

MERIDIAN GOLD INC  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE TO/A**

**TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

(Amendment No. 9)

**Meridian Gold Inc.**

(Name of Subject Company)

**Yamana Gold Inc.**

(Name of Filing Persons (Offeror))

**Common Stock**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**589975101**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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**CALCULATION OF FILING FEE**

**Transaction Valuation (1): \$2,891,477,622.40**

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(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 0-11(d) and Rule 0-11(a)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The transaction valuation is equal to the product of (i) (a) \$28.40, which is the average of high and low sale prices of Meridian common shares as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on July 11, 2007, and (b) 101,811,536, which is the estimated number of outstanding Meridian common shares as of March 31, 2007 (assuming full conversion of all outstanding exercisable options and warrants for Meridian common shares).

(2) The amount of the filing fee is calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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Amount previously paid: **\$20,900.59**  
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Filing Party: **Yamana Gold Inc.**  
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- third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.**
- issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.**
- going private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.**
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.**

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This Amendment No. 9 (this Amendment) amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed July 20, 2007 (as so amended, the Schedule TO) filed by Yamana Gold Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of Canada (Yamana).

The Schedule TO relates to the offer by Yamana to purchase all of the outstanding common shares of Meridian Gold Inc. (Meridian) on the basis of 2.235 Yamana common shares plus Cdn\$4.00 in cash for each Meridian common share, together with the associated rights under the shareholder rights plan of Meridian, and including the common shares of Meridian that may become outstanding after the date of the Offer (the Offer) but before the expiry time of the Offer upon the exercise of stock options or other securities of Meridian that are convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for common shares of Meridian. The Offer is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer and Circular, dated July 19, 2007 (the Offer and Circular) as amended by the Notice of Variation and Extension, dated August 14, 2007, filed as Exhibit (a)(1)(Q) to the Schedule TO.

As permitted by General Instruction F to Schedule TO, the information set forth in the Offer and Circular, the Letter of Transmittal and the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery, including all schedules, exhibits and annexes thereto, is hereby expressly incorporated by reference in response to all items of information required to be included in, or covered by, this Schedule TO and is supplemented by the information specifically provided herein.

Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein have the respective meanings assigned to such terms in the Offer and Circular, as supplemented and amended. Except as specifically provided herein, this amendment does not modify any of the information previously reported on the Schedule TO.

### Item 4. TERMS OF THE TRANSACTION

#### i. REPORTING CURRENCIES AND ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

The third sentence under the heading REPORTING CURRENCIES AND ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES on page v is hereby deleted.

#### ii. Summary Term Sheet

The response to the question IF I ACCEPT THE OFFER WHEN WILL I BE PAID? in the SUMMARY TERM SHEET on page 5 of the Offer and Circular is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

If the conditions of the Offer are satisfied or waived, and if we consummate the Offer and take up your Shares, you will receive payment for the Shares you tendered promptly after the Shares are accepted.

#### iii. Summary of the Offer

The paragraph entitled Payment for Deposited Shares on page 11 of the Offer and Circular is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

If all the conditions referred to under Conditions of the Offer in Section 4 of the Offer have been satisfied or waived at or before the Expiry Time, the Offeror will take up Shares validly deposited pursuant to the Offer and not properly withdrawn, promptly after the Expiry Time. Any Shares deposited to the Offer after the first date on which Shares have been taken up by the Offeror but before the Expiry Date will be taken up and paid for promptly following such deposit. See Take up of and Payment for Deposited Shares in Section 6 of the Offer.

The Summary of the Offer section is amended by adding the following as the last subsection thereof:

#### COMBINED HISTORICAL RESERVES

The following reserve data is derived from the annual report of Yamana, Meridian and Northern Orion. You should read the table below together with other information about reserves that Yamana, Meridian and Northern Orion have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and incorporated by reference into this document.

Total Proven and Probable Reserves by Company (net interest)



	As of December 31, 2006			
	Yamana	Meridian	Northern Orion	Total
Gold (million ozs.)	6.8	2.3	6.1	15.2
Silver (million ozs.)		83.7		83.7
Copper (billion lbs)	2.3		8.5	10.8
Molybdenum (million lbs)			546.3	546.3

Total Proven and Probable Reserves by Geographical Region (net interest)

	As of December 31, 2006			
	Gold (million ozs.)	Silver (million ozs.)	Copper (billion lbs)	Molybdenum (billion lbs)
Brazil	6.3		2.3	
Chile	2.3	83.7		
Argentina	6.1		8.5	0.5
Central America	0.5			
Total	15.2	83.7	10.8	0.5

**iv. Offer Section 2. Time for Acceptance**

The section entitled 2. Time for Acceptance on page 27 of the Offer and Circular is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

**2. Time for Acceptance**

The Offer is open for acceptance until 8:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on September 7, 2007, or until such later time and date or times and dates to which it may be extended, unless the Offer is withdrawn by the Offeror upon the failure of one or more of the Conditions to the Offer specified in Section 4 hereof.

**v. Offer Section 4. Conditions of the Offer**

Paragraph (b) under the heading 4. Conditions of the Offer on page 31 of the Offer and Circular is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

The closing of the Northern Orion Transaction is subject to satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions:

- the interim order granted by the Supreme Court of British Columbia dated July 23, 2007 shall not have been set aside or modified in a manner unacceptable to Yamana and Northern Orion, acting reasonably;
- the Northern Orion shareholders shall have approved the Arrangement by at least 75% of the votes cast;
- satisfaction of the Minimum Deposit Condition and all other conditions to the Meridian Offer shall have been satisfied or waived and Yamana shall be obligated under applicable law to take up and pay for the Meridian Shares;
- there will have been no material change in the employment arrangements of any senior officer of Northern Orion or any subsidiary thereof and neither Northern Orion nor any subsidiary will have hired any additional senior officers;
- the Northern Orion Transaction shall be effective on or before December 31, 2007;



- the final order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in connection with the Northern Orion Transaction shall have been granted in form and substance satisfactory to Yamana and Northern Orion, acting reasonably, and shall not have been set aside or modified in a manner unacceptable to such parties, acting reasonably, on appeal or otherwise;
- no law, ruling, order or decree will be in force and no action taken under any law or by any governmental entity or other regulatory authority, that makes it illegal or otherwise restrains, enjoins or prohibits the consummation of the Northern Orion Transaction in accordance with its terms or results or could reasonably be expected to result in a judgment, order, decree or assessment of damages, directly or indirectly, relating to the Northern Orion Transaction that has, or could reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect on Yamana, Northern Orion or their respective subsidiaries;
- all required acceptances and approvals of the TSX, the NYSE and the LSE for the transactions contemplated by the Northern Orion Agreement and of the listing of the Yamana Shares to be issued or issuable under the Northern Orion Transaction shall have been obtained and the TSX shall have approved the continued listing of the Northern Orion Warrants;
- all required governmental and third party consents and approvals and any registrations, filings and advisory requests with, any governmental entity set out in the disclosure memorandum will have been obtained, and all third person and other consents, waivers, permits, exemptions, orders, approvals, agreements and amendments and modifications to agreements, indentures or arrangements in each case on terms that are reasonably satisfactory to the parties will have been obtained or received on terms that are reasonably satisfactory to the parties, the failure of which to obtain or the non-expiry of which would, or could reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect on Northern Orion or Yamana or materially impede the completion of the Northern Orion Transaction;
- the distribution of Yamana securities pursuant to the Northern Orion Transaction will be exempt from the prospectus and registration requirements of and will not be subject to resale restrictions under applicable Canadian securities laws, and will be exempt from the registration requirements of applicable US Securities Act and will be registered or exempt from the registration requirements of applicable state securities laws;
- the Northern Orion Agreement shall not have been terminated pursuant to its terms;
- the respective representations and warranties made by each of Northern Orion and Yamana in the Northern Orion Agreement must be true and correct as of the effective date of the Northern Orion Transaction, except where any failure or breach would not individually or in the aggregate, in the reasonable judgment of Northern Orion or Yamana, as the case may be, have a material adverse effect on Northern Orion or Yamana, as applicable;
- no change will have occurred in the capital structure of Northern Orion or any Northern Orion subsidiaries, without the prior written consent of Yamana, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld;
- there must not have occurred any changes or states of facts that, either individually or in the aggregate, have, or could reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect on Yamana or any material subsidiaries of Yamana;
- each of Northern Orion and Yamana must have complied in all material respects with its respective covenants in the Northern Orion Agreement;
- no more than 2% of the outstanding Northern Orion Shares shall be subject to the exercise of dissent rights;

- the Support Agreement shall continue to be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated except as provided therein;
- the directors of each of Northern Orion and Yamana shall have adopted all necessary resolutions and all other necessary corporate action must have been taken by Northern Orion and Yamana to permit the consummation of the Northern Orion Transaction; and
- the Loan Agreement shall be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated.

Paragraph (i) under the heading 4. Conditions of the Offer on page 33 of the Offer and Circular is hereby amended by replacing the first clause thereof as follows:

- (i) the Offeror shall have determined, in its reasonable discretion, that none of Meridian

The last paragraph under the heading 4. Conditions of the Offer on page 35 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Any waiver of a condition or the termination or withdrawal of the Offer shall be deemed to have been given and to be effective on the day on which it is delivered or otherwise communicated in writing to the Depositary at its principal office in Toronto, Ontario. The Offeror forthwith after giving any such notice, will make a public announcement of such waiver or withdrawal and, to the extent required by applicable Law, cause the Depositary as soon as is practicable thereafter to notify the registered holders of Shares in the manner set forth under Notice and Delivery in Section 11 of the Offer. In the event that the Offeror waives a material condition to the Offer, the Offeror will disseminate notice of such waiver to Shareholders in a manner reasonably calculated to inform Shareholders of such waiver and will allow sufficient time for Shareholders to consider the effect of such waiver on the Offer. If the Offer is withdrawn, the Offeror shall not be obligated to take up, accept for payment or pay for any Shares deposited pursuant to the Offer, and the Depositary will promptly return all certificates for Deposited Shares and Letters of Transmittal, Notices of Guaranteed Delivery and related documents in its possession to the parties by whom they were deposited.

**vi. Offer Section 5. Extension, Variation or Change in the Offer**

The last paragraph on page 37 of the Offer and Circular under the heading 5. Extension, Variation or Change in the Offer is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of the US Exchange Act regarding subsequent offering periods, the Offeror will permit withdrawal of Shares deposited during any Subsequent Offering Period, if there is one, at any time prior to the expiry of such Subsequent Offering Period; provided, however, that this right of withdrawal will not apply in respect of Deposited Shares taken up by the Offeror prior to the Subsequent Offering Period. Shares may be withdrawn during the Subsequent Offering Period, if there is one, by following the procedures described in Section 7 of the Offer. Withdrawing holders of Shares who have deposited such Shares during the Subsequent Offering Period and have received payment for such Shares must also return such payment to the Offeror prior to any withdrawal by including the payment received for such Shares with the notice of withdrawal submitted to the Depositary in compliance with the procedures described in Section 7 of the Offer. Subject to the following sentence, the Expiry Time with respect to a subsequent Offer shall be 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the last day of the Subsequent Offering Period, unless determined otherwise pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5. The foregoing sentence will not limit the requirement that the conditions to the Offer set forth under Conditions of the Offer in Section 4 of the Offer, be satisfied or waived prior to the initial Expiry Time, which will be before the commencement of the Subsequent Offering Period.

**vii. Offer Section 6. Take up of and Payment for Deposited Shares**

The first paragraph under the heading 6. Take up of and Payment for Deposited Shares on page 38 of the Take Over Bid Circular is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

If all the conditions referred to under Conditions of the Offer in Section 4 of the Offer have been satisfied or waived at or before the Expiry Time, the Offeror will become obligated to take up and pay for Shares validly deposited under the Offer and not properly withdrawn promptly following the Expiry Time. Any Shares deposited to the Offer after the first date on which Shares have been taken up by the Offeror but before the Expiry Date will be taken up and paid for promptly.





**viii. Circular Section 3. Northern Orion**

The second sentence of the first paragraph under the heading Northern Orion Transaction Northern Orion Agreement is hereby amended and restated as follows:

It is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the Northern Orion Agreement.

The text under the heading Northern Orion Transaction Northern Orion Agreement - Termination is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

The Northern Orion Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the completion of the Northern Orion Transaction as follows:

- by mutual written agreement between Northern Orion and Yamana;
- by Yamana if (i) the board of directors of Northern Orion has withdrawn or modified in a manner adverse to Yamana, its approval or recommendation of the Northern Orion Transaction (including pursuant to a Superior Proposal, as defined in the Northern Orion Agreement) or (ii) the board of directors of Northern Orion has approved or recommended an Acquisition Proposal (as defined in the Northern Orion Agreement);
- by Northern Orion in order to enter into a definitive written agreement with respect to a Superior Proposal, subject to compliance with certain terms of the Northern Orion Agreement including payment of the termination fee under such Agreement;
- by Northern Orion or Yamana if the required approval of at least 75% of the votes cast by Northern Orion shareholders has not been obtained at a meeting of shareholders of Northern Orion;
- by Yamana if Northern Orion fails to hold its shareholder meeting within the specified timeframe set out in the Northern Orion Agreement (or such later date consented to by Yamana), unless such failure results from: (i) delays in obtaining all required regulatory approval that are beyond the control of Northern Orion or delays resulting from any action or inaction of Yamana; (ii) an adjournment of such meeting for not more than 10 business days due to its obligation to adjourn such meeting in respect of Acquisition Proposals and Superior Proposals; or (iii) an adjournment otherwise permitted by the Northern Orion Agreement;
- by Yamana or Northern Orion, as the case may be, if there is a material breach by the other party of its covenants prior to the completion of the Northern Orion Transaction;
- by Yamana or Northern Orion if the Minimum Deposit Condition is not met;
- by Yamana or Northern Orion if any of the conditions in the Northern Orion Agreement for the benefit of the terminating party is not satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms of the Northern Orion Agreement relating to those conditions; or
- by Yamana if Yamana's financial advisor has withdrawn its opinion that the Northern Orion Transaction together with the Offer is fair, from a financial point of view, to Yamana or Yamana shareholders, as a result of a permitted corporate action of Northern Orion in respect of the Agua Rica project.

**ix. Circular Section 22. Acquisition of Shares Not Deposited Pursuant to the Offer**

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Section 22, Acquisition of Shares Not Deposited Pursuant to the Offer , is hereby amended by replacing the first sentence in second paragraph under the heading Compelled Acquisition with the following:

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**The foregoing describes the right of Compelled Acquisition that may be available to a Shareholder under Section 206.1 of the CBCA.**

**x. Notice of Variation Section 8. Recent Developments**

Section 8 of the Notice of Variation, Recent Developments is amended by adding the following as the last paragraph thereof:

On August 1, 2007, the Globe & Mail published an article in which each of two institutional shareholders, Fidelity and Royce & Associates LLC, indicated that it had not taken a position with respect to the Offer.

**Item 10. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**SCHEDULE A TO OFFER AND CIRCULAR PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND NOTES**

Schedule A is deleted and replaced in its entirety as with the following:

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SCHEDULE A

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## Yamana Gold Inc.

## Pro forma consolidated balance sheet

June 30, 2007

(Unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Yamana Gold Inc.	Meridian Gold Inc.	Initial Pro forma adjustments (Note 6)	Initial Yamana pro forma	Northern Orion Resources Inc.	Pro forma adjustments (Note 6)	Yamana consolidated pro forma
<b>Assets</b>							
<b>Current assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 88,956	\$ 139,500	(a)(viii) \$ 400,000 (a)(ii) 11,491 (a)(viii) (387,557 )	\$ 252,390	\$ 237,207	(d)(i) \$ (20,000 )	\$ 469,597
Short term investments		67,500		67,500	1,333		68,833
Restricted cash		13,800		13,800			13,800
Accounts receivable	72,081	9,700		81,781			81,781
Advances and deposits	29,685			29,685	409		30,094
Inventory	62,325	8,600		70,925			70,925
Income taxes recoverable	39	500		539			539
Marketable securities							
Derivative related assets	14,058			14,058			14,058
Other current assets		14,900		14,900	1,149		16,049
	267,144	254,500	23,934	545,578	240,098	(20,000 )	765,676
Property, plant and equipment	370,144			370,144	223		370,367
Assets under construction	1,060			1,060			1,060
Mineral properties	1,556,187	298,100	(a)(i) 1,956,770	3,811,057	122,532	(b)(i) 309,654 (d)(i) 20,000	4,263,243
Available-for-sale securities	29,852			29,852			29,852
Share purchase warrants held	389			389			389
Other assets	43,806	31,000		74,806			74,806
Future income tax assets	83,597			83,597			83,597
Goodwill	55,000		(a)(i) 1,255,616	1,310,616		(b)(i) 421,955	1,732,571
Restricted cash					752		752
Equity investment in Minera Alumbra Ltd.					100,478	(b)(i) 240,000	340,478
	\$ 2,407,179	\$ 583,600	\$ 3,236,320	\$ 6,227,099	\$ 464,083	\$ 971,609	\$ 7,662,791
<b>Liabilities</b>							
<b>Current liabilities</b>							
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	65,134	19,900	(a)(vi) 17,000	102,034	2,866	(b)(vi) 17,000	121,900
Income taxes payable	9,608			9,608			9,608
Derivative related liabilities	70,801			70,801			70,801
Current portion of long-term debt	1,026			1,026			1,026
Other current liabilities	146,569	32,200	17,000	215,669	2,866	17,000	235,535
Long-term liabilities		52,100					
Asset retirement obligations	22,626			22,626	1,201		23,827
Future income tax liabilities	389,198	23,600	(a)(i) 684,869	1,097,667	23,603	(b)(i) 181,386	1,302,656
Long-term liabilities	18,479	101,000	(a)(viii) 400,000	519,479			519,479
Royalty and net proceeds interest payable	576,872	176,700	1,101,869	1,855,441	14,030	198,386	2,095,527
Non-controlling interest		15,300		15,300			15,300
<b>Shareholders equity</b>							
<b>Capital stock</b>							
Common stock	1,715,654	403,500	(a)(v) 2,526,051 (a)(iv) (403,500 )	4,241,705	294,244	(b)(iii) 952,688 (b)(ii) (294,244 )	5,194,393
Warrants	72,915			72,915	11,329	(b)(iv) 207,515 (b)(ii) (11,329 )	280,430
	43,117	8,200	(a)(iv) (8,200 )	43,117	14,476	(b)(iv) 35,403	78,520

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Additional paid-in capital  
including contributed surplus

						(b)(ii) (14,476 )	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	5,844	54,300	(a)(iv) (54,300 )	5,844	(2,635	(b)(ii) 2,635	5,844
(Deficit) retained earnings	(7,223 )	(74,400 )	(a)(iv) 74,400	(7,223 )	104,969	(b)(ii) (104,969 )	(7,223 )
	1,830,307	391,600	2,134,451	4,356,358	422,383	773,223	5,551,964
	\$ 2,407,179	\$ 583,600	\$ 3,236,320	\$ 6,227,099	\$ 464,083	\$ 971,609	\$ 7,662,791

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## Yamana Gold Inc.

## Pro forma consolidated statement of operations

six month period ended June 30, 2007

(Unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars except per share amounts)

	Yamana Gold Inc.	Meridian Gold Inc.	Initial Pro forma adjustments (Note 6)	Initial Yamana pro forma	Northern Orion Resources Inc.	Pro forma adjustments (Note 6)	Yamana consolidated pro forma
Sales	\$ 328,800	\$ 150,700	\$	\$ 479,500	\$	\$	\$ 479,500
Cost of sales	(120,955 )	(48,300 )		(169,255 )			(169,255 )
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	(24,104 )	(17,100 )	(a)(vii) (48,400 )	(89,604 )			(89,604 )
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	(707 )			(707 )			(707 )
Mine operating earnings	183,034	85,300	(48,400 )	219,934			219,934
Corporate administration	(18,909 )	(9,100 )		(28,009 )	(1,445 )		(29,454 )
Property maintenance and exploration		(15,400 )		(15,400 )	(1,268 )		(16,668 )
Professional and consulting					(866 )		(866 )
Other		1,500		1,500			1,500
Foreign exchange (loss) gain	(6,693 )			(6,693 )	6,946		253
Loss on impairment of mineral properties	(1,821 )			(1,821 )			(1,821 )
Non-production costs during business interruption	(10,465 )			(10,465 )			(10,465 )
Arrangement transaction costs					(325 )		(325 )
Stock-based compensation	(561 )			(561 )	(1,074 )		(1,635 )
Operating earnings (loss)	144,585	62,300	(48,400 )	158,485	1,968		160,453
Investment and other business income	5,016	4,900		9,916	5,311		15,227
Equity earnings of Minera Alumbrera Ltd.					27,208	(b)(vii) (13,300 )	13,908
Interest expense	(6,025 )		(a)(viii) (15,000 )	(21,025 )			(21,025 )
Gain on sale of assets		600		600			600
Unrealized loss on derivatives	(28,700 )			(28,700 )			(28,700 )
Earnings before income taxes expense	114,876	67,800	(63,400 )	119,276	34,487	(13,300 )	140,463
Income tax expense	(34,690 )	(24,400 )	21,400	(37,690 )	(593 )	4,000	(34,283 )
<b>Net earnings</b>	<b>\$ 80,186</b>	<b>\$ 43,400</b>	<b>\$ (42,000)</b>	<b>\$ 81,586</b>	<b>\$ 33,894</b>	<b>\$ (9,300)</b>	<b>\$ 106,180</b>
Earnings per share (Note 7)							
Basic	\$ 0.23			\$ 0.14			\$ 0.16
Diluted	\$ 0.22			\$ 0.14			\$ 0.15



## Yamana Gold Inc.

## Pro forma consolidated statement of operations

year ended December 31, 2006

(Unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars except per share amounts)

	Pro forma Yamana Gold Inc. (Schedule 1)	Meridian Gold Inc.	Initial Pro forma adjustments (Note 6)	Initial Yamana pro forma	Northern Orion Resources Inc.	Pro forma adjustments (Note 6)	Yamana consolidated pro forma
Sales	\$ 178,692	\$ 240,000	\$	\$ 418,692	\$	\$	\$ 418,692
Cost of sales	(106,130 )	(76,100 )		(182,230 )			(182,230 )
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	(37,320 )	(28,100 )	(a)(vii) (97,000 )	(162,420 )			(162,420 )
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	(636 )			(636 )			(636 )
Mine operating earnings	34,606	135,800	(97,000 )	73,406			73,406
Corporate administration	(28,606 )	(22,700 )		(51,306 )	(2,777 )		(54,083 )
Take-over bid expenses	(4,054 )			(4,054 )			(4,054 )
Property maintenance and exploration		(26,600 )		(26,600 )	(1,825 )		(28,425 )
Professional and consulting					(2,087 )		(2,087 )
Foreign exchange gain	5,216			5,216	122		5,338
Loss on impairment of mineral properties	(3,675 )	(4,600 )		(8,275 )			(8,275 )
Stock-based compensation	(45,042 )			(45,042 )	(5,165 )		(50,207 )
Operating (loss) earnings	(41,555 )	81,900	(97,000 )	(56,655 )	(11,732 )		(68,387 )
Investment and other business income	7,423	12,300		19,723	7,846		27,569
Equity earnings of Minera Alumbreira Ltd.					93,167	(b)(vii) (30,500 )	62,667
Interest expense	(28,935 )		(a)(viii) (30,000 )	(58,935 )			(58,935 )
Unrealized loss on derivatives	(35,773 )			(35,773 )			(35,773 )
Loss arising from assets sold	(2,186 )			(2,186 )			(2,186 )
Write-off of other receivables and other business loss	(12,299 )			(12,299 )	(500 )		(12,799 )
(Loss) earnings before income taxes	(113,325 )	94,200	(127,000 )	(146,125 )	88,781	(30,500 )	(87,844 )
Income tax recovery (expense)	25,941	(45,600 )	43,000	23,341	(2,000 )	9,200	30,541
<b>Net (loss) earnings</b>	\$ (87,384 )	\$ 48,600	\$ (84,000 )	\$ (122,784 )	\$ 86,781	\$ (21,300 )	\$ (57,303 )
(Loss) earnings per share (Note 7) Basic and diluted	\$ (0.26 )			\$ (0.22 )			\$ (0.09 )

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**Notes to the pro forma consolidated financial statements**

**June 30, 2007**

**(Unaudited)**

**(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, unless otherwise noted)**

**1. Basis of presentation**

The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements have been prepared in connection with the proposed acquisitions of Meridian Gold Inc. ( Meridian ) and Northern Orion Resources Inc. ( Northern Orion ) by Yamana Gold Inc. ( Yamana ). The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements have been prepared for illustrative purposes only and give effect to the proposed transactions and recent acquisitions completed by Yamana pursuant to the assumptions described in Note 6 to these pro forma consolidated financial statements. The unaudited pro forma consolidated balance sheet as at June 30, 2007 gives effect to the proposed transactions by Yamana as if they had occurred as of June 30, 2007. The unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations for the six month period ended June 30, 2007 and for the year ended December 31, 2006 give effect to the proposed transactions and recent acquisitions completed by Yamana as if they were completed on January 1, 2006.

The pro forma consolidated financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the operating results or financial condition that would have been achieved if the proposed transaction had been completed on the dates or for the periods presented, nor do they purport to project the results of operations or financial position of the consolidated entities for any future period or as of any future date. The pro forma consolidated financial statements do not reflect any special items such as payments pursuant to change of control provisions or integration costs or operating synergies that may be incurred as a result of the acquisitions.

The pro forma adjustments and allocations of the purchase price for Northern Orion and Meridian are based in part on estimates of the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities to be assumed. The final purchase price allocations will be completed after asset and liability valuations are finalized as of the date of the completion of the acquisitions. In addition, the allocations of the purchase price for recently completed acquisitions by Yamana are based in part on preliminary estimates of the fair values of the respective assets acquired and liabilities assumed and are open for subsequent adjustment based on valuations to be completed at a later date. Any final adjustments may change the allocation of purchase price which could affect the fair value assigned to the assets and liabilities in these unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements.

In preparing the unaudited pro forma consolidated balance sheet and the unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations, the following historical information, that was prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP, was used:

- (a) the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Yamana as at June 30, 2007, and the unaudited consolidated statement of operations for the six month period ended June 30, 2007;
- (b) the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Northern Orion as at June 30, 2007, and the unaudited consolidated statement of operations for the six month period ended June 30, 2007;
- (c) the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Meridian as at June 30, 2007, and the unaudited consolidated statement of operations for the six month period ended June 30, 2007;
- (d) the audited consolidated financial statements of Yamana for the year ended December 31, 2006;
- (e) the audited consolidated financial statements of Northern Orion for the year ended December 31, 2006;



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(Unaudited)

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**1. Basis of presentation (continued)**

- (f) the audited consolidated financial statements of Meridian for the year ended December 31, 2006;
- (g) the unaudited consolidated statement of operations of Desert Sun Mining Corporation ( DSM ) for the period from January 1, 2006 to March 31, 2006; and
- (h) the unaudited consolidated statement of operations of Viceroy Exploration Ltd. ( Viceroy ) for the period from January 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated balance sheet and the unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations should be read in conjunction with the June 30, 2007 unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and the December 31, 2006 audited consolidated financial statements including the notes thereto, as listed above.

The accounting policies used in preparing the pro forma financial statements are set out in Yamana's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006. While management believes that accounting policies of Northern Orion and recently acquired entities are consistent in all material respects, accounting policy differences may be identified upon consummation of the proposed acquisition. Management has not had the opportunity to assess the impact, if any, of Meridian accounting policy differences with those of Yamana. Accounting policy differences may be identified upon consummation of the proposed acquisition.

**2. Conversion of historical financial statements to U.S. dollars**

The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars and, accordingly, Viceroy's unaudited statement of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and for the period from October 1, 2006 to October 13, 2006, and DSM's unaudited statement of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2006 were converted from Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars using the average exchange rate for each period.

The exchange rates used for conversion to U.S. dollars from Canadian dollars are as follows:

As at August 9, 2007	\$ 1.0527
Average for the nine months ended September 30, 2006	1.1327
Average for the period from October 1, 2006 to October 13, 2006	1.1277
Average for the three months ended March 31, 2006	1.1546

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**3. Acquisition of Meridian**

On June 27, 2007, Yamana announced a proposal to acquire all the outstanding common shares of Meridian (the Original Offer ). Under the Original Offer, the shareholders of Meridian were to receive 2.235 Yamana shares plus \$2.94 (Cdn\$3.15) in cash. Based on a volume adjusted share price of \$11.39 (Cdn\$12.19), determined with reference to the share price of Yamana common shares for the two days prior to, the day of, and the two days subsequent to the date of announcement, the purchase price equates to total consideration of \$28.40 (Cdn\$30.39) per share. On August 13, 2007, Yamana announced an amended offer (the Amended Offer ) to acquire all the outstanding shares of Meridian. Under the Amended Offer the shareholders of Meridian will receive 2.235 Yamana shares plus \$3.80 (Cdn\$4.00) in cash. Based on a volume adjusted share price of \$11.08 (Cdn\$11.67) determined with reference to the share price of Yamana common shares for the three day period ended August 9, 2007, the purchase price equates to total consideration of \$28.56 (Cdn\$30.08) per share. As at June 30, 2007, there were 101,203,037 common shares of Meridian outstanding.

The business combination, if completed, will be accounted for as a purchase transaction with Yamana as the acquirer of Meridian. Yamana is not making an offer to acquire or substitute any options outstanding to acquire common shares of Meridian ( Meridian options ). For purposes of these pro forma financial statements it has been assumed that all Meridian options are exercised prior to the closing date and that Yamana will acquire the Meridian shares issued pursuant to the exercise of the Meridian options under the Offer.

The Company has estimated the fair value of Meridian s assets and liabilities. As Yamana has not had access to information relative to the respective fair value of Meridian s mineral property, plant and equipment, the allocation at this time is very preliminary in nature.

The Company expects the accounting for the acquisition to result in a significant amount of goodwill. Goodwill is the excess cost of the acquired company over the sum of the amounts assigned to assets acquired less liabilities assumed. Generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. require that goodwill not be amortized, but instead allocated to a level within the reporting entity referred to as the reporting unit and tested for impairment, at least annually. There is currently diversity in the mining industry associated with certain aspects of the accounting for business combinations and related goodwill. This diversity includes how companies define Value Beyond Proven and Probable reserves ( VBPP ), what an appropriate reporting unit is and how goodwill is allocated among reporting units. The methods of allocating goodwill have included allocations primarily to a single exploration reporting unit and allocations among individual mine reporting units depending on the relevant circumstances. We understand the industry is also evaluating other methodologies for allocating goodwill. The method of allocating goodwill will likely have an impact on the amount and timing of any future goodwill impairment, if any. Yamana has not completed its determination of the combined company s reporting units nor its method of allocating goodwill to those reporting units. The ultimate accounting for VBPP and goodwill may not be comparable to other companies within the mining industry.

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June 30, 2007

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## 3. Acquisition of Meridian (continued)

The allocation of the purchase price is based upon management's preliminary estimates and certain assumptions with respect to the fair value increment associated with the assets to be acquired and the liabilities to be assumed. The actual fair values of the assets and liabilities will be determined as of the date of acquisition and may differ materially from the amounts disclosed above in the assumed pro forma purchase price allocation because of changes in fair values of the assets and liabilities to the date of the transaction, and as further analysis (including of identifiable intangible assets, for which no amounts have been estimated and included in the preliminary amounts shown above) is completed. Consequently, the actual allocation of the purchase price will likely result in different adjustments in the unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations. Following completion of the transaction, the earnings of the combined company will reflect the impact of purchase accounting adjustments, including the effect of changes in the cost bases of both tangible and identifiable intangible assets and liabilities on production costs and depreciation, depletion and amortization expense.

The fair value of the net assets of Meridian to be acquired pursuant to the Amended Offer will ultimately be determined after the closing of the transaction. The Company will complete a full and detailed valuation of the Meridian assets using an independent party. Therefore, it is likely that the fair values of assets and liabilities acquired will vary from those shown below and the differences may be material.

The preliminary purchase price allocation is subject to change and is summarized as follows:

Purchase of Meridian shares (226,188,788 Yamana common shares)	\$ 2,506,451
Yamana shares issuable on exercise of Meridian options (1,768,741 Yamana common shares)	19,600
Cash consideration (including cash of \$3,007 payable due to exercise of Meridian options)	387,557
Estimated transaction costs	17,000
Purchase consideration	\$ 2,930,608

The purchase price was allocated as follows:

Net working capital acquired (including cash of \$102.1 million)	\$ 213,891
Mineral property, plant and equipment	
Producing	\$ 1,635,385
Non-producing	619,485
Other long-term assets	2,254,870
Long-term liabilities	31,000
Future income tax liability	(101,000 )
Non-controlling interest	(708,469 )
Net identifiable assets	(15,300 )
Excess of purchase price allocated to goodwill	1,674,992
	1,255,616
	\$ 2,930,608

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**Notes to the pro forma consolidated financial statements (Continued)**  
**June 30, 2007**

(Unaudited)

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**3. Acquisition of Meridian (continued)**

For information purposes only, using a reference date of June 27, 2007, the date of the original announcement, Yamana's share price was \$12.15 (Cdn\$13.02) per share, which equated to total consideration of \$30.09 (Cdn\$32.25) per Meridian common share.

**4. Acquisition of Northern Orion**

Also on June 27, 2007, Yamana announced that it had entered into a business combination arrangement to acquire all the outstanding common shares of Northern Orion. Under the proposed transaction, the shareholders of Northern Orion will receive 0.543 of a Yamana common share for each Northern Orion common share outstanding. As at June 30, 2007, there were 154,087,161 common shares of Northern Orion outstanding. The volume adjusted share price of Yamana common shares for the period of two days prior to the day of the announcement, the day of the announcement, and the two days after the date of the announcement was \$11.39 (Cdn\$12.19).

The business combination, if completed, will be accounted for as a purchase transaction, with Yamana as the acquirer of Northern Orion. Yamana will also exchange all outstanding options and share purchase warrants of Northern Orion for similar securities of Yamana which, for purposes of these pro forma consolidated financial statements, have been assumed to be at an exchange ratio of 0.543 and at a price equivalent to the original price divided by 0.543. The fair value of the net assets of Northern Orion to be acquired will ultimately be determined at the closing of the transaction. Therefore, it is likely that the fair values of assets and liabilities acquired will vary from those shown below and the differences may be material.

Yamana has estimated the fair value of Northern Orion's interest in Minera Alumbrera Ltd. at \$340,000 and the fair value of Northern Orion's non-producing properties at \$432,000. The remainder of the purchase price over the carrying value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed of \$421,955 has been assigned as goodwill.

The Company expects the accounting for the acquisition to result in a significant amount of goodwill. Goodwill is the excess cost of the acquired company over the sum of the amounts assigned to assets acquired less liabilities assumed. Generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. require that goodwill not be amortized, but instead allocated to a level within the reporting entity referred to as the reporting unit and tested for impairment, at least annually. There is currently diversity in the mining industry associated with certain aspects of the accounting for business combinations and related goodwill. This diversity includes how companies define Value Beyond Proven and Probable reserves ( VBPP ), what an appropriate reporting unit is and how goodwill is allocated among reporting units. The methods of allocating goodwill have included allocations primarily to a single exploration reporting unit and allocations among individual mine reporting units depending on the relevant circumstances. We understand the industry is also evaluating other methodologies for allocating goodwill. The method of allocating goodwill will likely have an impact on the amount and timing of any future goodwill impairment, if any. Yamana has not completed its determination of the combined company's reporting units nor its method of allocating goodwill to those reporting units. The ultimate accounting for VBPP and goodwill may not be comparable to other companies within the mining industry.

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## Yamana Gold Inc.

Notes to the pro forma consolidated financial statements (Continued)  
June 30, 2007

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## 4. Acquisition of Northern Orion (continued)

The allocation of the purchase price is based upon management's preliminary estimates and certain assumptions with respect to the fair value increment associated with the assets to be acquired and the liabilities to be assumed. The actual fair values of the assets and liabilities will be determined as of the date of acquisition and may differ materially from the amounts disclosed above in the assumed pro forma purchase price allocation because of changes in fair values of the assets and liabilities to the date of the transaction, and as further analysis (including of identifiable intangible assets, for which no amounts have been estimated and included in the preliminary amounts shown above) is completed. Consequently, the actual allocation of the purchase price may result in different adjustments in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statements of income. Following completion of the transaction, the earnings of the combined company will reflect the impact of purchase accounting adjustments, including the effect of changes in the cost bases of both tangible and identifiable intangible assets and liabilities on production costs and depreciation, depletion and amortization expense.

The preliminary purchase price allocation is subject to change and is summarized as follows:

Purchase of Northern Orion shares (83,669,328 Yamana common shares)	\$ 952,688
Fair value of options and warrants acquired	242,918
Estimated transaction costs	17,000
Purchase consideration	\$ 1,212,606

The purchase price was allocated as follows:

Net working capital acquired (including cash of \$237.2 million)	\$ 237,984
Property plant and equipment, net	223
Mineral properties and other assets	432,186
Equity investment in Minera Alumbrera Ltd.	340,478
Long-term liabilities	(15,231 )
Future income tax liability	(204,989 )
Net identifiable assets	790,651
Excess of purchase price allocated to goodwill	421,955
	\$ 1,212,606

For information purposes only, using a reference date of June 27, 2007, the date of the original announcement, Yamana's share price was \$12.15 (Cdn\$13.02) per share which equates to total consideration of \$6.60 (Cdn\$7.07) per Northern Orion common share.

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## Yamana Gold Inc.

Notes to the pro forma consolidated financial statements (Continued)  
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## 5. Recent acquisition of DSM and Viceroy by Yamana

## (a) Acquisition of DSM

On April 5, 2006, Yamana completed the acquisition of DSM which owns the Jacobina gold mine in the Bahia state of Brazil. Total consideration paid was approximately \$632 million comprised of approximately 63.9 million common shares, transaction costs and substitution of issued options and share purchase warrants. Yamana exchanged all outstanding shares, options and share purchase warrants of DSM for similar securities of Yamana at an exchange ratio of 0.6 of a Yamana common share for 1 DSM common share or equivalent.

Yamana has consolidated the results of operations from the Jacobina mine from the date of acquisition.

The purchase price was calculated as follows:

Common shares issued to acquired 100% of DSM (63,746,381 Yamana common shares)	\$ 534,852
Fair value of options and warrants issued	92,658
Transaction costs	3,094
Shares issued for employee severance (174,068 common shares)	1,361
Purchase consideration	\$ 631,965

The purchase price was allocated as follows:

Net working capital acquired (including cash of \$18.1 million)	\$ 26,944
Property plant and equipment, net	37,792
Mineral properties and other assets	665,867
Other assets	3,548
Silicosis liability	(17,154 )
Long-term liabilities	(6,954 )
Future income tax liability	(133,078 )
Net identifiable assets	576,965
Residual purchase price allocated to goodwill	55,000
	\$ 631,965

As a result of this acquisition, the unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations for the year ended December 31, 2006 have been adjusted to include operations of DSM for the three month period ended March 31, 2006.

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Notes to the pro forma consolidated financial statements (Continued)  
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(Unaudited)

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**5. Recent acquisition of DSM and Viceroy by Yamana (continued)***(b) Acquisition of Viceroy*

On October 14, 2006, the Company acquired approximately 95% of the outstanding common shares of Viceroy. The Company offered Viceroy shareholders 0.97 of a Yamana common share for each Viceroy common share. Subsequently, the Company commenced and completed the compulsory acquisition of the remaining Viceroy common shares not already owned at the same ratio of 0.97 of a Yamana common share for each Viceroy common share. Yamana exchanged all outstanding shares, options and share purchase warrants of Viceroy for similar securities of Yamana at an exchange ratio of 0.97 of a Yamana common share for 1 Viceroy common share or equivalent. Total consideration paid was approximately \$549.1 million. Yamana has consolidated the results of operations from October 13, 2006.

The business combination was accounted for as a purchase transaction with Yamana as acquirer of Viceroy. The preliminary purchase price allocation is subject to change and is summarized as follows:

Purchase of Viceroy shares (52,542,397 Yamana common shares)	\$ 509,842
Fair value of options and warrants issued	35,230
Estimated transaction costs	4,075
Purchase consideration	\$ 549,147

The purchase price was allocated as follows:

Net working capital acquired	\$ 53,881
Property plant and equipment, net	1,666
Mineral properties	661,094
Other assets	2,794
Future income tax liability	(170,288 )
	\$ 549,147

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## Yamana Gold Inc.

Notes to the pro forma consolidated financial statements (Continued)  
June 30, 2007

(Unaudited)

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**6. Effect of transactions on the consolidated pro forma financial statements**

The pro forma consolidated financial statements incorporate the following pro forma assumptions:

*(a) Meridian assumptions*

(i) The assumption that Yamana acquires 100% of the outstanding common shares of Meridian as a result of the Amended Offer. As per Note 3, this gives rise to an increase to fair value and related future income tax liabilities as follows:

Mineral property, plant and equipment	\$ 1,956,770
Goodwill	1,255,616
Future income tax liabilities	(684,869 )
	2,527,517
Book value of assets	403,091
Total purchase consideration	\$ 2,930,608

(ii) The assumption that all of the stock options of Meridian that were outstanding are exercised and converted into Meridian common shares for proceeds of \$11,491, which are acquired by Yamana pursuant to the Amended Offer;

(iii) The pro forma consolidated financial statements include information from the financial statements of Meridian as at June 30, 2007 and for the six month period ended June 30, 2007 and the year ended December 31, 2006. It has been assumed that asset classifications are consistent with those used by Yamana in their presentation and that Meridian's accounting policies conform to those of Yamana;

(iv) These pro forma adjustments eliminate the historical equity accounts of Meridian;

(v) This pro forma adjustment reflects the issuance of 228.0 million shares of Yamana for \$2,526,051 in connection with the Amended Offer. This includes the shares issuable in connection with the assumed exercise of Meridian stock options;

(vi) This assumption provides for the recording of expenses of the transaction totaling \$17 million;

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**Yamana Gold Inc.**

**Notes to the pro forma consolidated financial statements (Continued)**  
**June 30, 2007**

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**6. Effect of transactions on the consolidated pro forma financial statements (continued)**

(a) *Meridian assumptions (continued)*

(vii) This pro forma adjustment represents the estimated increase to depreciation, depletion and amortization expense (Six months to June 30, 2007 - \$13,300; Year Ended December 31, 2006 - \$30,500) associated with the preliminary fair value adjustment of approximately \$1.4 billion allocated to mineral property, plant and equipment. Yamana has not completed an assessment of the fair values of assets and liabilities and the related business integration plans and synergies. The ultimate purchase price allocation will include possible adjustments to the fair values of depreciable tangible assets, proven and probable reserves, reserves related to current development projects, value beyond proven and probable reserves (referred to in this document as VBPP) and intangible assets after a full review has been completed. The concept of VBPP is described in Financial Accounting Standards Board Emerging Issue Task Force Issue No. 04-3 ( EITF 04-3 ) and has been interpreted differently by mining companies. Our preliminary adjustment to plant, equipment and development costs, as discussed below, includes VBPP attributable to mineralized material that Yamana believes could be brought into production should market conditions warrant. Mineralized material is a mineralized body that has been delineated by appropriately spaced drilling and/or underground sampling to support reported tonnage and average grade of metals. Such a deposit may not qualify as proven and probable reserves until legal and economic feasibility are concluded based upon a comprehensive evaluation of unit costs, grade, recoveries and other material factors. Our preliminary adjustments to mineral property, plant, equipment and development costs do not include adjustments attributable to inferred mineral resources or exploration potential referred to in the EITF 04-3 Working Group Report No. 1. We intend to allocate a portion of the purchase price to all VBPP, including inferred mineral resources and exploration potential, in accordance with EITF 04-3 after performing a more thorough analysis to determine the fair value of these assets.

The preliminary allocation of \$1.4 billion to mineral property, plant, equipment and development costs is primarily based on a fair value assessment of estimated cash flows. Yamana has not completed an assessment of the fair values of assets and liabilities and the related business integration plans and synergies. The ultimate purchase price allocation will include possible adjustments to fair values of depreciable tangible assets, proven and probable reserves, reserves related to current development projects, mill and leach stockpiles, product inventories, VBPP and intangible assets after a full review has been completed.

For the purpose of preparing the unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations, Yamana assumed an average estimated remaining useful life of 16 years for the El Penon Mine and 7 years for the Minera Florida Mine, which was based on an analysis of publicly available information. A one-year change in the estimated useful life would have an approximate \$6 million impact on the pro forma depreciation, depletion and amortization expense on an annual basis. Additionally, for each \$100 million that the final fair value of property, plant, equipment and development costs differs from the pro forma fair value, related depreciation, depletion and amortization expense would increase or decrease by approximately \$7 million annually, assuming a weighted average 15-year life; and

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June 30, 2007

(Unaudited)

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**6. Effect of transactions on the consolidated pro forma financial statements (continued)***(a) Meridian assumptions (continued)*

(viii) It has been assumed that Yamana drew down \$400 million of a revolving line of credit in order to finance the \$387 million cash component of the acquisition of Meridian. Interest expense has been recorded in the amount of \$15 million and \$30 million during the six month period ended June 30, 2007 and the year ended December 31, 2006 respectively. Interest expense has been provided at 7.5%, which approximates the current rate under the facility and amortization of debt issue costs. A 1/8% change to the effective interest rate would change the interest expense by \$500.

*(b) Northern Orion assumptions*

(i) The assumption that Yamana acquires 100% of the outstanding common shares of Northern Orion as a result of the transaction. As per Note 4 this gives rise to an increase to fair value and related future income tax liabilities as follows:

Mineral properties	\$ 309,654
Investment in Minera Alumbraera Ltd. ( Alumbraera )	240,000
Goodwill	421,955
Future income tax liabilities	(181,386 )
	790,223
Book value of assets	422,383
Total purchase consideration	\$ 1,212,606

(ii) These pro forma adjustments eliminate the historical equity accounts of Northern Orion;

(iii) This pro forma adjustment reflects the issuance of 83.7 million shares of Yamana for \$952,688 in connection with the Offer;

(iv) The assumption that, as at June 27, 2007, 12,567,500 stock options and 56,571,850 share purchase warrants of Northern Orion were outstanding and were exchanged for 6,824,153 stock options and 30,718,515 share purchase warrants of Yamana with fair values of \$35,403 and \$207,515, respectively. We have assumed that all options vest immediately upon completion of the transaction;

(v) The cash component of the Northern Orion acquisition is approximately \$200 (Cdn\$0.001 per common share of Northern Orion) and has not been reflected in these pro forma financial statements.

(vi) This assumption provides for the recording of expenses of the transaction totaling \$17 million;



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**6. Effect of transactions on the consolidated pro forma financial statements (continued)**

(b) *Northern Orion assumptions (continued)*

(vii) This pro forma adjustment represents the estimated increase to amortization expense (Six months to June 30, 2007 - \$13,300; Year ended December 31, 2006 - \$30,500) associated with the preliminary fair value adjustment of approximately \$240 million allocated to Alumbra, resulting in a reduction to reported equity income. Fair value increases to non producing properties do not give rise to any pro forma earnings adjustment. Yamana has not completed an assessment of the fair values of assets and liabilities and the related business integration plans and synergies. The ultimate purchase price allocation will include possible adjustments to the fair values of Alumbra, depreciable tangible assets, proven and probable reserves, reserves related to current development projects, value beyond proven and probable reserves and intangible assets after a full review has been completed. The concept of VBPP is described in Financial Accounting Standards Board Emerging Issue Task Force Issue No. 04-3 ( EITF 04-3 ) and has been interpreted differently by mining companies. Our preliminary adjustment to plant, equipment and development costs, as discussed below, includes VBPP attributable to mineralized material that Yamana believes could be brought into production should market conditions warrant. Mineralized material is a mineralized body that has been delineated by appropriately spaced drilling and/or underground sampling to support reported tonnage and average grade of metals. Such a deposit may not qualify as proven and probable reserves until legal and economic feasibility are concluded based upon a comprehensive evaluation of unit costs, grade, recoveries and other material factors. Our preliminary adjustments to property, plant, equipment and development costs do not include adjustments attributable to inferred mineral resources or exploration potential referred to in the EITF 04-3 Working Group Report No. 1. We intend to allocate a portion of the purchase price to all VBPP, including inferred mineral resources and exploration potential, in accordance with EITF 04-3 after performing a more thorough analysis to determine the fair value of these assets.

The preliminary allocation of \$240 million to Alumbra is primarily based on a fair value assessment of estimated cash flows. Yamana has not completed an assessment of the fair values of assets and liabilities and the related business integration plans and synergies. The ultimate purchase price allocation will include possible adjustments to fair values after a full review has been completed.

For the purpose of preparing the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statements of operations, Yamana assumed an estimated remaining useful life of 10 years for the Alumbra Mine, which was based on an analysis of publicly available information. A one-year change in the estimated useful life would have an approximate \$20 million impact on the pro forma equity accounted earnings on an annual basis. Additionally, for each \$100 million that the final fair value of Alumbra costs differs from the pro forma fair value, related equity accounted earnings would increase or decrease by approximately \$10 million annually, assuming a 10-year life; and

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**6. Effect of transactions on the consolidated pro forma financial statements (continued)**

(c) *Viceroy and DSM assumptions*

- (i) Including operating expenses for Viceroy for the period from October 1 to October 13, 2006;
- (ii) Depreciation, amortization and depletion expense

It is assumed that the addition to mineral properties related to the excess of the purchase price over the assets acquired of DSM would be amortized on a unit-of-production basis over the proven, probable and possible reserves. In relation to DSM, the additional amortization for year ended December 31, 2006 would be \$2,371; and

(iii) Tax effect

The tax effect of the additional mineral property amortization of DSM above for the year ended December 31, 2006 would be a pro forma recovery of \$806.

(d) *Other assumptions*

(i) Transaction costs of Northern Orion, estimated to be in the amount of \$20 million, have been given effect in these pro forma financial statements. Yamana has no knowledge of the costs incurred by Meridian with respect to this transaction; and

(ii) The pro forma balance sheet reflects adjustments for future income taxes based on temporary differences between assigned values of assets and liabilities acquired and of estimated tax basis (Meridian - \$684,869 and Northern Orion - \$181,386). Adjustments to the pro forma statements of operations have an associated tax effect when it is appropriate. All tax effects have been calculated with reference to the statutory rate in effect during the current periods for which statement of operations is provided.

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## 7. Yamana shares outstanding and loss per share

The average number of shares used in the computation of pro forma basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share has been determined as follows:

	June 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
<i>Basic</i>		
Weighted average shares outstanding for the period	353,611,000	276,617,000
Issued to acquire Viceroy		41,742,000
Issued to acquire DSM		16,822,000
Weighted average pro forma shares of Yamana	353,611,000	335,181,000
Issued to acquire Meridian	227,957,530	227,911,395
	581,568,530	563,092,395
Issued to acquire Northern Orion	83,669,330	83,669,330
Pro forma basic weighted average shares of Yamana	665,237,860	646,761,725
	<b>June 30, 2007</b>	<b>December 31, 2006</b>
<i>Diluted</i>		
Weighted average pro forma shares of Yamana	353,611,000	335,181,000
Issued to acquire Meridian	227,957,530	227,911,395
Dilutive effect of Yamana options and warrants	13,297,000	11,967,500
	594,865,530	575,059,895
Issued to acquire Northern Orion	83,669,330	83,669,330
Dilutive effect of Northern Orion options and warrants	18,414,423	18,414,423
Pro forma diluted weighted average shares of Yamana	696,949,283	677,143,648

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June 30, 2007

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### 8. Differences in generally accepted accounting principles between Canada and the United States of America

These pro forma consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP. The pro forma financial statements prepared in accordance with US GAAP as at December 31, 2006 and for the year then ended are summarized as follows:

*Pro forma consolidated balance sheet in accordance with US GAAP*

	<b>Yamana Gold Inc.</b> (As reported)	<b>Meridian Gold Inc.</b> (As reported)	<b>Northern Orion Resources Inc.</b> (As reported)	<b>Pro forma adjustments</b> (Note 6)	<b>Yamana consolidated pro forma</b>
<b>Assets</b>					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 69,680	\$ 92,800	\$ 178,956	\$ 3,934	\$ 345,370
Short term investments		84,000			84,000
Restricted cash		13,800			13,800
Accounts receivable, advances and deposits	30,280	6,200	144		36,624
Inventory	51,216	7,000			58,216
Other current assets	2,248	16,200	1,460		19,908
	153,424	220,000	180,560	3,934	557,918
Assets under construction	224,650				224,650
Mineral properties and property, plant and equipment	1,583,490	276,100	34,037	2,452,661	4,346,288
Other assets	122,641	31,900	360		154,901
Goodwill	55,000			1,727,520	1,782,520
Equity investment in Minera Alumbrera Ltd.			128,914	211,564	340,478
	\$ 2,139,205	\$ 528,000	\$ 343,871	\$ 4,395,679	\$ 7,406,755
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Current liabilities					
	100,461	45,500	3,106	34,000	183,067
Long-term liabilities					
Asset retirement obligations	18,720		1,155		19,875
Future income tax liabilities	325,450	17,600		912,406	1,255,456
Long-term liabilities	17,049	104,000		400,000	521,049
Royalty and net proceeds interest payable			12,826		12,826
	461,680	167,100	17,087	1,346,406	1,992,273
Non-controlling interest		15,300			15,300
<b>Shareholders equity</b>					
Capital stock					