LIBERIAN IRON ORE LIMITED

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CHARLOTTETOWN,
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,
CANADA.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of LIBERIAN IRON ORE LIMITED will be held at the office of Ogilvy, Renault, Suite 1200, 1981 McGill College Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on Thursday, May 19, 1988 at the hour of 11:00 A.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, for the following purposes:

1. To receive the annual report of the Board of Directors and the financial statements of the Corporation and the auditors' report thereon for the year ended December 31, 1987;

2. To elect directors;

3. To appoint auditors; and

4. To transact such other business, if any, as may properly come before the meeting.

By the order of the Board of Directors:

INGEMAR UUSSAAR
Secretary

April 8, 1988

If you are unable to be present in person, please date, sign and return the enclosed form of proxy in the envelope provided that purpose.

MANAGEMENT PROXY CIRCULAR

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

This Management Proxy Circular is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the management of Liberian Iron Ore Limited (the "Corporation") of proxies to be used at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Corporation to be held at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the foregoing notice of the meeting. The solicitation will be by mail. The cost of solicitation by management will be borne by the Corporation.

APPOINTMENT AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

The persons named as proxy in the accompanying form of proxy are directors of the Corporation.

A shareholder desiring to appoint some other person to represent him at the meeting may do so either by striking out the printed names and inserting the name of his nominee in the blank space provided for that purpose in the accompanying form of proxy or by completing another form of proxy containing the name of such person. A person acting as proxy need not be a shareholder of the Corporation.

A shareholder who executes and returns the accompanying form of proxy may revoke it, in addition to any other manner permitted by law, by instrument in writing executed by the shareholder or by his attorney authorized in writing or, if the shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal or by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized, and deposited either at the registered office of the Corporation at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the meeting, or any adjournment therof, at which the proxy is to be used or with the chairman of such meeting on the day of the meeting, or any adjournment thereof.

VOTING SHARES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS

The Corporation has outstanding 3,955,025 common shares without nominal or par value, each carrying the right to one vote per share.

The Corporation has fixed April 14, 1988 (the "Record Date") as the record date for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to receive notice of the meeting.

Each holder of common shares is entitled to one vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof for each share registered in the holder's name as at the Record Date, except that a transferee of common shares acquired since the Record Date shall be entitled to vote such shares at the meeting if the transferee produces properly endorsed share certificates for such shares, or otherwise establishes that such shares are owned by the transferee, and has demanded not later than ten days before the meeting that the transferee's name be included in the list of shareholders entitled to receive the notice of meeting, such list having been prepared as of the Record Date.

The directors and officers of the Corporation do not know of any person or company beneficially owning or exercising control or direction over shares carrying more than 10% of the votes attached to all shares of the Corporation, other than The Swedish Lamco Syndicate, Gränges AB & Co, Handelsbolag (the "Syndicate"), which owns beneficially 2,968,612, or approximately 75.1%, of the outstanding shares. Gränges AB, a Swedish company, also beneficially owns such shares indirectly as the holder of the entire interest in the Syndicate. Gränges AB is a subsidiary of AB Electrolux, also a Swedish company.

ANNUAL REPORT, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITORS' REPORT

The annual report of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and the financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1987 and the auditors' report thereon will be presented to the meeting for the inspection of shareholders.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors consists of five directors to be elected at each annual meeting of shareholders. Except where authority to vote on the election of directors is withheld, the persons named as proxy in the accompanying form of proxy intend to vote for the election of the nominees whose names are set forth below, all of whom are now members of the Board of Directors. The management of the Corporation does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable, or for any reason will become unwilling, to serve as a director but, if that should occur for any reason prior to the election, the persons named as proxy in the accompanying form of proxy reserve the right to vote for another nominee in their discretion. Each director elected will hold office until the next annual meeting or until his successor is duly elected, unless his office is earlier vacated by resignation, death or incapacity.

In addition to the common shares of the Corporation set forth above, Messrs. Bystedt and Werthén own beneficially 114,615 shares and 554,400 shares (25 Kronor), respectively, of AB Electrolux.

Name, position and office with the Corporation and principal occupations and employment	Became director	Approximate number of the Corporation's voting shares (common shares) beneficially owned or over which control or direction is exercised (1)
BO ABRAHAMSSON, (2) Vice Chairman of the Corporation; Vice Chairman of Gränges AB (mining and nonferrous metals fabrication); and President and owner of Motivation Bo Abrahamsson AB (management consultants), Stockholm, Sweden.	1978	1
GÖSTA BYSTEDT, Vice Chairman of AB Electrolux (manufacturer of household appliances, machinery and equipment); and President of Gränges AB (mining and non-ferrous metals fabrication), Stockholm, Sweden.	1983	–
BROCK F. CLARKE, Q.C., (2) Partner of the law firm of Ogilvy, Renault, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.	1963	9
ALAN G. THOMPSON, (2) Chairman of Brink, Hudson & Lefever Ltd. (investment dealers and stock brokers), Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.	1974	1,000
HANS WERTHÉN, Chairman of the Corporation, Chairman of AB Electrolux (manufacturer of household appliances, machinery and equipment); and Chairman of Gränges AB (mining and non-ferrous metals fabrication), Stockholm, Sweden.	1977	1

(1) The information as to the number of shares beneficially owned or over which control or direction is exercised, not being within the knowledge of the Corporation, has been furnished by the respective nominees individually.
(2) Member of Audit Committee.
(3) The Corporation does not have an Executive Committee of its Board of Directors.

REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

The aggregate cash remuneration paid or payable by the Corporation to the five directors of the Corporation in respect of its financial year ended December 31, 1987 was $91,000.

Since the accounts of the Corporation are maintained in U.S. dollars, all money amounts appearing in this Management Proxy Circular are in U.S. dollars.

The directors of the Corporation receive a fee of $500 for each meeting of directors attended and held immediately following the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, and a fee of $6,000 (prior to 1988 – $5,000) for any other meeting of Directors attended.

INTEREST IN TRANSACTIONS

In 1960 the Government of Liberia granted a mining concession to LAMCO and Bethlehem Steel Corporation ("Bethlehem"), who together formed the LAMCO Joint Venture (the "Joint Venture"), with interests in it of 75% and 25%, respectively. Bethlehem assigned its interest to a wholly owned subsidiary, Liberia Bethlehem Iron Mines Company ("LIBETH"). The Government of Liberia has acquired through a wholly owned company, Liberian Mining Corporation ("LIMINCO"), the 25% interest in the Joint Venture previously held by LIBETH. The agreement is effective as from January 1, 1984. LAMCO has given its consent to the acquisition. The common stock of LAMCO is owned by the Government of Liberia (50%) and the Corporation (50%). The Corporation's major shareholder, the Syndicate, is owned by Gränges AB.

By agreement among LAMCO, LIMINCO and the Syndicate, Gränges AB is employed as manager of the Joint Venture. For its management services in 1987, Gränges AB received a fee of $659,512. LAMCO has retained Gränges AB as its exclusive sales agent for LAMCO's share of the Joint Venture iron ore production. For its services in 1987 under this agreement, Gränges AB received a fee of $1,302,349. In addition, Gränges International Mining, a division of Gränges AB, received $322,509 for management and administrative services rendered to LAMCO in 1987.

During 1987, the Syndicate provided goods or services to the Joint Venture in the ordinary course of its business. Gränges AB received approximately 59,296 Kronor for products sold to the Joint Venture and AB Electrolux received 172,135 Kronor for products sold to the Joint Venture.

The address of the Syndicate, Gränges AB, Gränges International Mining and AB Electrolux is Luxbacken 1, Lilla Essingen, S-105 45 Stockholm, Sweden.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Price Waterhouse have served as auditors of the Corporation since its incorporation in 1958. Except where authority to vote with respect to the appointment of auditors is withheld, the persons named as proxy in the accompanying form of proxy will vote for the re-appointment of the auditors of the Corporation at the meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

The management of the Corporation knows of no matters to come before the meeting other than those referred to in the notice of the meeting. **However, if any other matters should properly come before the meeting, the accompanying form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named as proxy therein to vote on such matters or with respect to amendments to matters identified in the notice of the meeting in accordance with their best judgment.**

APPROVAL BY DIRECTORS

The contents of this Management Proxy Circular, and the sending thereof to the shareholders of the Corporation, have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Dated: April 8, 1988

INGEMAR UUSSAAR
Secretary

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF LIBERIAN IRON ORE LIMITED SHAREHOLDERS WILL BE HELD ON MAY 19, 1988, AT 11:00 A.M. AT THE OFFICE OF OGILVY, RENAULT, 1981 McGILL COLLEGE AVENUE, SUITE 1200, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA.

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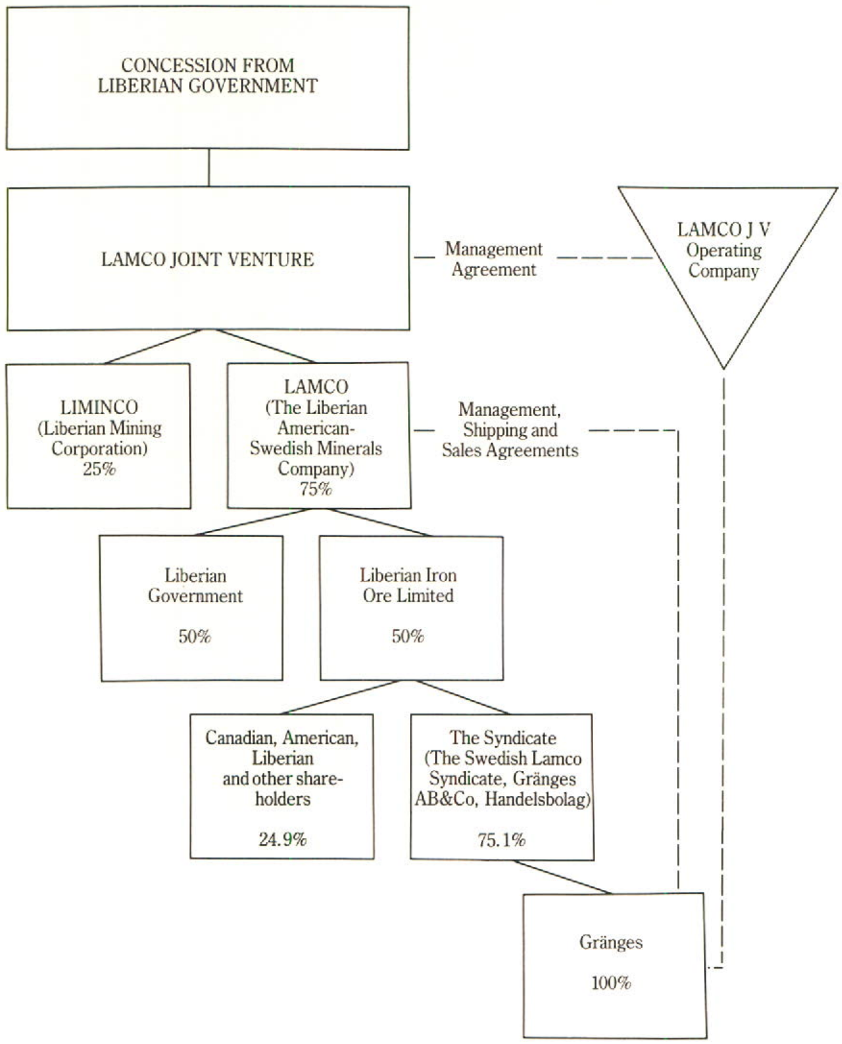
Liberian Iron Ore Limited (LIO)

is a partner with the Government of Liberia (the Government) in The Liberian American-Swedish Minerals Company (LAMCO). LAMCO, in turn, is a participant (75%) with Liberian Mining Corporation (LIMINCO), a wholly owned company of the Government (25%), in the LAMCO Joint Venture iron ore project. This mining enterprise represents a basic investment of more than $350,000,000 in the development of high grade iron ore deposits in the Nimba Mountain region of Liberia. The mine, and the modern mining community, is connected by a 167-mile railroad with the Liberian port of Buchanan. Ore loaded here is shipped to steel plants in Europe, North America and Japan.

Lamco Joint Venture Ownership Structure



GRÄNGES INTERNATIONAL MINING

is a company in the Gränges AB Group, acting as Managing Agent for and on behalf of the Joint Venturers and as Sales Agent for LAMCO.

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LAMCO J V OPERATING COMPANY

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Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Prior to 1982, LIO accounted for the 50% investment in LAMCO under the equity method and, therefore, LIO's results were almost entirely dependent upon the results of operations of LAMCO. Effective January 1, 1982, the Board of Directors of LIO wrote down to $1 the investment in LAMCO and discontinued equity accounting for the investment. This decision was taken after reviewing the unfavorable (i) liquidity of LAMCO, (ii) projections for funds generation from the mining of the remaining highgrade ore reserves of LAMCO in Liberia and (iii) priority distribution of LAMCO's assets. To the extent that LIO recovers a portion, if any, of its original investment in LAMCO or receives a dividend, such gain or dividend will be recognized by LIO in the period during which LIO receives unencumbered cash distributions from LAMCO.

After writing down the investment in LAMCO, LIO's only other assets are cash and bank certificates of deposit and marketable securities (preferred shares) of Canadian issuers. During 1987 LIO earned interest and received dividends on these investments at a combined rate of return of 7.4% (7.4% – 1986) on an average investment of $24,693,301 ($17,831,426 – 1986). In addition, LIO has received fees for participation in guarantees for LAMCO through Gränges AB and the Syndicate. LIO had a net profit of $839,804 or $0.21 per share in 1987 compared with a net profit of $8,985,505 or $2.27 per share in 1986.

Under the Concession Agreement, as amended in 1974, LAMCO is required to pay a royalty to the Government in the amount of 4% of its net sales of iron ore during each quarter. As of December 31, 1987, the unpaid dividends payable to LIO equivalent to the royalty accrued to the Government aggregated $27,218,013 ($31,999,422 – 1986). Under the Concession Agreement, subject to certain conditions, these dividends must be satisfied before dividends in equal amounts can be paid to the Government and LIO. On June 11, 1986 and on April 15, 1987, LAMCO paid dividends of $5,000,000 and $7,200,000 respectively to LIO in respect of the then unpaid dividends. In connection with the payment of the $7,200,000 dividend, it was necessary for LIO to pledge to the bank lending the funds an amount equal to the dividend, so that LAMCO could obtain a loan of the funds required to pay such dividend. The amount of the dividend was taken into income by LIO on receipt, but an amount equal to the $7,200,000 pledged was deducted from LIO's income, so that the net effect of the dividend and pledge was that there was no change in LIO's net income. Because of LAMCO's financial condition, LIO has reflected the pledge as a reduction of its cash. When LIO receives monies released from the pledge as a result of repayments made by LAMCO in respect of the loan, LIO will take such monies into its income.

16.77% of the amounts borrowed by LAMCO to finance the redemption of its preferred stock in 1983 are secured by the pledge by LIO of term deposits, the amount of which pledge has been deducted from LIO's current assets on its Balance Sheet. 23.53% of other operating indebtedness of LAMCO has been secured by a guarantee of LIO in respect of which LIO set aside a special reserve equal to the amount guaranteed. Due to loan repayments made by LAMCO up to and including December 31, 1987, the time deposits so pledged and the special reserve for guarantee have been reduced by $1,844,700 and $1,402,825 respectively. At December 31, 1987 such time deposits pledged amounted to $1,455,300 and such special reserve amounted to $4,647,175, unchanged since December 31, 1986. As noted above LIO pledged a further amount of $7,200,000 in connection with the dividend payment on April 15, 1987.

Any further repayments which may be made by LAMCO in respect of these loans will be applied first to LAMCO's indebtedness incurred to finance the dividend of $7,200,000 on April 15, 1987, second to indebtedness incurred to finance the said redemption of its preferred stock, and third to the repayment of certain other indebtedness of LAMCO, the repayment of which is secured by the guarantee. The amount of the time deposits pledged and of the special reserve will be reduced by the amount of the reduction in LIO's commitments and an amount equal to such reduction will be included in its net income.

Operations at the ore bodies currently being mined by the LAMCO Joint Venture are planned to continue until early 1990. There are other proven iron ore reserves in the Western Area of the LAMCO Joint Venture's concession in Liberia which are of a lower grade than the ore in the main Nimba mine and which could be developed with additional capital investments. The LAMCO Joint Venture is currently studying alternative development projects as well as the possible utilization of its assets in conjunction with those of other parties.

One such project, providing for co-operation between the LAMCO Joint Venture (Liberia) and Miferqui-Nimba (Guinea), was approved in principle by the LAMCO Joint Venture participants. The principal parties which would be involved in such project have executed an agreement establishing a Joint Project Implementation Group to actively develop a feasibility and other studies and perform other preparatory work relating to a joint project.

This project, as well as any other project, would require new long-term financing. The possibility of LAMCO obtaining such financing is dependent upon a feasibility study that would indicate a potentially viable project and upon LAMCO obtaining long-term commitments from purchasers in respect of deliveries of iron ore from the project.

Currently there is a substantial over-supply of iron ore on world markets which affects more severely non-captive market suppliers such as the LAMCO Joint Venture than suppliers which are owned by or associated with steel producers. The volume of iron ore delivered to customers of the LAMCO Joint Venture in 1987 was 1.4 million metric tons less than the deliveries in 1986. Moreover, the price for ore shipped in 1987 was reduced by approximately 8% from the 1986 price.

At their meeting on June 5, 1987 the LAMCO Joint Venture participants, after reviewing the serious difficulties created for the Joint Venture by the deteriorating iron ore market, agreed on a program providing for the production and sale of iron ore on a reduced scale. The program, which envisages the shipment of approximately 4 million metric tons of ore on an annual basis by the LAMCO Joint Venture, began in August 1987 and requires various cost reduction measures, including the lowering of personnel, material, supply and other operating costs, designed to make the cost of operations compatible with the reduced level of production and shipments.

March 6, 1988

Board of Directors

Hans Werthén *Chairman*	*Chairman of AB Electrolux and Chairman of Gränges AB, Stockholm, Sweden*
Bo Abrahamsson *Vice Chairman*	*Vice Chairman of Gränges AB, Stockholm, Sweden*
Gösta Bystedt	*Vice Chairman of AB Electrolux and President of Gränges AB, Stockholm, Sweden*
Brock F. Clarke, Q.C.	*Partner of the law firm of Ogilvy, Renault, Montreal, Quebec, Canada*
Alan G. Thompson	*Chairman of Brink, Hudson & Lefever Ltd., Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*

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The Royal Trust Company
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The Trust Company of New Jersey
Jersey City, N.J., U.S.A.

Information With Respect to LIO Shares

MARKET FOR LIO'S COMMON SHARES

The common shares (without nominal or par value) of LIO are listed on The Toronto Stock Exchange and are traded on the over-the-counter market in New York. The common shares were quoted in the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation system (NASDAQ) until 1980 when LIO was notified by the NASD that the volume of trading in the common shares did not continue to meet the volume requirements for quotation in NASDAQ.

No dividends have been declared or paid on the common shares of LIO since 1978.

Under applicable United States-Canada tax treaties, dividends paid by LIO to United States holders of common shares are subject to withholding taxes at a rate of 15% except when the beneficial owner of the dividends is a company which owns 10% or more of the shares of LIO in which case the rate is 10%.

RANGE OF PRICES PER SHARE FOR BOARD LOTS ON THE TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE

For quarter ending	Dividends	High (Canadian dollars)	Low (Canadian dollars)
March 31, 1986	nil	5.25	2.90
June 30, 1986	nil	5.50	2.75
September 30, 1986	nil	5.00	3.00
December 31, 1986	nil	5.00	3.50
March 31, 1987	nil	5.00	4.25
June 30, 1987	nil	6.25	4.75
September 30, 1987	nil	6.25	5.25
December 31, 1987	nil	5.63	4.00

LIO SHARES OUTSTANDING

	1987	1986
Shares outstanding during the year	3,955,025	3,955,025
Number of shareholders at December 31	2,962	3,002
located in: Liberia	2,370	2,370
U.S.A. and Canada	481	516
Other countries	111	116

Report of Independent Accountants

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LIBERIAN IRON ORE LIMITED

We have examined the accompanying balance sheets of Liberian Iron Ore Limited as of December 31, 1987 and 1986 and the related statements of profit and deficit and of cash flows for the years then ended. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Canada and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements examined by us present fairly the financial position of Liberian Iron Ore Limited as of December 31, 1987 and 1986, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied.

Price Waterhouse
Stockholm, March 6, 1988

Balance Sheets

(Expressed in United States dollars)

	December 31 1987	December 31 1986
Assets		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash including time deposits of $27,725,300 ($15,163,300 in 1986)	$27,858,289	$15,511,410
LESS – Time deposits pledged to secure LAMCO borrowings (Notes 1 and 3)	(8,655,300)	(1,455,300)
	19,202,989	14,056,110
Marketable securities, at market (Note 5)	974,014	5,042,888
Other receivables	113,574	100,575
Total current assets	20,290,577	19,199,573
Investment in LAMCO (Notes 1, 2 and 3)	1	1
	$20,290,578	$19,199,574
Liabilities and Capital		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ 56,761	$ 115,695
Unclaimed dividends	86,145	86,145
Canadian taxes payable (Note 4)	310,134	
Total current liabilities	453,040	201,840
RESERVE FOR GUARANTEE (NOTE 3)	4,647,175	4,647,175
CAPITAL		
Common shares without nominal or par value:		
Authorized – unlimited		
Issued – 3,955,025 shares	23,486,671	23,486,671
Deficit	(8,296,308)	(9,136,112)
Total capital	15,190,363	14,350,559
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 1 and 3)		
	$20,290,578	$19,199,574

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

On behalf of the Board

H. Werthén　　　B. F. Clarke

STATEMENTS OF PROFIT AND DEFICIT

(Expressed in United States dollars)

	Year ended December 31 1987	1986*
Income (Note 6)	$ 9,112,265	$ 6,416,430
Expenses	(362,150)	(331,460)
Income before adjustments for the following items	8,750,115	6,084,970
Exchange gains	192,732	91,280
Realized capital (losses) less capital gains in respect of marketable securities sold or called for redemption	(129,304)	(13,722)
Write-down of investment in marketable securities to market	(92,762)	(76,119)
Increase of time deposits pledged to secure LAMCO borrowings (Note 3)	(7,200,000)	
Recovery of time deposits pledged to secure LAMCO borrowings (Note 3)		1,844,700
Reduction of reserve for guarantee issued (note 3)		1,402,825
Profit before income taxes	1,520,781	9,333,934
Income taxes (Note 4)	(680,977)	(348,429)
Net profit	839,804	8,985,505
Deficit at beginning of year	(9,136,112)	(18,121,617)
Deficit at end of year	($ 8,296,308)	($ 9,136,112)
Net profit per share	$ 0.21	$ 2.27

* Reclassified for comparative purposes

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

Statements of Cash Flows

(Expressed in United States dollars)

	Year ended December 31 1987	1986*
Net profit	$ 839,804	$ 8,985,505
Non cash expenses, revenues, losses and gains included in net profit:		
Net (increase) in receivables	(12,999)	(3,553)
Net increase (decrease) in payables	251,200	(288,682)
Exchange gains	(192,732)	(91,280)
Write-down of investment in marketable securities to market	92,762	76,119
Realized capital losses less capital gains in respect of marketable securities sold or called for redemption	129,304	13,722
Increase (recovery) of time deposits pledged to secure LAMCO borrowings	7,200,000	(1,844,700)
Reduction of reserve for guarantee issued		(1,402,825)
Net cash flow from operating activities	8,307,339	5,444,306
Cash flow from investing activities:		
Purchases of marketable securities	(166,479)	(3,253,352)
Proceeds from marketable securities sold or called for redemption	4,190,671	271,010
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	4,024,192	(2,982,342)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	15,348	2,905
Net increase in cash	12,346,879	2,464,869
Cash at beginning of year	15,511,410	13,046,541
Cash at end of year**	$27,858,289**	$15,511,410**

*Reclassified for comparative purposes
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
**Of the $27,858,289 cash held at December 31, 1987 and $15,511,410 cash held at December 31, 1986, $8,655,300 and $1,455,300 respectively was pledged to secure LAMCO borrowings (Notes 1 and 3).

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1987

(Expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise specified)

NOTE 1

INVESTMENT IN LAMCO

Liberian Iron Ore Limited (LIO) owns 50% of the common stock of The Liberian American-Swedish Minerals Company (LAMCO) and a non-interest bearing capital obligation receivable only upon liquidation of LAMCO. The Government of Liberia (the Government) owns the other 50% of the LAMCO common stock.

LAMCO, a Liberian corporation, participates with Liberian Mining Corporation (LIMINCO), which is wholly owned by the Government, in developing and mining iron ore deposits in Liberia under a concession granted by the Government which expires on November 18, 2023.

The LAMCO Joint Venture Agreement between LAMCO and LIMINCO provides that LAMCO has a 75% and LIMINCO a 25% undivided interest in the concession and in the facilities established to develop the concession. The parties generally share the cost of the LAMCO Joint Venture's production in a 75%–25% ratio.

The Class A common stock is held by the Government and the Class B common stock by LIO. Under the Concession Agreement, as amended in 1974, LAMCO is required to pay a royalty to the Government in the amount of 4% of its net sales of iron ore during each quarter. The profit of LAMCO is distributed first to LIO, as holder of the Class B common stock, as a dividend in an amount equivalent to the royalty accrued to the Government. Subject to any payments required to be made to the Class A common stockholder if a debt equity ratio of 3–1/2 to 1 (as defined) is exceeded and after adjustment of the reserve for concession development and other corporate purposes pursuant to a resolution by LAMCO's Board of Directors, any remaining amount will be distributed equally to the Government as holder of the Class A common stock and to LIO. On June 11, 1986, and on April 15, 1987 LAMCO paid dividends of $5,000,000 and $7,200,000 respectively to LIO in respect of the then unpaid dividends. As of December 31, 1987, the unpaid dividends payable to LIO equivalent to the royalty accrued to the Government aggregated $27,218,013 ($31,999,422 – 1986). Under the Concession Agreement, these unpaid dividends must be satisfied before dividends in equal amounts to the Class A and Class B common stockholders can be resumed.

In connection with the payment of the $7,200,000 dividend, it was necessary for LIO to pledge to the bank lending the funds an amount equal to the dividend, so that LAMCO could obtain a loan of the funds required to pay such dividend. The amount of the dividend was taken into income by LIO on receipt, but an amount equal to the $7,200,000 pledged was deducted from LIO's income, so that the net effect of the dividend and pledge was that there was no change in LIO's net income. Because of LAMCO's financial condition, LIO has reflected the pledge as a reduction of its cash. When LIO receives monies released from the pledge as a result of repayments made by LAMCO in respect of the loan, LIO will take such monies into its income.

NOTE 2

WRITE-DOWN OF INVESTMENT IN LAMCO

Effective January 1, 1982, the Board of Directors of LIO decided to write down to $1 its investment in LAMCO as shown below. This decision was taken at the meeting of the Board of Directors of LIO in January 1983 after reviewing the unfavorable (i) liquidity of LAMCO, (ii) projections for funds generation from the mining of the remaining highgrade ore reserves of LAMCO in Liberia and (iii) priority distribution of LAMCO's assets.

Components of investment in LAMCO at December 31, 1981:

Series C preferred stock 6–1/4%, at cost	$ 9,000,000
Undeclared and unpaid cumulative dividends on Series C preferred stock	2,552,347
Class B common stock	1,000,000
Class B common stock adjusted for changes in equity in undistributed earnings of LAMCO attributable to common stock	9,657,820
Capital obligation, non-interest bearing, at cost, receivable only upon liquidation of LAMCO	12,855,662
Organisation and pre-operating expenses less accumulated amortisation	153,970
Deferred Liberian taxes	(638,086)
Total investment at December 31, 1981	35,481,713
Write-down January 1, 1982	(35,481,712)
Investment in LAMCO as of January 1, 1982	$ 1

Since the write-down of the investment in LAMCO, LIO has recovered through December 31, 1985 the aggregate principal amount of $9,900,000 in respect of the redemptions of Series C preferred stock. Simultaneously with the redemptions, the accrued but unpaid dividends on such preferred stock to the redemption dates were renounced, including the amount of $2,552,347 accrued at December 31, 1981 as shown above.

In addition, LIO has received through December 31, 1987 dividends on the Class B common stock aggregating $12, 200,000 including the adjustment at December 31, 1981 for changes in equity in the undistributed earnings of LAMCO attributable to the Class B common stock of $9,657,820 as shown above.

Summary of amounts collected:

Series C preferred stock 6–1/4% redeemed, at cost	$ 9,900,000
Dividends on Class B common stock	12,200,000
Total	$22,100,000
Comprised of:	
Unencumbered	$ 8,797,525
Presently encumbered:	
Time deposits pledged to secure LAMCO borrowings	8,655,300
Reserve for guarantee issued	4,647,175
	13,302,475
Total	$22,100,000

The following is a summary of LAMCO financial data:

Statements of Profit (Loss)

	For year ended December 31 1987	1986
Sales	$60,464,804	$81,145,455
Profit from operations	$ 565,609	$ 9,807,436
Net (loss) profit	($ 2,125,762)	$ 7,152,718
Shipments in metric tons	4,692,629	5,677,320

Financial Position

	December 31 1987	1986
Current assets:		
Inventories of ore	$21,492,537	$18,461,618
Other	34,242,413	41,069,281
	55,734,950	59,530,899
Current liabilities:		
Guaranteed short-term debt	26,950,000	30,750,000
Other	9,230,716	14,341,769
	36,180,716	45,091,769
Working capital	19,554,234	14,439,130
Non-current assets	19,889,470	29,135,086
Non-current liabilities	(20,940,250)	(22,945,000)
Net assets	$18,503,454	$20,629,216

The reports of the independent accountants on LAMCO for the years ended December 31, 1986 and December 31, 1987 were qualified as to the ability of LAMCO to continue in its present form in view of its current financial condition.

To the extent that LIO recovers a portion, if any, of its original investment in LAMCO or receives a dividend, such gain or dividend will be recognized by LIO in the period during which LIO receives unencumbered cash distributions from LAMCO. Note 1 refers to the dividend paid by LAMCO to LIO in April 1987, in respect of which the income of $7,200,000 was offset by time deposits pledged in the same amount.

NOTE 3

LAMCO PREFERRED STOCK REDEMPTIONS

The Board of Directors of LAMCO determined during 1982 to authorize the redemption of all shares of Series A, B and C preferred stock, the redemption dates of which had previously been waived by the preferred stockholders. Such redemption took place on January 7, 1983 and aggregated $17,127,000 (of which $2,750,000 was applicable to the Series C preferred stock owned by LIO). Simultaneously with and contingent upon such redemption, the holders of such shares renounced the payment of accrued but unpaid dividends of $15,408,000 (of which $3,183,000 related to Series C preferred stock owned by LIO) through January 7, 1983 on all shares of Series A, B and C preferred stock. LAMCO effected such redemptions through additional long-term borrowings guaranteed or assisted by the holders of the Series A, B and C preferred stock in the proportion of the redemption proceeds received by them. In this connection LIO deposited $2,750,000 with the lending bank and pledged such amount as security for a loan in like amount by said bank to LAMCO in order to provide the funds necessary for the aforesaid redemption. Because of LAMCO's financial condition, LIO has reflected the pledge as a reduction of its cash.

In June 1983 the Board of Directors of LAMCO determined to authorize the redemption scheduled for that month. Accordingly, on June 15, 1983 LAMCO redeemed preferred shares aggregating $2,550,000 (of which $550,000 was applicable to Series C preferred stock owned by LIO) and the preferred stockholders renounced the payment of accrued but unpaid dividends of $845,250 ($196,000 of which was due to LIO). Such redemption was effected in the same manner as was followed for the January 7, 1983 redemption described above. A further $550,000 was pledged with the lending bank to provide funds for this redemption of Series C preferred stock.

LIO and the other preferred stockholders renounced the dividends accruing between June 15, 1983 and July 31, 1984, amounting to $2,022,000 of which $472,000 was owed to LIO, simultaneously with and contingent upon LAMCO redeeming preferred stock, which redemption was effected on July 31, 1984 when $550,000 of Series C preferred stock held by LIO was redeemed out of available funds of LAMCO. As a result, LIO did not have to guarantee any borrowings by LAMCO as was necessary for the two prior redemptions, and therefore this redemption has been considered as a partial recovery of the previous write-down of the LIO investment and accordingly a gain in the amount of $550,000 has been recorded in income.

Due to the differences between the book and tax carrying value of the Series C preferred stock owned by LIO and the then strengthening of the United States dollar (the currency in which LAMCO and LIO maintain their financial statements) with respect to the Canadian dollar (the currency in which LIO prepares its tax returns), LIO realized a taxable gain on the redemption of the Series C preferred stock.

As a result of representations made on behalf of LIO, a remission order under the Financial Administration Act of Canada has been issued and was published on November 14, 1984, to the effect that the gain on the disposition, whether before or after that date, of Series C preferred stock of LAMCO owned by LIO will be treated in the same way as if the Canada-Liberia Income Tax Convention (1976) had been ratified. This resulted in a reduction of $190,500 in the tax payable and provided for in respect of the dispositions made in 1983, which reduction was reflected in the provision for Canadian income taxes for 1984.

LIO and the other preferred stockholders renounced the dividends accruing between July 31, 1984 and December 2, 1985, amounting to $2,179,000 of which $512,569 was owed to LIO, simultaneously with and contingent upon LAMCO redeeming preferred stock, which redemption was effected on December 2, 1985 when the remaining $6,050,000 of Series C preferred stock held by LIO was redeemed. In consideration of Gränges AB and The Swedish Lamco Syndicate, Gränges AB & Co, Handelsbolag (the Syndicate) agreeing not to require repayment of loans made to LAMCO and guaranteed by Gränges AB and the Syndicate which would render LAMCO unable to redeem such Series C preferred stock, LIO guaranteed repayment to Gränges AB and the Syndicate of up to an aggregate of $6,050,000 in reimbursement of advances which may be made by them in respect of guarantees given on loans to LAMCO. The redemption resulted in a recovery of $6,050,000 as the investment previously had been written down. As a result of its guarantee, LIO set aside in a special reserve the proceeds of the redemption so that they will be available should it be called to perform under its guarantee which shall terminate at the earlier of (i) December 31, 1991, or (ii) the date LAMCO shall have repaid the loans made to it or (iii) the date LIO shall have paid an aggregate of $6,050,000 under its guarantee. Therefore, the redemption had no effect on LIO's income except that the related capital gains tax amounting to $305,375 has been charged to income.

Accordingly, 16.77% of the amounts borrowed by LAMCO to finance the redemption of its preferred stock in 1983 are secured by the pledge by LIO of term deposits, the amount of which pledge has been deducted from LIO's current assets on its Balance Sheet. 23.53% of other operating indebtedness of LAMCO has been secured by a guarantee of LIO in respect of which LIO set aside a special reserve equal to the amount guaranteed. Due to loan repayments made by LAMCO up to and including December 31, 1987, the time deposits so pledged and the special reserve for guarantee have been reduced by $1,844,700 and $1,402,825 respectively. At December 31, 1987 such time deposits pledged amounted to $1,455,300 and such special reserve amounted to $4,647,175, unchanged since December 31, 1986. As noted above LIO pledged a further amount of $7,200,000 in connection with the dividend payment on April 15, 1987.

Any further repayments which may be made by LAMCO in respect of the loans will be applied first to LAMCO's indebtedness incurred to finance the dividend of $7,200,000 on April 15, 1987, second to indebtedness incurred to finance the said redemption of its preferred stock, and third to the repayment of certain other indebtedness of LAMCO, the repayment of which is secured by the guarantee. The amount of the time deposits pledged and of the special reserve will be reduced by the amount of the reduction in LIO's commitments and an amount equal to such reduction will be included in its net income.

NOTE 4

TAXATION

LIO was incorporated under the Companies Act of Canada and was continued on December 1, 1980 under the Canada Business Corporations Act. In accordance with Canadian tax regulations, all business income of LAMCO earned in Liberia and paid as a dividend to LIO is exempt from Canadian tax.

LIO is subject to Canadian and provincial corporate taxes on its taxable income derived from interest income less normal business expenses.

LIO's income for Canadian tax purposes differs from its net profit for financial statement purposes as indicated below. The following is the determination of LIO's taxable income and income taxes:

	1987	1986
Profit before income taxes	$1,520,781	$ 9,333,934
Items not included in determination of taxable Canadian income:		
Dividends	(7,432,782)	(5,376,584)
Increase of time deposits pledged to secure LAMCO borrowings	7,200,000	
Recovery of time deposits pledged to secure LAMCO borrowings		(1,844,700)
Reduction of reserve for guarantee issued		(1,402,825)
Realized capital losses less capital gains in respect of marketable securities sold or called for redemption	129,304	
Write-down of investment in marketable securities to market	92,762	76,119
Unrealized exchange gains in respect of marketable securities and cash	(68,921)	
Realized exchange gains in respect of marketable securities sold or called for redemption	(123,811)	
Other	(6,522)	(7,247)
Taxable income	$1,310,811	$ 778,697

	1987	1986
Taxes (51.6% in 1987; 47.8% in 1986)	$ 676,378	$ 372,217
Tax expense (refund) in respect of prior years	4,599	(23,788)
Income taxes provided	$ 680,977	$ 348,429

NOTE 5

MARKETABLE SECURITIES

The market value of the portfolio of high quality Canadian preferred shares listed on Canadian stock exchanges amounted to $974,014 (cost – $1,151,664) at December 31, 1987 and $5,042,888 (cost – $5,119,007) at December 31, 1986. Current receivables and current liabilities have been translated at year-end exchange rates. Any resulting unrealized foreign exchange losses or gains have been recorded in income.

NOTE 6

INCOME

LIO's income consists of the following:

	1987	1986
Dividend from LAMCO	$7,200,000	$5,000,000
Dividends on marketable securities	232,782	376,584
Interest earned	1,605,338	962,330
Fee for guarantee issued	74,145	77,516
	$9,112,265	$6,416,430

FIVE-YEAR SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PROFIT (LOSS)

(Expressed in thousand United States dollars, except for per share amounts)	Year ended December 31, 1987	1986**	1985	1984	1983
Income	$ 9,112	$ 6,416	$ 813	$ 887	$ 723
Expenses	362	331	278	230	318
Income before adjustments for the following items	8,750	6,085	535	657	405
Exchange gains	193	91			
Realized capital (losses) less capital gains in respect of marketable securities sold or called for redemption	(129)	(14)			
Write-down of investment in marketable securities to market	(93)	(76)			
Proceeds of redemption of Series C preferred stock of LAMCO previously written off			6,050	550	
Recovery (increase) of time deposits pledged to secure LAMCO borrowings	(7,200)	1,845			
Reduction of reserve for guarantee issued		1,403			
Profit before appropriation and income taxes	1,521	9,334	6,585	1,207	405
Appropriation to reserve for guarantee			6,050		
Canadian income taxes	681	348	525	129	449
Net profit (loss)	$ 840	$ 8,986	$ 10	$ 1,078	($ 44)
Net profit (loss) per share*	$ 0.21	$ 2.27	$ 0.002	$ 0.27	($ 0.01)

*Based on 3,955,025 shares outstanding
**Reclassified for comparative purposes

Five-year Statement of Deficit

(Expressed in thousand United States dollars)

	Year ended December 31,				
	1987	1986	1985	1984	1983
Net profit (loss)	$ 840	$ 8,985	$ 10	$ 1,078	($ 44)
Deficit at beginning of year	(9,136)	(18,121)	(18,131)	(19,209)	(19,165)
Deficit at end of the year	($ 8,296)	($ 9,136)	($18,121)	($18,131)	($19,209)

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