



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Karora Delivers Record Revenue of \$264 Million and Cash Flow Provided by Operating Activities of \$106 Million in 2021**

*Karora will host a call/webcast on March 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) to discuss the fourth quarter and full year 2021 results. North American callers please dial: 1-888-664-6392, international callers please dial: (+1) 416-764-8659. For the webcast of this event click [here](#) (replay access information below).*

**TORONTO, March 14, 2022** – Karora Resources Inc. (TSX:KRR; OTCQX:KRRGF) ("Karora" or the "Corporation" - <https://www.commodity-tv.com/ondemand/companies/profil/karora-resources-inc/>) is pleased to announce its financial results and review of activities for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2021. All amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted. For additional information please refer to Karora's Management's Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A") and audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

#### **Highlights**

- Record annual gold production of 112,814 ounces (including 27,925 ounces in the fourth quarter) achieving the upper end of 2021 guidance target of 105,000 - 115,000 ounces. Gold sales for 2021 were a record 113,628 ounces (28,734 ounces for the fourth quarter).
- AISC<sup>1</sup> was US\$1,012 per ounce for 2021, achieving the lower end of the 2021 guidance range of US\$985 – US\$1,085 per ounce sold (US\$1,042 per ounce for the fourth quarter), representing an improvement compared to AISC of US\$1,026 per ounce sold for 2020.
- Net earnings for 2021 of \$27.5 million (\$0.18 per share) was down compared to \$88.1 million for 2020. Net earnings during the fourth quarter of 2021 were \$6.1 million (\$0.04 per share), compared to \$42.9 million (\$0.30 per share) for the fourth quarter of 2020. In 2020, Karora recorded a positive impact of an after-tax impairment reversal of property, plant and equipment of \$25.3 million (\$0.18 per share) and the fourth quarter of 2020 included a \$26.1 million deferred tax benefit.
- Adjusted earnings<sup>1</sup> for 2021 of \$48.6 million (\$0.33 per share) down \$23.5 million compared to 2020. For the fourth quarter of 2021, adjusted earnings were \$12.0 million (\$0.08 per share) compared to \$39.0 million (\$0.27 per share) in 2020.
- Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> for 2021 of \$104.3 million (\$0.70 per share) up \$8.2 million compared to 2020. For the fourth quarter of 2021, Adjusted EBITDA was \$25.0 million (\$0.16 per share) compared to \$31.7 million (\$0.22 per share) in 2020.
- Cash flow from operating activities of \$106.5 million, a 13% increase compared to 2020. For the fourth quarter of 2021, cash flow from operating activities was \$33.5 million, a 12% decrease compared to \$38.0 million in 2020.

- Karora increased its cash position to \$91.0 million at December 31, 2021 after high utilization of capital at the new mining operations at Higginsville and accelerated exploration programs across operations.
- During 2021 Karora became one of the world's first carbon neutral gold producers for emissions from its own operations (Scope 1 emissions) and purchased electricity consumption (Scope 2 emissions) following the purchase and retirement of verified carbon offset credits. The offset projects include reforestation and conservation initiatives in Australia, among other projects.
- Production commenced at the Spargos open pit mine in the fourth quarter of 2021 in line with schedule. Planning and approvals are underway to extend the open pit at depth.
- The fourth quarter saw the completion of the Phase I mill upgrade to 1.6 million tonnes per annum ("Mtpa"). Advanced engineering is underway for the Phase II mill expansion to 2.5 Mtpa.
- Beta Hunt Second Decline commenced waste development from underground in the fourth quarter of 2021, having advanced 60 metres as at December 31, 2021. The box cut and portal contracts were awarded in early 2022 and contractors have mobilized on site.
- Drilling at Beta Hunt has extended Fletcher Shear Zone (Beta Hunt) gold mineralization to over 500 metres along strike and 150 metres in vertical extent. Potential exists for gold mineralization to extend for up to 2 kilometres of strike length. New results include 3.3 g/t over 9.5 metres, including 5.5 g/t over 4.4 metres and 18.5 g/t over 0.8 metres.
- Results received early 2022 for Gamma Block (Beta Hunt) drilling completed in 2021 show the 50C nickel trough extends greater than 200 metres in strike and up to 120 metres in width. In addition to the discovery intersection of 11.6% Ni over 4.6 metres, recent drilling intersected 3.2% Ni over 3.1 metres and 5.1% Ni over 2.1 metres.
- New gold mineralized setting intersected beneath the 50C nickel trough in the Gamma Block (Beta Hunt) where drilling has confirmed significant mineralization over a 200 metre strike length including intercepts of returned an intercepts of 40.5 g/t over 4.0 metres, 3.4 g/t over 33.6 metres (including 6.0 g/t over 10.5 metres), and 7.6 g/t over 4.6 metres.
- West of the Larkin Gold Zone (Beta Hunt), drilling returned the widest ever mineralized interval ever recorded at Beta Hunt of 1.5 g/t over 90.0 metres, including 50.9 g/t over 0.4 metres.

Paul Andre Huet, Chairman & CEO, commented: "During 2021 we produced a record 112,814 ounces of gold placing us in the upper end our guidance range of 105,000 -115,000 ounces. AISC<sup>1</sup> costs for 2021 were very strong at US\$1,012 per ounce sold, despite numerous headwinds, placing us at the lower end of our guidance range of US\$985 -US\$1,085 for 2021. The fact that we were able to achieve guidance for production and costs is an accomplishment our team is very proud of given all the uncertainties due to Covid-19 pressures that impacted labour availability and caused numerous supply chain issues that are certainly well known. Over the last two years, we have demonstrated an ability to overcome many challenges and I am confident we will continue to do so with whatever 2022 brings. I am also proud that that Karora became one of the first junior gold producers to achieve carbon neutrality in 2021 for Scope 1 and 2 at its own operations following the purchase and retirement of verified carbon offset credits. We continue to be focused on our efforts in this area across the organization and we are now developing a pathway to a long-term carbon emissions reduction

strategy. We will include more information on our strategy development in our inaugural ESG report expected in the coming weeks.

Karora delivered solid financial performance in 2021 with Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of \$104.3 million or \$0.70 per share and operating cash flow of \$106.5 million or \$0.71 per share. Our 2021 Adjusted earnings<sup>1</sup> were \$48.6 million or \$0.33 per share. Karora ended 2021 with a strong cash balance of \$91.0 million. With a very healthy balance sheet, we are well positioned to deliver our fully funded organic growth plan to double production from approximately 100,000 gold ounces in 2020 to approximately 200,000 ounces in 2024.

Given the recent increased nickel market activity, I am particularly excited about our prospects to increase our nickel production, having recently provided Karora's first payable nickel production guidance of 450 - 550 tonnes in 2022. With our recent nickel exploration successes, we look forward to nickel production increases beginning in 2023 that I expect will be a real differentiator for Karora going forward. With the current strong nickel price environment, we expect to see increase by-product credits to lower our gold production costs. We are making every effort to capitalize on this opportunity and are moving as quickly as possible to bring new nickel areas such as the 50C and 30C discoveries into production early next year. Additionally, we will be providing an updated nickel resource at Beta Hunt around mid year."

1. Non-IFRS: the definition and reconciliation of these measures are included in the Non-IFRS Measures section of this news release and Karora's MD&A dated March 14, 2022.

## **COVID-19 Protocols**

In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, protocols and contingency plans have been established by Karora to comply with government actions and mitigate operational impacts which include the charter of our own aircraft to service our operations, review of staff rostering to run two distinctive crews, employment of a full time medical team to oversee screening and testing protocols on site and the immunization of our workforce. Karora's management has maintained its Run of Mine ("ROM") stockpile levels should disruptions to the mining operations or supply chain occur in the future.

Management continues to monitor developments in order to be in a position to take appropriate actions to minimize any significant impact on the Corporation's operations including with respect to suppliers, service providers and employees due to the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic.

## Results of Operations

**Table 1 - Highlights of operational results for the periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020**

For the periods ended December 31,	Three months ended,		Year ended,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
<b>Gold Operations (Consolidated)</b>				
Tonnes milled (000s)	367	331	1,441	1,325
Recoveries	94%	93%	94%	93%
Gold milled, grade (g/t Au)	2.53	2.52	2.60	2.33
Gold produced (ounces)	27,925	25,637	112,814	99,249
Gold sold (ounces)	28,734	27,933	113,628	98,656
Average exchange rate (USD/CAD)	1.2603	1.3030	1.2536	1.3377
Average realized price (US \$/ounce sold)	\$1,802	\$1,871	\$1,792	\$1,480
Cash operating costs (US \$/oz sold) <sup>1</sup>	\$961	\$843	\$917	\$925
All-in sustaining cost (AISC) (US \$/oz sold) <sup>1</sup>	\$1,042	\$912	\$1,012	\$1,026
<b>Gold (Beta Hunt Mine)</b>				
Tonnes milled (000s)	206	182	884	745
Gold milled, grade (g/t Au)	2.61	3.13	2.95	2.77
Gold produced (ounces)	16,120	16,965	78,476	66,479
Gold sold (ounces)	16,372	18,234	78,810	65,838
Cash operating cost (US \$/oz sold) <sup>1</sup>	\$944	\$836	\$840	\$943
<b>Gold (HGO Mine)</b>				
Tonnes milled (000s)	161	149	557	580
Gold milled grade (g/t Au)	2.43	1.95	2.05	1.90
Gold produced (ounces)	11,805	8,672	34,338	32,770
Gold sold (ounces)	12,362	9,698	34,818	32,818
Cash operating cost (US \$/oz sold) <sup>1</sup>	\$984	\$858	\$1,092	\$886

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## **Consolidated Operations**

For 2021, Karora's gold operations milled 1,441,000 tonnes of material at an average grade of 2.60 g/t to produce 112,814 ounces of gold. Tonnes milled were 9% higher in 2021 compared to 2020 primarily due to increase throughput resulting from the Phase I expansion of the milling capacity of approximately 15%, or 550 tonnes per day, to 1.6 million tonnes per annum from the prior capacity which was completed in the fourth quarter of 2021. For the fourth quarter, tonnes milled were 367,000 tonnes at a grade of 2.53 g/t for gold production of 27,925 ounces.

For 2021, the mill feed was made up of approximately 61% material from the Beta Hunt underground and 39% material from Higginsville Central and Spargos, in line with the expected feed ratios for the year.

### **Beta Hunt**

For 2021, 884,000 tonnes of material was milled at a grade of 2.95 g/t, increases of 19% and 6%, respectively, compared to 2020. For the fourth quarter of 2021, 206,000 tonnes were milled at a grade of 2.61 g/t.

Beta Hunt continued its staged fleet replacement program during the fourth quarter with the acquisition of two new AD60 trucks, and a new jumbo drill was acquired which will be delivered in the second quarter of 2022. The replacement program is aimed at improving equipment reliability and positioning the Company for increased production as Karora moves forward with its growth plan. The stage 1 ventilation upgrade was also delivered after completion of two underground raise bores and associated development and infrastructure. Increased ventilation capacity is a critical component for future higher mining rates. With these two investments complete, Karora's growth plan remains on schedule.

Currently, nickel production at Beta Hunt is limited to remnant nickel Mineral Resources south of the Alpha Island Fault, which is the source of 2022 planned nickel production of between 450 - 550 tonnes of payable nickel. In the future, nickel production is expected to increase as new nickel areas such as the 30C and 50C discoveries are developed for mining. A resource update for these areas is expected by mid year 2022.

### **Higginsville ("HGO") Central**

HGO material milled during 2021 was 557,000 tonnes at a grade of 2.05 g/t, a 2% decrease and 8% increase, respectively compared to 2020. For the fourth quarter, 161,000 tonnes of HGO material was milled at an average grade of 2.43 g/t.

Hidden Secret was the main source of ore for processing during the fourth quarter at HGO. Mine production from Hidden Secret is expected to end in the first quarter of 2022 as it will be replaced with production from the new Spargos open pit, which began ramping up production in the fourth quarter of 2021.

At Spargos, the initial pre-strip development was completed during the fourth quarter and all infrastructure is in place for the Stage 1 open pit to continue ramping up mine production. Preparations

for Stage 2 of the mine are in progress to extend the pit at depth ahead of future potential underground operations.

Mine production from the Two Boys Mine continued in the fourth quarter. Mine development is ongoing and will provide underground drilling access to upper levels of the mine, along with rehabilitation activities to enable access to the higher grade mineralized zones at depth.

At the Aquarius underground mine, decline development continued, advancing to approximately 200 metres during the fourth quarter. First mineralized material from development is expected to be delivered to the mill in the first quarter of 2022, to be followed by stope production.

### Cash Operating Costs and AISC<sup>1</sup>

The AISC<sup>1</sup> cost performance for 2021 of US\$1,012 per ounce sold was at the lower end of the full year 2021 AISC<sup>1</sup> guidance range of US\$985-\$1,085 per ounce. For the fourth quarter, consolidated cash operating costs<sup>1</sup> and AISC<sup>1</sup> were US\$961 and US\$1,042 per ounce sold, increases of 14% and decrease of 14%, respectively relative to the comparable 2020 periods, primarily due to Covid-19 related cost pressures including a tight labour market. Karora is pleased with the announcement of the Western Australia border opening which, over time, is expected to alleviate some of the labour availability issues experienced across the region.

### Outlook

On June 28, 2021 Karora announced three-year production guidance as part of a multi-year growth plan that is expected to see gold production increase from 99,249 ounces in 2020 to a range of 185,000 – 205,000 ounces in 2024 at an AISC of US\$885 – US\$985 per ounce sold. On February 7, 2022 Karora announced production guidance for 2022 of between 110,000 to 135,000 ounces of gold at an AISC of US\$950 to US\$1,050 per ounce sold. Payable nickel production guidance for 2022 is between 450 to 550 tonnes and is treated as a by-product credit that is reflected in AISC. The growth plan and 2022 guidance assumes no significant disruption in operations as a result of the COVID-19 virus and any associated regulatory actions.

Table 2 below outlines production, cost and capital investment guidance for 2022-2024.

**Table 2 – Consolidated Multi-Year Guidance to 2024**

<b>Production &amp; Costs</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Gold Production</b>	Koz	110 – 135	150 – 170	185 - 205
<b>All-in sustaining costs</b>	US\$/oz	950 – 1,050	890 – 990	885 - 985
<b>Capital Investments</b>				
<b>Sustaining Capital</b>	A\$ (M)	9 – 15	11 – 16	18 - 23
<b>Growth Capital</b>	A\$ (M)	52 – 65	47 – 57	30 - 40
<b>Exploration &amp; Resource Development</b>	A\$ (M)	21 – 24	22 – 25	20 – 23

- (1) 2021 Guidance, which was announced in January 2021 (see Karora news release dated January 19, 2021), is unchanged. This production guidance through 2024 is based on the 2020 year-end Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources announced on December 16, 2020.
- (2) The Capital Investment amounts listed above, which the Corporation expects to fund with cash on hand and cashflow from operations, includes the capital required during the applicable periods to expand the capacity of the Higginsville mill to 2.5 Mtpa. See below for further detail regarding this expansion.

- (3) The material assumptions associated with the expansion of Beta Hunt mining production rate to 2.0 Mtpa in 2024 include the addition of a second ramp decline system driven parallel to the ore body, ventilation and other infrastructure that is required to support these areas, and an expanded trucking fleet. The Capital Investment amounts listed above, which the Corporation expects to fund with cash on hand and cashflow from operations, include the capital required during the applicable periods to fund this production expansion. See below for further detail regarding this expansion.
- (4) The Corporation's guidance assumes targeted mining rates and costs, availability of personnel, contractors, equipment and supplies, the receipt on a timely basis of required permits and licenses, cash availability for capital investments from cash balances, cash flow from operations, or from a third-party debt financing source on terms acceptable to the Corporation, no significant events which impact operations, such as COVID-19, nickel price of US\$16,000 per tonne, as well as an A\$ to US\$ exchange rate of 0.78 and A\$ to C\$ exchange rate of 0.91. Assumptions used for the purposes of guidance may prove to be incorrect and actual results may differ from those anticipated. See below "Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements".
- (5) Exploration expenditures include capital expenditures related to infill drilling for Mineral Resource conversion, capital expenditures for extension drilling outside of existing Mineral Resources and expensed exploration. Exploration expenditures also includes capital expenditures for the development of exploration drifts.
- (6) Capital expenditures exclude capitalized depreciation.
- (7) AISC guidance includes general and administrative costs and excludes share-based payment expense.
- (8) See "Non-IFRS Measures" set out at the end of this news release Karora's MD&A dated for the period ended December 31, 2021.

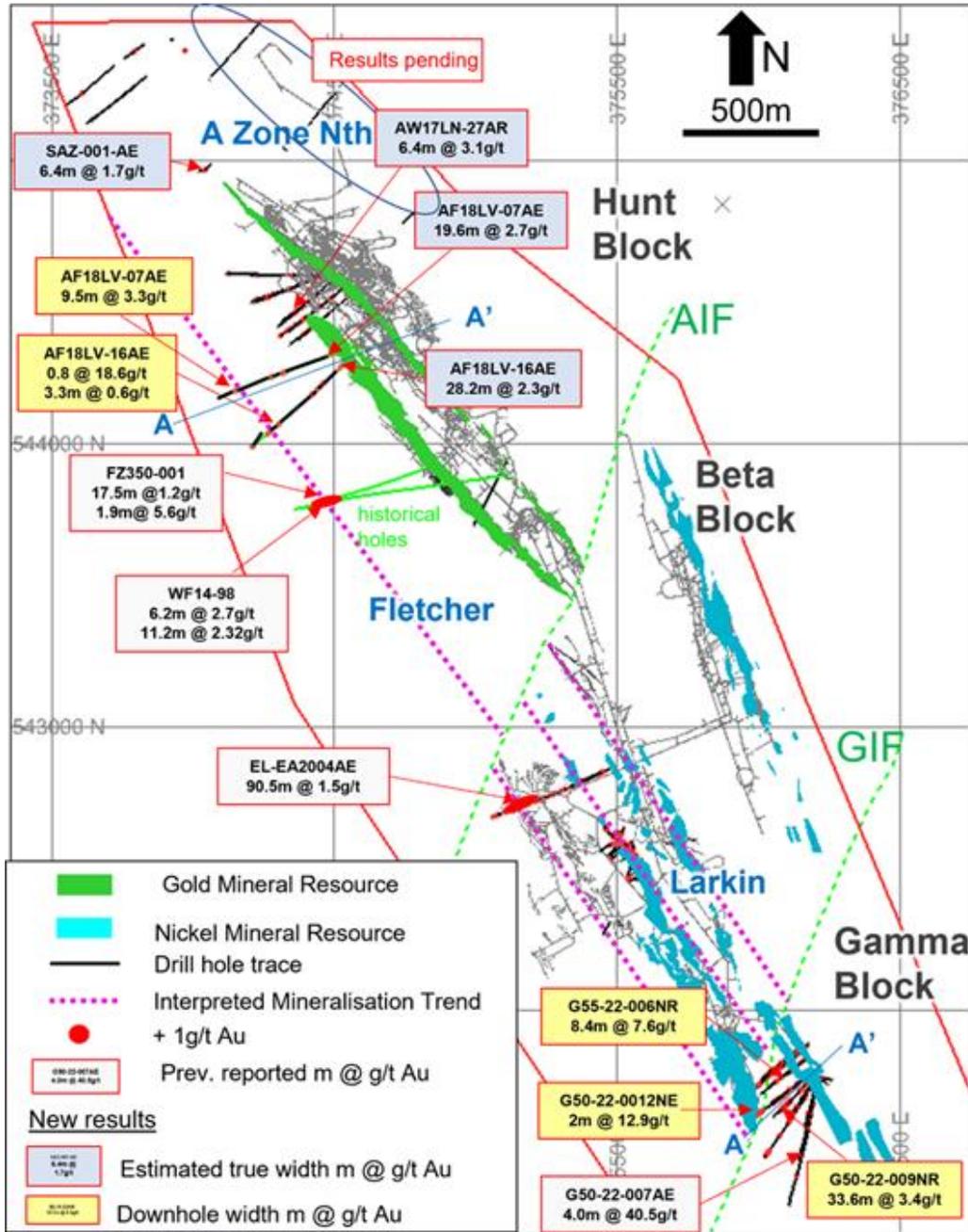
The growth plan will be driven by an expansion of Beta Hunt underground mine production to 2.0 Mtpa by 2024, from 886 Mt recorded in 2021. Increased production from Beta Hunt will be complemented by ore from Spargos and HGO Central. The increased tonnage will be processed by the Higginsville mill, which will be expanded to a capacity of 2.5 Mtpa by 2024 (Phase II). This Phase II expansion follows the recent Phase I expansion to 1.6 Mtpa from 1.4 Mtpa.

### **Exploration and Resource Definition Drilling**

At Beta Hunt, almost 10,000 metres of exploration and resource development drilling was completed during the fourth quarter. Drilling during the quarter was focused on 1) extensional and infill drilling from underground aimed at extending and upgrading the Western Flanks along the northern and southern margin of the current Mineral Resource; 2) extensional drilling from the surface, targeting A Zone North; 3) nickel drilling directed at outlining the strike extent of the 50C Gamma Block and upgrading the parallel 10C nickel Mineral Resource; and 4) gold exploration holes targeting new and parallel gold mineralized systems in the Hunt, Beta and Gamma Blocks (see figure 1 for location references).

Drilling at Beta Hunt is primarily directed at supporting Karora's multi-year growth plan and continues to deliver strong results, with the aim to upgrade and extend the gold mineralized shear zones. Results are to be incorporated into a gold Mineral Resource update planned for early 2022. With respect to nickel, drilling at the 50C nickel trough discovery in the Gamma Block has extended the strike length to over 200 metres and up to 120 metres in width in just 10 months since the discovery hole, leveraging the significant advantage of the extensive infrastructure in place at Beta Hunt. The 50C nickel discovery remains open to the southeast for up to 2.6 kilometres of potential strike length, including a historical of 11.1% Ni over 9.5 metres located 1 kilometre to the southeast of the discovery hole. An updated nickel Mineral Resource incorporating the 50C discovery, 30C discovery and 10C upgrade and extension is expected to be completed by mid year 2022.

Figure 1: Beta Hunt plan view showing recent drill traces and significant gold intersections



At Higginsville, resource definition drilling totaled 16,334 metres during the fourth quarter of 2021 and for the full year exploration and resource definition drilling totaled 79,408 metres. Drilling operations utilized up to five rigs operating at any one time during the quarter.

Resource definition drilling programs at HGO were implemented to support life of mine objectives for the active Two Boys, Aquarius and Hidden Secret mines. Drilling was focused on extensions and upgrades to the Two Boys and Aquarius deposits and extensions to the Hidden Secret open pit and Mousehollow open pit Mineral Resources.

## Financial Highlights

**Table 3 – 2021 Financial Highlights**

(in thousands of dollars except per share amounts)

For the periods ended December 31,	Three months ended		Year ended	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Revenue	<b>\$66,972</b>	\$69,349	<b>\$264,186</b>	\$239,136
Production and processing costs	<b>32,514</b>	27,787	<b>121,893</b>	108,880
Earnings before income taxes <sup>1</sup>	<b>9,523</b>	26,799	<b>46,064</b>	95,133
Net earnings	<b>6,112</b>	42,906	<b>27,467</b>	88,130
Net earnings per share - basic	<b>0.04</b>	0.30	<b>0.18</b>	0.63
Net earnings per share - diluted	<b>0.04</b>	0.28	<b>0.18</b>	0.61
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1,2</sup>	<b>25,048</b>	31,654	<b>104,280</b>	96,040
Adjusted EBITDA per share - basic <sup>1,2</sup>	<b>0.16</b>	0.22	<b>0.70</b>	0.69
Adjusted earnings <sup>1</sup>	<b>12,042</b>	38,950	<b>48,639</b>	72,125
Adjusted earnings per share – basic <sup>1</sup>	<b>0.08</b>	0.27	<b>0.33</b>	0.52
Cash flow provided by operating activities	<b>33,515</b>	37,956	<b>106,460</b>	94,398
Cash investment in property, plant and equipment and mineral property interests	<b>(25,791)</b>	(19,985)	<b>(92,016)</b>	(46,305)

1. Non-IFRS: the definition and reconciliation of these measures are included in the Non-IFRS Measures section of this news release and Karora's MD&A dated March 14, 2022.
2. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA").

For the year ended December 31, 2021, Karora generated revenue of \$264.2 million compared to 2020 revenue of \$239.1 million. The increase in revenue in 2021 was the result of higher gold ounces sold and higher average realized prices on ounces sold which increased by 15% and 21%, respectively.

Revenue for the fourth quarter of 2021 was \$67.0 million. During the comparable period in 2020, Karora generated revenue of \$69.3 million. The slight decrease in year-over-year revenue in 2021 was the primarily due to lower 4% lower average realized prices on ounces sold in the 2021 fourth quarter compared to the fourth quarter of 2020.

Net earnings for the 2021 were \$27.5 million, or \$0.18 per share compared to net earnings of \$88.1 million, or \$0.63 per share, for the comparable period in 2020. The year-over-year decrease is primarily due to the impairment reversal on property, plant and equipment of \$36.1 million recorded in 2020 as well as a tax restructuring recovery within the Australian operations of \$26.1 million during the comparable 2020 period.

Net earnings for the fourth quarter of 2021 were \$6.1 million, or \$0.04 per share compared to \$42.9 million, or \$0.30 per share for the comparable period in 2020, a decrease of \$36.1 million. The decrease was mainly attributable to a decrease in operating earnings of \$8.1 million as well as a tax restructuring recovery within the Australian operations of \$26.1 million during the comparable 2020 period.

Adjusted net earnings<sup>1</sup> for 2021 were \$48.6 million or \$0.33 per share. Compared to \$72.1 million or \$0.52 per share in 2020. Adjusted net earnings<sup>1</sup> for the fourth quarter were \$12.0 million, or \$0.08 per share, compared to \$39.0 million or \$0.27 per share in the comparable period in 2020.

Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> for 2021 was \$104.3 million, or \$0.70 per share, an \$8.3 million increase compared to \$96.0 million, or \$0.69 per share, in 2020. Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> for the fourth quarter of 2021 was \$25.0 million, or \$0.16 per share, \$6.7 million lower compared to \$31.7 million, or \$0.22 per share, in the fourth quarter of 2020.

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#### **Table 4 - Highlights of Karora's Financial Position**

(in thousands of dollars):

For the period ended	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Cash and cash equivalents	91,005	79,695
Working capital <sup>1</sup>	64,447	56,835
PP&E & MPI	300,680	239,044
Total assets	436,333	350,099
Total liabilities	184,968	142,895
Shareholders' equity	251,365	207,204

<sup>1</sup> Working capital is a measure of current assets (including cash and cash equivalents) less current liabilities.

Karora's cash position increased to \$91.0 million as at December 31, 2021, an increase \$11.3 million compared to December 31, 2020. Karora's working capital was \$64.4 million as of December 31, 2021.

For a complete discussion of financial results, refer to Karora's MD&A and audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

#### **Conference Call / Webcast**

Karora will be hosting a conference call and webcast today beginning at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time). A copy of the accompanying presentation can be found on Karora's website at [www.karoraresources.com](http://www.karoraresources.com).

Live Conference Call and Webcast Access Information:

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A live webcast of the call will be available through Cision's website at:

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A recording of the conference call will be available for replay through the webcast link, or for a one-week period beginning at approximately 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on March 14, 2022, through the following dial in numbers:

North American callers please dial: 1-888-390-0541; Pass Code: 834178 #

Local and international callers please dial: 416-764-8677; Pass Code: 834178 #

#### **Non-IFRS Measures**

This news release refers to cash operating cost, cash operating cost per ounce, all-in sustaining cost, EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA per share, adjusted earnings, adjusted earnings per share and working capital which are not recognized measures under IFRS. Such non-IFRS financial measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and are therefore unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. Management uses these measures internally. The use of these measures enables management to better assess performance trends. Management understands that a number of investors and others who follow the Corporation's performance assess performance in this way. Management believes that these measures better reflect the Corporation's performance and are better indications of its expected performance in future periods. This data is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

In November 2018, the World Gold Council ("WGC") published its guidelines for reporting all-in sustaining costs and all-in costs. The WGC is a market development organization for the gold industry and is an association whose membership comprises leading gold mining companies. Although the WGC is not a mining industry regulatory organization, it worked closely with its member companies to develop these non-IFRS measures. Adoption of the all-in sustaining cost and all-in cost metrics is voluntary and not necessarily standard, and therefore, these measures presented by the Corporation may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers.

The following tables reconcile these non-IFRS measures to the most directly comparable IFRS measures:

## **Mining Operations**

### **Cash Operating and All-in Sustaining Costs**

The Corporation uses these measures internally to evaluate the underlying operating performance of the Australian Operations. Management believes that providing cash operating cost data allows the reader the ability to better evaluate the results of the underlying operations.

## Australian Mining Operations

### Consolidated Mining Operations

For the periods ended December 31,	Three months ended,		Years ended,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Production and processing costs	\$38,855	\$34,361	\$146,941	\$135,060
Royalty expense: Government of Western	1,780	1,738	6,547	5,541
Royalty expense: Other	1,876	2,635	9,871	11,266
By-product credits	(1,357)	(1,466)	(7,728)	(3,671)
Adjustment <sup>1</sup>	(6,341)	(6,574)	(25,048)	(26,180)
Operating costs (C\$)	\$34,813	\$30,694	\$130,583	\$122,016
General and administrative expense – Australia <sup>2,3</sup>	2,503	1,954	8,302	6,084
Sustaining capital expenditures	422	549	5,215	7,247
All-in sustaining costs (C\$)	\$37,738	\$33,197	\$144,100	\$135,347
Average exchange rate (C\$1 – US\$1)	0.79	0.77	0.80	0.76
<b>Operating costs (US\$)</b>	<b>\$27,623</b>	<b>\$23,556</b>	<b>\$104,186</b>	<b>\$91,272</b>
<b>All-in sustaining costs (US\$)</b>	<b>\$29,944</b>	<b>\$25,477</b>	<b>\$114,995</b>	<b>\$101,204</b>
<b>Operating costs (A\$)</b>	<b>\$37,910</b>	<b>\$32,231</b>	<b>\$138,840</b>	<b>\$132,145</b>
<b>All-in sustaining costs (A\$)</b>	<b>\$41,096</b>	<b>\$34,859</b>	<b>\$153,182</b>	<b>\$146,709</b>
Ounces of gold sold	28,734	27,933	113,628	98,656
<b>Cash operating costs per ounce sold (US\$)</b>	<b>\$961</b>	<b>\$843</b>	<b>\$917</b>	<b>\$925</b>
<b>All-in sustaining cost per ounce sold (US\$)</b>	<b>\$1,042</b>	<b>\$912</b>	<b>\$1,012</b>	<b>\$1,026</b>
<b>Cash operating costs per ounce sold (A\$)</b>	<b>\$1,319</b>	<b>\$1,154</b>	<b>\$1,222</b>	<b>\$1,339</b>
<b>All-in sustaining cost per ounce sold (A\$)</b>	<b>\$1,430</b>	<b>\$1,248</b>	<b>\$1,348</b>	<b>\$1,487</b>

1. Negative adjustment for intercompany tolling transactions
2. G&A costs were reduced with R&D and Due Diligence costs
3. G&A: share-based payments were excluded in calculating AISC

### Beta Hunt Mine

For the periods ended December 31,	Three months ended,		Years ended,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Production and processing costs	\$18,027	\$17,878	\$76,660	\$73,236
Royalty expense: Government of Western	1,013	1,190	4,704	3,927
Royalty expense: Other	1,764	2,253	9,178	9,531
By-product credits	(1,320)	(1,466)	(7,630)	(3,577)
Operating costs (\$)	\$19,484	\$19,855	\$82,912	\$83,117
Average exchange rate (C\$1 – US\$1)	0.79	0.77	0.79	0.75
<b>Operating costs (US\$)</b>	<b>\$15,460</b>	<b>\$15,238</b>	<b>\$66,176</b>	<b>\$62,117</b>
<b>Operating costs (A\$)</b>	<b>\$21,218</b>	<b>\$20,848</b>	<b>\$70,752</b>	<b>\$90,072</b>
Ounces of gold sold	16,372	18,234	78,810	65,838
<b>Cash operating costs per ounce sold (US\$)</b>	<b>\$944</b>	<b>\$836</b>	<b>\$840</b>	<b>\$943</b>
<b>Cash operating costs per ounce sold (A\$)</b>	<b>\$1,296</b>	<b>\$1,143</b>	<b>\$1,117</b>	<b>\$1,368</b>

## Higginsville Mine

For the periods ended December 31,	Three months ended,		Years ended,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Production and processing costs	\$20,828	\$16,483	\$70,281	\$61,824
Royalty expense: Government of Western Australia	767	548	1,843	1,614
Royalty expense: Other	112	382	693	1,735
By-product credits	(37)	-	(98)	(94)
Adjustment <sup>1</sup>	(6,341)	(6,574)	(25,048)	(26,180)
Operating costs (\$)	\$15,328	\$10,839	\$47,671	\$38,899
Average exchange rate (C\$1 – US\$1)	0.79	0.77	0.80	0.75
<b>Operating cost (US\$)</b>	<b>\$12,162</b>	<b>\$8,318</b>	<b>\$38,010</b>	<b>\$29,092</b>
<b>Operating cost (A\$)</b>	<b>\$13,191</b>	<b>\$11,383</b>	<b>\$50,847</b>	<b>\$42,073</b>
Ounces of gold sold	12,362	9,698	34,818	32,818
<b>Cash operating costs per ounce sold (US\$)</b>	<b>\$984</b>	<b>\$858</b>	<b>\$1,092</b>	<b>\$886</b>
<b>Cash operating costs per ounce sold (A\$)</b>	<b>\$1,350</b>	<b>\$1,174</b>	<b>\$1,460</b>	<b>\$1,282</b>

1. Negative adjustment for intercompany tolling transactions

## Quarterly Consolidated Mining Operations

For the three months ended,	Dec 31, 2021	Sep 30, 2021	Jun 30, 2021	Mar 31, 2021	Dec 31, 2020
Production and processing costs	\$38,855	\$36,149	\$35,860	\$36,077	\$34,36
Royalty expense: Government of Western	1,780	1,679	1,700	1,388	1,738
Royalty expense: Other	1,876	2,972	2,656	2,367	2,635
By-product credits	(1,357)	(2,821)	(1,294)	(2,256)	(1,466)
Adjustment <sup>1</sup>	(6,341)	(5,641)	(6,290)	(6,776)	(6,574)
Operating costs (\$)	\$34,813	\$32,338	\$32,632	\$30,800	\$30,69
General and administration expense –	2,503	1,916	2,762	1,121	1,954
Sustaining capital expenditures	422	994	1,791	2,008	549
All-in sustaining costs (\$)	\$37,738	\$35,248	\$37,185	\$33,929	\$33,19
Average exchange rate (C\$1 – US\$1)	0.79	0.79	0.81	0.79	0.77
<b>Operating costs (US\$)</b>	<b>\$27,623</b>	<b>\$25,665</b>	<b>\$26,569</b>	<b>\$24,329</b>	<b>\$23,55</b>
<b>All-in sustaining costs (US\$)</b>	<b>\$29,944</b>	<b>\$27,975</b>	<b>\$30,276</b>	<b>\$26,800</b>	<b>\$25,47</b>
<b>Operating costs (A\$)</b>	<b>\$37,910</b>	<b>\$34,941</b>	<b>\$34,502</b>	<b>\$31,487</b>	<b>\$32,23</b>
<b>All-in sustaining costs (A\$)</b>	<b>\$41,096</b>	<b>\$38,085</b>	<b>\$39,316</b>	<b>\$34,686</b>	<b>\$34,85</b>
Ounces of gold sold	28,734	28,935	30,412	25,547	27,933
<b>Cash operating costs per ounce sold (US\$)</b>	<b>\$961</b>	<b>\$887</b>	<b>\$874</b>	<b>\$952</b>	<b>\$843</b>
<b>All-in sustaining cost per ounce sold (US\$)</b>	<b>\$1,042</b>	<b>\$967</b>	<b>\$996</b>	<b>\$1,049</b>	<b>\$912</b>
<b>Cash operating costs per ounce sold (A\$)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$1,319</b>	<b>\$1,208</b>	<b>\$1,134</b>	<b>\$1,233</b>	<b>\$1,154</b>
<b>All-in sustaining cost per ounce sold (A\$)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$1,430</b>	<b>\$1,316</b>	<b>\$1,293</b>	<b>\$1,358</b>	<b>\$1,248</b>

1. Negative adjustment for intercompany tolling transactions.

2. Quarterly costs in functional currency.

3. G&A: share-based payments were excluded in calculating AISC

## Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Earnings and Working Capital

Management believes that adjusted EBITDA and adjusted earnings are valuable indicators of the Corporation's ability to generate operating cash flows to fund working capital needs, service debt obligations, and fund exploration and evaluation, and capital expenditures. Adjusted EBITDA and adjusted

earnings exclude the impact of certain items and therefore is not necessarily indicative of operating profit or cash flows from operating activities as determined under IFRS. Other companies may calculate adjusted EBITDA and adjusted earnings differently.

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-IFRS measure, which excludes the following from comprehensive earnings (loss): income tax expense (recovery); interest expense and other finance-related costs; depreciation and amortization; non-cash other expenses, net; non-cash impairment charges and reversals; non-cash portion of share-based payments; acquisition costs; derivatives and foreign exchange loss; sustainability initiatives.

<i>(in thousands of dollars except per share amounts)</i>	Three months ended		Year ended	
For the periods ended December 31,	2021	2020 <sup>5</sup>	2021	2020 <sup>5</sup>
Net earnings for the period - as reported	\$6,112	\$42,906	\$27,467	\$88,130
Finance expense, net	871	1,599	4,021	4,618
Income tax expense	3,411	(16,107)	18,597	7,003
Depreciation and amortization	7,860	9,025	29,250	23,733
EBITDA	18,254	37,423	79,335	123,484
Adjustments:				
Non-cash share-based payments <sup>1</sup>	3,952	1,310	8,258	9,374
Share of loss of associates <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	425
Unrealized loss (gain) on revaluation of marketable securities <sup>2</sup>	545	(65)	902	(1,437)
Non-cash impairment charge <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	6,006
Impairment reversal <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	(36,087)
Other expense (income), net <sup>2</sup>	100	(130)	223	(524)
Loss (gain) on derivatives <sup>2</sup>	2,644	(2,231)	3,921	6,254
Foreign exchange loss (gain) <sup>3</sup>	(447)	(4,653)	11,028	(11,455)
Sustainability initiatives <sup>4</sup>	-	-	613	-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$25,048	\$31,654	\$104,280	\$96,040
Weighted average number of common shares - basic	153,245,430	145,307,415	148,698,289	139,759,510
Adjusted EBITDA per share - basic	\$0.16	\$0.22	\$0.70	\$0.69

1. Primarily non-recurring items which do not impact cash flow.
2. Non-operating in nature which does not impact cash flows.
3. Primarily related to intercompany loans for which the loss is unrealized.
4. Primarily related to non-recurring environmental initiatives.
5. Revised to conform to current year's presentation.

Adjusted earnings is a non-IFRS measure, which excludes the following from comprehensive earnings (loss): non-cash portion of share-based payments; revaluation of marketable securities; derivatives and foreign exchange loss; tax effects of adjustments; sustainability initiatives.

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Foreign exchange loss (gain) <sup>3</sup>	(447)	(4,653)	11,028	(11,455)
Sustainability initiatives <sup>4</sup>	-	-	613	-
Tax impact of the above adjusting items	(764)	1,683	(3,550)	11,340
Adjusted earnings	\$12,042	\$38,950	\$48,639	\$72,125
Weighted average number of common shares - basic	153,245,430	145,307,415	148,698,289	139,759,510
Adjusted earnings per share - basic	\$0.08	\$0.27	\$0.33	\$0.52

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Working capital is calculated as current assets (including cash and cash equivalents) less current liabilities.

<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	2021	2020	2019
Current assets	135,426	109,857	58,698
less: Current liabilities	70,979	53,022	32,192
Working Capital	64,447	56,835	26,506

## Compliance Statement (JORC 2012 and NI 43-101)

The disclosure of scientific and technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Stephen Devlin, FAusIMM, Group Geologist, Karora Resources Inc., a Qualified Person for the purposes of NI 43-101.

## About Karora Resources

Karora is focused on doubling gold production to 200,000 ounces by 2024 compared to 2020 and reducing costs at its integrated Beta Hunt Gold Mine and Higginsville Gold Operations ("HGO") in Western Australia. The Higginsville treatment facility is a low-cost 1.6 Mtpa processing plant, expanding to a planned 2.5 Mtpa by 2024, which is fed at capacity from Karora's underground Beta Hunt mine and Higginsville mines. At Beta Hunt, a robust gold Mineral Resource and Reserve is hosted in multiple gold shears, with gold intersections along a 4 km strike length remaining open in multiple directions. HGO has a substantial gold Mineral Resource and Reserve and prospective land package totaling approximately 1,900 square kilometers. The Company also owns the high grade Spargos Reward project which is anticipated to begin mining in 2021. Karora has a strong Board and management team focused on delivering shareholder value and responsible mining, as demonstrated by Karora's commitment to reducing emissions across its operations. Karora's common shares trade on the TSX under the symbol KRR and also trade on the OTCQX market under the symbol KRRGF.

## Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

*This news release contains "forward-looking information" including without limitation statements relating to the liquidity and capital resources of Karora, production guidance and the potential of the Beta Hunt Mine, Higginsville Gold Operation, the Aquarius Project and the Spargos Gold Project, the commencement of mining at the Spargos Gold Project and the completion of the resource estimate.*

*Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Karora to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect the outcome include, among others: future prices and the supply of metals; the results of drilling; inability to raise the money necessary to incur the expenditures required to retain and advance the properties; environmental liabilities (known and unknown); general business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties; results of exploration programs; accidents, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; political instability, terrorism, insurrection or war; or delays in obtaining governmental approvals, projected cash operating costs, failure to obtain regulatory or shareholder approvals. For a more detailed discussion of such risks and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, refer to Karora's filings with Canadian securities regulators, including the most recent Annual Information Form, available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).*

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