

#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS



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For additional details on the Johnson Tract Project, see NI 43-101 Technical Report titled "Updated Mineral Resource Estimate and NI 43-101 Technical Report for the Johnson Tract Project, Alaska", dated August 25, 2022 (effective date of July 12, 2022) authored by Ray C. Brown, James N. Gray, P.Geo. and Lyn Jones, P.Eng, see: <a href="https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/5fc5d36fd44fd675102e4420/66b39f847ac30bd736ac91ad">https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/5fc5d36fd44fd675102e4420/66b39f847ac30bd736ac91ad</a> hg-technical-report-25aug-2022 compressed.pdf. The information contained in, or otherwise accessible through, the links are not part of, and are not incorporated by reference into this investor presentation.

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# BUILDING ALASKA'S NEXT GOLD MINES

CONTANGO ORE IS AN AMERICAN, NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE LISTED COMPANY WITH A 5 YEAR PLAN TO PRODUCE 200,000 GEO ANNUALLY.

# MANH CHOH MINE

IN PRODUCTION

PRODUCING ~60,000 OZ ANNUALLY

# LUCKY SHOT MINE

**FULLY PERMITTED** 

TARGETING 30,000 - 40,000 OZ ANNUAL PRODUCTION

# JOHNSON TRACT PROJECT

1M OZ GRADING 9.4G/T AU EQ

OREBODY AVERAGES 40 METERS WIDE
PEA EXPECTED IN MARCH 2025





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# **COMPANY PROFILE**

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

#### TRADING - NYSE AMERICAN: CTGO<sup>1</sup>

90-Day Avg. Daily Volume 100,000 shares per day 52-week range US\$8.85 - \$25.32 Market Cap \$120 M

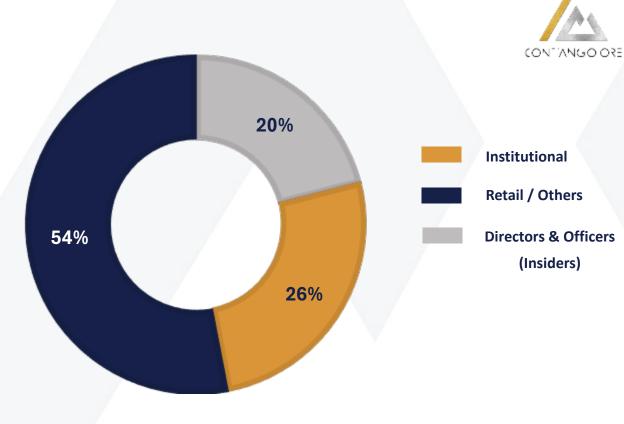
#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE<sup>1</sup>

Issued & Outstanding	12.3 M
Warrants	0.7 M
Fully Diluted	13.0 M

#### **FINANCIAL POSITION**

Cash <sup>2</sup>	\$20 M
Convertible Debenture <sup>2</sup>	\$20 M
Debt (ING & Macquarie) <sup>1</sup>	\$38 M

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Sprott Inc
Franklin Resources
Geode Capital Management
Gabelli Gold Fund
Insiders

Top Mutual Funds		
Russell 2000 ETF		
Vanguard Index Fund		
Gabelli Gold Fund		
Franklin Gold and Silver Fund		

- 1. Approximate amounts reported as of March 13, 2025
- 2. Amounts reported as of December 31, 2024

<sup>\*</sup>Russell 2000 Inclusion - June 26, 2023

# **ALASKAN FOCUSED PORTFOLIO**

EXECUTING ON OUR DIRECT SHIP ORE MODEL (DSO)

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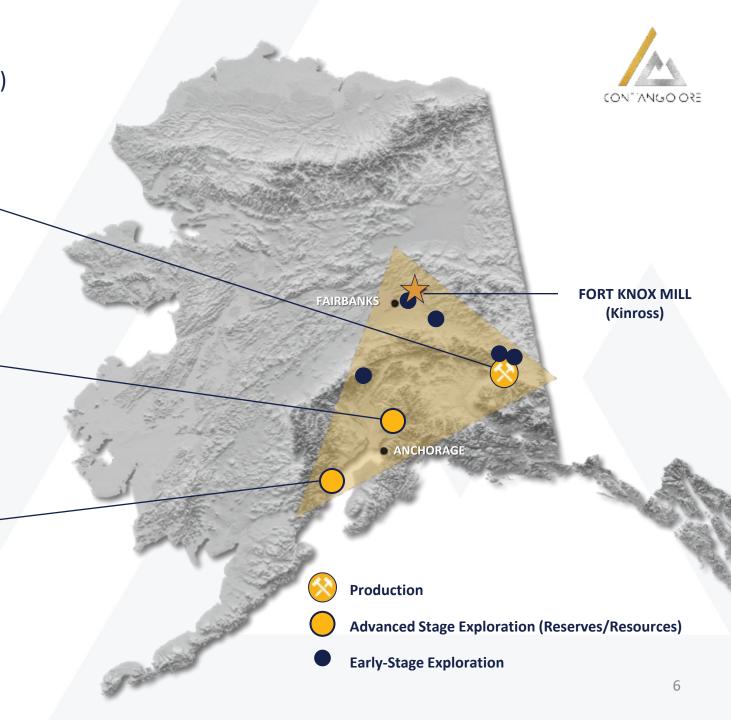
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# MANH CHOH – A DSO SUCCESS

#### CONTANGO'S FLAGSHIP PROJECT – COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION AS OF JULY 2024



















# **IN PRODUCTION**

- On schedule and on budget
- Permits and construction completed in under 2 years
- 3 years to production from formation of JV to first gold pour!
- Strong projected cash flows
- Manh Choh to Fort Knox → 240 mi
- Kinross is operator (70% owner)
- Contract mining & trucking
- Exploration upside on 675,000 acres

2024 41,325 oz Gold \$40.5M USD distribution



# **MANH CHOH MINE**

#### 2024 PRODUCTION STATISTICS & 2025 GUIDANCE



Contango 2024 Production Results (30% basis)			Units
Gold production		41,325	OZ
Silver production		16,763	OZ
Total gold & silver sales	\$	94,500,000	
Average blended realized gold price	\$	2,281	
Gold sold at price		19,664	OZ
Gold delivered into hedge contracts		21,661	OZ
Hedge contracts settled in cash		16,200	OZ
Remaining hedge balance		86,379	OZ
Cash distribution received from peak Gold JV	\$	40,500,000	
Cash costs on by-Product Basis, per Ounce <sup>1</sup>	\$	1,209	per oz sold
Contango 2024 Production Guidance (30% basis)			Units
2024 Gold Production Guidance	30,000 to 35,000 oz		OZ
2024 Gold Production Actual		42,000	OZ
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Contango 2025 Production Guidance (30% basis)			Units
2025 Guidance (30% Basis)	~	-60,000	OZ
2025 AISC Guidance	\$	1,625	per oz sold





# **MANH CHOH MINE**

#### 2025 & LOM GUIDANCE



#### New AISC Guidance and New Gold Prices

2025 AISC

GOLD PRICE (\$USD)	\$2,285	\$2,400	\$2,600	\$2,800	\$3,000
GEO Avg Per Annum (000's)	200	200	200	200	200
Contango JV Ownership	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
Contango Avg GEO per Annum (000's)	60	60	60	60	60
Contango Revenue (\$USD) (000's)	\$137,100	\$144,000	\$156,000	\$168,000	\$180,000
Less: AISC (\$1,625/Ounce) (000's)	(97,500)	(97,500)	(97,500)	(97,500)	(97,500)
Contango Cash Flow (000's)	\$39,600	\$46,500	\$58,500	\$70,500	\$82,500

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Blended	I		

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70% Hedge	70% Hedge 30% Spot			
\$2,025	\$2,800	\$3,000		
200	200	200		
30%	30%	30%		
42	18	18		
\$85,050	\$50,400	\$54,000		
(68,250)	(29,250)	(29,250)		
\$16,800	\$21,150	\$24,750		
\$37,95	\$41,550,000			
Blended	\$2,318			

## New AISC Guidance and New Gold Prices

**LOM AISC** 

GOLD PRICE (\$USD)	\$2,285	\$2,400	\$2,600	\$2,800	\$3,000
GEO Avg Per Annum (000's)	200	200	200	200	200
Contango JV Ownership	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
Contango Avg GEO per Annum (000's)	59	59	59	59	59
Contango Revenue (\$USD) (000's)	\$134,244	\$141,000	\$152,750	\$164,500	\$176,250
Less: AISC (\$1,400/Ounce) (000's)	(84,000)	(84,000)	(84,000)	(84,000)	(84,000)
Contango Cash Flow (000's)	\$50,244	\$57,000	\$68,750	\$80,500	\$92,250

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	\$2,025	\$2,600			
	200	200			
	30%	30%			
	21.7	37.0			
	\$44,018	\$96,233			
	(31,080)	(52,920)			
	<b>\$12,938</b>	\$43,313			
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LOM +\$60 M of annual free cash flow

#### Remaining hedge balance Year End 2024: 86,739 ounces

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At gold spot price of \$2,800/Ounce

¹See Contango's SK1300 Manh Choh Technical Report Press Release dated May 26, 2023; Initial capex reflects the Kinross feasibility study reported in "Q2 Corporate Update" Press Release and Corporate Presentation dated July 26 and 27, 2022; The optimization for the mineral reserve estimate assumed a \$1,300 per ounce gold price; the \$189 million estimate reflects remaining funds to be expended between 2022 and 2024; there will be additional capital required at Fort Knox to accommodate Manh Choh ore; and is a Toll Milling charge to the Peak Gold JV; "All-in sustaining cost (AISC) per equivalent ounce sold" is a non-GAAP ratio. "GEO" refers to Gold Equivalent Ounces. See: <a href="https://www.contangoore.com/press-release/contango-ore-announces-completion-of-s-k-1300-technical-report-summary-for-its-manh-choh-project-in-Alaska">https://www.contangoore.com/press-release/contango-ore-announces-completion-of-s-k-1300-technical-report-summary-for-its-manh-choh-project-in-Alaska</a>. The information contained in, or otherwise accessible through, the link is not part of, and is not incorporated by reference into this investor presentation; As reported in Year End 2024 news release dated March 17, 2025 "Contango Announces Earnings for the Year Ended December 31, 2024".

# WELL POSITIONED COMPARED TO PEERS



#### LOWER QUARTILE AISC AMONG PEER GROUP

# 2025E AISC (US\$/oz AuEq)



Source: Company Materials, brokers' estimates

Note: Based on average of brokers' estimates unless otherwise noted

- (1) Shown on an LTM basis, as of Q3-24
- (2) Based on mid-point of management guidance
- (3) Shown on a by product basis

# **WELL POSITIONED COMPARED TO PEERS**



# PROJECTED ANNUAL OPERATING CASH FLOW PER SHARE (2025E; US\$/SHARE)



Source: Company Materials, brokers' estimates

Note: As of February 18, 2025

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on Contango's 2025E attributable revenue (@ US\$2,800/oz) less 2025E AISC and adjusted for hedge losses, divided by Contango's basic shares outstanding

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on LTM actuals, as of Q3-24

# **MANH CHOH MINE**

#### ATTRACTIVE ECONOMICS AS NON-OPERATING PARTNER



# 2024 Summary and 2025 Guidance

- > 2024 production statistics: 41,325 ounces; +30% greater than guidance
- > Paid down credit facility to \$38.3 million by end of January 2025
- ➤ Hedge position reduced by 30% to a remaining balance of 86,739oz
- > 2025 production guidance: ~60,000 ounces
- Continue to pay down debt in 2025
- Advance permitting at Johnson Tract
- Look for new synergistic opportunities

# MANH CHOH MINE

CTGO SUCCESS OF DSO APPROACH







#### 2020/2021

JV with Kinross, Community Outreach,













2024

Ore stockpiled at Manh Choh and Fort Knox; **first gold pour** in July

Operating permits received; construction completed with groundbreaking ceremony in August; ore transport started in November



PFS/FS, permit applications submitted

Construction decision & road construction, mill modifications, campus renovation; 404 Wetlands Permit received

2022





- High-grade resources
  - Gold, Silver, Copper focus
- Near Infrastructure
  - Road
  - Rail
  - Water
- Simple permitting from a mining perspective
  - Minimal water and wetlands impact
  - Simple mining/processing
  - **Private and State lands**



Manh Choh deposit before mining

# FEDERAL PERMITS → 1 YR **CONSTRUCTION AND RAMP UP** → 2 YRS

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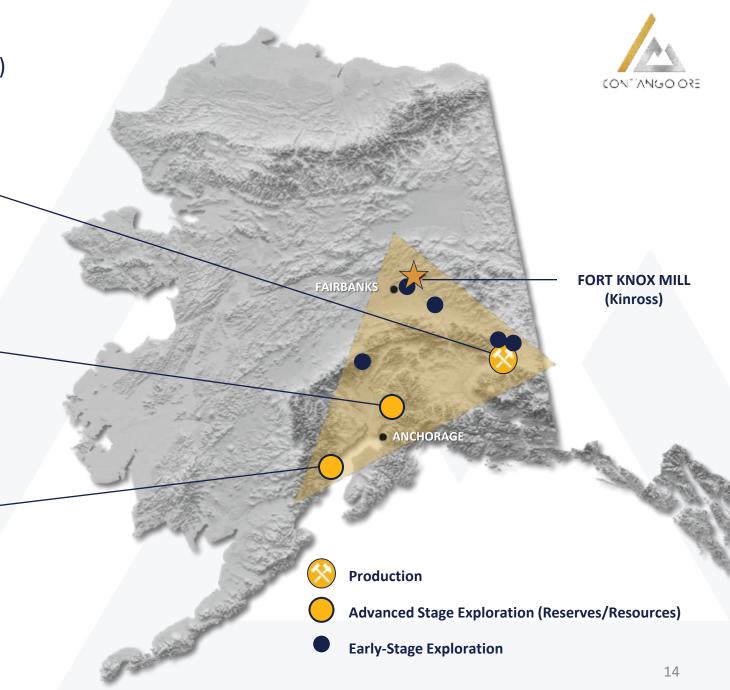
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# **LUCKY SHOT – OUR NEXT DSO PROJECT**

FOCUSED ON RESOURCE EXPANSION OVER THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS



#### **Coleman Segment of Lucky Shot Vein**

Classification	Tonnes	Au Grade (g/t)	Au Ounces
Measured	-	-	-
Indicated	190,092	15.6	95,036
TOTAL	190,092	15.6	95,036
Inferred	74,265	9.9	23,642

#### **Lucky Shot Segment of Lucky Shot Vein**

Classification	Tonnes	Au Grade (g/t)	Au Ounces
Measured	-	-	-
Indicated	36,871	8.9	10,584
TOTAL	36,871	8.9	10,584
Inferred	7,793	5.9	1,468

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#### **Combined Segments of Lucky Shot Vein Resources**

Classification	Tonnes	Au Grade (g/t)	Au Ounces
Measured	-	-	-
Indicated	226,963	14.5	105,620
TOTAL	226,963	14.5	105,620
Inferred	82,058	9.5	25,110

Coleman and Lucky Shot Resources Tables¹ Please see S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary on the Lucky Shot Project Alaska, USA <a href="https://www.contangoore.com/investors/overview">https://www.contangoore.com/investors/overview</a>

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- Historically producing district:
  - > 250,000 ozs averaging 40 g/t Au
- Mesothermal quartz vein with free gold
- +1 mi (1.6 km) strike length
- Contango controls entire district
- Underground is fully refurbished with new development constructed in 2023
- Identify potential processing facilities

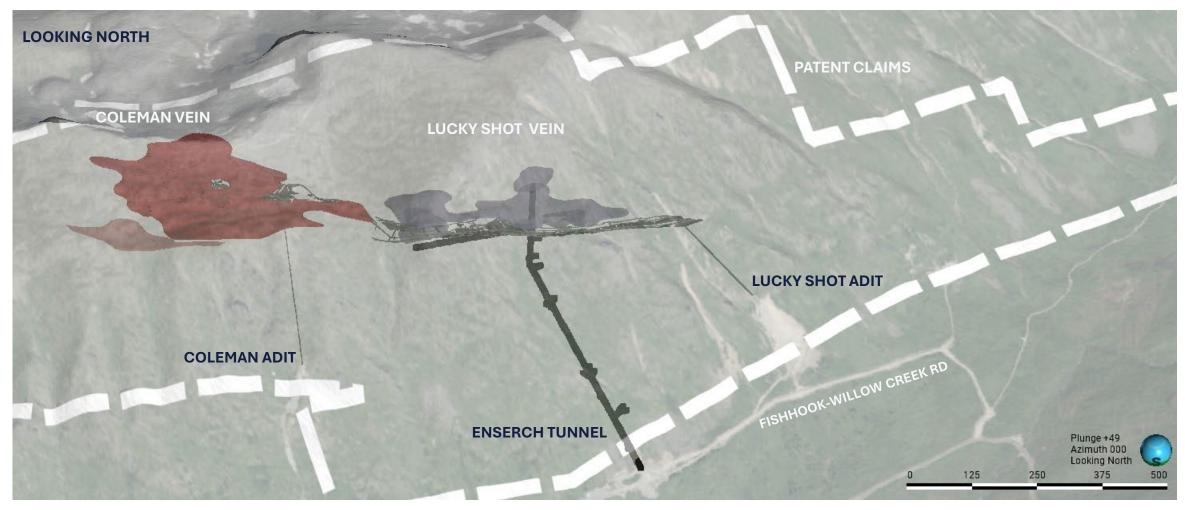


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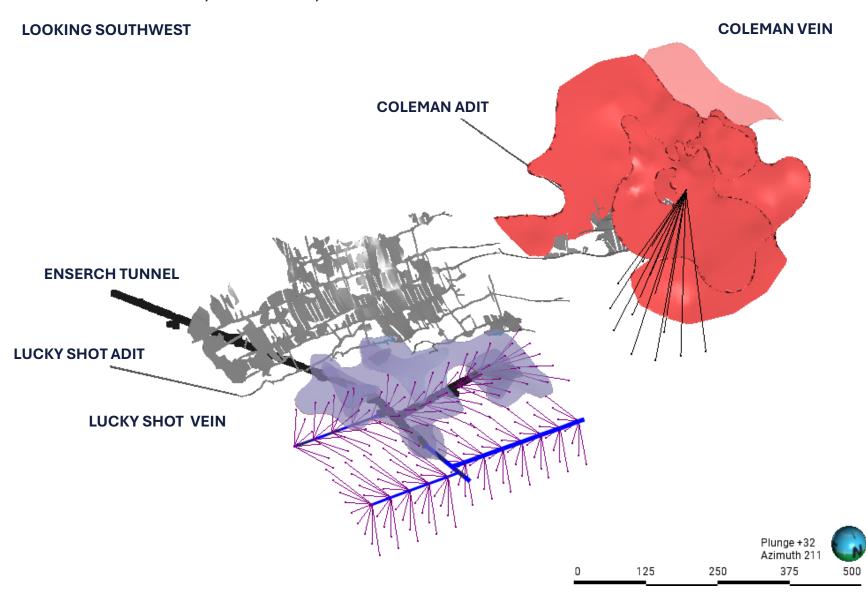


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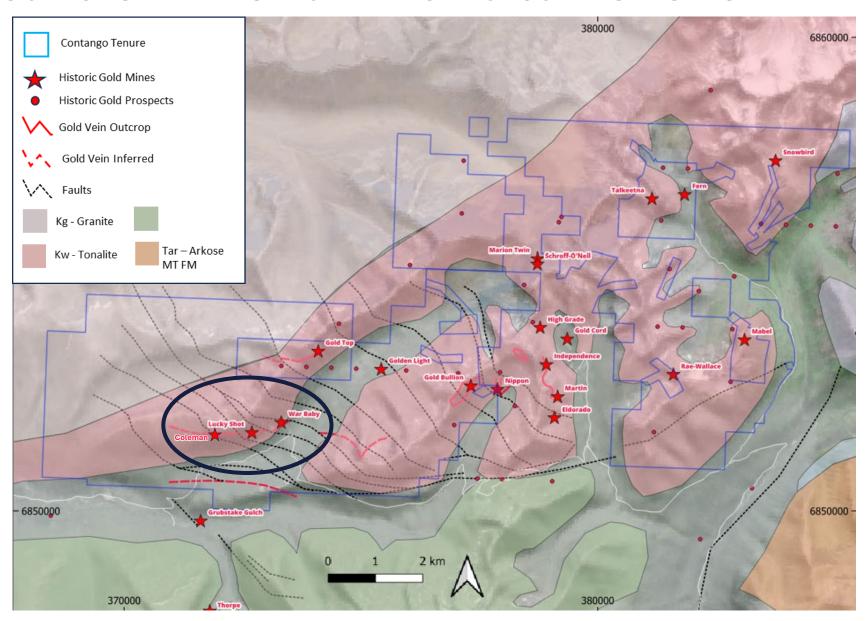
Planned 15,000m in-fill drill program for resource definition

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Define high-grade "ore shoots"
- Delineate 400,000 to 500,000 GEO
- Collect data for detailed mine plan
- Targeting 30,000 to 40,000 initial production



# **LUCKY SHOT – WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT SCALE OPPORTUNITY**





- Historic High-Grade Gold Mining District
- Initial Discoveries 1890's
- 20+ Historic Mines and Prospects
- Relatively "unmined" since 1942
- Mesothermal, shear hosted quartz +Au veins



Lucky Shot ore with visible gold



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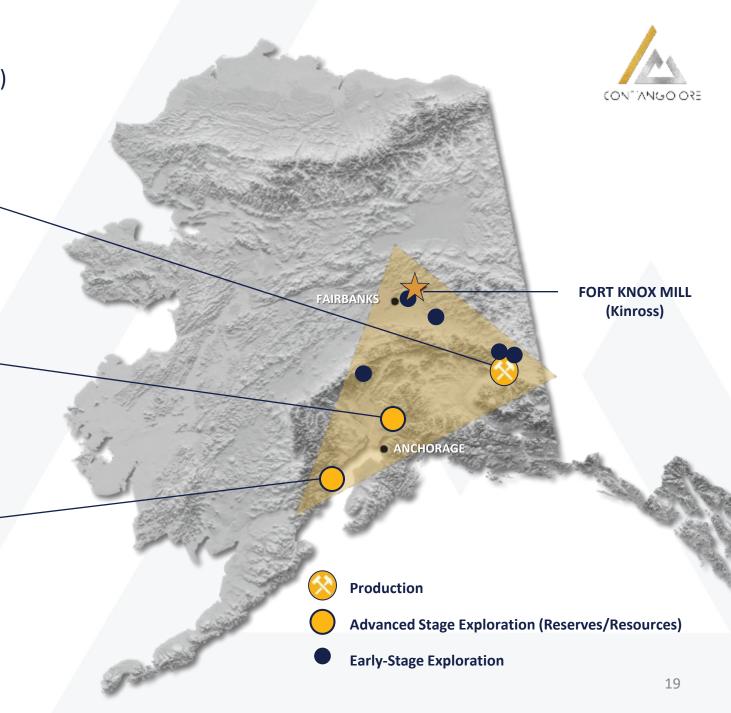
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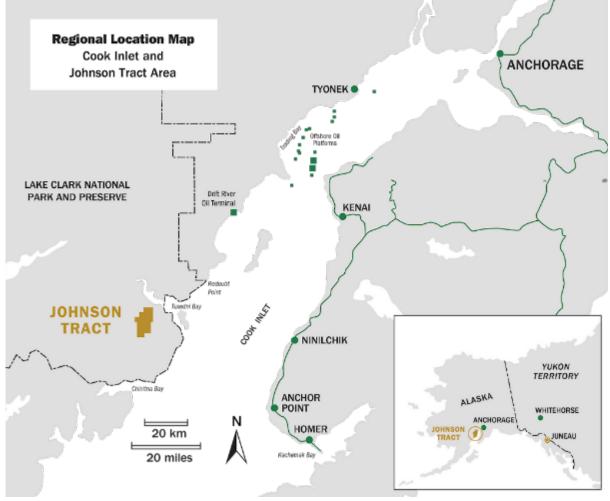
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#### JOHNSON TRACT LEASED FROM CIRI ALASKA NATIVE CORP



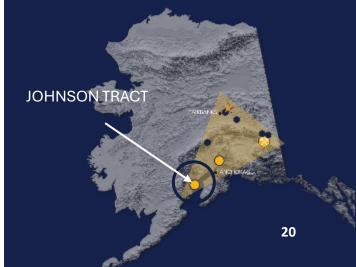


CIRI's Mission is to promote the economic and social well-being and Alaska Native heritage of its shareholders, now and into the future, through prudent stewardship of the company's resources, while furthering self-sufficiency among CIRI shareholders and their families.



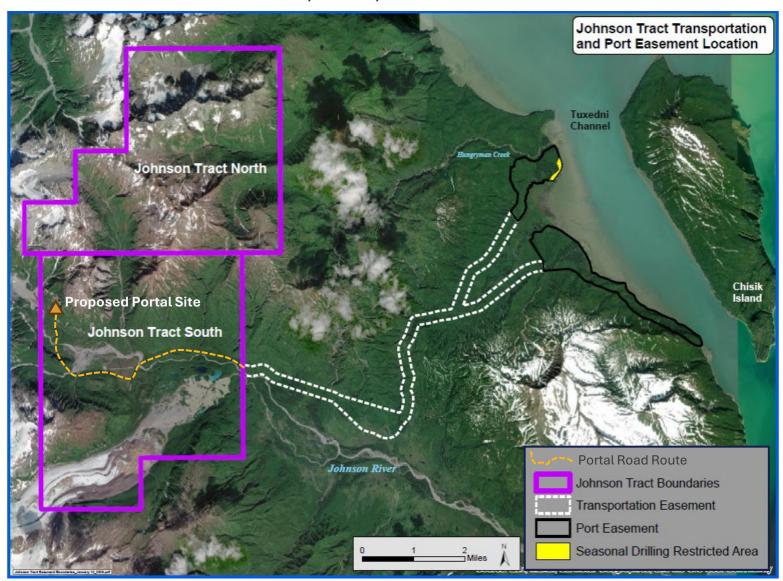
# **DEVELOPMENT**

- Robust grades + thickness
  - ~1.1M oz @ 9.4 g/t GEO
  - 40m true width
- Located on the coast
  - Marine transport is lowest form of bulk transport
- Private land owned by CIRI Corporation
- Ideal for low-cost underground mining
  - Subvertical
  - Bulk-mining widths
  - Ramp access
  - Bottom-up/gravity assist
  - Above the water table
- District potential exploration upside



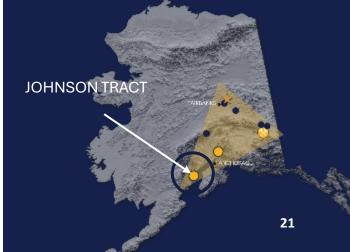
Map of Alaska Regional Native Corporations. The Red Dog mine, located on NANA Native Corporation land and operated by TECK, is one of the largest, highest grade Zinc mines in the World and is a model of success.

PERMITTING UNDERWAY – PORTAL, ROAD, AND PORT EASEMENT





- Permitting Underground tunnel Site ongoing with State of Alaska DNR Office of Project Management and Planning (OPMP)
- CIRI Received Right-of-Way Easements for Access Road and Port Facilities
- Programmatic Agreement with National Park Service nearly complete – this allows permitting for construction of the road and barge landing facilities
- Roughly 20 mi road to barge landing from Portal
- Baseline studies underway and will continue through 2025
- Community outreach is ongoing
- Continue to develop strong working relationship with CIRI



PRIVATE SURFACE RIGHTS (CIRI OWNERSHIP)
WIDE FLAT VALLEY WITH MINIMAL WETLANDS





- Valley is well suited for infrastructure
- 50-man camp
- 290 DDH: +83,000m drilled
- 2024 Program Focused On:
  - Infill drilling at resource
    - Hydrological testing
    - Geotechnical testing
    - Metallurgical testing
- 404 Wetlands permit issued for Road to Portal site in August 2024

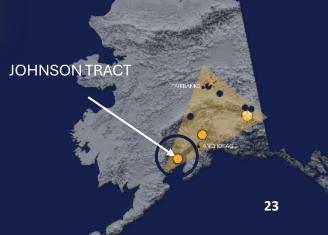


ATTRACTIVE ATTRIBUTES FOR UNDERGROUND MINING

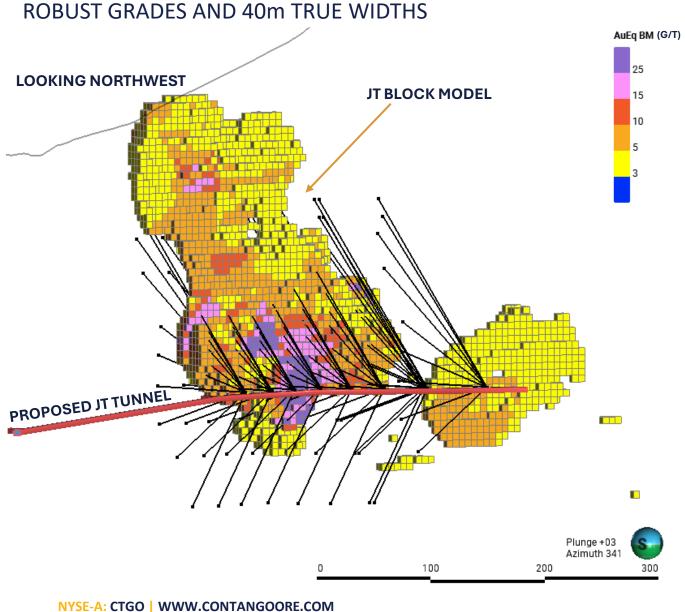


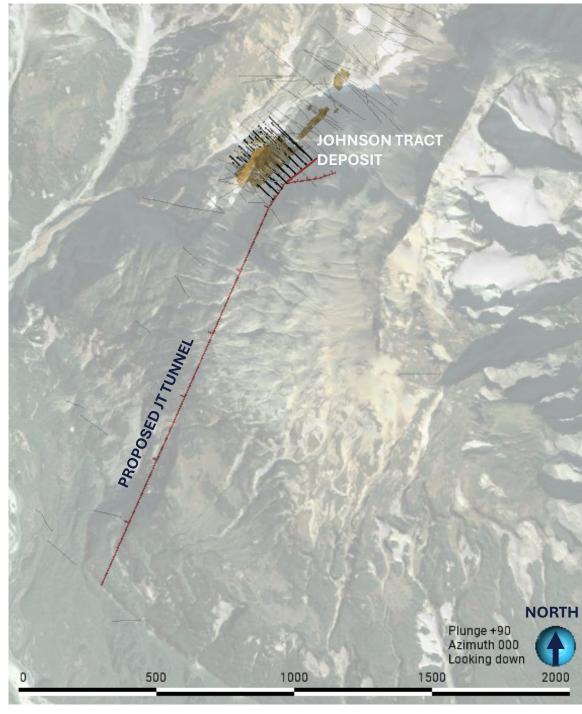


- Potential for short lateral UG ramp to base of the Johnson Tract Deposit
- Gravity assist, bottom-up mining
- > Highest grade accessed first
- Exploration/Development tunnel to target >1.5 km mineralized trend
- Infill drilling from underground to support resource upgrade and advance economic studies for a DSO mine
- Permitting for underground development, road access, and barge landing starting in H1 2025



ATTRACTIVE ATTRIBUTES FOR UNDERGROUND MINING





# ROBUST GRADES WITH THICK INTERCEPTS; GREAT METALLURGY & IDEAL FOR UNDERGOUND MINING METHODS



#### Selected Drill Intercepts

Vein Styles







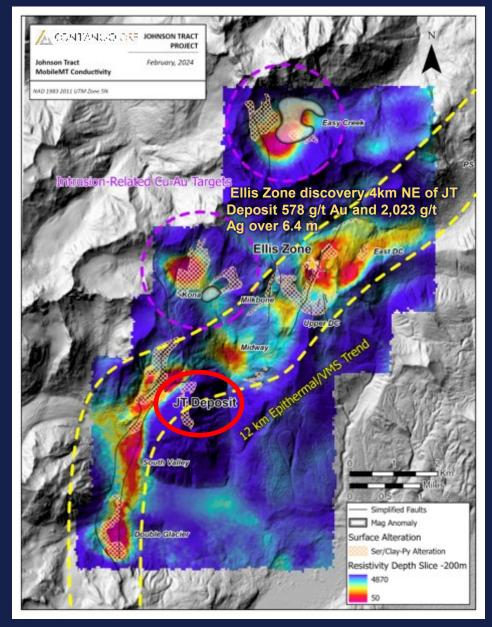
Thick (40m true width & high-grade)
True width 10x thicker than high-grade peers
Amenable to low-cost underground mining

- **108.6 m** of **10.4 g/t Au**, 7.6% Zn, 0.7% Cu, 2.0% Pb and 8 g/t Ag
- 71.4 m of 20.9 g/t Au, 9.8% Zn, 0.9% Cu, 1.6% Pb, and 9 g/t Ag
- **99.7 m** of **10.1 g/t Au**, 6.7 g/t Ag, 0.9% Cu, 1.3% Pb, and 6.3% Zn
- 137.7 m of 11.3 g/t Au, 2.4% Zn, 0.5% Cu, 0.5% Pb, and 4 g/t Ag
- **112.2 m** of **10.3 g/t Au**, 6.35 g/t Ag, 0.7% Cu, 1.5% Pb, and 5.0% Zn
- **59.0 m** of **14.2 g/t Au**, 9.3 g/t Ag, 1.0% Cu, 2.2% Pb, and 4.4% Zn
- **107.8 m** of **12.4 g/t Au**, 7.1% Zn, 0.9% Cu, 1.6% Pb, and 9 g/t Ag
- **75.1 m** of **10.0 g/t Au**, 9.4% Zn, 0.6% Cu, 1.1% Pb, and 6 g/t Ag
- 74.1 m of 17.9 g/t Au, 7.3% Zn, 0.5% Cu, 1.3% Pb, and 7 g/t Ag
- **56.6 m** of **19.3 g/t Au**, 2.4% Zn, 0.5% Cu, 0.4% Pb, and 3.9 g/t Ag
- 120.5 m of 18.8 g/t Au, 3.9% Zn, 0.6% Cu, 0.9% Pb, and 6 g/t Ag

**EXPLORATION UPSIDE – NEW GEOPHYSICAL TARGETS** 

# 2023 Airborne MobileMT Survey (3D inversion)

- 2023 geophysical survey defines 12km (7.5 mi) mineral trend
- Geophysics, geochemistry and geology define
  - 1. Distinct +10km long epithermal/VMS trend
  - 2. Two potential intrusive related Cu-Au targets (porphyry)
- Large, shallowly buried, untested alteration systems detected at DC, between DC and JT, and South of Johnson Tract
- Multiple new drill targets





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#### CONTANGO'S DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE

Focused on three Advanced-Stage Exploration Projects to support 200,000 GEO production



- Definition resource drilling at Lucky Shot
- Road and portal development at Johnson Tract
- Lucky Shot online: target ~30,000 to 40,000 GEO annually
- UG development, resource definition, FS at Johnson Tract

All 3 projects in production

200,000 GEO

First gold pour from Manh Choh: +42,000 GEO produced in 2024

~60,000 GEO<sup>1</sup>

+42,000 GEO

2025 2024

2-3 Yrs

2-3 Yrs

100,000 GEO



- Fully permitted and producing gold
- Permits received in less than 2 years
- Built on time and on budget
- First gold pour on July 8, 2024
- 2025 ~60,000 oz annual production1
- LOM ~60,000 oz annual production
- LOM \$1400 AISC



- Fully permitted for mining
- 110,000 oz at 14.5 g/t GEO
- 2-3 years to develop 400,000-500,000 GEO resource
- Plan to start with 30,000-40,000 GEO production
- Identify potential processing facilities



- Acquired for \$30/GEO
- Established 1.1M oz resource at 9.4 g/t GEO
- Permit to build road from camp to portal site received August 2024
- PEA by March 2025
- Target for FS with mine construction decision by 2029



## **BUILDING OUR ESG FRAMEWORK**

DEVELOPING OUR STRATEGY AROUND OUR BUSINESS MODEL AND CORE VALUES

# Defining the pillars

- > Social safety of our people and our communities, valued partnerships with Alaskan Natives
- > Environment responsible practices, minimize our footprint
- Governance business conduct, social responsibility and reporting
- Growth resulting in a strong, reputable company
- Working through materiality assessment
- Evaluating sustainability risk and opportunities
- ESG data quality and completeness forms reliable basis for the future
- Consolidating our understanding of risks, opportunities and policies for all our sites



#### **BUILT ON OUR FUNDAMENTAL DSO CRITERIA**

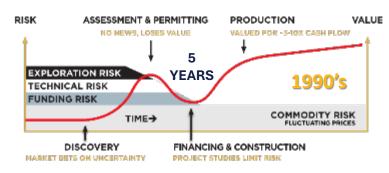
- High-grade resources
  - Gold, Silver, Copper focus
- Near Infrastructure
  - Road
  - Rail
  - Water
- Simple permitting from a mining perspective
  - Minimal water and wetlands impact
  - Simple mining/processing
  - Private and State lands



# **CONTANGO'S DSO MODEL**

By identifying Opportunities with "Orphan Projects" that fit Contango's DSO Criteria, we can build value for shareholders quicker than the traditional business model





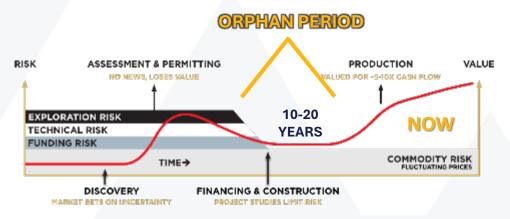
#### THE CHALLENGE



Time when junior companies have difficulty maintaining value while completing Feasibility studies, permitting, and financing phases



Regulators and Investors want projects much further de-risked compared to 30 years ago



#### THE OPPORTUNITY



Apply our "Nose for Ore" and our cash flow to acquire and advance quality projects that can be advanced quickly to production using DSO model



- High-grade, near infrastructure
- Easy to permit mining operations
- Ore can be transported and processed at an existing mill

## **CONTANGO'S CORPORATE STRATEGY**

#### 5 YEAR EXECUTION STRATEGY: TO BECOME A MID-TIER GOLD PRODUCER



#### LUCKY SHOT MINE (100%) 1

CONSTRUCTION

- Current resource: 110,000 GEO at 14.5 g/t
- Fully permitted for mining & on road/rail system
- 2-3 yrs to complete drilling and develop 400,000-500,000 GEO
- Target 30,000 40,000 GEO annual production
- Identify potential processing facilities

#### MANH CHOH MINE (30%)<sup>1</sup> 2-3 YEARS Production started O3 2024 1Moz resource with exploration upside ~60,000 GEO in 2025 (70% hedge and 30% spot) <sup>2,3</sup> LOM = 37% hedge and 63% spot 2-3 YEARS Est. LOM annual production of ~60,000 GEO<sup>2,3</sup>: +\$56M (at ~\$2,400 blended gold price at \$2600 spot) ~ \$225M LOM<sup>3,4</sup> free cash flow TIME RESOURCE FINANCING + **EXPLORATION +** DEVELOPMENT & PERMITTING START UP

#### JOHNSON TRACT PROJECT (100%) 1

- Current Resource: 1.1 Moz @ 9.4 g/t GEO
- Goal is to complete permitting and FS in 5 yrs
- Target 150,000 GEO annual production
- PEA expected in March 2025

# CONTANGO'S 5-YEAR STRATEGY

TO CREATE A
200,000 GEO/YEAR
ALASKA PRODUCER USING
A DSO APPROACH
FOR HIGH QUALITY PROJECTS

1. Reserve and Resource Table can be found in the Appendix; 2. GEO = Gold Equivalent Ounces; 3. See news release dated November 29, 2024 "Contango Reaffirms and Updates 2025 Manh Choh Guidance"; 4. LOM = Life of Mine

FEASIBILITY

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DISCOVERY

# QUESTIONS?





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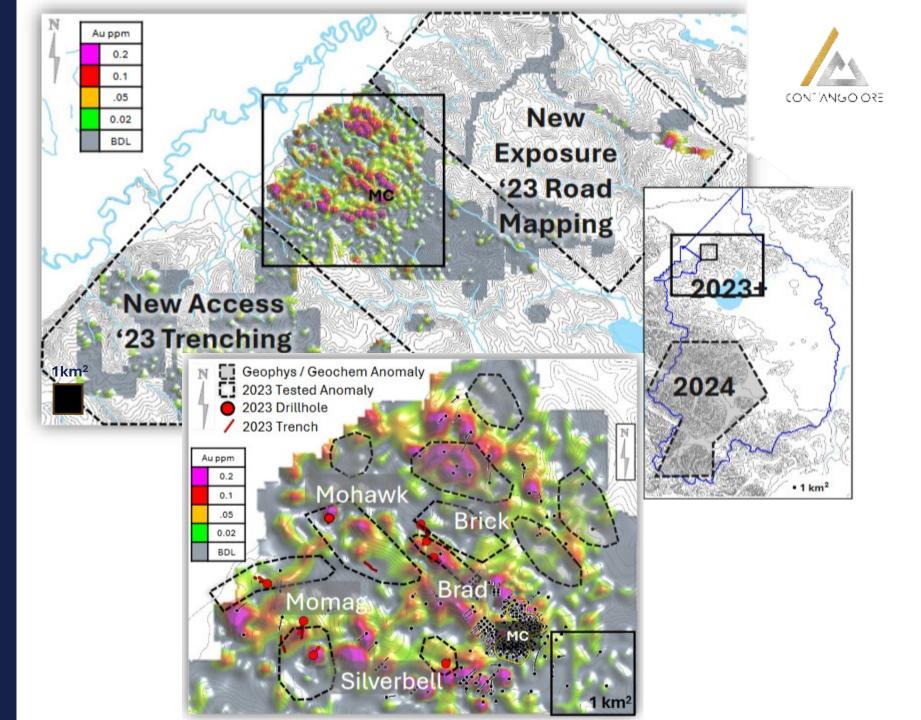
# **MANH CHOH**

REGIONAL EXPLORATION: 675,000 acres Leased from Tetlin Tribe

#### **2024 REGIONAL PLAN**

- Continuing reconnaissance sampling in the southern target zones
- Grid soil sampling in gridded target zones

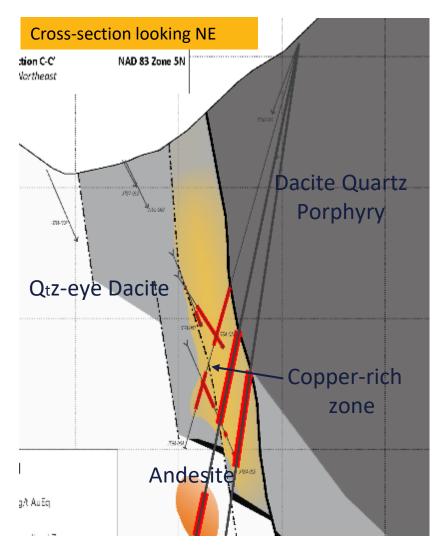


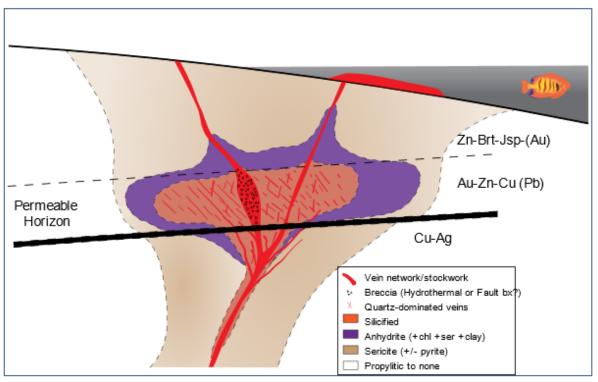


#### DEPOSIT GEOLOGY: HYBRID EPITHERMAL-VMS MODEL



Sub-marine High-Sulfidation Epithermal/Porphyry systems with some VMS characteristics – telescoped system





Pueblo Viejo and Romero deposits in Dominican Republic are good analogues

# **CONTANGO'S RESERVES AND RESOURCES**



	CONTANGO OWNED RESERVES													
PROJECT	CLASSIFICATION	TONNES (000)	Au Grade (g/t)	Au Ounces (000)	Ag Grade (g/t)	Ag Ounces (000)	Cu (%)	Cu (M Lb)	Pb (%)	Pb (M Lb)	Zn (%)	Zn (M Lb)	AuEq (g/t)	AuEq Ounces (000)
Manh Choh	Proven	132	6.4	27	9.9	42								28
	Proven	862	7.7	212	14.2	393								217
	Sub-Total	993	14.1	239	24.1	435								245
	TOTAL	993	14.1	239	24.1	435								245

	CONTANGO OWNED RESOURCES													
PROJECT	CLASSIFICATION	TONNES (000)	Au Grade (g/t)	Au Ounces (000)	Ag Grade (g/t)	Ag Ounces (000)	Cu (%)	Cu (M Lb)	Pb (%)	Pb (M Lb)	Zn (%)	Zn (M Lb)	AuEq (g/t)	AuEq Ounces (000)
Manh Choh	Measured	-	-	-	-	-								
	Indicated	110	2.7	33	10.4	37								33
	Sub-total	110	2.7	33	10.4	37								33
Lucky Shot	Measured	-	-	-										
	Indicated	227	14.5	106										106
	Sub-total	227	14.5	106										106
Johnson Tract	Measured	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Indicated	3,489	5.3	598	6.0	673	0.56	43.1	0.67	51.5	5.21	400.8	9.39	1,053
	Sub-total	3,489	5.3	598	6.0	673	0.56	43.1	0.67	51.5	5.21	400.8	9.39	1,053
	TOTAL METAL			737		710		43.1		51.5		400.8		
	Total AuEQ													1,790

#### **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

#### Notes: Manh Choh Reserves

- 1. Published from Contango Contango 10K. Reserves current as of 31 December 2024.
- 2. The definitions for Mineral Resource in S-K 1300 were followed for Mineral Resources.
- 3. Mineral Reserves were estimated at long term prices of \$2,000/oz Au and \$25/oz Ag.
- 4. Mineral Reserves are reported at economic cut-off that varies by process cost and metallurgical recovery, approximately equivalent to 2.5 g/t Au.
- 5. Mineral Reserve estimates incorporate dilution built in during the re-blocking process and assume 100% mining recovery.
- 6. Mineral Reserves are reported in dry metric tonnes.
- 7. Numbers may not add due to rounding.
- 8. Mineral Reserves reported on 30% Contango Ore ownership basis.

#### **Notes: Manh Choh Resources**

- 1. Published from 12MAY23 TRS The Manh Choh Project, Alaska, USA
- 2. The definitions for Mineral Resource in S-K 1300 were followed for Mineral Resources.
- 3. Mineral Resources are reported **EXCLUSIVE** of Mineral Reserves.
- 4. Mineral Resources were estimated at long term prices of \$1,600/oz Au and \$22/oz Ag.
- 5. Mineral Resources are reported using un-diluted Au and Ag grades.
- 6. Mineral Resources are reported within constraining pit shells.
- 7. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- 8. Mineral Resources are reported in dry metric tonnes.
- 9. Numbers may not add due to rounding.
- 10. Mineral Resources are reported on a 30% Contango Ore ownership. 35

# **CONTANGO'S RESERVES AND RESOURCES**



PROJECT	CLASSIFICATION	TONNES (000)	Au Grade (g/t)	Au Ounces (000)	Ag Grade (g/t)	Ag Ounces (000)	Cu (%)	Cu (M Lb)	Pb (%)	Pb (M Lb)	Zn (%)	Zn (M Lb)	AuEq (g/t)	AuEq Ounces (000)
Manh Choh	Inferred	-	3.2	-	9.2	-								
Lucky Shot	Inferred	82	9.5	25										
Johnson Tract	t Inferred	706	1.4	31	9.1	207	0.59	9.2	0.3	4.7	4.18	65.1	4.76	108

#### **Notes: Lucky Shot Resources**

- 1. Mineral Resources were estimated as of 26 MAY 23 under definitions for Mineral Resources in S-K1300. See TRS Lucky shot Project Alaska, USA.
- 2. Mineral resources are estimated using long term prices of US\$1,600/oz Au price.
- 3. Mineral resources are reported using un-diluted Au grades.
- 4. Mineral resources are reported as contained within 3.0 g/t Au underground shapes applying a 3.0m min. width at a 4.3 g/t COG.
- 5. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. There are no mineral reserves for the Lucky Shot Project.
- 6. Mineral resources are reported in dry metric tonnes.
- 7. Numbers may not add due to rounding.
- 8. Mineral resources are reported on a 100% ownership basis

#### **Notes: Johnson Tract Resources**

- 1. Mineral Resources were estimates as of 25 AUG 22 under definitions for Mineral Resources in NI 43-101. See Updated Mineral Resource estimate and 43-101 Report for Johnson Tract project, Alaska.
- 2. Assumed metal prices are US\$1650/oz for gold (Au), US\$20/oz for silver (Ag), US\$3.50/lb. copper (Cu), US\$1/lb. lead (Pb), and US\$1.50/lb. for zinc (Zn)
- 3. Gold Equivalent ("AuEq") is based on assumed metal prices and payable metal recoveries of 97% for Au, 85% for Ag, 85% Cu, 72% Pb and 92% Zn from metallurgical test work completed in 2022.
- 4. AuEq equals = Au g/t + Ag g/t  $\times$  0.01 + Cu%  $\times$  1.27 + Pb%  $\times$  0.31 + Zn%  $\times$  0.59
- 5. An average bulk density value of 2.84 used as determined by conventional analytical methods for assay samples
- 6. Capping applied to assays to restrict the impact of high-grade outliers
- 7. Preliminary underground constrains were applied, including the elimination of isolated or scattered blocks above cut-off grade to define the "reasonable prospects of eventual economic extraction" for the Mineral Resource Estimate
- 8. Mineral resources as reported are undiluted
- 9. Mineral resource tonnages have been rounded to reflect the precision of the estimate
- 10. Readers are cautioned that mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability

# **CONTANGO'S EARLY-STAGE EXPLORATION PORTFOLIO**

#### ALL ALONG THE ALASKAN ROAD SYSTEM



#### EAGLE, NW OF MANH CHOH ALASKA HONA, NW OF MANH CHOH ALASKA TRIPLE Z, E OF MANH CHOH ALASKA **Located immediately adjacent to Eagle block** 95 State mining claims, encompassing 14,810 64,900 acres of State of Alaska Mining claims **IRG** target Acres Overlying favorable stratigraphy on trend with Historic drilling by Kennecott in 1990's State land transfer from Federal government Manh Choh completed Jan 2024 Mag-VTEM survey completed in 2019 Stream sediment and pan concentrate sampling Soil Geochem, and Geophysics (ground IP) 2019 drill program intersected wide-spaced identified strongly anomalous gold, coppe anomalies suggest large scale Copper-goldgold mineralization worthy of follow-up drilling arsenic silver-Wolybdenum drill ready targets SHAMROCK, ALASKA (RICHARDSON DISTRICT) **AMANITA, ALASKA (FAIRBANKS DISTRICT) GOLDEN ZONE, CENTRAL ALASKA** 68 State Mining Claims and 1 State Upland Mining Lease 368 State mining claims encompassing 52,920 encompassing 10, 710 Acres Acres. One State upland Mining lease and 54 state Mid-way between Fairbanks and Anchorage AK ~ 15 km Along Alaska Highway and Trans Alaska Pipeline. mining claims encompassing 3,408 acres west of the Parks highway Abundant historic gold placer mines on and Most developed target is a Breccia Pipe in core of Historic Drilling confirm mineralized structures adjacent to property. Cretaceous stock and covers an area of 150m x 80m near on strike with Kinross Fort Knox Mine Limited historic core drilling and well-defined soil surface. approximately 5 Km NE 2016 NI-43-101 reports Indicated Resource of 267,400 geochem anomalies suggest several types of gold Oz Au and 1,397,800 oz AG (4.187 Mt @ 1.99 g.t Au and deposits may be present on the property 10.38 g.t Ag). Deposit remains open and not tested ad depth and

#### **CONTANGO MANAGEMENT**





**Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse** 

PRESIDENT & CEO

Mr. Van Nieuwenhuyse was appointed to serve as President, Chief Executive Officer, and director of the Company effective January 6, 2020. He previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Trilogy Metals Inc. from January 2012 until December 2019. Between May 1999 and January of 2012, he served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of NOVAGOLD, Inc, a company that he founded. He served as the Vice President of Exploration for Placer Dome from 1990 to 1997. Mr. Van Nieuwenhuyse holds a Candidature degree in Science from Université de Louvain, Belgium and a Master of Science degree in Geology from the University of Arizona. Mr. Van Nieuwenhuyse currently serves on the board of directors of Alexco Resource Corp. He served on the board of directors of Sandfire Resources America, Inc. (formerly, Tintina Resources Inc.) from 2008 until 2016. Mr. Van Nieuwenhuyse has over forty years of experience in the minerals mining industry and brings significant industry and technical knowledge to the Company.



Mike Clark
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Clark was appointed to serve as Executive Vice President - Finance of the Company, effective July 11, 2023. He was then appointed as Chief Financial Officer & Corporate Secretary, effective January 1, 2024. He previously served as Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary for Alexco Resource Corp. from December 2014 to September 2022 at which time Alexco Resource Corp was acquired by Hecla Mining Company. Between 2010 and 2014, Mr. Clark served as Chief Financial Officer of Goldgroup Mining Inc. and from 2007 to 2010 Mr. Clark served as Chief Financial Officer for the Grosso Group and its member companies. Mr. Clark received an undergraduate degree from the British Columbia Institute of Technology and is a Canadian Qualified Chartered Professional Accountant. Between 2016 and 2020, Mr. Clark also served on the Board of Trustees for the Burnaby Hospital Foundation as Chair of the Finance Committee.



Derek Meneghin
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Business Administration from Simon Fraser University.

Mr. Derek Meneghin assumed the role of Director of Finance for Contango Ore in October 2023, bringing a wealth of financial leadership to the organization including a robust background in the mining and exploration sector. Mr. Meneghin has been involved in various stages of the mine life, from exploration and permitting to construction and operations. Prior to his current position, Mr. Meneghin has held key roles, including his tenure at Hecla Mining, where he was the Site Controller for the Keno Hill Mine. His journey includes extensive experience in financial and operational reporting, evolving into a strategic financial professional with a specialized focus on the unique challenges inherent in the minerals mining industry. Mr. Meneghin is a Chartered Professional Accountant, Certified General Accountant and holds a Bachelor of

# **CONTANGO DIRECTORS**

#### **Brad Juneau**



#### **CHAIRMAN**

- Co-founder of Contango Ore
- Chairman since 2013
- ❖ Sole Manager of Juneau Exploration a company involved in the exploration and production of oil and natural gas
- ❖ Petroleum Engineer with years of experience at Zilkha Energy Company, Texas International Company, Enserch Corporation, Contango Oil & Gas, Talos Energy
- ❖ BSc in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University

# **Joeseph Compofelice**



#### DIRECTOR

- \* Retired partner of White Deer Energy an energy focused private equity fund
- Retired Chairman and CEO of Axios Industrial Group
- Previously served as Chairman of the Board and CEO of Trico Marin Service, CEO of Aguilex Service Corp, CompX International, CFO of NL Industries, Titanium Metals Corp, and Tremont Corp.
- ❖ BSc at California State University at Los Angeles and a MBA at Pepperdine University

#### **Darwin Green**



- ❖ President & CEO of HighGold Mining prior to the acquisition by Contango Ore
- Executive Chairman of Onyx Gold Corp
- ❖ Previously served as VP Exploration for Constantine Metals
- \* Awarded the Commissioner's Award for Project Excellence by the State of Alaska for overseeing the underground development program at the Niblack deposit
- ❖ BSc from University of British Columbia and an MSc in Economic Geology from **Carleton University**

#### Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse



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#### **PRESIDENT & CEO**



- President & CEO of Contango Ore
- ❖ Founder of NovaGold, currently permitting the 40Moz Au Donlin Gold Project
- Founder of Trilogy Metals, currently developing the Arctic Deposit with South32
- Winner of the 2015 Colin Spence award for Excellence in Mineral Exploration from AMEBC
- Winner of the 2009 Thayer Lindsley Award from the PDAC for the Donlin Gold Discovery
- ❖ Candidature Degree in Science from Universite de Louvain, Belgium and a MSc in Geology from University of Arizona

#### **Curtis Freeman**



#### **DIRECTOR**

- US Certified Professional Geologist licensed in the State of Alaska
- ❖ Formed Avalon Development Corp in 1985 a geologic exploration services company responsible for the discovery of the Manh Choh deposit now in production
- \* Founding Director of Tectonic Metals Inc, Valhalla Metals Inc and is on the Technical Advisory Boards of Metallic Minerals, Group Ten Metals, and Granite Creek Copper
- \* BSc at College of Wooster in Ohio and a MSc at University of Alaska Fairbanks

#### **Richard Shortz**



- ❖ President & CEO of Pavia Capital LLP a family office investment company
- \* Previously served as Partner of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP and Jones Day Reavis & Pogue LLP
- ❖ Previously was an executive at Tosco Corporation and Senior VP, General Counsel
- \* BSc in Accounting from Indiana University and a Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School

# **MEET THE CONTANGO TEAM**

**Chris Kennedy** 

General Manager – Lucky Shot Mine



Vanessa Larimer

Community Affairs & Operations Manager



**Keith Miles** 

Mine Superintendent – Lucky Shot Mine



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**Alina Wyatt** 

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**Jessica Roberts** 

Geologist



**Nathan Steeves** 

Johnson Tract Chief Geologist



**Shayne Price** 

Johnson Tract Project Manager



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Geologist & Database



#### **Allegra Cairns**

**Environment and Permitting Manager** 



Kei Quinn

Senior Geologist



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