (AES) of Brisbane, Australia. The test work results directly relate to the list of recommended programs included in the Feasibility Study. AES devised and supervised these test work programs at the SGS laboratory in Perth, Australia and at the Nagrom laboratory in Brisbane, Australia.

The project DFS recommended a number of process flowsheet test work programs be investigated prior to commencing detailed engineering and construction. Those study areas included pressure leach ("HPAL"), counter-current decant circuits, solvent extraction ("SX"), and oxalate precipitation, with specific work steps suggested in each area. This latest test work program addresses all of these recommended areas, and the results confirm recoveries and efficiencies that either meet or exceed the parameters used in the DFS. Highlights of the testing are:

- Pressure leach test work achieved 88% recoveries, from larger volume tests,
- Settling characteristics of leach discharge slurry show substantial improvement,
- Residue neutralization work meets or exceeds all environmental requirements as presented in the DFS and the environmental impact statement,
- Solvent extraction circuit optimization tests generated improved performance, exceeding 99% recovery in single pass systems, and
- Product finish circuits produced 99.8% scandium oxide, completing the recovery process from Nyngan ore to finished scandia product.

## Environmental Permitting/Development Consent/Mining Lease

On May 2, 2016, the Company announced the filing of an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") with the New South Wales, Australia, Department of Planning and Environment, (the "Department") in support of the planned development of the Nyngan Scandium Project. The EIS was prepared by R.W. Corkery & Co. Pty. Limited, on behalf of the Company's 80% owned subsidiary, EMC Australia, to support an application for Development Consent for the Nyngan Scandium Project. The EIS is a complete document, including a Specialist Consultants Study Compendium, and was submitted to the Department on Friday, April 29, 2016.

EIS Highlights:

- The EIS finds residual environmental impacts represent negligible risk.
- The proposed development design achieves sustainable environmental outcomes.
- The EIS finds net-positive social and economic outcomes for the community.
- Nine independent environmental consulting groups conducted analysis over five years, and contributed report findings to the EIS.
- The Nyngan Project development is estimated to contribute A\$12.4M to the local and regional economies, and A\$39M to the State and Federal economies, annually

• The EIS is fully aligned with the DFS and with a NSW Mining License Application for the Nyngan Project.

Conclusion statement in the EIS:

"In light of the conclusions included throughout this *Environmental Impact Statement*, it is assessed that the Proposal could be constructed and operated in a manner that would satisfy all relevant statutory goals and criteria, environmental objectives and reasonable community expectations."

EIS Discussion:

The EIS is the foundation document submitted by a developer intending to build a mine facility in Australia. The Nyngan Scandium Project is considered a State Significant Project, in that capital cost exceeds A\$30 million, which means State agencies are designated to manage the investigation and approval process for granting a Development Consent, from the Minister of Planning and Environment. This Department will manage the review of the Proposal through a number of State and local governmental agencies.

The EIS is a self-contained set of documents used to seek a Development Consent. It is however, supported in many ways by the recently completed feasibility study.

On November 10, 2016 the Company announced that the Development Consent had been granted. This Development Consent represents an approval to develop the Nyngan Scandium Project and is based on the EIS. The Development Consent follows an in-depth review of the EIS, the project plan, community impact studies, public EIS exhibition and commentary, and economic viability, and involved more than 12 specialized governmental agencies and groups.

On May 5, 2017 the Company announced that EMC Metals Australia had been granted a Mining Lease. The Mining Lease ("ML") overlays select areas previously covered by two Exploration Licenses. The ML was granted by the NSW Minister for Resource and Development on May 3, 2017, and represents the final major development approval required from the NSW Government to begin construction on the project. The ML is awarded after all environmental work has been completed and reviewed, all social implications of project development have been considered, and the NSW Environmental Minister has issued a Development Consent, received in November 2016. The ML grant reflects the further review that the State resource value has been considered and approved for extraction based on mine development plans. The ML is issued for a period of 21 years, and is based on the development plans and intent submitted in the ML Application. The ML can be modified by NSW regulatory agencies, as requested by EMC Australia over time, to reflect changing operating conditions.

In addition to these two key governmental approvals, other required licenses and permits must be aquired but are considered routine and require only compliance with fixed standards and objective measurements. These remaining key license approvals are:

- An Environment Protection License,
- Water Supply Works and Use Approval and Water Access License,
- A Section 138 Permit issued by the Bogan Shire Council, for construction of the intersection of the Site Access Road and Gilgai Road,
- An approval from the NSW Dams Safety Committee for the design and construction of the Residue Storage Facility, and
- A high voltage connection agreement with Essential Energy.

The Company intends to continue to follow and support the progress of governmental agency reviews.

# ALCERECO MOU and Offtake Agreements

On March 30, 2015, the Company announced that it had signed a memorandum of understanding ("ALCERECO MOU") with ALCERECO Inc. of Kingston, Ontario (ALCERECO"), forming a strategic alliance to develop markets and applications for aluminum alloys containing scandium. To further that alliance, and to reinforce the capability of both companies to deliver product developed for Sc-Al alloy markets, Scandium International and ALCERECO also signed an offtake agreement governing sales terms of scandium oxide product (scandia) produced from the Nyngan Scandium Project. The offtake agreement specifies prices, delivery volumes and timeframes for commencement of delivery of scandium oxide product.

Scandium, as an alloying agent in aluminum, allows for aluminum metal products that are much stronger, more easily weldable and exhibit improved performance at higher temperatures than current aluminum based materials. This means lighter structures, lower manufacturing costs and improved performance in areas where aluminum alloys are used today, and in some cases where they cannot be used today.

- The ALCERECO MOU covers areas of joint cooperation and development of aluminum alloys that contain and are enhanced by the addition of scandium,
- The ALCERECO MOU recognizes the specialized capabilities ALCERECO holds for the design, manufacture, and testing of Sc-Al alloy materials,
- The offtake agreement outlines standard sale terms on 7,500 kg of scandia per annum, for a term of three years, which can be extended, and
- The offtake agreement contains both fixed and variable pricing components, which are subject to confidentiality.

ALCERECO is an advanced materials development company that provides services and specialty processing capabilities to companies innovating in a diverse range of markets, including aerospace, automotive, electronics and consumer/sporting goods. ALCERECO staff work with a range of materials and processes and have the tools and knowledge to take on leading-edge projects such as development of aluminum-scandium alloys, specialty ceramics, composites and graphene enhanced materials. The company has a particular focus on lightweight materials capable of delivering greater strength, functionality and exceptional performance.

ALCERECO operates out of the Grafoid Global Technology Centre in Kingston, Ontario that was originally founded by Alcan Aluminum in the 1940s. ALCERECO is a Canadian private company, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ottawa-based Grafoid Inc., a graphene application development company.

# Nyngan Scandium Project - Planned Activities for 2017-2018

The following steps are planned for Nyngan during the 2017 and 2018 Calendar years:

- Obtain a Mining Lease pertaining to the Nyngan Scandium Project with NSW Department of Trade and industry (the ML was granted on May 3, 2017),
- Pursue additional offtake agreements in support of planned future scandium sales,
- Extend the start date on the ALCERECO offtake agreement, to correspond to delays in the original start date for Nyngan Project scandium oxide production,
- Seek project financing to fund the construction of the Nyngan Scandium Project for drawdown after the granting of a Mining Lease from NSW for the mine development,
- Commence site construction during in late 2017, with anticipated construction completion over 18 months, and
- Initiate project commissioning in Q4 2018, product production in Q1 2019, and with product available for sale by the end of Q1 2019.

# **Other Properties Review**

# Honeybugle Scandium Property (NSW, Australia)

On April 2, 2014, the Company announced that it had secured a 100% interest in an exploration license (EL 7977) covering 34.7 square kilometers in New South Wales, Australia. The license area, we call the Honeybugle scandium exploration property, is located approximately 24 kilometers west-southwest from the Company's Nyngan Scandium Project and approximately 36 kilometers southwest from the town of Nyngan, NSW.

Exploration rights for the Honeybugle property include certain minimum expenditure requirements. The Company intends to fulfill those minimum expenditure requirements.

## Honeybugle Drill Results

On May 7, 2014, the Company announced completion of an initial program of 30 air core ("AC") drill holes on the property, specifically at the Seaford anomaly, targeting scandium (Sc). Results on 13 of these holes are shown in detail, in the table below. These holes suggest the potential for scandium mineralization on the property similar to Nyngan.

- Highlights of initial drilling program results include the following: The highest 3-meter intercept graded 572 ppm scandium (hole EHAC 11),
- EHAC 11 also generated two additional high grade scandium intercepts, grading 510 ppm and 415 ppm, each over 3 meters,
- The program identified a 13-hole cluster which was of particular interest; intercepts on these 13 holes averaged 270 ppm scandium over a total 273 meters, at an average continuous thickness of 21 meters per hole, representing a total of 57% (354 meters) of total initial program drilling,
- The 13 holes produced 29 individual (3-meter) intercepts over 300 ppm, representing 31% of the mineralized intercepts in the 273 meters of interest, and
- This initial 30-hole AC exploratory drill program generated a total of 620 meters of scandium drill/assay results, over approximately 1 square kilometer on the property.

## **Other Developments – First Quarter 2017**

*Weston Master Alloy MOU:* On March 2, 2017 we announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding ("Weston MOU") with Weston Aluminium Pty Ltd ("Weston") of Chatswood, NSW, Australia. The Weston MOU defines a cooperative commercial alliance to jointly develop the capability to manufacture aluminum-scandium master alloy. The intended outcome of this alliance will be to develop the capability to offer Nyngan Scandium Project aluminum alloy customers scandium in form of Al-Sc master alloy, should customers prefer that product form.

The Weston MOU outlines steps to jointly establish the manufacturing parameters, metallurgical processes, and capital requirements to convert Nyngan Scandium Project scandium product into Master Alloy, on Weston's existing production site in NSW. The Weston MOU does not include a binding contract with commercial terms at this stage, although the intent is to pursue the necessary technical elements to arrive at a commercial contract for conversion of scandium oxide to master alloy, and to do so prior to first mine production from the Nyngan Scandium Project

*Stock Option Grants:* On February 21, 2017, the Company granted a total of 5,100,000 stock options at an exercise price of C\$0.37 per share, exercisable until February 21, 2022, to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company.

*Private Placements*: On March 17, 2017, the Company completed a private placement of 1,179,061 common shares to three individuals for total gross proceeds of C\$341,928. No broker fees were paid in connection with the private placement.

*Nyngan Mining Lease:* On May 5, 2017 the Company announced that EMC Metals Australia had been granted a Mining Lease for the Nyngan Scandium Project. For additional details see Item 2. Principal Properties Review - Nyngan Scandium Project (NSW, Australia) - Environmental Permitting/Development Consent/Mining Lease.

## **Operating results - Revenues and Expenses**

The Company's results reflect higher operating costs due to the increase in stock-based compensation (a non-cash expense). Excluding non-cash costs, expenditures were down \$501,013 due to the cessation of costs incurred in developing the definitive feasibility study which was completed in early Q2 2016.

## Summary of quarterly results

A summary of the Company's quarterly results are shown below at Table 10.

	2017	2016			2015			
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
Net Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Loss) attributable to Scandium	(1,327,765)	(198,183)	(333,031)	(496,118)	(1,081,096)	(1,163,542)	(503,537)	(632,698)
Mining Corp. Basic and diluted Net Income (Loss) per share attributable to Scandium	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.00)

## Table 10. Quarterly Results Summary

## **Results of Operations for the three months ended March 31, 2017**

The net loss for the quarter was \$1,327,766, an increase of \$246,670 from \$1,081,096 in the same quarter of the prior year. Details of the individual items contributing to the increased net loss are set out below at Table 11:

Q1 2017 vs. Q1 2016 - Variance Analysis					
Item	Variance Favourable / (Unfavourable)	Explanation			
Stock-based compensation	\$(680,155)	The increase in stock option compensation (unfavourable variance) is due primarily to a higher Company stock price on the date the options were issued. The price in Q1 2016 was C\$0.13 versus C\$0.37 in Q1 2017. Stock price and stock price volatility are key factors in computing the compensation expense. There were also slightly more options issued in Q1 2017 (5,100,000) than in Q1 2016, (4,860,000).			

Item Variance Favourable (Unfavourabl		Explanation			
Costs allocable to non-controlling interest	\$(88,642)	20% of the losses incurred in the Nyngan Scandium Project are allocated to the minority partner interest, effectively reducing the Company loss for the quarter. Lower Nyngan operating costs in Q1 2017 than in Q1 2016, resulted in a smaller allocation of losses this quarter.			
Salaries and benefits	\$(35,719)	In Q2 2016 the Company hired a Vice President Project and Market Development. There was no such position in Q1 2016.			
Travel and entertainment	\$(5,680)	Higher travel costs in Q1 2017 as compared to Q1 2016 are associated with increased Company presence at the PDAC convention in March.			
Consulting	\$(900)	In Q1 2017, the Company hired a consultant to review financial procedures. No such costs were incurred in Q1 2016.			
Exploration	\$497,764	During Q1 2016 there were ongoing costs for the Nyngan Scandium Project development and preparation of a DFS on that project. The Company incurred only \$14,525 in the current quarter.			
Professional fees	\$23,624	The favorable variance is due to Q1 2016 costs reflecting expenditures on the development of the Nyngan Scandium Project definitive feasibility study. No such costs were incurred in Q1 2017.			
General and \$20,564 administrative		The lower level of activity in Q1 2017 has resulted in lower G&A costs. In the comparable quarter of 2016 activities were increased as the Company was in the final stages of the preparation of the definitive feasibility for the Nyngan Scandium Project.			
Foreign exchange \$20,325		The Company held considerably more Australian dollars throughout the first quarter of 2017 than in the comparable quarter of 2016. The Australian dollar increased in value in Q1 2017 resulting in a foreign exchange gain.			

Q1 2017 vs. Q1 2016 - Variance Analysis					
Item	Variance Favourable / (Unfavourable)	Explanation			
Insurance	\$1,360	Insurance rates for general liability were lowered by our insurance provider for the current period when compared to Q1 2016.			
Amortization	\$789	Furniture and fixtures at the Reno office were fully depreciated in 2016 resulting in lower amortization charges in Q1 2017 when compared to Q1 2016.			

# Cash flow discussion for the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to March 31, 2016

The cash outflow for operating activities was \$249,163, a decrease of \$665,625 (March 31, 2016 – \$914,788), due to lower activity levels as described in the variance analysis in addition to a decrease in accounts payable during the period.

Cash outflows for investing activities were 3,157 lower due to the purchase of computer equipment in Q1 2016 (March 31, 2017 - Ni) (March 31, 2016 - 3,157).

Cash inflows from financing activities reflect the exercise of stock options as well as private placement resulting in an increase of \$431,966 when compared to Q1 2016 (March 31, 2015 – (Nil).

## **Financial Position**

## Cash

The Company's cash position increased during the three-month period by \$182,803 to \$798,037 (December 31, 2016 - \$615,234) due to a private placement and the exercise of Company stock options.

## Prepaid expenses and receivables

Prepaid expenses and accounts receivable decreased by \$15,216 to \$36,011 due to value added tax in Australia that was paid in Q1 2017 (December 31, 2016 - \$51,227).

## Property and equipment

Property and equipment consist of computer equipment at the Sparks, Nevada office. The decrease of \$275 to \$2,643 (December 2016 - \$2,918) is due to amortization of that computer equipment in the quarter.

#### Mineral interests

Mineral interests remained the same at \$704,053.

## Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and accounts payable with related parties

Accounts payable has decreased by \$2,338 to \$39,015 (December 2016 - \$41,353) due to the normal business activities.

## Capital Stock

Capital stock increased by \$624,154 to \$91,766,489 due to a private placement incurring in the quarter and the exercise of Company stock options (December 31, 2016 - \$91,142,335).

Additional paid-in capital increased by \$884,257, to \$7,728,451 (December 31, 2016 - \$6,844,671) as a result of expensing of stock options which was partially offset by the exercise of stock options.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

At March 31, 2017, the Company had a working capital of \$795,033 including cash of \$798,037 as compared to a working capital of \$625,108 including cash of \$615,234 at December 31, 2016.

At March 31, 2017, the Company had a total of 22,436,000 stock options exercisable between CAD\$0.07 and CAD\$0.37 that have the potential upon exercise to generate a total of C\$3,700,030 in cash over the next five years. There is no assurance that these securities will be exercised. The Company's continued development is contingent upon its ability to raise sufficient financing both in the short and long term. There are no guarantees that additional sources of funding will be available to the Company; however, management is committed to pursuing all possible sources of financing in order to execute its business plan. The Company continues its cost cutting measures to conserve cash to meet its operational obligations.

## **Outstanding share data**

At the date of this report, the Company has 229,486,261 issued and outstanding common shares and 23,535,000 stock options currently outstanding at a weighted average exercise price of CAD\$0.17.

## **Off-balance sheet arrangements**

At March 31, 2017, the Company had no material off-balance sheet arrangements such as guarantee contracts, contingent interest in assets transferred to an entity, derivative instruments obligations or any obligations that trigger financing, liquidity, market or credit risk to the Company.

## **Transactions with related parties**

During the 3-month period ended March 31, 2017, the Company expensed \$841,930 for stock-based compensation for stock options issued to Company directors. During the 3-month period ended March 31, 2016, the Company expensed \$301,363 for stock-based compensation for stock options issued to Company directors.

During the 3-month period ended March 31, 2017, the Company paid a consulting fee of \$25,500 for one of its directors. During the 3-month period ended March 31, 2016, the Company paid a consulting fee of \$25,500 for one of its directors.

As at March 31, 2017, the Company owed \$Nil to various directors and officers of the Company. (December 31, 2016 - \$13,704)

#### **Proposed Transactions**

There are no proposed transactions outstanding other than as disclosed.

## **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting policies requires management of the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are based on past experience, industry trends and known commitments and events. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effects on the financial statements of changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant. Actual results will likely differ from those estimates.

## Stock-based compensation

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the fair value of stock options and compensatory warrants granted. This model is subject to various assumptions. The assumptions the Company makes will likely change from time to time. At the time the fair value is determined; the methodology the Company uses is based on historical information, as well as anticipated future events. The assumptions with the greatest impact on fair value are those for estimated stock volatility and for the expected life of the instrument.

## Future income taxes

The Company accounts for tax consequences of the differences in the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases using tax rates expected to apply when these temporary differences are expected to be settled. When the future realization of income tax assets does not meet the test of being more likely than not to occur, a valuation allowance in the amount of the potential future benefit is taken and no future income tax asset is recognized. The Company has taken a valuation allowance against all such potential tax assets.

## Mineral properties and exploration and development costs

The Company capitalizes the costs of acquiring mineral rights at the date of acquisition. After acquisition, various factors can affect the recoverability of the capitalized costs. The Company's recoverability evaluation of our mineral properties and equipment is based on market conditions for minerals, underlying mineral resources associated with the assets and future costs that may be required for ultimate realization through mining operations or by sale. The Company is in an industry that is exposed to a number of risks and uncertainties, including exploration risk, development risk, commodity price risk, operating risk, ownership and political risk, funding and currency risk, as well as environmental risk. Bearing these risks in mind, the Company has assumed recent world commodity prices will be achievable. The Company has considered the mineral resource reports by independent engineers on the Nyngan Scandium Project in considering the recoverability of the carrying costs of the mineral properties. All of these assumptions are potentially subject to change, out of our control, however such changes are not determinable. Accordingly, there is always the potential for a material adjustment to the value assigned to mineral properties and equipment.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Accounting Standards Update 2016-09 – Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718) Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting. This accounting pronouncement, which goes into effect for annual periods beginning after December 16, 2016, addresses the simplification of several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. The Company is reviewing this update to determine the impact it will have on its financial statements.

Accounting Standards Update 2016-02 - Leases (Topic 842). This accounting pronouncement allows lessees to make an accounting policy election to not recognize a lease asset and liability for leases with a term of 12 months or less and do not have a purchase option that is expected to be exercised. This standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with

early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its financial statements.

Accounting Standards Update 2016-01 – Financial Instruments – Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. This accounting pronouncement, which goes into effect for annual periods beginning after December 12, 2017, is far reaching and covers several presentation areas dealing with measurement, impairment, assumptions used in estimating fair value and several other areas. The Company is reviewing this update to determine the impact it may have on its financial statements.

#### Financial instruments and other risks

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, receivables, accounts payable, accounts payable with related parties, accrued liabilities and promissory notes payable. It is management's opinion that the Company is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from its financial instruments. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values unless otherwise noted. The Company has its cash primarily in three commercial banks, one in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, one in Mackay, Queensland, Australia and in one in Chicago, Illinois.

#### **Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contain certain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include but are not limited to those with respect to the prices of metals, the estimation of mineral resources and reserves, the realization of mineral reserve estimates, the timing and amount of estimated future production, costs of production, capital expenditures, costs and timing of the development of new deposits, success of exploration activities, permitting time lines, currency fluctuations, requirements for additional capital, Government regulation of mining operations, environmental risks, unanticipated reclamation expenses, title disputes or claims and limitations on insurance coverage and the timing and possible outcome of pending litigation. In certain cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "estimates", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes" or variations of such words and phrases, or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Scandium International to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the actual results of current exploration activities, conclusions or economic evaluations, changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined, possible variations in grade and or recovery rates, failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated, accidents, labor disputes or other risks of the mining industry, delays in obtaining government approvals or financing or incompletion of development or construction activities, risks relating to the integration of acquisitions, to international operations, and to the prices of metals. While Scandium International has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Scandium International expressly disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Not applicable.

#### **Disclosure controls and procedures**

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate disclosure controls and procedures. The Company's management, including our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company has maintained effective disclosure controls and procedures in all material respects, including those necessary to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports filed or submitted with the SEC (i) is recorded, processed, and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC, and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow for timely decision regarding required disclosure.

## **Changes in Internal Control**

There have been no changes in internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II – OTHER INFORMATION**

#### Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

On March 17, 2017, the Company completed a private placement of 1,179,061 shares of common stock at a price of C\$0.29 per share for total proceeds of C\$341,928. The securities were sold to two accredited investors pursuant to Rule 506 of Regulation D and to a non-US person pursuant to Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The proceeds from this financing will be used for general working capital.

## Item 6. Exhibits

- 31.1 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (filed herewith)
- 31.2 Certification of the Principal Financial Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (filed herewith)
- 32.1 Section 1350 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer (filed herewith)
- 32.2 Section 1350 Certification of the Principal Financial Officer (filed herewith)
- 101 Financial Statements from the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the three months ended March 31, 2017, formatted in XBRL (filed herewith)

#### **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.

Date: May 9, 2017

# **SCANDIUM INTERNATIONAL MINING CORP.** (Registrant)

By: <u>/s/ George Putnam</u> George Putnam Principal Executive Officer

By: /s/ Edward Dickinson Edward Dickinson Principal Financial Officer