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FORM 10-Q

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR
15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011
OR
 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from to

Commission file number: 001-34852

RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

BRITISH COLUMBIA
(State of other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

N/A
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

225 Union Blvd., Suite 250
Lakewood, Colorado
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

80228
(Zip Code)

(720) 278-2460

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act)

Yes No

Number of shares of issuer's common stock outstanding as of November 9, 2011: 44,096,674

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Balance Sheets, September 30, 2011 (unaudited) and June 30, 2011

RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD.
(an exploration stage company)
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Expressed in US Dollars)

| | Notes | September 30, 2011 (Unaudited) | June 30, 2011 (Audited) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| CURRENT | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | \$ 64,170,389 | \$ 72,311,970 |
| Marketable securities | 5 | 29,046 | 53,238 |
| Accounts receivable | | 560,153 | 327,281 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 402,305 | 353,235 |
| | | 65,161,893 | 73,045,724 |
| Equipment | 7 | 333,234 | 145,160 |
| Mineral properties | 6 | 1,669,060 | 1,669,060 |
| Marketable securities | 5 | 120,831 | 201,484 |
| Reclamation bonding | 13 | 422,283 | 422,283 |
| | | \$ 67,707,301 | \$ 75,483,711 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| CURRENT | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | | \$ 1,022,062 | \$ 1,019,146 |
| Due to related parties | 12 | 43,156 | 73,959 |
| | | 1,065,218 | 1,093,105 |
| Asset retirement obligation | 9 | 100,540 | 100,540 |
| Derivative liability | 8 | 109,981 | 195,953 |
| | | 1,275,739 | 1,389,598 |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | |
| SHARE CAPITAL, no par value | | | |
| Common - unlimited shares authorized; outstanding: September 30, 2011 - 44,096,674; June 30, 2011 - 44,076,674 | 10 | 91,457,296 | 91,357,438 |

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| | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|----|---------------|---------------|
| ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL | 11 | 12,771,370 | 9,504,099 |
| ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS | | (92,800) | 3,306 |
| DEFICIT | | (37,704,304) | (26,770,730) |
| | | 66,431,562 | 74,094,113 |
| | | \$ 67,707,301 | \$ 75,483,711 |
| Nature of operations | 1 | | |
| Commitments and contingencies | 13 | | |

See accompanying notes to consolidated interim financial statements

Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010
(unaudited)

| RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD. | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| (an exploration stage company) | | | | |
| CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS | | | | |
| (Expressed in US Dollars) | | | | |
| | Notes | Cumulative amounts from the beginning of the exploration stage on June 3, 1999 to September 30, 2011 | Three months ended September 30, 2011 | Three months ended September 30, 2010 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Exploration expense | | \$ 16,818,165 | \$ 3,846,627 | \$ 2,839,204 |
| Corporate administration and investor relations | | 4,551,323 | 506,677 | 157,197 |
| Amortization | | 69,493 | 20,261 | 3,065 |
| Corporate development | | 297,831 | 19,003 | 19,810 |
| Foreign exchange (gain)/loss | | 706,470 | 3,497,270 | (212,716) |
| Management, accounting and secretarial | 12 | 1,950,631 | 104,285 | 89,140 |
| Stock-based compensation | | 12,460,575 | 3,311,715 | 448,869 |
| | | 36,854,488 | 11,305,838 | 3,344,569 |
| OTHER (INCOME)/EXPENSE | | | | |
| Interest income | | (1,097,235) | (286,292) | (25,120) |
| Write-off of mineral properties and others | | 1,050,028 | - | - |
| Mark to market (gain)/loss on share purchase warrants | 8 | 897,023 | (85,972) | 2,157,156 |
| | | 849,816 | (372,264) | 2,132,036 |
| NET LOSS FOR THE PERIOD | | \$ 37,704,304 | \$ 10,933,574 | \$ 5,476,605 |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (INCOME)/LOSS | | | | |
| Unrealized (gain)/loss on marketable securities | 5 | \$ 92,800 | \$ 96,106 | \$ (30,129) |
| NET LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE PERIOD | | \$ 37,797,104 | \$ 11,029,680 | \$ 5,446,476 |
| | | | \$ (0.25) | \$ (0.17) |

**LOSS PER SHARE - BASIC AND
DILUTED**

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NUMBER OF SHARES
OUTSTANDING**

44,096,015

32,440,799

See accompanying notes to consolidated interim financial statements

Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 (unaudited)

RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD.**(an exploration stage company)****CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(Expressed in US Dollars)**

| | Cumulative amounts from the beginning of the exploration stage on June 3, 1999 to September 30, 2011 | Three months ended September 30, 2011 | Three months ended September 30, 2010 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Net loss for the period | \$ (37,704,304) | \$ (10,933,574) | \$ (5,476,605) |
| Adjustments to reconcile loss for the period to cash used in operations: | | | |
| Amortization | 69,493 | 20,261 | 3,065 |
| Asset retirement obligation | 100,540 | - | - |
| Fair value of warrants received pursuant to the sale of mineral properties | (15,083) | - | - |
| Foreign exchange (gain)/loss | 8,738 | 8,738 | - |
| Mark to market gain/(loss) on share purchase warrants | 897,023 | (85,972) | 2,157,156 |
| Write-off of mineral properties and others | 16,625 | - | - |
| Stock-based compensation | 12,460,575 | 3,311,715 | 448,869 |
| Interest income accrued | (420,371) | (128,850) | - |
| Changes in working capital | | | |
| Accounts receivable | (85,356) | (104,022) | (13,064) |
| Prepaid expenses | (413,826) | (49,070) | (1,933) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 802,680 | 2,916 | 313,247 |
| Due to related party | 13,969 | (30,803) | 15,462 |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (24,269,297) | (7,988,661) | (2,553,803) |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Marketable securities acquired | (207,293) | - | - |
| Mineral property costs | (28,815) | - | - |
| Reclamation bonding | (421,750) | - | (311,750) |

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|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Purchase of equipment | (402,726) | (208,334) | - |
| Payments received for sale/option of mineral properties | 279,486 | - | - |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (781,098) | (208,334) | (311,750) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | |
| Advance of promissory note | 110,737 | - | - |
| Repayment of promissory note | (129,286) | - | - |
| Cash received for common shares | 93,808,993 | 55,414 | 2,351,702 |
| Share issue costs | (4,788,458) | - | 114,344 |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 89,001,986 | 55,414 | 2,466,046 |
| Cash acquired in capital transaction | 218,798 | - | - |
| Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 64,170,389 | (8,141,581) | (399,507) |
| Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of the period | - | 72,311,970 | 11,460,476 |
| Cash and cash equivalents - end of the period | \$ 64,170,389 | \$ 64,170,389 | \$ 11,060,969 |

Supplemental disclosure with respect to cash flows - Note 14

See accompanying notes to consolidated interim financial statements

Statement of Shareholders' Equity (unaudited)

RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD.
(an exploration stage company)
CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Expressed in US Dollars)

| | Notes | Number of shares | Amount | Additional Paid-in Capital | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Deficit | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Balance, June 30, 2011 (Audited) | | 44,076,674 | 91,357,438 | 9,504,099 | 3,306 | (26,770,730) | 74,094,113 |
| Exercise of options | 11 | 20,000 | 55,414 | - | - | - | 55,414 |
| Fair value of options | | - | 44,444 | (44,444) | - | - | - |
| Stock-based compensation | 11 | - | - | 3,311,715 | - | - | 3,311,715 |
| Unrealized loss on available for sale investments | | - | - | - | (96,106) | - | (96,106) |
| Net loss for the period | | - | - | - | - | (10,933,574) | (10,933,574) |
| Balance, September 30, 2011 (Unaudited) | | 44,096,674 | \$91,457,296 | \$ 12,771,370 | (92,800) | \$(37,704,304) | \$66,431,562 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated interim financial statements

RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Expressed in US Dollars, unless otherwise noted)

1.

NATURE OF OPERATIONS

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

The Company is in the process of exploring and evaluating its mineral property interests and has not yet determined whether its mineral property interests contain mineral reserves that are economically recoverable. The Company's continuing operations and the underlying value and recoverability of the amounts shown for mineral property interests are entirely dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable mineral reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete the exploration and development of the mineral property interests, obtaining the necessary permits to mine, and on future profitable production or proceeds from the disposition of the mineral property interests. To date, the Company has no revenue and has an accumulated operating deficit of \$37,704,304.

Management of the Company is of the opinion that sufficient financing will be obtained from external financing and further share issuances to meet the Company's obligations. Although the Company has been successful in raising such capital in the past, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to do so in the future. At September 30, 2011, the Company had working capital of \$64,096,675, which is sufficient to fund operations for a period greater than twelve months.

2.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

In July, 2011, the Company became a domestic issuer in the United States and transitioned from reporting according to Canadian regulations with US secondary filings, to reporting according to the US regulations with Canadian secondary filings. While this will have no impact on the value of the Company, shareholders will have to adapt to filings in the US regulation formats. The Company's financial statements are presented in US generally accepted accounting principles (US GAAP), as required under SEC rules.

The Company's reporting under US GAAP is similar to Canadian GAAP, except that exploration expenditures are expensed as incurred until a property has declared proven and probable mineral reserves. As a result of this difference, exploration costs reported in 2010 have been reclassified to the current 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 conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2011 and 2010 and for each of the three years ended June 30, 2011 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011. 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, 2011 and the results of our operations and cash flows for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 in conformity with U.S. GAAP. Interim results of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2011 may not be indicative of results that will be realized for the full year ending June 30, 2012.

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3.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Business Combinations

In December 2010, ASC guidance for business combinations was updated to clarify existing guidance that requires a public entity to disclose pro forma revenue and earnings of the combined entity as though the business combination(s) that occurred during the current year had occurred as of the beginning of the comparable prior annual period only. The update also expands the supplemental pro forma disclosures required to include a description of the nature and amount of material, nonrecurring pro forma adjustments directly attributable to the business combination included in the reported pro forma revenue and earnings. The updated guidance became effective for our fiscal year that began on June 30, 2011. Adoption of this guidance has had no impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Fair Value Accounting

In January 2010, the ASC guidance for fair-value measurements and disclosures was updated to require enhanced detail in the Level 3 reconciliation. The updated guidance became effective for our fiscal year that began on July 1, 2011. Adoption of this guidance had no impact on our consolidated financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and is expected to have minimal impact for the full year.

4.

FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company measures the fair value of financial assets and liabilities based on US GAAP guidance which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.

The Company classifies financial assets and liabilities as held-for-trading, available-for-sale, held-to-maturity, loans and receivables or other financial liabilities depending on their nature. Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized at fair value on their initial recognition, except for those arising from certain related party transactions which are accounted for at the transferor's carrying amount or exchange amount.

Financial assets and liabilities classified as held-for-trading are measured at fair value, with gains and losses recognized in net loss. Financial assets classified as held-to-maturity and financial liabilities other than those classified as held-for-trading are measured at amortized cost, using the effective interest method of amortization. Financial assets classified as available-for-sale are measured at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses being recognized as other comprehensive (income)/loss until realized, or if an unrealized loss is considered other than temporary, the unrealized loss is recorded in (income)/loss.

Financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, reclamation bonding, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are carried at cost, which management believes approximate the recognized fair value due to the short term nature of these instruments. Marketable securities are classified as available-for-sale, with unrealized gains and losses being recognized in other comprehensive (income)/loss.

The Company's financial instruments have been designated as follows:

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Held-for-trading: cash and cash equivalents, reclamation bond and derivative liabilities

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Available-for-sale: marketable securities

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Other financial liabilities: accounts payable, accrued liabilities, due to related parties and ARO

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The following table presents information about financial instruments recognized at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2011, and indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation techniques the Company utilized to determine such fair value. In general, fair values determined by Level 1 inputs utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets. Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs utilize data points that are observable such as quoted prices, interest rates and yield curves. Fair values determined by Level 3 inputs are unobservable data points for the asset or liability, and included situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset. As of September 30, 2011, the Company did not have any inputs considered to be Level 3.

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Assets</u> | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 37,740,887 | \$ 26,429,502 | \$ 64,170,389 |
| Marketable securities | 149,877 | - | 149,877 |
| Reclamation bonding | 422,283 | - | 422,283 |
| Total | \$ 38,313,047 | \$ 26,429,502 | \$ 64,742,549 |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | | | |
| Derivative liabilities | \$ - | \$ 109,981 | \$ 109,981 |
| Total | \$ 38,313,047 | \$ 26,539,483 | \$ 64,852,530 |

Derivative liabilities which are comprised of share purchase warrants not listed on public exchanges are valued using the Black Scholes valuation model. The valuation model requires a variety of inputs, including strike price, contractual terms, market prices, measure of volatility and interest rate. Because the inputs are derived from observable market data, derivative liabilities are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

5.

MARKETABLE SECURITIES

Marketable securities consist of equity securities over which the Company does not have control or significant influence. Marketable securities are designated as available-for-sale and valued at fair value.

| | September 30, 2011 | | | | June 30, 2011 | | | |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Cost | Unrealized (gain)/loss | Foreign exchange movement | Fair Market Value | Cost | Unrealized (gain)/loss | Foreign exchange movement | Fair Market Value |
| Current | \$ 44,123 | \$ (16,502) | \$ 1,425 | \$ 29,046 | \$ 44,123 | \$ 5,991 | \$ 3,124 | \$ 53,238 |
| Long-term | 204,137 | (76,298) | (7,008) | 120,831 | 204,137 | (2,685) | 32 | 201,484 |
| | \$ 248,260 | \$ (92,800) | \$ (5,583) | \$ 149,877 | \$ 248,260 | \$ 3,306 | \$ 3,156 | \$ 254,722 |

6.**MINERAL PROPERTIES**

The amounts shown represent acquisition costs, and do not necessarily represent present or future values as these are entirely dependent upon the economic recovery of future ore reserves. A summary of current property interests is as follows:

| | Bear Lodge REE Property | Sundance Gold Property | Eden Lake Property | Nuiklavik Property | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Mineral property costs, September 30, 2011 and June 30, 2011 | \$ - | \$ 27,000 | \$ 915,058 | \$ 727,002 | \$ 1,669,060 |

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The Company completed an impairment analysis as at September 30, 2011. Management concluded that no impairment charge was required because:

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there have been no significant changes in the legal factors or climate that affects the value of the properties;

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all property rights remain in good standing;

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the recent increase in prices in rare-earth-oxide (REO) and gold;

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exploration results continue to be positive for both the Bear Lodge REE Project and the Sundance Gold Project;

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the REE mineral resource was recently increased;

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the Company intends to continue its exploration and development plans on its Bear Lodge REE Project and the Sundance Gold Project; and

.

the Company is looking for partners for its Eden Lake and Nuiklavik Properties.

7.

EQUIPMENT

| | September 30, 2011 | | | June 30, 2011 | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated amortization | Net book value | Cost | Accumulated amortization | Net book value |
| Computer equipment | \$ 68,270 | \$ 18,740 | \$ 49,530 | \$ 45,913 | \$ 12,626 | \$ 33,287 |
| Furniture | 79,920 | 7,377 | 72,543 | 44,824 | 4,482 | 40,342 |
| Geological equipment | 205,328 | 35,202 | 170,126 | 97,080 | 25,549 | 71,531 |
| Vehicle | 42,634 | 1,599 | 41,035 | - | - | - |
| | \$ 396,152 | \$ 62,918 | \$ 333,234 | \$ 187,817 | \$ 42,657 | \$ 145,160 |

8**DERIVATIVE LIABILITY****Share purchase warrants**

In accordance with EITF 07-5 Determining Whether an Instrument (or Embedded Feature) is Indexed to an Entity's Own Stock, US GAAP requires share purchase warrants with an exercise price denominated in a currency other than the Company's functional currency be classified and accounted for as a financial liability and fair valued. As a result of applying this interpretation, the Company has recorded the mark-to-market impacts related to fair valuation of these warrants in the net loss and reflected the fair value as a derivative liability.

During the three months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recognized a mark-to-market gain of \$85,972.

9.**ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION**

An environmental provision of \$100,540 was recognized in fiscal year 2011 in respect of the Company's current obligations to reclaim areas used for exploring the Bear Lodge Property.

RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD.**(An Exploration Stage Company)****NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****(Expressed in US Dollars, unless otherwise noted)****10.****SHARE CAPITAL**

| | Number of shares issued | Share capital |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| As of June 30, 2011 | 44,076,674 | \$ 91,357,438 |
| Exercise of stock options - cash | 20,000 | 55,414 |
| Exercise of stock options - fair value - Note 11 | - | 44,444 |
| Issued during the three months ended September 30, 2011 | 20,000 | 99,858 |
| As of September 30, 2011 | 44,096,674 | \$ 91,457,296 |

11.**ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL***Stock options*

The Company established a 20% fixed stock option plan whereby the board of directors may from time to time grant options up to 5,779,347 common shares to individual eligible directors, officers, employees or consultants. The maximum term of any option is five years. The exercise price of an option is not less than the closing price on the last trading day preceding the grant date, less allowable discounts in accordance with the policies of the Toronto Stock Exchange and the NYSE Amex. The Board retains the discretion to impose vesting periods on any options granted. All options granted to date vest as follows: 20% vest 4 months after date of grant, 20% vest 8 months after the date of grant, 20% vest 12 months after the date of grant, 20% vest 15 months after the date of grant, and the remaining 20%

vest 18 months after the date of grant.

The following table provides certain stock options disclosure:

| | For the three months ended September 30, 2011 | For the year ended June 30, 2011 |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | (in millions) | (in millions) |
| Stock-based compensation expense | \$3.31 | \$7.41 |
| Intrinsic value of options exercised | \$0.16 | \$15.66 |
| Fair value of awards vesting | \$2.93 | \$2.32 |
| Cash received on option exercises | \$0.06 | \$1.34 |
| Unamortized stock-based compensation expense | \$5.88 | \$7.12 |

The following table summarizes the weighted-average assumptions used in determining fair values:

| | For the three months ended September 30, 2011 | For the year ended June 30, 2011 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Grant date fair value | CDN\$6.93 | CDN\$9.13 |
| Grant market price | CDN\$8.85 | CDN\$11.44 |
| Ending common share price | CDN\$5.40 | CDN\$10.67 |
| Expected volatility | 108% | 117% |
| Expected option term - years | 5 | 5 |
| Risk-free interest rate | 2.0% | 2.3% |
| Forfeiture rate | 0% | 0% |
| Dividend yield | 0% | 0% |

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The following table summarizes the Company's stock option activity:

| | Number of Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price (CDN\$) | Weighted Average Fair Value (CDN\$) | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (CDN\$) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Outstanding, June 30, 2010 | 3,236,000 | 1.30 | 0.97 | 3.36 | 2,956,170 |
| Granted | 1,438,000 | 11.77 | 9.13 | 4.67 | - |
| Exercised | (1,537,500) | 0.87 | 0.64 | 1.87 | - |
| Outstanding, June 30, 2011 | 3,136,500 | 6.31 | 4.91 | 3.67 | 15,492,845 |
| Granted | 410,000 | 8.85 | 6.93 | 4.86 | - |
| Exercised | (20,000) | 2.71 | 2.17 | 3.66 | - |
| Outstanding, September 30, 2011 | 3,526,500 | 6.62 | 5.16 | 3.58 | 6,254,500 |
| Exercisable, September 30, 2011 | 1,898,700 | 3.65 | 2.87 | 2.82 | 5,904,940 |

The following table summarizes the options outstanding and exercisable at September 30, 2011:

| Expiry Date | Options Outstanding | Options Exercisable | Exercise Price (CDN\$) | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years) |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 10, 2012 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 0.55 | 0.28 |
| October 1, 2012 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 1.00 | 1.01 |
| January 27, 2014 | 505,500 | 505,500 | 0.58 | 2.33 |
| July 20, 2014 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 2.09 | 2.81 |

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|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|------|
| April 19, 2015 | 184,000 | 146,000 | 3.28 | 3.55 |
| May 28, 2015 | 439,000 | 339,000 | 2.71 | 3.66 |
| January 11, 2016 | 403,000 | 161,200 | 15.16 | 4.28 |
| March 16, 2016 | 985,000 | 197,000 | 10.50 | 4.46 |
| June 17, 2016 | 50,000 | - | 9.35 | 4.72 |
| July 5, 2016 | 100,000 | - | 9.95 | 4.76 |
| August 23, 2016 | 310,000 | - | 8.49 | 4.90 |
| | 3,526,500 | 1,898,700 | | 3.58 |

The fair value of stock options and warrants is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|-------|------|-------|
| | | 2011 | | 2010 |
| Risk-free interest rate | 2.10 | 2.36% | 1.28 | 2.52% |
| Expected volatility | 110 - 113% | | 116 | 137% |
| Expected dividend yield | | Nil | | Nil |
| Expected life in years | | 1.5 | 5 | 1.5 |

During the three months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recognized \$3,311,715 (2010 - \$448,869) of stock-based compensation expense for options granted to directors, officers, and consultants.

Option pricing models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, particularly as to the expected price volatility of the stock. Changes in these assumptions can materially affect fair value estimates and, therefore, it is management's view that the existing models do not necessarily provide a single reliable measure of the fair value of the Company's stock-option grants.

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The following table summarizes the Company's warrants activity:

| | Number of | Weighted Average |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| | Warrants | Exercise Price |
| | | (CDN\$) |
| Outstanding, June 30, 2009 | 1,000,000 | 1.00 |
| Granted | 2,865,751 | 4.02 |
| Exercised | (144,500) | 1.03 |
| Outstanding, June 30, 2010 | 3,721,251 | 3.32 |
| Exercised | (3,601,964) | 3.28 |
| Outstanding, September 30, 2011 and June 30, 2011 | 119,287 | 4.75 |

At September 30, 2011, the following warrants were outstanding:

| | Number of | Exercise Price | Weighted Average |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Expiry Date | Warrants | (CDN\$) | Remaining Contractual Life (Years) |
| April 13, 2012 | 119,287 | 4.75 | 0.54 |

Agents Options and Warrants

The following table summarizes the Company's agents' options and warrants activity:

| | Number of Agents options and warrants | Weighted Average Exercise Price (CDN\$) |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Outstanding, June 30, 2009 | - | - |
| Issued | 151,890 | 3.50 |
| Outstanding, June 30, 2010 | 151,890 | 3.50 |
| Granted | 383,640 | 9.00 |
| Exercised | (324,528) | 6.43 |
| Outstanding, September 30, 2011 and June 30, 2011 | 211,002 | 9.00 |

At September 30, 2011, the following agent s options and warrants were outstanding:

| Expiry Date | Number of Agents options and warrants | Exercise Price (CDN\$) | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years) |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| December 22, 2012 | 211,002 | 9.00 | 1.23 |

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RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the three months ended September 30, 2011:

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\$50,000 (2010 - \$36,700) was charged for management fees by an officer and director of the Company. As at September 30, 2011, \$Nil (June 30, 2011 - \$Nil) was owed to the officer.

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\$108,119 (2010 - \$54,605) was charged by a private company controlled by a director of the Company for accounting, management fees and rent. As at September 30, 2011, \$43,156 (June 30, 2011 - \$73,959) was owed to this private company.

Related party transactions were in the normal course of operations and are measured at the fair value amount as determined by management. The amounts owed bear no interest and are unsecured with no repayment terms.

13.

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Our commitments and contingencies include the following items:

Reclamation bonding

On July 23, 2004, \$10,000 was transferred to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality for the bond required to reclaim the ground disturbed during its exploration programs at the Bear Lodge Property. The Company must complete certain reclamation work for these funds to be released, but may leave the bond in place for future exploration programs, even if such work is completed.

In August 2009, an additional \$100,000 bond was set up for the benefit of the Company in respect to future reclamation work at the Bear Lodge Property.

In August 2010, the Company increased its reclamation bonding to \$420,000 by depositing with Wyoming regulatory authorities an additional \$310,000 in the name of Rare Element Resources, Inc.

Potential environmental contingency

The Company's mining and exploration activities are subject to various federal, provincial 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. The Company has made, and expects 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.

Rent commitment

The Company signed a five-year office building lease for its US office in Lakewood, Colorado, USA. The Company is committed to pay the monthly rent instalments according to the following schedule:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|
| August 2011 through July 2012 | \$ | 7,415 |
| August 2012 through July 2013 | \$ | 7,610 |
| August 2013 through July 2014 | \$ | 7,805 |
| August 2014 through July 2015 | \$ | 8,000 |
| August 2015 through July 2016 | \$ | 8,195 |

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14.

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE WITH RESPECT TO CASH FLOWS

| | Three months ended September 30, | |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| Non-cash information | | |
| Shares issued on property acquisition | \$ - | \$ 44,707 |
| Fair value of securities exercised | 44,444 | 491,621 |
| Fair value of agents' options and warrants issued | - | 310,988 |
| Other items | | |
| Interest received | \$ 157,442 | \$ 25,120 |

15.

SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company operates in a single reportable operating segment, being exploration and development of mineral properties.

Summarized financial information for the geographic segments the Company operates in are as follows:

| | Canada | United States | Total |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>As at September 30, 2011</u> | | | |
| Assets | \$ 64,041,193 | \$ 3,666,108 | \$ 67,707,301 |
| <u>As at June 30, 2011</u> | | | |
| Assets | \$ 74,506,793 | \$ 976,918 | \$ 75,483,711 |

| | Canada | United States | Total |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>For the three months ended September 30, 2011</u> | | | |
| Losses for the period | \$ 3,386,437 | \$ 7,547,137 | \$ 10,933,574 |
| Capital expenditures | \$ - | \$ 208,334 | \$ 208,334 |
| <u>For the three months ended September 30, 2010</u> | | | |
| Losses for the period | \$ 477,680 | \$ 4,998,925 | \$ 5,476,605 |
| Capital expenditures | \$ - | \$ 311,750 | \$ 311,750 |

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking information within the meaning of Canadian securities legislation and forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (collectively, forward-looking statements). Such forward-looking statements concern the Company's anticipated results and developments in the Company's operations in future periods, planned exploration and development of its properties, plans related to its business and other matters that may occur in the future. These statements relate to analyses and other information that are based on forecasts of future results, estimates of amounts not yet determinable and assumptions of management.

Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance (often, but not always, using words or phrases such as expects or does not expect, is expected, anticipates or does not anticipate, plans, estimates or stating that certain actions, events or results may, could, would, might or will be taken, occur or be achieved) statements of historical fact and may be forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual events or results to differ from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including, without limitation:

risks related to the Company's history of losses and need for additional financing;

risks associated with the Company's lack of history of producing metals from its mineral properties;

risks associated with increased costs affecting financial condition;

risks associated with a shortage of equipment and supplies;

risks associated with mining and resource exploration being an inherently dangerous activity;

risks associated with operating in the resource industry, which is highly speculative;

risks associated with the Company's lack of known reserves;

risks associated with resource estimates;

risks associated with material changes in mineral resource estimates;

risks associated with the difference in U.S. and Canadian practices for reporting reserves and resources;

risks associated with the Company's lack of insurance for its operations;

risks associated with mineral operations being subject to market forces outside of the Company's control;

risks associated with the permitting, licensing and approval processes for the Company's operations;

risks associated with governmental and environmental regulations;

risks associated with future legislation regarding the mining industry and climate change;

risks associated with the Company's land reclamation requirements;

risks related to competition in the mining and rare earth elements industries;

risks related to joint ventures and partnerships;

risks related to foreign currency fluctuations;

risks related to the Company's dependence on key personnel;

risks related to the potential difficulty of attracting and retaining qualified personnel;

risks related to the Company's executive officers and directors being engaged in other businesses;

risks related to title in the Company's properties;

risks related to enforcement of civil liabilities in the United States;

risks related to the Company's securities; and

risks associated with tax consequences to U.S. shareholders.

This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect the Company's forward-looking statements. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated,

estimated or intended. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, believed, estimated or expected. The Company cautions readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. Except as required by law, the Company disclaims any obligation subsequently to revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events. **The Company qualifies all the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report by the foregoing cautionary statements.** We advise you to carefully review the reports and documents we file from time to time with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), particularly our Annual Report on Form 10-K and our Current Reports on Form 8-K. The reports and documents filed by the Company with the SEC are available at www.sec.gov.

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

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations together with our financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report. This discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. See Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements. 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 under elsewhere in this report. See Forward-Looking Statements above.

This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes. The discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations are based upon the unaudited consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of any contingent liabilities at the financial statement date and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. On an on-going basis the Company reviews its estimates and assumptions. The estimates were based on historical experience and other assumptions that the Company believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results are likely to differ from those estimates under different assumptions or conditions, but the Company does not believe such differences will materially affect our consolidated financial position or results of operations

Introduction

This is Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) for Rare Element Resources Ltd. and has been prepared based on information known to management as of the date of this report. This MD&A is intended to help the reader understand the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Rare Element.

Rare Element is focused on exploring and developing economic mineral projects which contain or have the potential to contain rare-earth elements with or without gold. The Company plans to explore advanced-stage exploration projects itself, and to acquire and option out earlier stage exploration projects, while keeping a retained interest.

The main focus of the Company is advancing the Bear Lodge REE Project located near Sundance, Wyoming, USA.

In July, 2011, the Company became a domestic issuer in the United States and transitioned from reporting according to Canadian regulations with US secondary filings, to reporting according to the US regulations with Canadian secondary filings. While this will have no impact on the value of the Company, shareholders will have to adapt to filings in the US regulation formats. The Company has adopted US generally accepted accounting principles (US GAAP), as required under SEC rules. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 and supporting notes.

The Company's reporting under US GAAP is similar to Canadian GAAP, except that exploration expenditures are expensed as incurred until a property has declared proven and probable mineral reserves.

Currently, the United States Financial Accounting Standards Board expects to adopt IFRS in 2016 but that may change. At that time, Rare Element will adopt IFRS which is now widely used in developed countries. Under IFRS the mineral property expenditures that had been capitalized under Canadian GAAP and expensed under US GAAP

would be reevaluated for capitalization under IFRS. Generally under IFRS if the expenditure is expected to provide a betterment of the asset it would be capitalized.

Management is responsible for the preparation and integrity of the consolidated financial statements, including the maintenance of appropriate information systems, procedures and internal controls. Management also ensures that information used internally or disclosed externally, including the consolidated financial statements and MD&A, is complete and reliable.

The Company's board of directors follows recommended corporate-governance guidelines for public companies to ensure transparency and accountability to shareholders. The board's audit committee meets with management regularly to review the consolidated financial statements, including the MD&A, and to discuss other financial, operating and internal-control matters.

All currency amounts are expressed in US dollars unless otherwise noted.

Outlook

Rare Element Resources has sufficient cash on hand to conduct its current exploration and operating plans through 2012. Rare Element Resources plans to continue to advance the Bear Lodge REE Project and the Sundance Gold Project in Wyoming, USA, during 2011 and into 2012 including the following:

·
Additional resource definition drilling to expand and upgrade the resources at the Bull Hill (aka Bull Hill SW), Whitetail Ridge, and Bull Hill NW deposits.

·
Exploration drilling at the Bull Hill West, Carbon REE, Taylor REE, and other prospective REE targets identified during the 2010 exploration program.

·
Geological mapping, geochemical sampling, and geophysical surveys over selected areas in order to better delineate current target areas and identify new targets for economic REE mineralization.

.
Collection of additional bulk sample mineralized material for continued pilot plant testing from a second large diameter core drilling program in select, well-mineralized areas, along with additional sampling of mineralized surface exposures in road cuts, trenches, and drill sites.

.
A condemnation drilling program to ensure that the proposed low-grade stockpile and waste facility will not cover ground that is prospective for REE and/or gold mineralization.

.
Environmental baseline and geotechnical studies for use in the environmental impact study (EIS) and prefeasibility study.

.
Continued metallurgical testing of the oxide, the oxide-carbonate and the low-grade stockwork mineralized material for optimization of mineral concentration and chemical concentration processes.

.
Perform market testing from product produced by the pilot plant.

.
Completion of a Preliminary Feasibility Study in the first quarter of 2012.

.
Continue to add key personnel to develop the corporate infrastructure to support the current project development and future production operation.

.
Plans to begin a limited gold-targeted drilling program to expand existing mineral resources, to search for higher grade mineralization, and to discover new deposits.

Description of Metal Markets

Rare earth elements (REE) are used in hybrid-electric-vehicles (HEV) and all-electric vehicles, many of which contain REE-bearing nickel-metal-hydride (Ni-MH) batteries and REE super magnets within electrical motors and generators; REE are also used in computers, cellular telephones, TV screens, wind turbines, fuel cells, magnetic refrigeration technologies, compact fluorescent lights, petroleum-refining catalysts and numerous other modern specialty technologies.

The markets for REE have become more significant over the years as more of these new technologies are developed. Currently these REE markets are dominated by production from China, which produced over 95 percent of the world's REEs in recent years. For the past eight years and most recently in the summer of 2010, China has reduced its exports of REE by 40 percent and increased related export taxes, which has significantly increased producer sales prices since that time.

The prices of REE are quoted in different forms including, rare-earth carbonate concentrates that contain approximately 42 percent to 45 percent REOs can be marketed or they can be separated into individual oxides or sold in small sub-groups of similar elements.

According to www.metal-pages.com (Metal Pages), the prices of REEs have generally increased approximately 500 percent in 2010 after a slight recovery in 2009 from depressed prices in 2008 due to worldwide economic turmoil. For example, according to Metal Pages, the prices of REE concentrates have increased from \$4,500 per ton in July 2010 to approximately \$38,000 per ton in December 2010. REO prices increased considerably during the first two quarters of 2011 but have declined in the third quarter.

Since REE are used for many new technologies, it is estimated that their demand for REE will increase at a rate of 7 to 10 percent per year for the next 5 years and possibly longer [IMCOA, Roskill and Rare Earths Industry Stakeholders, 2011, Dudley J. Kingsnorth]. Rare-earth magnet demand using Nd, Pr, Dy and Tb, is expected to increase annually at a rate of 10-15 percent.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Company's operations are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that may impact the Company's financial results. For a full list of such risks and uncertainties, please see Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on September 28, 2011.

Our failure to successfully address these risks and uncertainties would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and/or results of operations. Consequently, the trading price of our common shares may decline and investors may lose all or part of their investment in the Company. We cannot assure you that we will successfully address these risks and uncertainties or other unknown risks and uncertainties that may affect our business.

Results of Operations

Results of Operations for the three months ended September 30, 2011 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2010

The net loss for the three-month period ended September 30, 2011 totaled \$10,933,574 or \$0.25 per share as compared to a net loss of \$5,476,605 or \$0.17 per share for the same period in 2010, which is an increase of \$5,456,969.

Exploration expense

Exploration expense for the three-month period ended September 30, 2011 was \$3,846,627 as compared with \$2,839,204 for the same period in 2010. This increase is due to additional exploration work, including the pre-feasibility study, at the Bear Lodge REE Project and the Sundance Gold Project. The following table shows the major exploration expenses incurred for the comparative periods by project:

| | Three months ended September 30, 2011 | Three months ended September 30, 2010 |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Bear Lodge REE property | | |
| Assays | \$ 195,591 | \$ 144,935 |
| Drilling | 1,110,215 | 1,537,358 |
| Engineering consulting | 496,627 | 111,182 |
| Environmental costs | 119,825 | 5,846 |
| Geological consulting and geochemistry | 300,511 | 263,249 |
| Holding costs | 311,989 | 196,701 |
| Metallurgical testing | 243,156 | 48,173 |
| Subtotal - Bear Lodge REE property | 2,777,914 | 2,307,444 |
| Sundance Gold Project | | |
| Assays | 66,368 | 63,209 |
| Drilling | 249,724 | 297,360 |
| Others | 202,555 | 171,191 |
| Subtotal - Sundance Gold property | 518,647 | 531,760 |
| Pre-feasibility Study | 550,066 | - |
| Total exploration expense | \$ 3,846,627 | \$ 2,839,204 |

Foreign exchange (gain)/loss

A foreign exchange loss of \$3,497,270 was recognized for the three-month period ended September 30, 2011 as compared with a foreign exchange gain of \$212,716 for the same period in 2010. The increase in the foreign exchange loss of \$3,709,986 was due to the majority of the Company's cash balances being in Canadian dollars during a period when the US dollar (our reporting currency) has appreciated against the Canadian dollar. In the future, we intend to hold between six months and twelve months of US based spending in US dollars as a natural hedge against currency fluctuations.

Interest income

Interest income was \$286,292 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2011 as compared to \$25,120 for the same period in 2010. The increase of \$261,172 from the respective prior period was due to an increase in interest earned on the funds that the Company held in financial institutions as a result of increased cash balances.

Stock-based compensation

Non-cash stock-based compensation was \$3,311,715 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2011 as compared to \$448,869 for the same period in 2010. The increase of \$2,862,846 from the respective prior period was the result of an increase in stock options granted during the latter part of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 and the subsequent amortization expense associated with the awards as they vest over time.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity and Capital Resources for the quarter ended September 30, 2011

The Company's working capital as at September 30, 2011 was \$64,096,675 (June 30, 2011 - \$71,952,619). As at September 30, 2011, cash totaled \$64,170,389, representing a decrease of \$8,141,581 from June 30, 2011.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2011, 20,000 options were exercised for gross proceeds of \$55,414. The Company spent \$208,334 on the purchase of equipment. The Company also spent \$7,988,661 on its operating activities, of which \$3,497,270 relates to the foreign exchange loss as a result of the Company holding the majority of its cash and cash equivalents in Canadian dollars.

Management estimates that the current cash position and future cash flows from warrants and options and potential financing will be sufficient for the Company to carry out its anticipated exploration and operating plans through 2012.

There may be circumstances where, for sound business reasons, a reallocation of funds may be necessary in order for the Company to achieve its stated business objectives.

Asset Retirement Obligations

An asset retirement obligation of \$100,540 was recognized in the quarter ended September 30, 2011 for the Company's current obligations to reclaim areas used for exploring the Bear Lodge Property. As the Company disturbs more property the Company will record an increase in its asset retirement obligations.

Potential Environmental Contingency

The Company's mining and exploration activities are subject to various federal, provincial 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 in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Company has made, and expects 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 is uncertain.

Transactions with Related Parties

During the three-months ended September 30, 2011:

\$50,000 (quarter ended September 30, 2010 - \$36,700) was charged for management fees by an officer and director of the Company. As at September 30, 2011 \$Nil (June 30, 2011 - \$Nil) was owed to the officer.

\$108,119 (quarter ended September 30, 2010 - \$54,605) was charged by a private company controlled by a director of the Company for accounting, management fees and rent. As at September 30, 2011 \$43,156 (June 30, 2011 - \$73,959) was owed to this private company.

Related party transactions were in the normal course of operations and are measured at the fair value amount as determined by management. The amounts owed bear no interest and are unsecured with no repayment terms.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

Contractual Obligations

There were no material changes to the contractual obligations disclosed in Item 7 of Part 2 in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011

ITEM 3. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE DISCUSSION ABOUT MARKET RISK

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

Interest rate risk. The Company's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash held in bank accounts and guaranteed investment certificates that earn interest at variable interest rates. Due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments, fluctuations in market rates do not have a significant impact on estimated fair values as of September 30, 2011. Future cash flows from interest income on cash and cash equivalents will be affected by interest rate fluctuations. The Company manages interest rate risk by maintaining an investment policy that focuses primarily on preservation of capital and liquidity.

Foreign currency risk. The Company is exposed to foreign currency risk as monetary financial instruments are denominated in Canadian Dollars. The Company has not entered into any foreign currency contracts to mitigate this risk.

Other price risk. Other price risk is the risk that the fair 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. The Company is not exposed to significant other price risk.

Net loss and other comprehensive loss for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 could have varied if the Canadian Dollar to US Dollar foreign exchange rate varied by reasonably possible amounts from their actual balance sheet date values.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

At the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2011, 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) and Rule 15d-15(e) under 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) material 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.

The Company notes that during the period covered by our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on September 28, 2011, the Company restated its financial statements due to an adjustment in its accounting for warrants in its reconciliations to United States generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) in the footnotes to its financial statements for the following periods: (1) the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 and (2) the fiscal quarters ended September 30, 2009, December 31, 2009, March 31, 2010, and June 30, 2010. As a result of the accounting oversight in U.S. GAAP, in February of 2011, the Company hired Deloitte & Touche LLP as accounting consultant to the Company to bolster the Company U.S. GAAP expertise. The Company s management does not believe that the restatement of the accounting treatment for warrants under U.S. GAAP resulted through a material weakness in the Company s internal control over financial reporting or as a result of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures being ineffective, and management s assessments as of September 30, 2011, reflects this fact.

Changes in Internal Controls

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2011 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 which are, or would be, likely to have a material adverse effect upon us or our operations, taken as a whole. There are no material proceedings pursuant to which any of our directors, officers or affiliates or any owner of record or beneficial owner of more than 5% of our securities or any associate of any such director, officer or security holder is a party adverse to us or has a material interest adverse to us.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There were no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A of Part 1 in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

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

None.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4. [REMOVED AND RESERVED]

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Mine Safety and Health Administration Regulations

Pursuant to Section 1503(a) of the recently enacted 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. During the quarter ended September 30, 2011, our U.S. exploration properties were not subject to regulation by the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) under the *Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977* (the "Mine Act").

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

| Exhibit | <u>Description of Exhibits</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Number</u> | |
| 31.1 | <u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 and Rule 15d-14(a), promulgated under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended</u> |
| 31.2 | <u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 and Rule 15d-14(a), promulgated under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended</u> |
| 32.1 | <u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act</u> |
| 32.2 | <u>Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act</u> |

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/ Donald E. Ranta

Donald E. Ranta

President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 9, 2011

RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LTD.

By:

/s/ David P. Suleski

David P. Suleski

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer
and Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: November 9, 2011

