

ASA GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
AND CONSOLIDATED PER SHARE INFORMATION
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2012 AND 2011

Kaufman Rossin Fund Services has prepared the accompanying financial statements, schedule of investments and per share information which are limited to presenting information that is the representation of management. The financial statements, schedule of investments and per share information are not audited.

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ASA GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS LIMITED
CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)
AUGUST 31, 2012 AND 2011

	2012			2011		
Name of Company	Shares / Principal Amount	Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets	Shares / Principal Amount	Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets
Common Shares						
Gold and Silver investments						
Gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies						
<i>Australia</i>						
Centamin Egypt Limited (1)	-	-	-	3,250,000	\$ 5,651,018	0.8%
CGA Mining Limited, (1)	1,343,700	\$ 3,296,922	0.7%	-	-	-
Newcrest Mining Limited - ADRs	1,315,000	34,268,900	7.1	1,665,000	71,747,597	10.6
Silver Lake Resources Limited, (1)	1,550,000	4,751,733	1.0	-	-	-
		42,317,555	8.8		77,398,615	11.4
<i>Canada</i>						
Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited	329,300	15,911,776	3.3	525,000	36,267,000	5.4
Alacer Gold Corporation, (1)	1,343,400	8,063,397	1.7	1,343,400	15,128,193	2.2
Barrick Gold Corporation	1,250,000	48,150,000	10.0	1,250,000	63,437,500	9.4
Centerra Gold Inc.	625,000	4,752,611	1.0	325,000	6,854,352	1.0
Detour Gold Corporation, (1)	250,000	6,286,120	1.3	250,000	9,394,497	1.4
Eldorado Gold Corporation	650,000	8,632,000	1.8	650,000	12,909,000	1.9
Franco-Nevada Corporation	225,000	11,666,329	2.4	-	-	-
Goldcorp Inc.	1,182,400	48,608,464	10.1	1,082,400	56,198,208	8.3
IAMGOLD Corporation	600,000	7,860,000	1.6	600,000	12,360,000	1.8
Kinross Gold Corporation	1,325,000	11,792,500	2.5	1,125,000	19,451,250	2.9
Lake Shore Gold Corporation (1)	-	-	-	1,500,000	3,467,321	0.5
NovaGold Resources Inc., (1)(2)	-	-	-	2,307,691	23,769,217	3.5
Osisko Mining Corporation, (1)	692,400	6,718,307	1.4	250,000	3,661,655	0.5
West Kirkland Gold Mining Inc., (1)(3)	909,091	313,384	0.1	-	-	-
West Kirkland Gold Mining Inc., C\$1.50 Warrants, 11/22/2012, (1)(3)	454,545	-	-	-	-	-
		178,754,888	37.2		262,898,193	38.8
<i>Channel Islands</i>						
Randgold Resources Limited - ADRs	444,700	45,790,759	9.5	594,700	62,770,585	9.3
<i>Latin America</i>						
Compañía de Minas Buenaventura S.A.A. - ADRs	909,000	31,505,940	6.6	909,000	42,568,470	6.3
<i>South Africa</i>						
AngloGold Ashanti Limited	793,194	25,302,889	5.3	793,194	35,582,683	5.3
Gold Fields Limited	1,629,577	20,076,389	4.2	1,629,577	27,002,091	4.0
Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited	400,000	3,416,000	0.7	-	-	-
		48,795,278	10.2		62,584,774	9.2
<i>United States</i>						
Newmont Mining Corporation	520,368	26,372,250	5.5	520,368	32,585,444	4.8
Royal Gold Inc.	210,000	18,484,200	3.8	210,000	16,102,800	2.4
		44,856,450	9.3		48,688,244	7.2
Total gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies (Cost \$213,781,308 - 2012, \$201,365,661 - 2011)		392,020,870	81.6		556,908,881	82.2
Silver mining, exploration and development companies						
<i>Canada</i>						
Tahoe Resources Inc., (1)	923,200	16,810,982	3.5	923,200	17,563,179	2.6
Total silver mining, exploration and development companies (Cost \$6,709,422 - 2012, \$6,709,422 - 2011)		16,810,982	3.5		17,563,179	2.6
Total gold and silver investments (Cost \$220,490,730 - 2012, \$208,075,083 - 2011)		408,831,852	85.1		574,472,060	84.8

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Name of Company	2012			2011		
	Shares / Principal Amount	Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets	Shares / Principal Amount	Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets
Platinum and Palladium investments						
Platinum and Palladium mining companies						
<i>South Africa</i>						
Anglo American Platinum Limited	345,100	17,211,452	3.6	345,100	28,899,003	4.3
Impala Platinum Holdings Limited	1,322,400	20,938,000	4.4	1,322,400	33,999,059	5.0
		38,149,452	7.9		62,898,062	9.3
<i>United Kingdom</i>						
Lonmin PLC- ADRs	-	-	-	189,700	4,047,238	0.6
Exchange traded funds						
ETFS Palladium Trust, (1)	40,000	2,469,600	0.5	40,000	3,097,200	0.5
ETFS Platinum Trust, (1)	10,000	1,515,200	0.3	10,000	1,827,500	0.3
		3,984,800	0.8		4,924,700	0.7
Total platinum and palladium investments (Cost \$5,801,107 - 2012 , \$10,105,591 - 2011)		42,134,252	8.8		71,870,000	10.6
Diamond mining, exploration and development companies						
<i>Canada</i>						
Stornoway Diamond Corporation, (1)	1,639,500	1,163,591	0.2	1,639,500	3,135,793	0.5
Total diamond mining, exploration and development companies (Cost \$3,928,898 - 2012 & 2011)		1,163,591	0.2		3,135,793	0.5
Diversified mineral resources companies						
<i>Canada</i>						
NovaCopper Inc. (1)	205,861	508,477	0.1	-	-	-
<i>United Kingdom</i>						
Anglo American plc	414,800	11,517,855	2.4	414,800	17,305,169	2.6
<i>United States</i>						
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.	300,000	10,833,000	2.3	-	-	-
Total diversified mineral resources companies (Cost \$12,356,213 - 2012 , \$1,762,502 - 2011)		22,859,332			17,305,169	
Total common shares & warrants (Cost \$242,576,948 - 2012 , 223,872,074 - 2011)		474,989,027	98.9		666,783,022	98.5
Total investments (Cost \$242,890,333 - 2012 , \$223,872,074 - 2011), (4)		474,989,027	98.9		666,783,022	98.5
Cash, receivables, and other assets less liabilities		5,334,127	1.1		10,501,236	1.5
Net assets		\$ 480,323,154	100.0%		677,284,258	100.0%

(1) Non-income producing security.

(2) Restricted security 2011 only.

(3) Restricted security 2012 only.

(4) Cost of investments shown approximates cost for U.S. federal income tax purposes, determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax principles. Gross unrealized appreciation of investments and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at August 31, 2012 were \$263,569,419 and \$31,157,340, respectively, resulting in net unrealized appreciation on investments of \$232,412,079. Gross unrealized appreciation of investments and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at August 31, 2011 were \$452,761,453 and \$9,850,504 respectively, resulting in net unrealized appreciation on investments of \$442,910,949.

ADR - American Depository Receipt

Percentages may not total 100% due to independent rounding.

The notes to consolidated financial statements form an integral part of these statements.

ASA GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS LIMITED
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (UNAUDITED)
AUGUST 31, 2012 AND 2011

	2012	2011
Assets		
Investments, at fair value		
Cost \$ 242,576,948 in 2012		
\$ 223,872,074 in 2011	\$ 474,989,027	\$ 666,783,022
Cash equivalents	6,167,608	11,220,230
Interest receivable	-	-
Dividends receivable	429,485	628,116
Other assets	29,951	24,713
Total assets	\$ 481,616,071	\$ 678,656,081
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 630,732	\$ 648,168
Liability for retirement benefits due to current and future retired directors	662,185	723,655
Total liabilities	\$ 1,292,917	\$ 1,371,823
Net assets	\$ 480,323,154	\$ 677,284,258
Common shares \$1 par value		
Authorized: 40,000,000 shares in 2012 and 30,000,000 in 2011		
Issued and Outstanding: 19,289,905 shares in 2012 and 19,440,000 in 2011	\$ 19,289,905	\$ 19,440,000
Share premium (capital surplus)	1,372,500	1,383,180
Undistributed net investment income	20,743,006	22,544,678
Undistributed net realized gain from investments	314,874,309	299,393,063
Undistributed net realized (loss) from foreign currency transactions	(108,365,605)	(108,391,820)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	232,412,079	442,910,948
Net unrealized gain (loss) on translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency	(3,040)	4,209
Net assets	\$ 480,323,154	\$ 677,284,258
Net asset value per share (Based on outstanding shares of 19,289,905 in 2012 and 19,440,000 in 2011)	\$ 24.90	\$ 34.84

The closing price of the Company's shares on the New York Stock Exchange was \$22.75 and \$31.01 on August 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

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ASA GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS LIMITED
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2012 AND 2011

	2012	2011
Investment income		
Dividend income (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$778,986 and \$449,705, respectively and ADR fees of \$36,784 and \$36,954, respectively)	\$ 4,111,511	\$ 3,603,664
Interest income	5,698	213,241
Total investment income	4,117,209	3,816,905
Expenses		
Shareholder reports and proxy expenses	119,343	124,043
Directors' fees and expenses	193,356	198,812
Retired directors' fees	67,500	78,750
Investment research	553,666	691,249
Administration and operations	1,272,961	1,023,821
Fund accounting	128,657	125,557
Transfer agent, registrar and custodian	104,835	126,928
Legal fees	367,825	401,762
Audit fees	42,300	78,807
Professional fees- other	300	-
Insurance	117,765	14,251
Dues and listing fees	25,000	100,437
Adviser operating expenses	182,232	45,973
Other	2,591	39,370
Total expenses	3,178,331	3,049,760
Less - reduction in retirement benefits due to directors	-	(34,818)
Net expenses	3,178,331	3,014,942
Net investment income (loss)	938,878	801,963
Net realized and unrealized gain from investments and foreign currency transactions		
Net realized gain from investments		
Proceeds from sales	32,989,542	19,605,474
Cost of securities sold	27,245,718	14,183,700
Net realized gain from investments	5,743,824	5,421,774
Net realized income (loss) from foreign currency transactions		
Investments	15,750	-
Foreign currency	(10,535)	839
Net realized gain (loss) from foreign currency transactions	5,215	839
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation on investments		
Balance, beginning of period	384,272,197	441,099,552
Balance, end of period	232,412,079	442,910,948
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation on investments	(151,860,118)	1,811,396
Net unrealized gain (loss) on translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency	(5,973)	4,223
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions	(146,117,052)	7,238,232
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (145,178,174)	\$ 8,040,195

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ASA GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS LIMITED
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SURPLUS AND STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (UNAUDITED)

Statements of surplus (Unaudited)	Nine months ended August 31, 2012 (Unaudited)	Year Ended November 30, 2011
Share premium (capital surplus)		
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 1,372,500	\$ 1,383,180
Adjustment (stock dividend in 2010)	-	(10,680)
Balance, end of period	\$ 1,372,500	\$ 1,372,500
Undistributed net investment income (loss)		
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 20,382,825	\$ 22,131,515
Net investment income (loss) for the period	938,878	2,038,636
Dividends paid/payable	(578,697)	(3,475,185)
Adjustment- tender offer / stock buy-back	-	(312,141)
Balance, end of period	\$ 20,743,006	\$ 20,382,825
Undistributed net realized gain (loss) from investments (Computed on identified cost basis)		
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 309,130,485	\$ 293,971,289
Net realized gain (loss) for the period	5,743,824	22,782,459
Adjustment- tender offer / stock buy-back	-	(4,151,080)
Dividends paid/payable	-	(3,472,183)
Balance, end of period	\$ 314,874,309	\$ 309,130,485
Undistributed net realized (loss) from foreign currency transactions		
Balance, beginning of period	\$ (108,370,820)	\$ (108,392,659)
Net realized gain (loss) for the period	5,215	839
Balance, end of period	\$ (108,365,605)	\$ (108,391,820)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments		
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 384,272,197	\$ 441,099,552
Net increase (decrease) for the period	(151,860,118)	(56,827,355)
Balance, end of period	\$ 232,412,079	\$ 384,272,197
Net unrealized gain (loss) on translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency		
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 2,933	\$ (14)
Net unrealized gain (loss) for the period	(5,973)	2,947
Balance, end of period	\$ (3,040)	\$ 2,933
	Nine months ended August 31, 2012 (Unaudited)	Year Ended November 30, 2011
Statements of changes in net assets (Unaudited)		
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 938,878	\$ 2,038,636
Net realized gain (loss) from investments	5,743,824	22,782,459
Net realized gain (loss) from foreign currency transactions	5,215	21,839
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation on investments	(151,860,118)	(56,827,355)
Net increase in unrealized gain (loss) on translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency	(5,973)	2,947
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(145,178,174)	(31,981,474)
Dividends paid/payable		
From net investment income	(578,697)	(3,475,185)
From net realized gain from investments	-	(3,472,183)
Adjustment- stock buy-back		
Cost of common shares purchased	-	(150,095)
From share premium (capital surplus)	-	(10,680)
From net investment income	-	(312,141)
From net realized gain from investments	-	(4,151,080)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(145,756,871)	(43,552,838)
Net assets, beginning of period	626,080,025	669,632,863
Net assets, end of period	\$ 480,323,154	\$ 626,080,025

The notes to consolidated financial statements form an integral part of these statements.

Notes to consolidated financial statements

Nine months ended August 31, 2012 and August 31, 2011

1. Organization These consolidated financial statements include ASA Gold and Precious Metals Limited (the “Company”), and its wholly owned subsidiary, ASA Gold and Precious Metals Advisers, LLC. The Company is a closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and was organized as an exempted limited liability company under the laws of Bermuda. ASA Gold and Precious Metals Advisers, LLC is registered as an investment adviser with the state of California and is organized under the laws of Delaware.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

A. Security valuation

The net asset value of the Company generally is determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) or the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”), whichever is later, on the date for which the valuation is being made (the “Valuation Time”). Portfolio securities listed on U.S. and foreign stock exchanges generally are valued at the last reported sale price as of the Valuation Time on the exchange on which the securities are primarily traded, or the last reported bid price if a sale price is not available. Securities traded over the counter are valued at the last reported sale price or the last reported bid price if a sale price is not available. Securities listed on foreign stock exchanges may be fair valued based on significant events that have occurred subsequent to the close of the foreign markets.

Securities for which current market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value as determined in good faith by, or in accordance with procedures approved by, the Company’s Board of Directors. If a security is valued at a “fair value”, that value may be different from the last quoted price for the security. Various factors may be reviewed in order to make a good faith determination of a security’s fair value. These factors include, but are not limited to, the nature of the security; relevant financial or business developments of the issuer; actively traded similar or related securities; conversion rights on the security; and changes in overall market conditions.

Where the Company holds securities listed on foreign stock exchanges and American Depository Receipts (“ADRs”) representing these securities are actively traded on the NYSE, the securities normally are fair valued based on the last reported sales price of the ADRs.

The difference between cost and fair value is reflected separately as net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments. The net realized gain or loss from the sale of securities is determined for accounting purposes on the identified cost basis.

B. Restricted securities

At August 31, 2012 the Company held investments in restricted securities of 0.1% of net assets, valued in accordance with procedures approved by the Company’s Board of Directors as follows:

Restricted Securities August 31, 2012

Shares / Warrants	Cost	Issuer	Value Per Unit	Value	Acquisition
909,091	\$1,008,370	West Kirkland Gold Mining, Inc.	\$0.34	\$313,384	11/22/2011
454,545	\$0	West Kirkland Gold Mining, Inc., C\$1.50 Warrants, 11/22/2012	\$0.00	\$0	11/22/2011

At August 31, 2011, the Company did not hold investments in restricted securities.

C. Fair value measurement

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, fair value is defined as the price that the Company would receive to sell an investment or pay to transfer a liability in a timely transaction with an independent buyer in the principal market, or in the absence of a principal market the most advantageous market for the investment or liability. U.S. GAAP establishes a three-tier hierarchy to distinguish between (1) inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity (observable inputs)

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and (2) inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances (unobservable inputs) and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Company's investments. The inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below.

Level 1 – unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Company's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of August 31, 2012 and August 31, 2011 in valuing the Company's investments at fair value:

Investments in Securities Measurements at August 31, 2012

Description (1)	<u>Level 1 (a)</u>	<u>Level 2 (a)</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Common Shares and Warrants				
Gold and silver investments	\$359,723,190	\$49,108,662	\$ —	\$408,831,852
Platinum and palladium investments	42,134,252	—	—	42,134,252
Diamond mining, exploration and development companies	1,163,591	—	—	1,163,591
Diversified mineral resources companies	11,341,477	11,517,855	—	22,859,332
Total	<u>\$414,362,510</u>	<u>\$ 60,626,517</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$474,989,027</u>

Transfers in and out of levels are recognized at the end of the period.

(a) There were transfers in and out of Levels 1 and Level 2, and no transfers in and out of Level 3 at August 31, 2012.

(1) See consolidated schedules of investments for country classifications.

Transfer into and out of each level if the investments in securities at August 31, 2012 are as follows:

	Transfers Into <u>Level 1</u>	Transfers (out of) <u>Level 1</u>	Transfers Into <u>Level 2</u>	Transfers (out of) <u>Level 2</u>
Investments in securities				
Common stocks (b)	\$ -	\$ (313,384)	\$ 313,384	\$ -
Total investments in securities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (313,384)</u>	<u>\$ 313,384</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

(b) Upon further review, the Company has decided to take a more conservative approach with respect to the classification of West Kirkland Mining, Inc. to be a Level 2 security. This change has no material impact to the Company.

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2011-04 "Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS)". ASU 2011-04 includes common requirements for measurement of and disclosure about fair value between U.S. GAAP and IFRS. ASU 2011-04 will require reporting entities to disclose the following information for fair value measurements categorized within Level 3 of the fair value

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hierarchy; quantitative information about the unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement, the valuation processes used by the reporting entity, and a narrative description of the sensitivity of the fair value measurement to changes in unobservable inputs and the interrelationships between those unobservable inputs. In addition, ASU 2011-04 will require reporting entities to make disclosures about amounts and reasons for all transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements. The new and revised disclosures are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. Management is evaluating the implications of ASU 2011-04, and its impact on future financial statements.

Investments in Securities Measurements at August 31, 2011

Description (1)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Shares and Warrants				
Gold and silver investments	\$434,488,671	\$139,983,389	\$ —	\$574,472,060
Platinum and palladium investments	67,822,762	4,047,238	—	71,870,000
Diamond mining, exploration and development companies	3,135,793	—	—	3,135,793
Diversified mineral resources companies	—	17,305,169	—	17,305,169
	<u>\$505,477,226</u>	<u>\$161,335,796</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$666,783,022</u>

(1) See consolidated schedules of investments for country classifications.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all money market and all highly liquid temporary cash investments purchased with an original maturity of less than three months to be cash equivalents. The majority of the Company's cash and cash equivalents at August 31, 2012 and August 31, 2011 consisted of overnight deposit of excess funds in commercial paper issued by JPMorgan Chase & Co.

E. Foreign Currency Translation

Portfolio securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts at the rate of exchange reported one hour after the Valuation Time. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts on the respective dates of such transactions. The resulting net foreign currency gain or loss is included in the consolidated statements of operations.

F. Securities Transactions and Investment Income

During the nine months ended August 31, 2012, sales and purchases of portfolio securities (other than temporary short-term investments) amounted to \$32,989,542 and \$31,469,683, respectively. During the nine months ended August 31, 2011, sales and purchases of portfolio securities (other than temporary short-term investments) amounted to \$19,605,474 and \$15,795,416, respectively.

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, net of withholding taxes and ADR fees, if any. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis.

G. Dividends to Shareholders

Dividends to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The reporting for financial statement purposes of dividends paid from net investment income or net realized gains may differ from their ultimate reporting for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The differences are caused primarily by the separate line item reporting for financial statement purposes of foreign exchange gains or losses.

H. Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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I. Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars.

J. Income Taxes

In accordance with U.S. GAAP requirements regarding accounting for uncertainties on income taxes, management has analyzed the Company's tax positions taken on federal and state income tax returns, as applicable, for all open tax years. As of August 31, 2012 and August 31, 2011, the Company has not recorded any unrecognized tax benefits. The Company's policy, if it had unrecognized benefits, is to recognize accrued interest and penalties in operating expenses.

3. Tax status of the Company The Company is not subject to Bermuda tax as an exempted limited liability company organized under the laws of Bermuda. Nor is the Company generally subject to U.S. federal income tax, since it is a non-U.S. corporation whose only business activities in the United States is trading in stocks or securities for its own account; and under the U.S. federal tax law that activity does not constitute a trade or business within the United States, even if its principal office is located therein. As a result, its gross income is not subject to U.S. federal income tax, though certain types of income it earns from U.S. sources (such as dividends of U.S. payors) are subject to withholding tax.

4. Exemptive order The Company is a closed-end investment company and operates pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") pursuant to Section 7(d) of the 1940 Act (the "Order"). The Order is conditioned upon the Company, among other things, complying with certain requirements relating to the custody and settlement of securities outside of the United States in addition to those required of other registered investment companies. These conditions have made it more difficult for Company to implement a flexible investment strategy and to fully achieve its desired portfolio diversification. As a result, the Company's investment performance at times may be impacted. The Company has an exemptive application pending with the SEC since March 9, 2011 to modify these conditions. No assurance can be provided however that the SEC will issue an order in connection with such application.

5. Retirement plans The Company has recorded a liability for retirement benefits due to retired directors and one current director upon retirement. The liability for these benefits at August 31, 2012 and August 31, 2011 was \$662,185 and \$723,655, respectively. A director whose first election to the Board of Directors was prior to January 1, 2008 qualifies to receive retirement benefits if he has served the Company (and any of its predecessors) for at least twelve years prior to retirement. Directors first elected on or after January 1, 2008 are not eligible to participate in the plan.

6. Concentration risk The Company invests at least 80% of its total assets in securities of companies engaged, directly or indirectly, in the exploration, mining or processing of gold or other precious minerals. The Company also invests a substantial portion of its assets in countries that are domiciled and/or have operations outside of the United States, including emerging market countries, such as South Africa. The Company is, therefore, subject to gold and precious metals related risk as well as risk related to investing in foreign securities, including political, economic, regulatory, liquidity, currency fluctuation, and foreign exchange risks. Because the Company's investments are concentrated in a limited number of securities of companies involved in the holding or mining of gold and other precious minerals and related activities, the net asset value of the Company may be subject to greater volatility than that of a more broadly diversified investment company.

7. Indemnifications In the ordinary course of business, the Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Company has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these indemnification provisions and expects the risk of loss thereunder to be remote.

8. Investment adviser subsidiary On July 23, 2010, the SEC granted the Company no-action relief to organize a wholly owned investment adviser subsidiary. In reliance on such relief, the Company established ASA Gold and Precious Metals Advisers, LLC (the "Adviser") as a Delaware limited liability company on December 8, 2010.

The Company incurred allocated expenses of \$182,232 and \$25,019, respectively, for the administration and operations of the Adviser during the nine month period ended August 31, 2012 and August 31, 2011, which are reflected in "Expenses" on the Consolidated Statement of Operations. On December 22, 2011, the Company segregated \$12,000 in cash for the benefit of the Adviser to satisfy California Minimum Financial Requirements that apply to investment advisers registered in California.

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Nine months ended August 31, 2012 and August 31, 2011

9. Compensation matters For the nine months ended August 31, 2012 and August 31, 2011, the aggregate remuneration paid to the Company's officers was \$1,328,051 and \$965,000, respectively. The aggregate remuneration paid to the Company's directors was \$159,500 and \$161,750, respectively. In addition, \$466,091 and \$478,189, respectively was accrued for bonuses to the Company's officers and employees.

10. Operating lease commitment In December 2009, the Company entered into a three-year operating lease agreement in San Mateo, CA for approximately 2,500 square feet to be used as office space for its employees. The lease provides for future minimum rental payments in the aggregate amount of \$41,714 as of August 31, 2012. The lease contains escalation clauses relating to the tenant's share of insurance, operating expenses and tax expenses of the lessor.

Future minimum rental commitments under the lease are as follows:

9/1/12-2/28/13	<u>\$41,804</u>
Total	<u>\$41,804</u>

11. Share repurchase In June 2011, the Company's Board of Directors approved the reauthorization of the Share Repurchase Plan. The Company may from time to time purchase its common shares at a discount to NAV on the open market in such amounts and at such prices as the Company may deem advisable.

During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, the Company repurchased 150,095 common shares at a cost of approximately \$4.6 million. The Company had 19,289,905 shares outstanding as of November 30, 2011. There were no repurchases during the nine months ended August 31, 2012.

12. Subsequent events In accordance with U.S. GAAP provisions, management has evaluated the possibility of subsequent events existing in the Company's consolidated financial statements through the date the consolidated financial statements were issued. Management has determined that there are no material events that would require disclosure.

UNAUDITED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ASA GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS LIMITED
UNAUDITED PER SHARE INFORMATION
AUGUST 31, 2012

<u>NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE ISSUED</u>	\$	24.90
<u>ASA SHARE PRICE</u>	\$	22.75
<u>PREMIUM/ (DISCOUNT)</u>	\$	(2.15)
<u>PERCENTAGE PREMIUM/ (DISCOUNT)</u>	%	(8.64)