### 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 September 30, 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

(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 November 7, 2017, the registrant's outstanding common stock consisted of 291,970,239 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", "SCY", "Scandium", "Scandium International" or the "Company") and its subsidiaries provides an analysis of the operating and financial results for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2017 and should be read in conjunction with our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto for the nine month period ended September 30, 2017, and with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2016 (the "Annual Statements").

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 November 7, 2017 unless otherwise noted. Additional information relevant to the Company's activities can be found on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and on EDGAR 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-Q 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 Form 10-K filed for the year ended December 31, 2016 under the heading "Risk Factors and Uncertainties, and elsewhere in this Form 10-O. 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, 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 exploration stage properties in Australia, known as the "Honeybugle Scandium Property", and in Finland, known as the "Kiviniemi 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, from Q3 2015 until October 2017, the Company held an 80% equity interest in EMC Australia, with SIL holding a 20% interest. EMC Australia was operated as a joint venture between SIL and SCY with SIL holding a carried interest in the Nyngan Scandium Project until the Company met certain development milestones. The Company completed the development milestones during May 2017 and triggered a limited period option whereby SIL had a right 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.

In June of 2017 the Company entered into a share exchange agreement with SIL for the purchase of SIL's 20% interest in EMC Australia in exchange for 57,371,565 common shares of SCY as well as an additional 1,459,080 common shares as a royalty adjustment payment. Closing of the purchase of the EMC Australia shares was subject to shareholder approval, which the Company obtained at a special

meeting of shareholders held on September 11, 2017. The transaction subsequently closed on October 9, 2017. Under the terms of the share purchase agreement, on closing SIL was granted the right to nominate two individuals to the board of the Company for so long as held at SIL held at least 15% of Scandium's issued and outstanding shares, and one director for so long as they held at least 5% but less than 15% of Scandium's issued and outstanding shares. Pursuant to the nomination rights, Peter Evensen and R. Christian Evensen were appointed as directors to the SCY Board on closing of the transaction.

During the third quarter of 2017, we focused on Nyngan Scandium Project activities including scandium marketing arrangements.

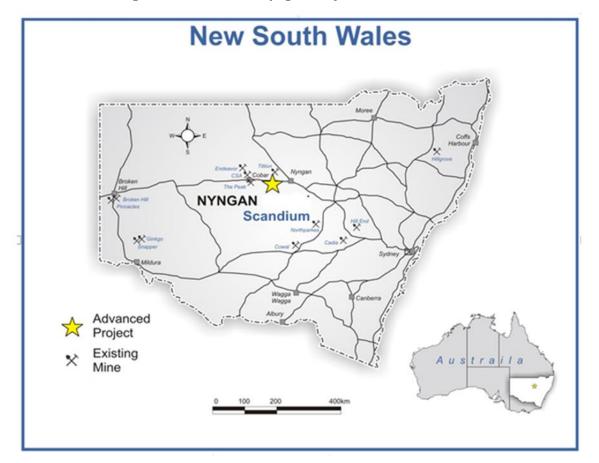
# **Principal Properties Review**

# Nyngan Scandium Project (NSW, Australia)

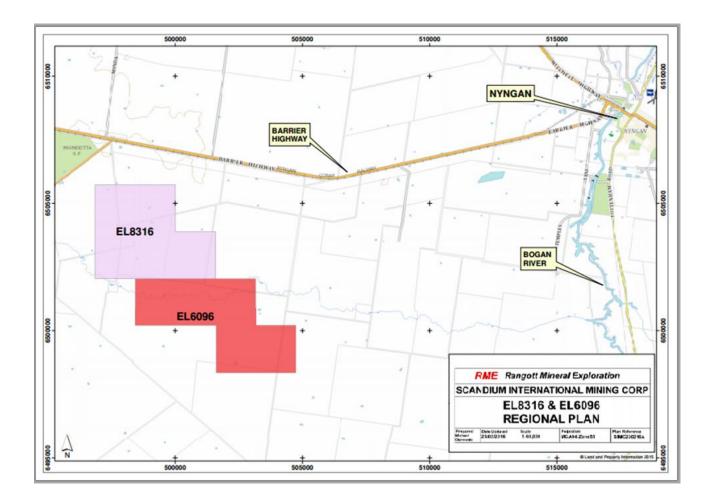
# Nyngan Property Description and Location

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



# Nyngan Feasibility Study

On April 18, 2016, the Company announced the results of an independent 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 available on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) and on the Company's website is (www.scandiummining.com) 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 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, 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. A number of the key elements of this flowsheet work have been protected by the Company under US Patent Applications. 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.

# Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management Contract

On May 30, 2017, the Company announced that its subsidiary EMC Australia signed an Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management ("EPCM") contract with Lycopodium Minerals Pty Ltd ("Lycopodium"), to build the Nyngan Scandium Project in New South Wales, Australia. The EPCM contract also provides for start-up and commissioning services.

The EPCM contract ("the EPCM Contract") appoints Lycopodium (Brisbane, QLD, Australia) to manage all aspects of project construction. Lycopodium is the principal engineering firm involved with the Feasibility Study. Lycopodium's continued involvement in project construction and commissioning ensures valuable technical and management continuity for the project during the construction and start-up of the project.

The EPCM Contract consists of two phases: Phase I is pre-notice to proceed ("NTP"), and Phase II is full-NTP. Phase I is a cost-reimbursable period that allows SCY full access to Lycopodium's services and the EPCM team for specific tasks and advance work on long-lead items. Phase II will be initiated with a formal NTP, fully at SCY's discretion, with project funding in place, and will activate the Contract and services as agreed in the scope of work.

Post-NTP, the EPCM Contract is cost-reimbursable for labor and other costs, and specifies fixed price components for labor rates, corporate overhead and profit margins ("Fee"), and firm scope (hours) for all EPCM services. A portion (50%) of the Fee is adjustable, based on measured performance on four specified parameters: overall project capital cost performance, schedule performance, safety performance and the overall assessment of Lycopodium's performance by Scandium International. There is also a provision in the EPCM Contract to establish a Fee incentive for Lycopodium based on the ramp-up of the Project's production levels, post completion.

Lycopodium has been awarded the majority of the services in this EPCM Contract scope, including project management, engineering design and management, procurement services, contracting services, construction management and commissioning. SCY has specified that Knight Piesold Consulting (Brisbane, QLD, Australia) will perform water, earthworks, and tailings systems engineering and design. Knight Piesold were the engineers on these components of the Feasibility Study as well.

On October 19, 2017, we announced that Lycopodium has been instructed to initiate critical path engineering for the Nyngan Scandium Project. Lycopodium will commence work immediately on select critical path components for the project, including design and specification engineering on the high-pressure autoclave unit, associated flash and splash vessels and several specialized high-pressure input pumps. This engineering work will enable final supplier selection, firm component pricing and delivery dates for these key process components.

# 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 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.

During May of 2017 EMC Australia received notice of approval for its Mining Lease application. The Mining Lease ("ML") overlays select areas previously covered by two Exploration Licenses. The ML 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 acquired but are considered routine and require only compliance with fixed standards and objective measurements. These remaining approvals include submittal of numerous plans and reports supporting compliance with Development Consent and Mining Lease. In addition, the following water, roads, dam and electrical access reviews and arrangements must be finalized:

- Water Supply Works and Use Approval and Water Access License,
- State and local approval 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

In 2015 the Company entered into 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. The offtake agreement does not provide for a mandatory annual minimum purchase volume of scandium oxide by ALCERECO, and there is no requirement for payment in lieu of purchase.

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.

Key provisions of ALCERECO MOU and offtake agreement are provided below:

- 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 for up to 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.

# 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

# 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 for Nyngan project from NSW government agencies (the ML was granted on May 3, 2017),
- Pursue additional offtake agreements in support of planned future scandium sales,
- Seek project financing to fund the construction of the Nyngan Scandium Project,
- Commence site construction in early/mid 2018, with anticipated construction completion over 15 months, and
- Initiate project commissioning in Q1 2019, product production in Q2 2019, and with product available for sale during the first half of 2019.

# **Other Properties Review**

# Honeybugle Scandium Property (NSW, Australia)

In addition to the Nyngan Scandium Project, EMC Australia holds a 100% interest in an exploration license (EL 7977) covering 34.7 square kilometers in New South Wales, Australia. The license area, referred to as 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.

# Drill Results

In 2014, the Company completed 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.

# **Kiviniemi Scandium Property (Eastern Finland Province, Finland)**

On September 25, 2017 the Company announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary company, Scandium International Mining Corp., Norway AS, has been granted a reservation on an Exploration License for the Kiviniemi Scandium Property in central Finland from the Finnish regulatory body governing mineral exploration and mining in Finland. The Geological Survey of Finland ("GTK") conducted airborne survey work on the area in 1986, conducted exploration drilling on the property in 2008-2010, and published those program results on their public GTK website in 2016.

# Highlights

- Kiviniemi property previously identified for scandium and explored by GTK,
- Property is a high iron content, medium grade scandium target, located on surface, with on-site upgrade potential,
- Early resource upgrade work done for GTK promising, confirmed by SCY,
- Property is all-weather accessible, close to infrastructure, and
- Finland location is mining-friendly and ideally suited to EU customer markets.

# Property/Location

The Kiviniemi property is located in the municipality of Rautalampi, Eastern Finland Province, approximately 350km northeast of Helsinki, by road. The closest major city/airport is Kuopio (pop. 110,000), approximately 70km to the northeast of the property. The exploration target is located on a small portion of a family farm, partially cleared for farming. Most of the property is wooded, including the area where the mineralization has been located,

# Mineral Reservation

The Company applied for a reservation on the property in early 2017, which was granted in June, after the public comment period ended. The reserved exploration area is approximately 24.6 hectares (0.25 square kilometer), identical to the historic GTK exploration license on the property, which expired in 2015. The mineralized area, as defined on GTK resource modeling maps, is approximately 25% of the total reservation. This reservation grants us a first position right to apply for an exploration license on the property (protected through 2018). The Company is preparing the application, which is a straightforward process.

# Prior Exploration Work

GTK performed magnetic surveys on the general area in 1986, focused on copper/nickel/cobalt targets, and based on current mining activity in the area. That initial field work located a significant magnetic anomaly on the Kiviniemi property. In 2008, GTK initiated an exploration drilling program on the property, completing 4 diamond core holes in that first program phase, followed by a further 5 diamond holes in 2010, totaling 1,250 meters, at an average (angled) length of 139 meters, and a maximum vertical extension of 167 meters. The drill spacing varied from 50-200 meters, using a diamond drill size of 46mm (T56).

Four of the nine total holes drilled (approx. 850 meters) are in the mineralized area, with the remainder defining portions of the mag zone that did not contain scandium. The mag zone is generally very high in iron, ranging from about 20% to 35% Fe. The GTK published the results of the drill program assays, and other information on the geology and mineralization, on their website in 2016.

# Geology of Resource Target

The host rock is very iron-rich, garnet-bearing fayalite ferro(monzo) diorite. The main minerals in the deposit include: plagioclase, potassium feldspar, ferrohedenbergite (clinopyroxene), ferrohastingsite (amphibole), almandine garnet and fayalite. The principal scandium carrier minerals are ferrohastingsite (59 %) and ferrohedenbergite (40 %).

# Resource Modeling

GTK completed and published a paper outlining property work including a 3D modeling and resource estimation on the project, in March 2016. The authors employed data from 6 holes, and used an industry standard GEOVIA Surpac software to produce a geological 3D domain model, and inverse distance was run to estimate resource grades into the block model. The authors declined to specifically characterize the resource on the basis of limited holes and uneven spacing, describing their estimate as an "exploration

potential measurement". The authors estimated that another 500-700 meters of drilling (5-7 holes) would establish 50 meter centers on the target and allow a resource classification. The mineralized target remains open at depth. The authors did provide a table of results on tonnage estimates from their modeling work, at various cut off values, excerpts of which are presented below.

Kiviniemi Scandium Property - GTK Resource Potential Estimate				
Estimated Potential	Sc Cut Off	Average	Grade Estimate	e (ppm)
Tonnage (Mt)	Grade (ppm)	Scandium	Yttrium	Zirconium
12.6	60	170.1	80.5	1745
12.5	100	170.9	80.3	1744
11.1	150	173.3	80.2	1830

# SOURCE: Publication, GTK, "3D Modeling and Mineral Resource Estimation of the Kiviniemi Scandium Deposit, Eastern Finland". Authors, Janne Hokka & Tapio Halkoaho

This historical resource estimate does not use the categories prescribed by NI 43-101. A qualified person (as defined in NI 43-101) has not done sufficient work to classify the historical estimate as a current mineral resource. The Company is not treating the historical estimate as a current mineral resource.

The Company believes the standards and controls employed by GTK are consistent with the standards contemplated by NI 43-101. However, establishing a mineral resource that meets the standards prescribed by NI 43-101 will require independent verification of past results and infill drilling.

# Metallurgical Upgrade Work

In 2010, GTK engaged their metallurgical research laboratory (at Outokumpu) to conduct standard upgrade testing on the drill core sample material, specifically magnetic gravity separations. The mag separation work suggested a scandium upgrade to approximately 346ppm, based on a resource material head grade of 160-200ppm, and a 72% scandium recovery.

In June 2017, SCY engaged FLSmidth (Salt Lake City, Utah) seeking to duplicate the earlier 2010 upgrade work and confirm the earlier results. The earlier results were generally confirmed, in that the 2017 work achieved magnetic separation upgrade assays of 286ppm on a resource material head grade of 186ppm. We supplied FLSmidth with approximately 16kg of resource material sourced from GTK, all samples from a single hole (P433-R3). FLSmidth also carried out scandium check assays on the individual drill hole samples provided by GTK, with good grade correlation to GTK data.

# Kiviniemi Summary

The Kiviniemi property represents a medium grade scandium resource target that has remained unrecognized and overlooked by exploration work, largely due to the absence of the more commonly sought-after minerals in the region, specifically copper, nickel and cobalt. The target has benefited significantly from valuable early exploration work by the GTK, which has advanced the property to a stage where successful metallurgical investigations may prove value that offsets grade concerns. SCY estimates roughly US\$2M of work value has been directed at this property to date, including field work, drilling programs, assay work, overheads, and metallurgical upgrade studies, but firm numbers are not available.

We intend to first secure our exploration license, then plan a limited drill program to augment the existing GTK data, and provide more sample material for metallurgical test work programs to define economic site upgrade possibilities on the scandium mineralization observed to date.

# **Other Developments – Subsequent to Third Quarter 2017**

*Stock Option Grants:* On October 2, 2017, the Company granted a total of 250,000 stock options at an exercise price of C\$0.30 per share, exercisable until May 22, 2022, to a consultant of the Company.

# **Operating results – for the quarter ended September 30, 2017**

The Company's results reflect higher operating costs due to increases in consulting, stock-based compensation and general and administrative costs when compared to Q3 of 2016. The increases are due to increased efforts in obtaining financing and off-take agreements.

#### **Summary of quarterly results**

A summary of the Company's quarterly results are shown below at Table 1.

	2017		2016			2015		
	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4
Net Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Loss) attributable to Scandium Mining Corp. Basic and	(409,069)	(490,303)	(1,327,766)	(198,183)	(333,031)	(496,118)	(1,081,096)	(1,163,542)
diluted Net Income (Loss) per share attributable to Scandium Mining Corp.	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.01)

#### **Table 1. Quarterly Results Summary**

# Results of Operations for the three months ended September 30, 2017

The net loss for the quarter was \$409,069, an increase of \$76,039 from \$333,030 in the same quarter of the prior year. Details of the individual items contributing to the decreased net loss are set out below at Table 2:

# Table 2. Variance Analysis for Net Loss

Q3 2017 vs. Q3 2016 - Variance Analysis			
Item	Variance Favourable / (Unfavourable)	Explanation	
Stock-based compensation	\$(51,635)	The increase in stock option compensation (unfavourable variance) is due primarily to a higher Company stock price on the date options were granted during 2017 as compared with	

Q3 2017 vs. Q3 2016 - Variance Analysis			
Item	Variance Favourable / (Unfavourable)	Explanation	
		grant dates during 2016. Stock price and stock price volatility are key factors in computing the compensation expense.	
Consulting	\$(39,528)	In Q3 2017, the Company hired consultants to promote the Company in Australia and Europe. No such costs were incurred in Q3 2016.	
General and administrative	\$(30,941)	The higher G&A costs in Q2 2017 when compared to Q2 2016 are due to increased spending on marketing and investor relations.	
Professional fees	\$(14,500)	The unfavorable variance is due to legal fees associated with the completion of the exchange transaction with SIL for the company's buy back of the 20% interest in EMC-A.	
Salaries and benefits	\$(13,066)	The Company hired a Vice President Project and Market Development late in Q2 2016 and increased his responsibilities and salary in 2017.	
Travel and entertainment	\$(4,504)	Higher travel costs in Q3 2017 as compared to Q3 2016 are due to costs incurred to secure potential off-take agreements.	
Amortization	\$185	Furniture and fixtures at the Reno office were fully depreciated in 2016 resulting in lower amortization charges in Q3 2017 when compared to Q3 2016.	
Insurance	\$1,296	Insurance rates for general liability were lowered by our insurance provider for the current period when compared to Q3 2016.	
Costs allocable to non-controlling interest	\$5,646	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 Q3 2016 than in Q3 2017, resulted in a larger allocation of losses this quarter.	
Exploration	\$29,167	During Q3 2016 the Company was continuing to incur costs for the Nyngan Scandium Project development on that project. In the comparative quarter in 2017 smaller expenditures were being made.	

Q3 2017 vs. Q3 2016 - Variance Analysis			
Item	Variance Favourable / (Unfavourable)	Explanation	
Foreign exchange	\$41,841	The Company held considerably more Australian and Canadian dollars throughout the third quarter of 2017 than in the comparable quarter of 2016. Both of these currencies increased in value relative to U.S. currency in Q3 2017 resulting in a foreign exchange gain.	

# Results of Operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2017

The net loss for the period was \$2,227,138, an increase of \$316,893 from \$1,910,245 in the same period of the prior year. Details of the individual items contributing to the increased net loss are set out below at Table 3:

Nine months ending September 30, 2017 vs. nine months ending September 30, 2016 - Variance Analysis			
Item	Variance Favourable / (Unfavourable)	Explanation	
Stock-based compensation	\$(791,682)	The increase in stock option compensation (unfavourable variance) is due primarily to a higher Company stock price on the date options were granted during 2017 as compared with grant dates during 2016. Stock price and stock price volatility are key factors in computing the compensation expense.	
Costs allocable to non-controlling interest	\$(118,403)	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 2017 than in 2016, resulted in a smaller allocation of losses this quarter.	
Salaries and benefits	\$(87,883)	The Company hired a Vice President Project and Market Development late in Q2 2016 and increased his responsibilities and salary in 2017.	
Consulting	\$(54,562)	In 2017, the Company hired consultants to promote the Company in Australia and Europe. No such costs were incurred in the comparable	

# **Table 3. Variance Analysis for Net Loss**

# Nine months ending September 30, 2017 vs. nine months ending September 30, 2016 -Variance Analysis

Item	Variance Favourable / (Unfavourable)	Explanation	
		period of 2016.	
General and administrative	\$(42,819)	The higher G&A costs in 2017 when compared to 2016 are due to increased spending on marketing and investor relations costs.	
Travel and entertainment	\$(19,615)	Higher travel costs in 2017 as compared to 2016 are due to costs incurred to attend conventions and to secure off-take agreements.	
Amortization	\$1,710	Furniture and fixtures at the Reno office were fully depreciated in 2016 resulting in lower amortization charges in 2017 when compared to 2016.	
Insurance	\$3,998	Insurance rates for general liability were lowered by our insurance provider for the current period when compared to 2016.	
Professional fees	\$12,760	The favorable variance is due to 2016 costs reflecting expenditures on the development of the Nyngan Scandium Project definitive feasibility study. No such costs were incurred in 2017.	
Foreign exchange	\$77,987	The Company held considerably more Australian and Canadian dollars throughout the nine months ended September 30, 2017 than in the comparable period of 2016. Both of these currencies increased in value relative to U.S. currency in 2017 resulting in a foreign exchange gain.	
Exploration	\$701,616	During the first 9 months of 2016 the Company was incurring costs for the Nyngan Scandium Project development and the preparation of a DFS on that project. In the comparative period of 2017 only development costs were being incurred.	

# Cash flow discussion for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2017 compared to September 30, 2016

The cash outflow for operating activities was (1,038,170), a decrease of 694,374 (September 30, 2016 – 1,732,544), due to lower activity levels as described in the variance analysis.

Cash outflows for investing activities were 3,157 lower due to the purchase of computer equipment in Q1 2016 (September 30, 2017 - Nil) (September 30, 2016 - 3,157).

Cash inflows from financing activities reflect the exercise of stock options as well as a private placement resulting in an increase of 1,277,401 when compared to the nine month period ended September 30, 2016 (September 30, 2016 – (\$Nil).

#### **Financial Position**

Cash

The Company's cash position increased during the nine-month period by \$239,230 to \$854,464 (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 \$19,683 to \$31,544 due to value added tax in Australia that was paid in 2016 (December 31, 2016 - \$51,227).

#### Property and equipment

Property and equipment consist of computer equipment at the Sparks, Nevada office. The decrease of \$813 to \$2,105 (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, accounts payable with related parties and financing received in advance

Current liabilities have increased by 16,175 to 57,528 (December 2016 - 41,353) due to increased use of consultants and delayed payment to certain staff in Australia.

#### Capital Stock

Capital stock increased by \$1,496,303 to \$92,638,638 due to a private placement in the nine month period ended September 30, 2017 and the exercise of Company stock options (December 31, 2016 - \$91,142,335).

Additional paid-in capital increased by \$1,006,882, to \$7,851,553 (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 September 30, 2017, the Company had a working capital of \$828,480 including cash of \$854,464 as compared to a working capital of \$625,108 including cash of \$615,234 at December 31, 2016.

At September 30, 2017, the Company had a total of 22,365,500 stock options exercisable between CAD\$0.10 and CAD\$0.60 that have the potential upon exercise to generate a total of C\$3,919,165 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 291,970,239 issued and outstanding common shares and 23,585,000 stock options currently outstanding at a weighted average exercise price of CAD\$0.18.

# **Off-balance sheet arrangements**

At September 30, 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 9-month period ended September 30, 2017, the Company expensed \$841,930 for stock-based compensation for stock options issued to Company directors. During the 9-month period ended September 30, 2016, the Company expensed \$334,129 for stock-based compensation for stock options issued to Company directors.

During the 9-month period ended September 30, 2017, the Company paid a consulting fee of \$76,500 to one of its directors. During the 9-month period ended September 30, 2016, the Company paid a consulting fee of \$76,500 to one of its directors.

As at September 30, 2017, the Company owed \$22,056 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 2017-09 – Compensation – Stock Compensation (Topic 718) Scope of Modification Accounting. This accounting pronouncement deals with a change in any of the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award. The standard goes into effect for all interim and annual statements beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this guidance 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.

# Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Not applicable.

# Item 4. Controls and Procedures

# **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 6. Exhibits

- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Form 10-K of the Company, filed with the SEC on February 27, 2015 and the Form 10 of the Company filed on May 24, 2011)
- 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 nine months ended September 30, 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: November 09, 2017

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

By: /s/ George Putnam George Putnam Principal Executive Officer

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