

ASA GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS LIMITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
AND PER SHARE INFORMATION
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2011 AND 2010

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.



ASA GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS LIMITED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

AUGUST 31, 2011 & 2010	2011		2010			
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 compan	ies					
Australia	0.050.000	ΦE 0Ε4 040	0.00/			
Centamin Egypt Limited (1)	3,250,000	\$5,651,018		-	φεε 000 1 05	- 0.00/
Newcrest Mining Limited - ADRs	1,665,000	71,747,597 77,398,615	10.6 11.4	1,665,000	\$55,236,125 55,236,125	9.3% 9.3
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Canada						
Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited	525,000	36,267,000	5.4	525,000	34,109,250	5.8
Alacer Gold Corporation (1)	1,343,400	15,128,193	2.2	-	-	-
Anatolia Minerals Development Limited, (1)	-	-	-	1,343,400	9,127,455	1.5
Barrick Gold Corporation	1,250,000	63,437,500	9.4	1,300,000	60,788,000	10.3
Centerra Gold Inc.	325,000	6,854,352	1.0			
Detour Gold Corporation (1)	250,000	9,394,497	1.4	250,000	7,472,316	1.3
Eldorado Gold Corporation	650,000	12,909,000	1.9	650,000	12,714,000	2.1
Gammon Gold Inc (1)	-	-	-	150,400	1,078,318	0.2
Goldcorp Inc.	1,082,400	56,198,208	8.3	1,082,400	47,863,728	8.1
Golden Star Resources Limited, (1)	-	-	-	750,000	3,547,500	0.6
IAMGOLD Corporation	600,000	12,360,000	1.8	600,000	11,244,000	1.9
Kinross Gold Corporation	1,125,000	19,451,250	2.9	1,125,000	19,035,000	3.2
Lake Shore Gold Corporation (1)	1,500,000	3,467,321	0.5	- 207 601	- 17,146,144	-
NovaGold Resources Inc., (1)(2)	2,307,691	23,769,217	3.5	2,307,691		2.9
Osisko Mining Corporation (1)	250,000	3,661,655	0.5	250,000	3,329,110	0.6
Yamana Gold Inc.		262,898,193	38.8	600,000	6,066,000 233,520,821	1.0 39.4
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Channel Islands						
Randgold Resources Limited- ADRs	594,700	62,770,585	9.3	594,700	55,003,803	9.3
Latin America						
Compañia de Minas Buenaventura S.A.A ADRs	909,000	42,568,470	6.3	959,000	39,645,060	6.7
South Africa						
AngloGold Ashanti Limited	793,194	35,582,683	5.3	793,194	33,544,174	5.7
Gold Fields Limited	1,629,577	27,002,091	4.0	1,629,577	22,944,444	3.9
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United States						
Newmont Mining Corporation	520,368	32,585,444	4.8	520,368	31,908,966	5.4
Royal Gold Inc.	210,000	16,102,800	2.4	210,000	10,304,700	1.7
		48,688,244	7.2		42,213,666	7.1
Total gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies (Cost \$201,365,661 - 2011, \$194,355,220 - 2010)		556,908,881	82.2		482,108,093	81 <i>/</i>
Companies (Cost 4201,000,001 - 2011, \$134,000,220 - 2010)		JJU, 300,001	02.2		402,100,093	81.4
Silver mining, exploration and development companies						
Canada Tahoe Resources Inc., (1)	523,200	9,953,483	1.5	165,000	1,246,481	0.2
Tahoe Resources Inc., (1) Tahoe Resources Inc., (1)(2)	400,000	7,609,696	1.5	400,000	3,021,772	0.2
	+00,000	7,000,000	1.1	+00,000	0,021,112	0.5
Total silver mining, exploration and development companies (Cost \$6,709,422 - 2011, \$3,498,297 - 2010)		17,563,179	2.6		4,268,253	0.7
		,555,175	2.0		.,_00,_00	Ų. <i>i</i>
Total gold and silver investments						
(Cost \$208,075,083 - 2011, \$197,853,517 - 2010)		574,472,060	84.8	-	486,376,346	82.1
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED) (continued) AUGUST 31, 2011 & 2010		2011			2010	
Name of Company	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						
South Africa						
Anglo Platinum Limited	345,100	28,899,003	4.3	345,100	\$ 28,571,135	4.8
Impala Platinum Holdings Limited	1,322,400	33,999,059	5.0	1,322,400	31,203,906	5.3
		62,898,062	9.3		59,775,041	10.1
United Kingdom						
Lonmin PLC- ADRs (3)	189.700	4,047,238	0.6	189,700	4,448,796	0.8
. 1.7	,	66,945,300	9.9		64,223,837	10.8
Exchange Traded Funds						
ETFS Palladium Trust, (1)	40,000	3,097,200	0.5	40,000	1,996,400	0.3
ETFS Platinum Trust, (1)	10,000	1,827,500	0.3	10.000	1,517,400	0.3
Total platinum and palladium investments	,	.,,			.,,	
(Cost \$10,105,591 - 2011& 2010)		71,870,000	10.6		67,737,637	11.4
Diamond Mining, Exploration and Development Companies Canada Stornoway Diamond Corporation (1)	1,639,500	3,135,793	0.5			
Total diamond mining, exploration and development companies (Cost \$3,928,898 - 2011)		3,135,793	0.5		-	_
Diversified Mineral Resources Companies						
United Kingdom Anglo American plc						
(0 , 4, 70, 50, 0011, 4, 70, 50, 0010)	414.800	17 20E 160	2.6	414.800	14,897,260	
(Cost \$1,762,502 - 2011, \$1,762,502 - 2010)	Ŧ1 Ŧ, 000	17,305,169	2.0	,000	14,007,200	2.5
(Cost \$1,762,502 - 2011, \$1,762,502 - 2010) Total common shares	+1+,000	17,305,169	2.0	,	14,007,200	2.5
	414,000	666,783,022	98.5		569,011,243	2.5 96.1
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ADR- American Depository Receipt

⁽¹⁾ Non-income producing security.(2) Restricted security - 2010 only

⁽³⁾ Non-income producing security - 2010 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, 2011 were \$452,761,453 and \$9,850,504 respectively, resulting in net unrealized appreciation on investments of \$442,910,949. Gross unrealized appreciation of investments and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at August 31, 2010 were \$366,508,064 and \$6,555,430 respectively, respectively, resulting in net unrealized appreciation on investments of \$359,952,634.



ASA GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS LIMITED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (UNAUDITED) AUGUST 31, 2011 AND 2010

		2011	_	2010
Assets				
Investments, at fair value				
Cost \$ 223,872,074 in 2011 \$ 224,721,610 in 2010	\$	666.783.022	\$	584,674,243
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Cash equivalents		11,220,230		8,803,860
Interest receivable		-		275,000
Dividends receivable		628,116		332,097
Other assets		24,713		23,615
Total assets	\$	678,656,081	\$	594,108,815
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	648.168	\$	1,189,480
Liability for retirement benefits due to current and future retired directors	•	723,655	•	758,473
Total liabilities	\$	1,371,823	\$	1,947,953
Net assets	\$	677,284,258	\$	592,160,862
Common shares \$1 par value				
Authorized: 30,000,000 shares				
Issued and Outstanding: 19,440,000 shares in 2011 and 2010	\$	19,440,000	\$	19,440,000
Share premium (capital surplus)		1,383,180		1,383,180
Undistributed net investment income		22,544,678		22,099,114
Undistributed net realized gain (loss) from investments		299,393,063		297,670,363
Undistributed net realized (loss) from		(100 001 000)		(100 000 700
foreign currency transactions Net unrealized appreciation on investments		(108,391,820) 442,910,948		(108,382,733 359,952,634
Net unrealized appreciation on investments Net unrealized gain (loss) on		442,910,940		339,932,034
translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency		4,209		(1,696
Net assets	\$	677,284,258	\$	592,160,862
Net asset value per share	Φ.	04.04	Φ.	00.40
Based on outstanding shares of 19,440,000 in 2011 and 2010)	\$	34.84	\$	30.46

The closing price of the Company's shares on the New York Stock Exchange was \$31.01 and \$28.19 on August 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.



ASA GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS LIMITED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED) FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2011 AND 2010

		2011	_	2010
Investment income				
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Dividend income (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$449,705 and \$280,892, respectively)	\$	3,603,664 213,241	\$	2,976,020 628,83
Interest income Total investment income		3,816,905		3,604,857
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Expenses				
Shareholder reports and proxy expenses		124,043		132,228
Directors' fees and expenses		198,812		265,129
Retired directors' fees		78,750		86,25
Investment research		691,249		581,03
Administration and operations		1,023,821		1,088,000
Administration and operations - other (1)		-		615,000
Fund accounting		125,557		108,407
Transfer agent, registrar and custodian		126,928		93,333
Legal fees		401,762		461,38
Audit fees		78,807		79,00
Search fees - recruitment		-		197,000
Professional fees- other		14,251		6,00
Insurance		100,437		91,62
Dues and listing fees		45,973		98,09
Other		39,370		5,44
Total expenses		3,049,760		3,907,93
Less - reduction in retirement benefits due to directors		(34,818)		(78,548
Net expenses		3,014,942		3,829,389
Net investment income (loss)		801,963		(224,53
Net realized and unrealized gain from investments and foreign currency transactions		·		•
Net realized gain from investments				
Proceeds from sales		19,605,474		51,863,55
Cost of securities sold		14,183,700		12,216,80
Net realized gain from investments		5,421,774		39,646,75
Net realized income (loss) from foreign currency transactions Investments				(959.60)
		839		(858,69
Foreign currency Not realized asia (loca) from foreign autropout transactions				(1,78
Net realized gain (loss) from foreign currency transactions		839		(860,48
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation on investments				
Balance, beginning of period		441,099,552		386,318,269
Balance, end of period		442,910,948		359,952,63
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation on investments		1,811,396		(26,365,63
Net unrealized gain (loss) on translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency		4,223		(1,69
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions		7,238,232		12,418,93
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$	8,040,195	\$	12,194,40
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ASA GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS LIMITED STATEMENTS OF SURPLUS AND STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (UNAUDITED) FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2011 AND 2010

	Nine months ended August 31, 2011 (Unaudited)	Year Ended November 30, 2010
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 801,963	\$ (192,131)
Net realized gain (loss) from investments	5,421,774	42,168,480
Net realized gain (loss) from foreign currency transactions	839	(870,410)
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation on investments	1,811,396	54,781,283
Net increase in unrealized gain (loss) on translation of assets		
and liabilities in foreign currency	4,223	(14)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	8,040,195	95,887,208
Dividends paid/payable		
From net investment income	(388,800)	(388,800)
From net realized gain from investments	-	(6,220,800)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	7,651,395	89,277,608
Net assets, beginning of period	669,632,863	580,355,255
Net assets, end of period	\$ 677,284,258	\$ 669,632,863

Notes to financial statements

Nine months ended August 31, 2011 and 2010

1. Summary of significant accounting policies ASA Gold and Precious Metals Limited (the "Company") is a closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and is organized as an exempted limited liability company under the laws of Bermuda. The following is a summary of the Company's significant accounting policies:

A. Investments

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.

At August 31, 2011 and August 31, 2010, the Company held investments in restricted securities of 0.00% and 3.4% of net assets, respectively, valued in accordance with procedures approved by the Company's Board of Directors as reflecting fair value, as follows:

August 31, 2011 Shares	Cost	Issuer	Value Per Unit	Value	Acquisition Date
- None - August 31, 2010					
Shares/			Value		
Warrants	Cost	Issuer	Per Unit	Value	Acquisition Date
400,000	\$2,287,880	Tahoe Resources Inc.	\$7.55	\$3,021,772	5/28/2010
2,307,691	\$4,407,690	NovaGold Resources Inc.	\$7.43	\$17,146,144	7/13/2010

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) 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 – 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.). For example, when a security is traded on two or more markets, the Company seeks to value the security on the active market that closes for trading closest in time to the Company's Valuation Time (generally 4:00 p.m. EST), so long as in the view of the portfolio manager that there is sufficient liquidity to provide an indicative quote.

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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, 2011 and 2010 in valuing the Company's investments at fair value:

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
Total	\$ 505,477,226	\$161,335,796	<u> </u>	\$ 666,783,022

(1) See schedules of investments for country classifications.

Investments in Securities Measurements at August 31, 2010

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Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	<u>Total</u>
\$ 353,237,206	\$133,139,140	\$ —	\$ 486,376,346
63,288,841	4,448,796	_	67,737,637
_	14,897,260	_	14,897,260
_	15,663,000	_	15,663,000
\$ 416,526,047	\$168,148,196	<u>\$</u>	\$ 584,674,243
	Level 1 \$ 353,237,206 63,288,841 ————————————————————————————————————	\$ 353,237,206 \$133,139,140 63,288,841 4,448,796 — 14,897,260 — 15,663,000	Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 \$ 353,237,206 \$ 133,139,140 \$ — 63,288,841 4,448,796 — — 14,897,260 — — 15,663,000 —

(1) See schedules of investments for country classifications.

In January 2010, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2010-06 "Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements". ASU 2010-06 requires reporting entities to make new disclosures about amounts and reasons for significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements as well as inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value for both recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements that fall in either Level 2 or Level 3, and information on purchases, sales, issuances and settlements on a gross basis in the reconciliation of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. The new and revised disclosures are required to be implemented for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2009 except for the disclosures surrounding purchases, sales issuances and settlements on a gross basis in the reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements, which are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010. The adoption of ASU No. 2010-06 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements disclosures.

B. 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 equivalents at August 31, 2011 and 2010 consisted of overnight deposit of excess funds in commercial paper issued by JPMorgan Chase & Co.

C. 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 statements of operations.

Notes to financial statements (continued)

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D. Securities Transactions and Investment Income

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. During the nine months ended August 31, 2010, sales and purchases of portfolio securities (other than temporary short-term investments) amounted to \$51,863,558 and \$44,903,094, respectively.

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

E. 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.

F. 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 financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

G. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars. Certain 2010 expense amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2011 presentation.

H. 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, 2011 and 2010, 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.

- **2. 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.
- **3. 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 to modify these conditions. No assurance can be provided however that the SEC will issue an order in connection with such application.
- **4. 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, 2011 and August 31, 2010 was \$723,655 and \$758,473, 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 elected on or after January 1, 2008 are not eligible to participate in the plan.
- **5. Concentration risk** The Company invests at least 80% of its total assets be invested 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. The Company currently is invested in a limited number of securities and thus, holds large positions in certain securities. 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.
- **6. 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.

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7. Related parties The Company's former Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer was appointed to serve in those capacities in February 2009. He is the member/owner of LGN Group, LLC, an entity which provided shareholder and administrative services to the Company. Fees paid to LGN Group, LLC for the periods ended August 31, 2011 and from the date of the former Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer's appointment to August 31, 2010 were \$11,333 and \$461,250, respectively. In addition, at May 31, 2010 the Company accrued a \$615,000 payment payable upon termination of the Services Agreement between the Company and LGN Group, LLC. The Services Agreement was terminated on October 31, 2010. Rodney Yee, the Company's current Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, was appointed to those positions on September 27, 2010.

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

- **8. Compensation matters** For the nine months ended August 31, 2011, the aggregate remuneration paid to the Company's officers was \$965,000. The aggregate remuneration paid to the Company's directors was \$161,750. In addition, \$478,189 was accrued for bonuses to the Company's officers and employees.
- **9. 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 \$124,195 as of August 31, 2011. 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:

9/1/11-2/29/12	\$ 40,577
3/1/12-2/28/13	83,618
Total	\$ 124,195

- **10. Stock split** During the year ended November 30, 2010, the Company's Board of Directors approved a 3-for-1 stock split in the form of a stock distribution to shareholders of record at the close of business on April 15, 2010. The additional shares were distributed on May 3, 2010 and trading in the Common Shares on a split-adjusted basis began on May 4, 2010. The Company's issued and outstanding shares, after giving effect to the stock split and tender offer voted previously, increased from 6,480,000 at the end of November 30, 2009 to 19,440,000 at the end of November 30, 2010. The Company did not conduct a tender offer in its 2010 or the nine month period ended August 31, 2011.
- **11. Subsequent event** In accordance with U.S. GAAP provisions, management has evaluated the possibility of subsequent events existing in the Company's financial statements through the date the financial statements were issued. Management has determined that there are no material events that would require disclosure.