JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME FUND II Form 40-17G/A July 01, 2011

601 Congress Street Boston, Massachusetts 02210-2805

July 1, 2011

Securities and Exchange Commission

Washington, DC 20549

RE: John Hancock Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund (File No. 811-08568)
John Hancock Bond Trust (File No. 811-03006)
John Hancock California Tax-Free Income Fund (File No. 811-05979)
John Hancock Capital Series (File No. 811-01677)
John Hancock Current Interest (File No. 811-02485)
John Hancock Funds II (File No. 811-21779)
John Hancock Hedged Equity & Income Fund (File No. 811-22441)
John Hancock Income Securities Trust (File No. 811-04186)
John Hancock Investment Trust II (File No. 811-03999)
John Hancock Investment Trust III (File No. 811-03999)
John Hancock Investment Trust (File No. 811-04630)
John Hancock Investors Trust (File No. 811-04173)

John Hancock Municipal Securities Trust (File No. 811-05968)

John Hancock Preferred Income Fund (File No. 811-21131)

John Hancock Preferred Income Fund II (File No. 811-21202)

John Hancock Preferred Income Fund III (File No. 811-21287)

John Hancock Premium Dividend Fund (File No. 811-05908)

John Hancock Series Trust (File No. 811-03392)

John Hancock Sovereign Bond Fund (File No. 811-02402)

John Hancock Strategic Series (File No. 811-04651)

John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund (File No. 811-21416)

John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Global Shareholder Yield Fund (File No. 811-22056)

John Hancock Tax-Exempt Series Fund (File No. 811-05079)

John Hancock Variable Insurance Trust (File No. 811-04146)

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the Registrants, enclosed for filing, pursuant to Rule 17g-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), are the following documents:

- 1. A copy of endorsement 13 to the Registrants' amended joint bond no. **81906724** issued by Chubb Group of Insurance Companies extending the bond period from July 15, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
- 2. A copy of Rider No. 2 to the Registrants' amended joint bond no. **87142110B** extending the bond period from July 15, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
- 3. A copy of the resolutions of the Board of Trustees approving the endorsements.
- 4. A copy of the agreement among the investment companies entered into pursuant to paragraph (f) of Regulation 17g-1.
- 5. A statement showing the single bond amount (if the investment company had not been named as an insured under this joint insured bond).
- 6. A statement showing that premiums have been paid for the period July 15, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

Sincerely,

/s/ Betsy Anne Seel

Betsy Anne Seel

Assistant Secretary

## FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Endorsement No.: 13 Bond Number: 81906724

NAME OF ASSURED: JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS

# EXTENDED BOND PERIOD ENDORSEMENT

It is agreed that this Bond is amended by deleting ITEM 1. of the DECLARATIONS and substituting the following: **ITEM 1.** BOND PERIOD: from 12:01 a.m. on July 15, 2010

to 12:01 a.m. on

July 15, 2010 September 30, 2011

This Endorsement applies to loss discovered after 12:01 a.m. on July 15, 2011.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS BOND REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Date: June 15, 2011

By /s/ Paul Morrisette

Authorized Representative

ICAP Bond

Form 17-02-5032 (Ed. 11-02)

# ICI MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

# **INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND**

(EXCESS BOND)

**RIDER NO. 2** 

INSURED NUMBER

John Hancock Funds

EFFECTIVE DATE REPRESENTATIVE

POLICY PERIOD

87142110B

AUTHORIZED

June 28, 2011 July 15, 2011 to September 30, 2011 /S/ Maggie Sullivan

In consideration of the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that the expiration date of the Bond Period set forth in Item 2 of the Declarations is hereby amended to be

12:01 a.m. on September 30, 2011

standard time at the Principal Address as set forth in Item 1 of the Declarations.

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

BOND

## John Hancock Funds

John Hancock Funds III

(the "Trusts")

## **Approval of Extension of Insurance Program Period**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees, including the Independent Trustees, hereby authorizes, empowers and directs the officers of the Trusts, with the advice of counsel to the Trusts, to procure an extension through September 30, 2011 of the Trusts' Fidelity Bond conforming with the requirements of Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act, designed to protect the Trusts against larceny and embezzlement;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees, including the Independent Trustees, having given due consideration to all relevant factors, including, but not limited to: (i) the value of the aggregate assets of the Trusts to which any covered person may have access, (ii) the types and terms of the arrangements made for the custody and safekeeping of such assets, and (iii) the nature of the securities in the Trusts' portfolios, hereby determines that an extension of the Fidelity Bond through September 30, 2011, is reasonable in form and amount and hereby approves such extension of the Fidelity Bond;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Trustees, including the Independent Trustees, hereby determine that the amount of each premium payment allocated to each Trust and the method of allocation that was previously approved by the Trustees are fair and reasonable to each Fund;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees, including the Independent Trustees, hereby approves the premium for the extension of the Fidelity Bond, and the payment of such premium by the Trusts; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Secretary of the Trusts or his delegate shall file an amendment to the Trusts' Fidelity Bond with the SEC and give the notices required by paragraph (g) of Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act.

## **Agreement Relating to Joint Insured Bond**

WHEREAS, each of the parties hereto is a named insured under a "joint insured bond," as that term is defined in Rule 17g-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"); and

WHEREAS, Rule 17g-1(f) under the 1940 Act requires an agreement between all the named insureds under a joint insured bond;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

In the event recovery is received under the joint insured bond as a result of a loss sustained by any two or more of the named insureds, each insured shall receive an equitable and proportionate share of the recovery, but at least equal to the amount which it would have received had it provided and maintained a single insured bond with the minimum coverage required by paragraph (d)(1) of Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized on June 24, 2011.

## JOHN HANCOCK VARIABLE INSURANCE TRUST

(formerly known as John Hancock Trust)

on Behalf of each of its Series

## JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS II

on Behalf of each of its Series

## John HANCOCK FUNDS III

on Behalf of each of its Series

## JOHN HANCOCK BOND TRUST

on behalf of each of its series

JOHN HANCOCK CAPITAL SERIES on behalf of each of its series

JOHN HANCOCK CALIFORNIA TAX-FREE INCOME on behalf of each of its series

JOHN HANCOCK CURRENT INTEREST on behalf of each of its series

JOHN HANCOCK INVESTMENT TRUST on behalf of each of its series

JOHN HANCOCK INVESTMENT TRUST II on behalf of each of its series

JOHN HANCOCK INVESTMENT TRUST III on behalf of each of its series

#### JOHN HANCOCK MUNICIPAL

SERIES TRUST on behalf of each of its series

JOHN HANCOCK SERIES TRUST on behalf of each of its series

JOHN HANCOCK SOVEREIGN BOND FUND on behalf of each of its series

JOHN HANCOCK STRATEGIC SERIES on behalf of each of its series

## JOHN HANCOCK TAX-EXEMPT

SERIES FUND on behalf of each of its series

## JOHN HANCOCK BANK AND THRIFT OPPORTUNITY FUND

on behalf of each of its series

JOHN HANCOCK HEDGED EQUITY & INCOME FUND on behalf of each of its series

#### JOHN HANCOCK INCOME

SECURITIES TRUST

INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

on behalf of each of its series

## JOHN HANCOCK INVESTORS TRUST

on behalf of each of its series

## JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME FUND

on behalf of each of its series

## JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME

FUND II

on behalf of each of its series

## JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME

**FUND III** 

on behalf of each of its series

#### JOHN HANCOCK PREMIUM DIVIDEND FUND

(formerly known as John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund II)

on behalf of each of its series

## JOHN HANCOCK TAX-ADVANTAGED DIVIDEND INCOME FUND

on behalf of each of its series

## JOHN HANCOCK TAX-ADVANTAGED GLOBAL SHAREHOLDER YIELD FUND

on behalf of each of its series

Executed on behalf of each Trust and its relevant Series referenced above:

By:
Name:
Title:

/s/ Betsy Anne Seel Betsy Anne Seel Assistant Secretary

## STATEMENT REGARDING SINGLE BOND AMOUNT

If the investment companies shown below had not been named as an insured under this joint insured bond, they would have provided and maintained a single bond in the amount of at least:

John Hancock Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund	\$750,000
John Hancock Bond Trust	\$1,500,000
John Hancock California Tax-Free Income Fund	\$750,000
John Hancock Capital Series	\$1,900,000
John Hancock Current Interest	\$750,000
John Hancock Hedged Equity & Income Fund	\$750,000
John Hancock Funds II	\$2,500,000
John Hancock Funds III	\$2,100,000
John Hancock Income Securities Trust	\$750,000
John Hancock Investors Trust	\$600,000
John Hancock Investment Trust	\$2,500,000
John Hancock Investment Trust II	\$1,250,000
John Hancock Investment Trust III	\$525,000
John Hancock Municipal Securities Trust	\$1,000,000
John Hancock Preferred Income Fund	\$1,000,000
John Hancock Preferred Income Fund II	\$900,000
John Hancock Preferred Income Fund III	\$1,000,000
John Hancock Premium Dividend Fund	\$1,000,000
John Hancock Series Trust	\$300,000

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John Hancock Sovereign Bond Fund	\$1,250,000
John Hancock Strategic Series	\$1,700,000
John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund	\$1,000,000
John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Global Shareholder Yield Fund	\$525,000
John Hancock Tax-Exempt Series Fund	\$600,000
John Hancock Variable Insurance Trust	\$2,500,000

## PREMIUM PERIOD

Premiums have been paid for the period July 15, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

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Non-operating income (expenses):

Interest income

	14
	32
	65
	207
Gain/(loss) on currency translation	2,273
	(212)
	267
	(361)
	(1,238)
Other income/(expense)	(262)

Loss on sale of marketable securities

Gain/(loss) on derivatives

(30)

(50)

(39)

(57)

(39)

	116
	96
	(755)
Total non-operating income/(expenses)	
	(198)
	260
	(180)
	(1,024)
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	1,169

Net loss

\$	(3,601)
\$	(6,855)
\$	(11,092)
\$	(16,507)
\$	(110,533)

**Other comprehensive income/(loss)** 

Realized loss on available-for-sale securities

Unrealized gain/(loss) on available-for-sale securities

39

57

\$

\$

\$

\$

\$

Total other comprehensive income/(loss)

4

(57)

## **COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**

\$	(3,601)
\$	(6,855)
\$	(11,092)
\$	(16,464)
\$	(110,533)

# LOSS PER SHARE - BASIC AND DILUTED



# WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF

## SHARES OUTSTANDING

47,707,216

45,037,175

47,706,337

45,852,135

See accompanying notes to consolidated interim financial statements

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# RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD. (an exploration stage company) CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars)

(Expresse	For the nine months end	Cumulative during exploration	
	2014	2013	stage
CASH FLOWS FROM			-
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net loss for the period	\$ (11,092)	\$ (16,507)	\$ (110,533)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss for			
the period to net cash and cash			
equivalents used in operating			
activities:			
Depreciation	163	146	622
Asset retirement obligation	17	13	432
Fair value of warrants received pursuant			
to the sale of mineral properties	-	-	(15)
Realized gain on derivatives	(14)	-	(164)
Unrealized (gain)/loss on derivatives	(103)	(96)	918
Write-down of mineral property	-	-	1,891
Gain on currency translation	-	-	(17)
Loss on disposal of marketable			
securities	-	39	57
Gain on disposal of equipment	-	-	(3)
Stock-based compensation	439	1,173	23,366
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Changes in non-cash working			()
capital:			
Accounts receivable	7	(34)	(163)
Interest receivable	4	299	(8)
Prepaid expenses	1	(292)	(413)
Accounts payable and accrued		· · · · ·	· · · · ·
liabilities	(362)	(357)	1,023
Due to related party	-	-	(28)
Net cash and cash equivalents used in			
operating activities	(10,940)	(15,616)	(83,035)
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING			
ACTIVITIES:			(207)
Purchases of marketable securities	-	-	(207)
Purchases of short-term investments	-	(9,823)	(24,941)
	-	-	(29)

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Additions to mineral properties, net of cost recoveries			
Additions to restricted cash	_	_	(422)
Release of restricted cash	-	-	422
Purchases of equipment	(33)	(192)	(1,014)
Purchase of land	-	(980)	(980)
Proceeds from sale of marketable			
securities	-	36	186
Proceeds from sale of short-term			
investments	-	24,941	24,941
Payments received for sale/option of			
mineral properties	-	-	279
Net cash and cash equivalents			
provided by (used in) investing			
activities	(33)	13,982	(1,765)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING			
ACTIVITIES:			
Advance of promissory note	-	-	111
Repayment of promissory note	-	-	(129)
Cash received for common shares, net			
of share issuance costs	(42)	7,518	102,274
Shares subscribed	-	-	(4,788)
Net cash and cash equivalents			
provided by (used in) financing			
activities	(42)	7,518	97,468
Cash acquired in capital transaction	-	-	219
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash			
equivalents	(11,015)	5,884	12,887
Cash and cash equivalents -			
beginning of the period	23,902	24,985	-
Cash and cash equivalents - end of			
the period	\$ 12,887	\$ 30,869	\$ 12,887

See Note 8 for supplemental disclosure with respect to cash flows.

See accompanying notes to consolidated interim financial statements

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# NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Rare Element Resources Ltd. (collectively, we, Rare Element or the Company) was incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada, on June 3, 1999.

We are focused on advancing the Bear Lodge Rare Earth Element (REE) Project located near the town of Sundance in northeast Wyoming. The Bear Lodge REE Project consists of a large disseminated REE deposit and a proposed hydrometallurgical plant to be located near Upton, Wyoming. The REE deposit is one of the highest grade REE deposits identified in North America and one of the highest grade europium deposits in the world. In addition, the Bear Lodge REE Project has a favorable distribution of the remaining critical rare earth elements (CREEs), which the Company defines as neodymium, europium, dysprosium, praseodymium, terbium, and yttrium. At present, we are undertaking advanced engineering, process confirmation, geological modeling and technical studies while working toward obtaining the necessary permits and licenses to enable us to develop the Bear Lodge REE Project. Based on review of current permitting timetables and other factors, the Company currently projects project commissioning to begin in mid-2017, subject to permitting, financing, FS finalization and other factors, including, but not limited to, production of marketable products from the larger-scale demonstration project and contractual arrangements with potential off-take customers. In accordance with U.S. GAAP, we are an exploration stage entity. To date, we have no revenue and have an accumulated operating deficit of \$110,533 of which \$62,369 is attributable to the exploration and evaluation of our mineral interests.

Our continuing operations and the recoverability of the carrying values of our mineral property interests are dependent upon the development, mining and processing of economic mineral reserves at the Bear Lodge REE Project, our ability to obtain the necessary permits and licenses to mine and process these mineral reserves and on the future profitable production of these mineral reserves. Development and/or start-up of the Bear Lodge REE Project are also dependent upon our ability to obtain the necessary financing to construct and complete the Bear Lodge REE Project. Although we have been successful in raising capital in the past, there can be no assurance that we will be able to do so in the future.

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# **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

In accordance with U.S. GAAP for interim financial statements, these consolidated financial statements do not include certain information and note disclosures that are normally included in annual financial statements prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP. Accordingly, these unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in

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conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2013, which were included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2013. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (which are of a normal, recurring nature) necessary to present fairly in all material respects our financial position as of September 30, 2014, and the results of our operations and cash flows for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 in conformity with U.S. GAAP. Interim results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 may not be indicative of results that will be realized for the full year ending December 31, 2014.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-15, Presentation of Financial Statements-Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40): Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity s Ability to Continue as a Going Concern (ASU 2014-15). ASU 2014-15 is intended to define management s responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an organization s ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. The amendments in this ASU are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. We are currently assessing the impact the adoption of ASU 2014-15 will have on our financial statements and related disclosures.

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In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-10, which amended Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 915 Development Stage Entities. The amendment eliminates certain financial reporting requirements surrounding development stage entities, including an amendment to the variable interest entities guidance in ASC Topic 810, Consolidation. The amendment removes the definition of a development stage entity from the ASC, thereby removing the financial reporting distinction between development stage entities and other entities from U.S. GAAP. Consequently, the amendment eliminates the requirements for development stage entities to (1) present inception-to-date information in the statements of income, cash flows and shareholder equity, (2) label the financial statements as those of a development stage entity, (3) disclose a description of the development stage entity. This amendment is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2014, and interim periods therein. Early application of each of the amendments is permitted for any annual reporting period or interim period for which the entity s financial statements have not yet been issued. We are currently assessing the impact the adoption of ASU 2014-10 will have on our financial statements and related disclosures.

# 3.

# FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Our financial instruments can consist of cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, accounts receivable, restricted cash, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Included, at times, within cash and cash equivalents is an enhanced yield deposit account that contains an embedded derivative in the form of a foreign currency option. Due to the short-term nature of the option contract and the relatively low volatility between the U.S. dollar and Canadian dollar, the liability portion of the derivative instrument is de minimis. As of September 30, 2014, the Company had no such deposits. U.S. GAAP defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or be paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price) and establishes a fair-value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value using the following definitions (from highest to lowest priority):

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

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Level 2 Observable inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, including quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or

can be corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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Level 3 Prices or valuation techniques requiring inputs that are both significant to the fair-value measurement and unobservable.

The Company considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Company continually monitors its positions with, and the credit quality of, the financial institutions with which it invests. Periodically throughout the year, the Company has maintained balances in various U.S. operating accounts in excess of U.S. federally insured limits.

The following table presents information about financial instruments recognized at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, and indicates the fair value hierarchy:

	Sept	ember	30, 2014	4	Dece	mber 31, 2013	3
	Level 1	Leve	12	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,887	\$	-	\$ 12,887	\$ 23,902	\$ -	\$ 23,902
Total financial assets	\$ 12,887	\$	-	\$ 12,887	\$ 23,902	\$ -	\$ 23,902
<u>Liabilities</u> Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities Asset retirement obligation Derivative liabilities Total financial assets and	\$ 1,049 - -	\$	432	\$ 1,049 432	\$ 1,425 	\$ - 415 103	\$ 1,425 415 103
liabilities	\$ 13,936	\$	432	\$ 14,368	\$ 25,327	\$ 518	\$ 25,845

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## 4.

# EQUIPMENT

	September 30, 2014				December 31, 2013							
	Accumulated Net book			Accumulated Net book			Accumulate			umulated	Net	book
		Cost	depre	eciation	va	lue	C	ost	depr	reciation	val	lue
Computer equipment	\$	189	\$	160	\$	29	\$	169	\$	118	\$	51
Furniture		111		60		51		111		48		63
Geological equipment		488		294		194		488		217		271
Vehicles		221		104		117		208		72		136
	\$	1,009	\$	618	\$	391	\$	976	\$	455	\$	521

## 5.

# SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

## **Common Shares**

	Number of shares issued	Comm	ion shares (\$)
As of December 31, 2013	47,627,245	\$	100,513
Exercise of stock options - cash Exercise of stock options - fair value	- 79,971		139
Issued during the nine months ended September 30, 2014	-		-
As of September 30, 2014	47,707,216	\$	100,652

On January 2, 2014, a cashless exercise was made resulting in the issuance of 79,971 shares. Due to the nature of the cashless exercise, no cash was received by the Company and share issuance costs of \$42 were incurred.

### Warrants

Outstanding warrants include 1,338,688 warrants, each exercisable for one of the Company s common shares, issued to investors in connection with the September 27, 2013 registered direct offering. The exercise price and exercise period of each warrant are \$4.15 and three years, respectively.

In addition, the Company issued to an agent in connection with the September 27, 2013 offering 133,869 warrants, under the same terms as those issued to investors.

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## ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL

#### Stock-based compensation

We have options outstanding and exercisable that were issued under two plans, the Fixed Stock Option Plan ( FSOP ) and the 10% Rolling Stock Option Plan ( RSOP ).

The FSOP was originally approved by shareholders on December 11, 2002, and subsequently approved by shareholders on December 7, 2009, following certain amendments to the FSOP. The FSOP expired upon the adoption of the RSOP that was approved by shareholders on December 2, 2011, and as such, we may no longer grant options under the FSOP. However, the terms of the FSOP continue to govern all prior awards granted under such plan until such awards have been cancelled, forfeited or exercised in accordance with the terms thereof. As of September 30, 2014, we had 1,915,000 options outstanding under our FSOP, as amended, and 2,430,500 options outstanding under our RSOP.

The fair value of each employee stock option award is estimated at the grant date using a Black-Scholes option pricing model and the price of our common shares on the date of grant. The significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value of stock options awarded during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 using a Black-Scholes model are as follows:

	Nine months ended September 30,		
	2014	2013	
Risk-free interest rate	0.93% - 0.99%	0.35% - 0.59%	
Expected volatility	74.7% - 79.1%	80.0% - 84.0%	
Expected dividend yield	Nil	Nil	
Expected term in years	3.25 3.28	3.0	
Estimated forfeiture rate	3.68% - 3.72%	3.9%	

The compensation expense recognized in our consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 for stock option awards was \$121 and \$439, respectively, and \$219 and \$1,173 for the same periods in 2013. As of September 30, 2014, there was \$159 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to 572,500 unvested stock options that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average remaining vesting period of 0.67 years.

The following table summarizes our stock option activity for each of the nine-month periods ended September 30:

	2014		2013	
		Weighted		Weighted
		Average		Average
	Number of	Exercise	Number of	Exercise
	Stock Options	Price	Stock Options	Price
Outstanding, beginning of period	4,700,500	\$ 5.51	4,331,000	\$ 6.42
Granted	275,000	1.28	185,000	2.04
Cancelled	(480,000)	4.73	(248,000)	6.63
Exercised	(150,000)	0.52	-	-
Outstanding, end of period	4,345,500	\$ 5.29	4,268,000	\$ 6.06
Exercisable, end of period	3,773,000	\$ 5.88	3,786,000	\$ 6.41
Weighted-average fair value per share of options granted during period	\$ 0.65		\$ 1.07	

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# COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Our commitments and contingencies include the following items:

## Potential environmental contingency

Our mining and exploration activities are subject to various federal and state laws and regulations governing the protection of the environment. These laws and regulations are continually changing and generally becoming more restrictive. The Company conducts its operations so as to protect public health and the environment and believes its operations are materially in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. We have made, and expect to make in the future, expenditures to comply with such laws and regulations. The ultimate amount of reclamation and other future site-restoration costs to be incurred for existing mining interests is uncertain.

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## SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE WITH RESPECT TO CASH FLOWS

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, supplemental cash flow items consisted of interest received of \$65 and \$515, respectively.

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# ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following management s discussion and analysis of the consolidated financial results and condition of Rare Element Resources Ltd. (collectively, we, us, our, Rare Element or the Company) for the three- and nineperiods ended September 30, 2014, has been prepared based on information available to us as of November 7, 2014. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto included herewith and the audited Consolidated Financial Statements of Rare Element for the period ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes thereto filed with our Annual Report on Form 10-K, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. This discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors, including, but not limited to, those set forth elsewhere in this report. See Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.

## All currency amounts are expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, unless otherwise noted.

## Introduction

Presently, we are focused on economic and geological evaluation and permitting of the Bear Lodge REE Project, located near Sundance, Wyoming. We plan to develop and produce a mixed rare earth oxide concentrate from the Bear Lodge REE Project, subject to obtaining, among other things, a positive feasibility study, the necessary mining permits and licenses, and the financing required to construct the mine and processing facilities.

As of September 30, 2014, we were considered an exploration stage entity under U.S. GAAP due to the lack of mineral reserves reported under SEC Industry Guide 7. However, we have updated and reported mineral resources that are National Instrument 43-101 ( NI 43-101 ) compliant, a Canadian standard. These resources have been incorporated into our recent pre-feasibility study ( PFS ) and ultimately will be incorporated into our feasibility study ( FS ) on the Bear Lodge REE Project.

## Outlook

We have sufficient cash on hand to diligently execute our development plans through mid-2015 as well as the ability to defer certain activities and reduce our rate of expenditures if market conditions dictate. Subject to financing and other factors, major activities through 2015 include:

Achieve key environmental permitting milestones including (i) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) alternatives assessment and impact analysis, (ii) Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality permit and industrial siting permit filings, and (iii) U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission possession license application filing;

Support the permitting process by continuing to communicate and build stakeholder support for the Project at the federal, state, and local levels and through timely and thorough responses to federal and state agency inquiries;

Continue to evaluate PFS recommendations and implement those necessary to optimize the Project;

Initiate the FS, pending Board approval, incorporating the PFS information, project budgets, schedules and other factors;

Continue to test and evaluate downstream elemental separation of our high-purity, mixed rare earth oxide concentrate;

Distribute rare earth products generated from downstream elemental separation testwork for market testing by potential customers to allow the Company to advance one or more offtake and/or strategic partner relationships;

Potentially develop a larger-scale demonstration facility (using recently excavated and stockpiled 1,000-ton high-grade ore sample) to minimize start-up/commissioning risk by confirming project design parameters, including materials of construction, equipment selection, reaction kinetics, etc.;

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Conduct limited condemnation drilling and evaluation to support the project development and permitting processes;

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Evaluate district-wide geological/geochemical/geophysical/mineralogical data to optimize and guide future

exploration and exploitation of the district; and

Raise additional funds to support the above activities and continue to advance the Project in a timely fashion.

### **Results of Operations**

### Summary

Our consolidated net loss for the three-month period ended September 30, 2014 was \$3,601, or \$0.08 per share, compared with our consolidated net loss of \$6,855, or \$0.15 per share, for the same period in 2013. Our consolidated net loss for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2014 was \$11,092, or \$0.23 per share, compared with our consolidated net loss of \$16,507, or \$0.36 per share, for the same period in 2013.

For the three-month period ended September 30, 2014, the decrease in consolidated net loss of \$3,254 from the respective prior period was primarily the result of a decrease in exploration and evaluation expenses of \$3,260, a decrease in corporate administration expenses of \$463 and an unfavorable variance in currency translation of \$479.

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2014, the decrease in consolidated net loss of \$5,415 from the respective prior period was primarily the result of a decrease in exploration and evaluation expenses of \$3,257, a decrease in corporate administration expenses of \$1,331 and a favorable variance in currency translation of \$877.

## Exploration and evaluation

Exploration and evaluation costs were \$2,305 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2014, compared with \$5,565 for the same period in 2013. The decrease of \$3,260 from the prior period was mostly the result of decreased expenses associated with reduced (1) drilling program costs in 2014 of \$1,219, (2) metallurgical testing of \$1,395, (3) environmental, health and safety of \$366, and (4) engineering and development of \$414.

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Exploration and evaluation costs were \$7,164 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2014, compared with \$10,421 for the same period in 2013. The decrease of \$3,257 from the prior period was mostly the result of decreased expenses associated with reduced (1) drilling program costs in 2014 of \$2,148, (2) metallurgical testing of \$816, (3) environmental, health and safety of \$718, and (4) engineering and development of \$426.

## Corporate administration

Corporate administration costs decreased to \$1,038 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2014, compared with \$1,501 for the same period in 2013. The decrease of \$463 from the prior period was due to a decrease in stock-based compensation expense as well as the Company s continual focus on containing costs. The decrease in stock-based compensation expense of \$98 was primarily the result of historically declining stock prices, which determine the strike price of the grant and are a significant driver of the expense to be incurred (as measured on the grant date).

Corporate administration costs decreased to \$3,585 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2014, as compared with \$4,916 for the same period in 2013. The decrease of \$1,331 from the prior period was due to a decrease in stock-based compensation expense as well as the Company s continual focus on containing costs. The decrease in stock-based compensation expense of \$734 was primarily the result of historically declining stock prices, which determine the strike price of the grant and are a significant driver of the expense to be incurred (as measured on the grant date).

## Non-operating income and expenses

### Interest income

Interest income decreased to \$14 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2014, compared with \$32 for the same period in 2013. Interest income decreased to \$65 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2014, compared with \$207 for the same period in 2013. The decrease in interest income from the prior period is attributable to decreased average cash balances held in interest-bearing accounts during the periods as well as decreased average yields as compared with the prior periods.

Gain/(loss) on currency translation

We report our financial statements in U.S. dollars. Therefore, any foreign currencies owned at the end of the period are converted to U.S. dollars at the current exchange rate. We hold Canadian dollars in Canadian and U.S. banks as a result of past financings that were denominated in Canadian dollars. While the majority of our expenses are in U.S. dollars, we continue to hold Canadian dollars due to higher investment returns and ongoing Canadian dollar denominated expenses. A strengthening Canadian dollar will result in gains and a weakening Canadian dollar will result in losses as long as we continue to hold Canadian dollars.

The loss on currency translation was \$212 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2014, compared with a gain of \$267 for the same period in 2013. The Canadian dollar weakened by 4.4% against the U.S. dollar over the three-month period ended September 30, 2014 and, in contrast, strengthened by 2.1% over the three-month period ended September 30, 2013. The average Canadian cash and cash equivalent balances during the three-month periods ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 were CAD \$4.7 million and CAD \$15.1 million, respectively.

The loss on currency translation was \$361 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2014, compared with a loss of \$1,238 for the same period in 2013. The Canadian dollar weakened by 4.1% and 3.5% against the U.S. dollar over the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The average Canadian cash and cash equivalent balances during the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The average CAD \$7.5 million and CAD \$22.5 million, respectively.

## **Financial Position, Liquidity and Capital Resources**

## **Operating Activities**

Net cash used in operating activities was \$10,940 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2014, compared with \$15,616 for the same period in 2013. The decrease of \$4,676 in cash used is mostly the result of (a) foreign currency fluctuations on our bank accounts held in Canadian dollars, which accounted for a positive variance of \$877, (b) decreases in spending associated with exploration and evaluation activities accounting for a decreased use of approximately \$3,260, (c) timing of cash outlays associated with prepaid expenses, which accounted for a positive variance of \$293, and (d) the Company s continual focus on cost containment within corporate administration expenses accounting for a decreased use of approximately \$600. The decreases above were offset by decreased cash receipts from interest earned of \$450.

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## **Investing** Activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$33 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2014, compared with net cash provided of \$13,982 for the same period in 2013. The decrease in cash provided by investing activities of \$14,015 is primarily due to the net increase in cash from the sale of short-term investments of \$15,118 during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013. Similar activity did not occur in the three-month period ended September 30, 2013 was a land purchase in the amount of \$980.

### Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities was \$42 for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2014, compared with net cash provided of \$7,518 for the same period in 2013. The cash payment in the 2014 period was the result of a cashless stock option exercise where the Company was required to withhold and remit associated taxes on behalf of the exercising participant, a Canadian resident. The participant was issued the remaining net shares upon consideration of the necessary exercise and tax amounts withheld. In September 2013, the Company completed an offering providing the net inflow of cash.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

At September 30, 2014, our total current assets were \$13,310, compared with \$24,337 as of December 31, 2013, which is a decrease of \$11,027. The decrease in total current assets is primarily due to a decrease in the combination of cash and cash equivalents of \$11,015.

Our working capital as at September 30, 2014 was \$12,051, compared with \$22,605 at December 31, 2013.

Our plans through 2015 are to continue those activities necessary to advance the Bear Lodge REE Project to a FS, to continue supporting efforts on the EIS, advance the permitting processes and evaluate the feasibility of incorporating downstream elemental separation of rare earths into our project. Execution of our plans contemplates additional financing by mid-2015 to support our balance sheet and continue the current pace of project progress for further permitting, evaluation, development and construction of the Bear Lodge REE Project.

We expect that we will require between \$45 million and \$60 million of additional funding over the next two years to support the EIS and permitting processes, ongoing engineering, advanced metallurgical and elemental separation test work, FS completion, a larger-scale demonstration facility development and operation and other corporate expenses. The actual amount of the funding required prior to receiving all of the necessary operating approvals will depend on the timing of such approvals as well as the level of expenditures as approved by the Company s Board of Directors. There is no assurance that such financing will be available, or available on terms acceptable to the Company.

We extended the option covering up to 840 acres of private land in Upton, Wyoming. The option now expires in the fourth quarter of 2017. If we choose to purchase the land, the purchase price is the greater of \$1 per acre or the appraised value at the time of exercise.

As of September 30, 2014, we had effective shelf registration statements in the U.S. and Canada. As of September 30, 2014, the remaining capacity under the shelf filings was \$35.9 million in the U.S. and CAD \$50.0 million in Canada, though there is no assurance that such capacity will be available in the future.

Based on review of current permitting timetables and other factors, the Company currently projects project commissioning to begin in mid-2017, subject to permitting, financing, FS finalization and other factors, including, but not limited to, production of marketable products from the larger-scale demonstration project and contractual arrangements with potential off-take customers.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **Contractual Obligations**

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There were no material changes to the contractual obligations disclosed in Item 7 of Part II in our Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2013.

# ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCUSSION ABOUT MARKET RISK

**Market risk.** Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Our market risk comprises three types of risk: interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and other price risk.

**Interest rate risk.** Our cash and cash equivalents consist of cash held in bank accounts and, at times, guaranteed investment certificates that earn interest at variable interest rates. Due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments, fluctuations in market rates did not have a significant impact on estimated fair values as of September 30, 2014. Future cash flows from interest income on cash and cash equivalents will be affected by interest rate fluctuations. We manage interest rate risk by maintaining an investment policy that focuses primarily on preservation of capital and liquidity.

**Foreign currency risk.** We are exposed to foreign currency risk as certain monetary financial instruments are denominated in Canadian dollars. We have not entered into any foreign currency contracts to mitigate this risk. We attempt to mitigate this risk by holding six to twelve months of U.S.-based spending in U.S. dollars as a natural hedge against currency fluctuations. At September 30, 2014, a 1% increase/decrease in the Canadian dollar to U.S. dollar exchange rate would have decreased/increased our consolidated net loss by \$43.

**Other price risk.** Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices, other than those arising from interest rate risk or foreign exchange risk.

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### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

#### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, an evaluation was carried out under the supervision of, and with the participation of, our management, including the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), of the effectiveness of the design and operations of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Based on that evaluation, the CEO and the CFO have concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that: (i) information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit to the SEC under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in applicable rules and forms and (ii) information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate, to allow for accurate and timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

### **Changes in Internal Controls**

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2014, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### PART II OTHER INFORMATION

### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are not aware of any material pending or threatened litigation or of any proceedings known to be contemplated by governmental authorities that are, or would be, likely to have a material adverse effect upon us or our operations, taken as a whole.

### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The risk factor outlined below should be considered along with the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A of Part I in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2013.

#### We expect to commence a FS on our Bear Lodge REE Project, and the results of this FS are uncertain.

We recently completed a PFS for our Bear Lodge REE Project that updated our Mineral Resource estimate and reflects our current process technology. We expect to commence work on the FS in 2015. The results of this study are uncertain and may indicate project economics that are more or less favorable than previously reported. As our project optimization efforts continue, we cannot ensure that the FS will be based upon all of the same inputs used in the PFS. As a result, we may need to update our processing technology and/or project development plans to enhance economics and further study aspects of the Bear Lodge REE Project. This could result in significant additional delays and/or expense and could make financing efforts with respect to such efforts more difficult.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

None.

## ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

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# ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

We consider health, safety and environmental stewardship to be a core value for Rare Element.

Pursuant to Section 1503(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act ), issuers that are operators, or that have a subsidiary that is an operator, of a coal or other mine in the United States are required to disclose in their periodic reports filed with the SEC information regarding specified health and safety violations, orders and citations, related assessments and legal actions, and mining-related fatalities under the regulation of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the Mine Act). During the period ended September 30, 2014, the Bear Lodge REE Project was not yet in production and as such, was not subject to regulation by MSHA under the Mine Act.

## **ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

## **ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

Exhibit	Description of Exhibits

Number

31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 promulgated under the
	Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 promulgated under the
	Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of
	2002
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of
	2002
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document

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- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
- 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
- 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
- 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
- 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

## RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD.

By:

/s/ Randall J. Scott **Randall J. Scott** President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer )

Date:

November 7, 2014

By:

/s/ Paul H. Zink **Paul H. Zink** Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: November 7, 2014