

# CONTNUO ORE

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# BUILDING ALASKA'S NEXT GOLD MINES Corporate Presentation

June 2024

**NYSE-A: CTGO** 

# FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENT

The Feasibility Study ("FS") referenced herein that relates to Peak Gold, LLC ("Peak Gold"), was prepared by Kinross Gold Corporation ("Kinross"), which controls the Manager of Peak Gold and holds 70% of its outstanding membership interests, in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 43-101 (NI 43-101). Contango Ore, Inc. ("CORE" or "Contango") owns the remaining 30% membership interest in Peak Gold, and must rely on Kinross and its affiliates for the FS and related information. Further, CORE is not subject to regulation by Canadian regulatory authorities and no Canadian regulatory authority has reviewed the FS or passed upon its accuracy or compliance with NI 43-101. The terms "mineral resource", "measured mineral resource", "indicated mineral resource" and "inferred mineral resource" as used in the resource estimate, the FS and this presentation are Canadian mining terms as defined in accordance with NI 43-101. In the United States, mining disclosure is reported under sub-part 1300 of Regulation S-K ("S-K 1300"). Under S-K 1300, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") recognizes estimates of "Measured Mineral Resources", "Indicated Mineral Resources" and "Inferred Mineral Resources". In addition, the definitions of "Proven Mineral Reserves" and "Probable Mineral Reserves" are substantially similar to international standards. Under S-K 1300, an SEC registrant with material mining operations must disclose specified information in its SEC filings concerning mineral resources, in addition to mineral reserves, which have been determined on one or more of its properties. Such mineral resources and reserves are supported by a technical report summary (the "S-K 1300 Report"), which is dated and signed by a qualified person or persons, and identifies and summarizes the information reviewed and conclusions reached by each qualified person about the SEC registrant's mineral resource estimates and mineral reserve estimates for the Manh Choh project as of December 31, 2022 (the "Manh Choh S-K 1300 Report"

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For additional details on Highgold;'s Johnson Track 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 - Technical Reports 1814-1814 (Mineral Resource).



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# BUILDING ALASKA'S NEXTGOLD MINES

CONTANGO ORE IS AN AMERICAN, NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE LISTED COMPANY
WITH HEADQUARTERS IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA.

# MANH CHOH MINE

FULLY FINANCED | FULLY PERMITTED

NOW MINING AND STOCKPILING ORE

# JOHNSON TRACT PROJECT

TM OZ GRADING 9.4G/T AU EQ

**OREBODY AVERAGES 40 METERS WIDE** 

# LUCKY SHOT MINE

HISTORICALLY PRODUCED 250K OZ

FULLY REFURBISHED UNDERGROUND
FOR RESOURCE EXPANSION











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# **Capital Structure**

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

90-Day Avg. Daily Volume 52-week range

64,462 shares per day US\$14.03 - \$28.51 \$179 M

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

Market Cap

Issued & Outstanding	10.4 M
Warrants	0.8 M
Options	<u>0.1 M</u>
Fully Diluted	11.3 M

#### FINANCIAL POSITION<sup>2</sup>

 Cash
 \$20 M

 Debt (gross)
 \$62.5 M

#### **ANALYST COVERAGE**

Cormark Securities Inc.

Cantor Fitzgerald

Roth Capital Partners

Fundamental Research Corp.

Maxim Group

Freedom Capital

Richard Gray

Mike Kozak

Mike Niehuser

Nina Rose Coderis

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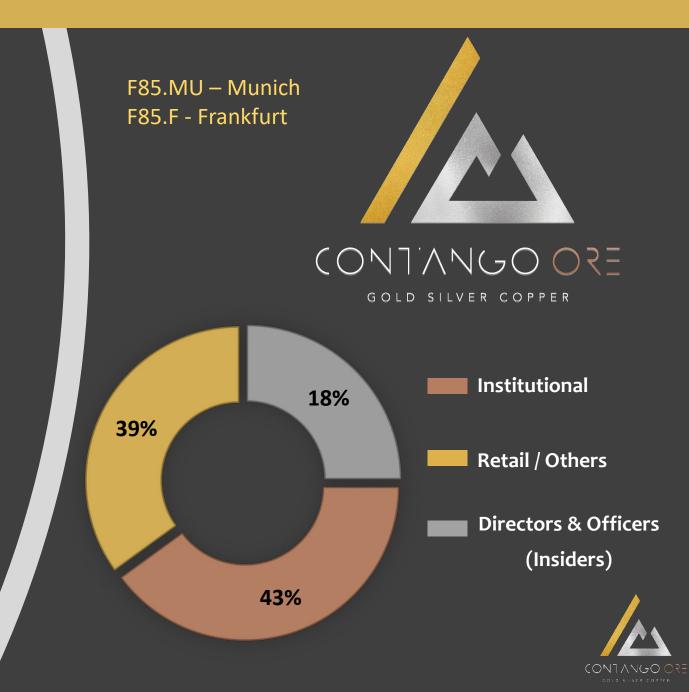
#### **TOP SHAREHOLDERS**

Hexagon Asset Management Tocqueville Asset Management

Alaska Future Fund Insiders

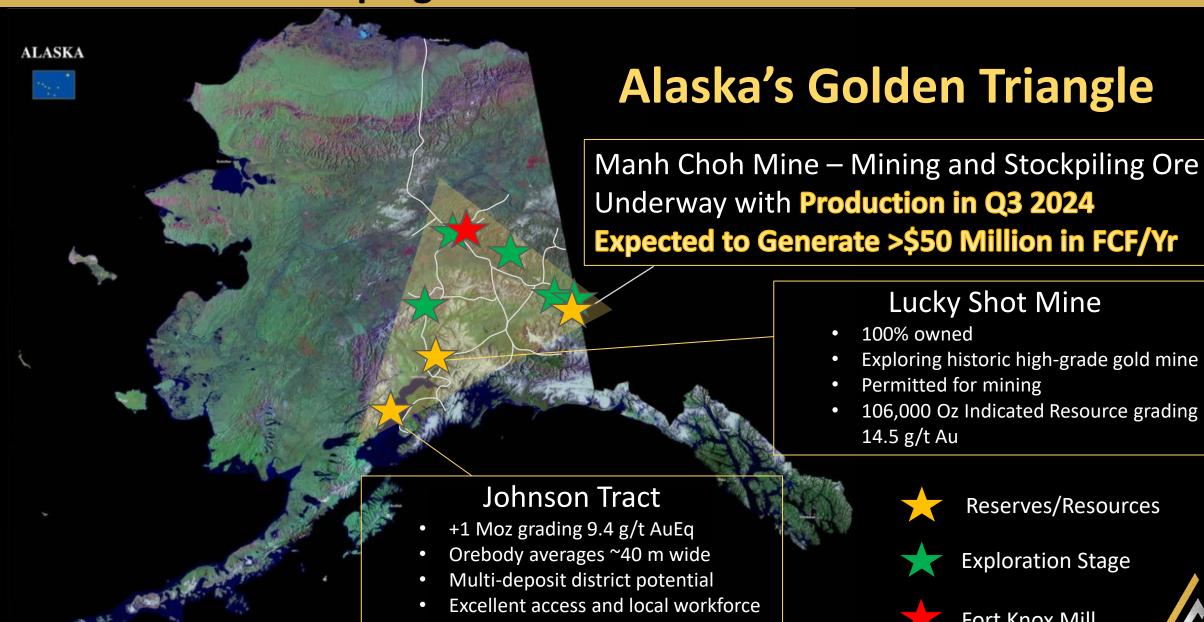
#### **GAMCO Investors**

- 1. Approximate amounts reported as of June 26, 2024
- 2. Approximate amounts as of March 31, 2024



<sup>\*</sup>Russell 3000 Inclusion - June 26, 2023

# **Developing Alaska's Next Gold Mines**





- Exploring historic high-grade gold mine
- Permitted for mining
- 106,000 Oz Indicated Resource grading

Reserves/Resources

**Exploration Stage** 



Fort Knox Mill



# **Investment Highlights**

- ✓ Alaska considered one of the top 10 jurisdictions in the world for mining investments¹
- ✓ Manh Choh Mine One of the world's highest grade open pit gold mines (8 g/t expected average grade)
- ✓ We believe the following factors significantly de-risk the Manh Choh project:
  - ✓ Agreement in place with Tetlin Alaska Native Tribe
  - ✓ Fully Permitted All State and Federal permits received
  - **✓** Proven operator for Project Kinross
  - ✓ Turn-key operation major contracts in place
  - ✓ Project financing arrangements in place ING/Macquarie Banks - US\$70 M Line of Credit
  - **✓** Fully funded to production
  - ✓ Currently mining and stockpiling ore at the Manh Choh mine site and transporting to the Fort Knox Mill stockpile
  - ✓ Production expected Early Q3 2024
- ✓ Strong cash flow per share (CFPS) expected to start in 2024
- **✓** Exploration upside





# Manh Choh Update – Groundbreaking Ceremony –

August 2023











Manh Choh: On Schedule, On Budget ...and Safe!

Mining Ore at Manh Choh and Transporting to Fort Knox Stockpile

Gold Production Planned for Early Q3 2024









Ore Transport to Fort Knox

Manh Choh Ore Stockpile at Fort Knox

## Timeline to Production

# AISC: \$1,116/Oz

Announced Start of Production Early Q3 2024

- 2021 Program included resource infill, hydrology, geotechnical, metallurgical engineering; environment and community outreach
- Kinross Feasibility Study and permitting completed
- Wetlands Dredge and Fill (404) Permit from USACE
- Other permits issued by State of Alaska

Production expected to commence Q3 2024

Exploration drilling to potentially expand the mine life

DRILLING

SCOPING STUDY

PERMITTING & FEASIBILITY

PROCUREMENT CONSTRUCTION

PRODUCTION

**Community Engagement** 

- Tetlin Tribe indicates their support for the project development plan;
- Continued community engagement

"Early Works" construction decision announced in July 2022 Road construction/mill modification/camp Mine Site construction decision with receipt of Mine Operating Plan approved in May 2023



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## Manh Choh Illustrative Economics

## AISC: \$1,116/Oz

#### Illustrative Economics at Select Gold Prices<sup>1</sup>

Gold Price (\$USD)	\$1,520	\$1,620	\$1,720	\$1,820	\$1,920
GEO Per Annum (000's)	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0
Contango JV Ownership	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
Contango GEO Per Annum (000's)	67.5	67.5	67.5	67.5	67.5
Contango Revenue (\$USD) (000's)	\$102,600	\$109,350	\$116,100	\$122,850	\$129,600
Less: AISC (\$1,116/Ounce) (000's)	(75,330)	(75,330)	(75,330)	(75,330)	(75,330)
Contango Cash Flow (000's)	\$27,270	\$34,020	\$40,770	\$47,520	\$54,270

At gold spot price (\$1,920/Ounce) as of July 10, 2023

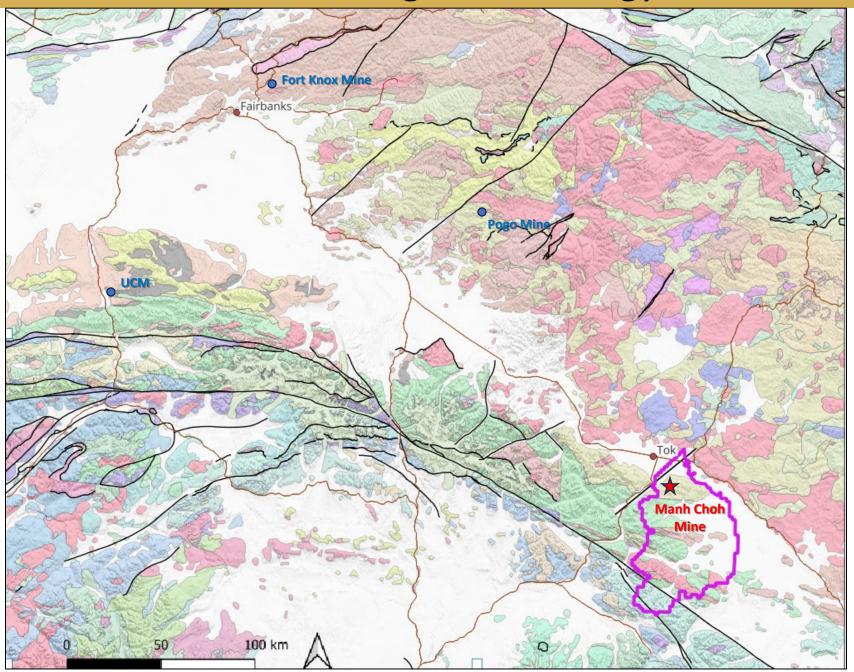
- \$129 M+ of annual revenue
- \$54 M+ of annual cash flow

Hedged 124,600 ounces of gold – Forward prices at \$2,025

¹ See 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.



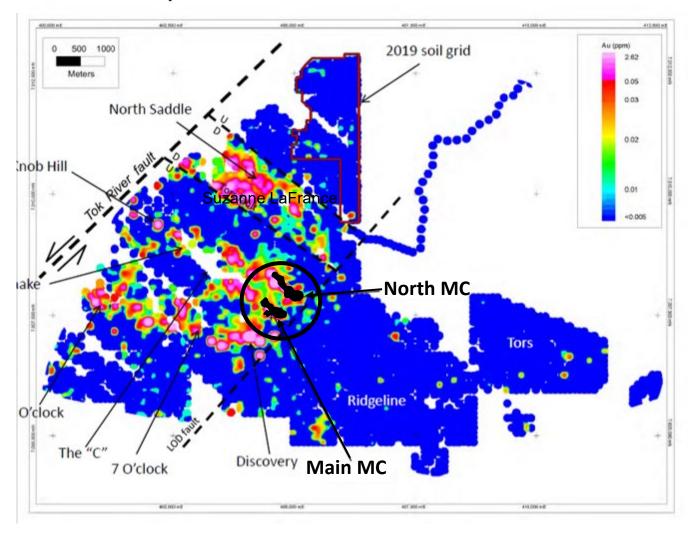
# Manh Choh – Regional Geology



- Deposit hosted in the "Yukon-Tanana
  Terrane (YTT)" of the "Tintina Gold Belt"
- East-Central YTT bounded on the north by Tintina Fault and on the south by Denali Fault.
- Primarily poly-metamorphic rocks with Mesozoic and Cenozoic granitic rocks.
- YTT Development origin suggests
  Devonian Volcanic arc along a continental
  margin of North American Craton
  (Aleinikoff, and others, 1981, Nikleberg,
  and others, 1994)
- Lands 100% owned Native Village of Tetlin
- Kinross majority owner and operator of joint venture with Contango Ore

# Manh Choh Project and Surrounding Targets

#### Chief Danny Area: Gold in Soils (thru 2019)

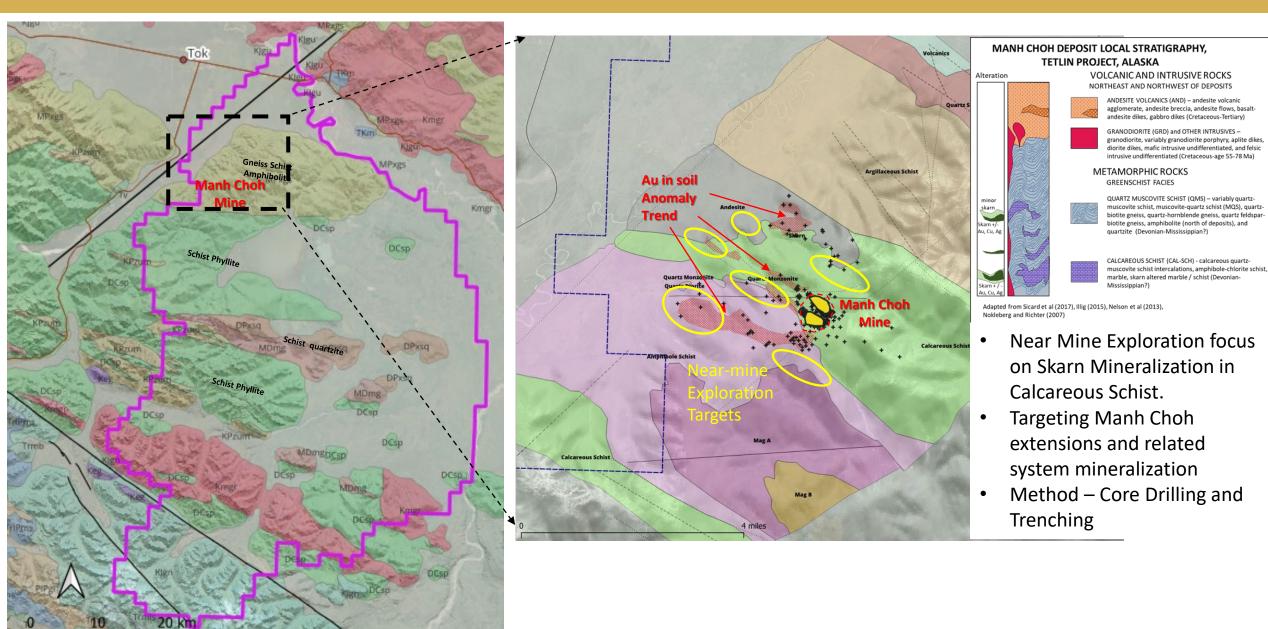


# \$4.7 Million Exploration Program Budgeted for 2024

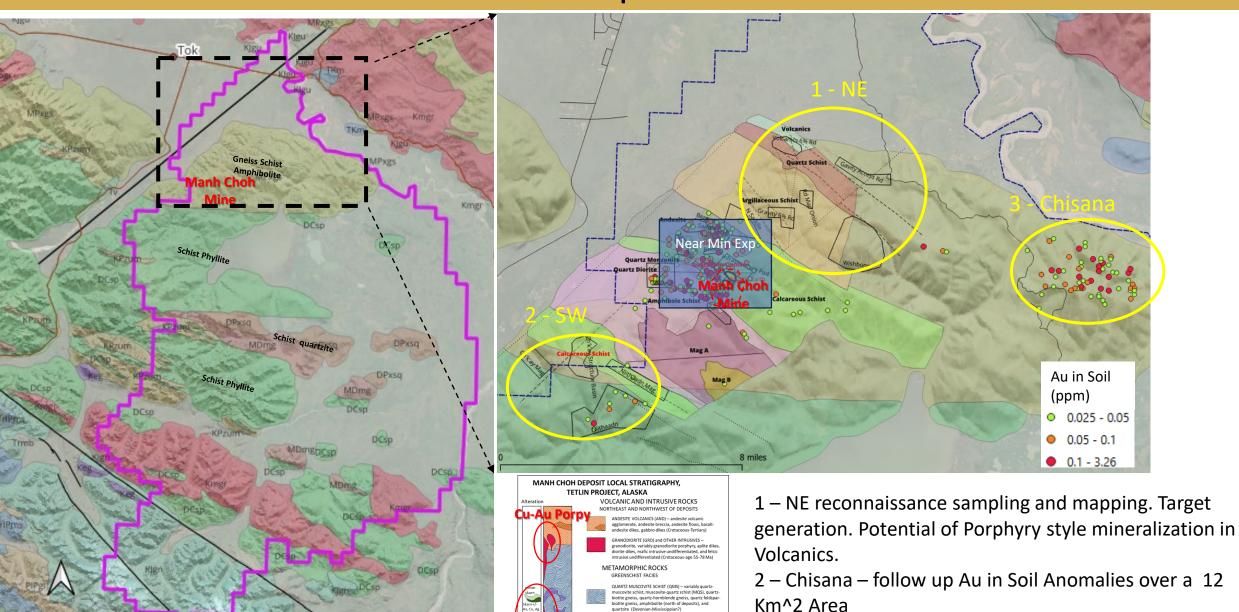
- Continued exploration drilling for new resources in Chief Danny area
- Further evaluation of 685,000 acre
   Manh Choh project:
  - Follow-up regional stream sediment sampling anomalies
  - > Trenching
  - Continued geologic mapping
  - Follow-up on detailed geophysical survey anomalies (gravity)



## Manh Choh – Near Mine EXP

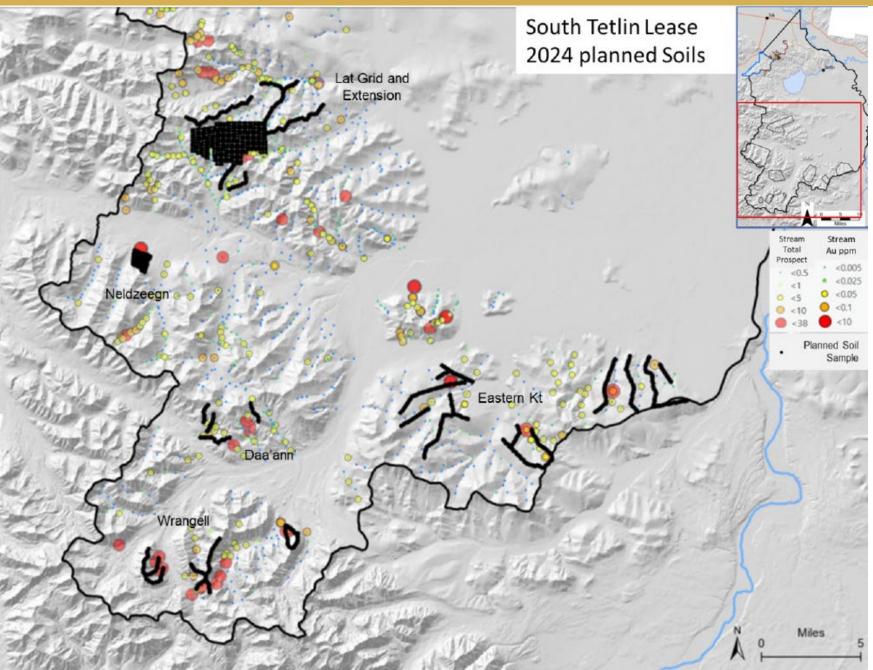


# Manh Choh – North Block Exploration



Adapted from Sicard et al (2017), Illig (2015), Nelson et al (2013), Nokleberg and Richter (2007) 3 – SW – follow up and refine Au in soil anomalies.

# Manh Choh – South Block Exploration



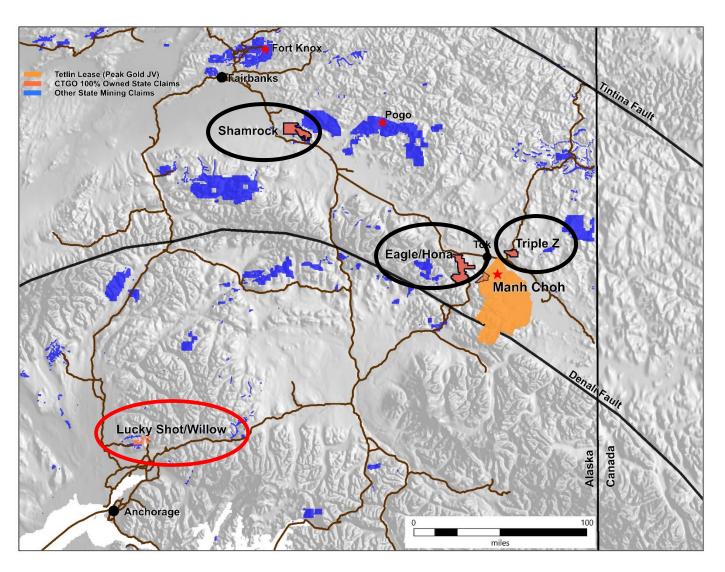
Southern Block has had "light" reconnaissance work. Large area mostly unexplored.

Lat Soil grid looks to delineate a broad Au in soil anomaly coincident with surficial color alteration and stream sed anomalies.

Remaining prospects look to be refined through Ridge and spur soil and rock sampling for the next couple years.

Southern block is ~1,770 Km^2

## Tintina Gold Belt<sup>1</sup>: >100 Million Ounce Gold Endowment



# Early-Stage Exploration Projects (100% owned)

- ✓ Eagle-Hona
- ✓ Triple Z
- **✓** Shamrock
- → Current focus on Lucky Shot mine

<sup>1</sup>Hart, C.J.R., 2005. Mid-Cretaceous Magmatic Evolution and Intrusionrelated Metallogeny of the Tintina Gold Province, Yukon and Alaska. Unpublished PhD thesis, University of Western Australia, 198 p.





# Lucky Shot Vein: Overview



Lucky Shot Vein
Historically mined +250,000 Ozs
averaging 40 g/t gold from mesothermal quartz vein

## Contango:

- $\rightarrow$  +100,000 Ozs @ 15.6 g/t Au ( $\sim$ ½ Oz/ton Au<sup>1</sup>)
- → +1 mile (1.6 km) strike length and open along strike and down dip



<sup>1.</sup> See https://www.contangoore.com/press-release/contango-ore-issues-initial-s-k-1300-resource-technical-report-summary-for-the-lucky-shot-project-alaska-indicated-grades-average-15-g-t

# Lucky Shot Vein: Oblique View – Looking West

#### **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**

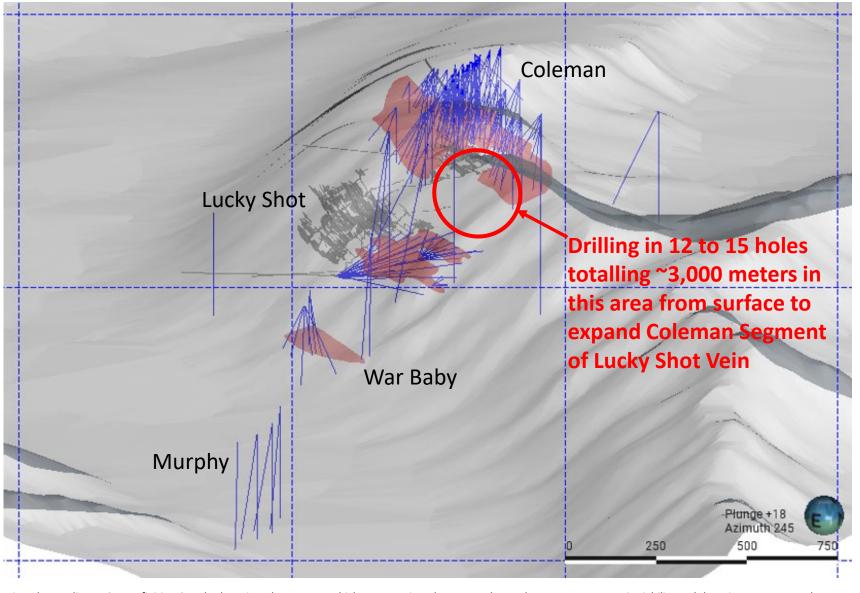
Classification	Tonnes	Au Grade	Au Ounces	
Classification		(g/t)		
Measured	-	-	-	
Indicated	36,871	8.9	10,584	
TOTAL	36,871	8.9	10,584	
Inferred	7,793	5.9	1,468	

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

Classification	Tonnes	Au Grade	Au Ounces	
		(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 Tables<sup>1</sup>** Please see S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary on the Lucky Shot Project Alaska, USA

Link: https://www.contangoore.com/investors/overview



Note 1: Measured, Indicated and Inferred mineral resource classification are assigned according to CIM Definition Standards. Mineral resources, which are not mineral reserves, do not demonstrate economic viability and there is no guarantee that mineral resources will be converted to mineral reserves. This mineral resource estimate was prepared by Sims Resources LLC based on data and information available and has an effective date of May 26, 2023. The Measured, Indicated and Inferred mineral resources are reported using the following parameters: undiluted gold grades; long term gold price of \$US1,600 per ounce; reported as contained within a 3.0 g/t Gold underground shapes and applying a 3.0 meter minimum width at a 4.3 g/t gold cutoff grade ("COG").

# Coleman Segment of Lucky Shot Vein: Infill and Expand Resource

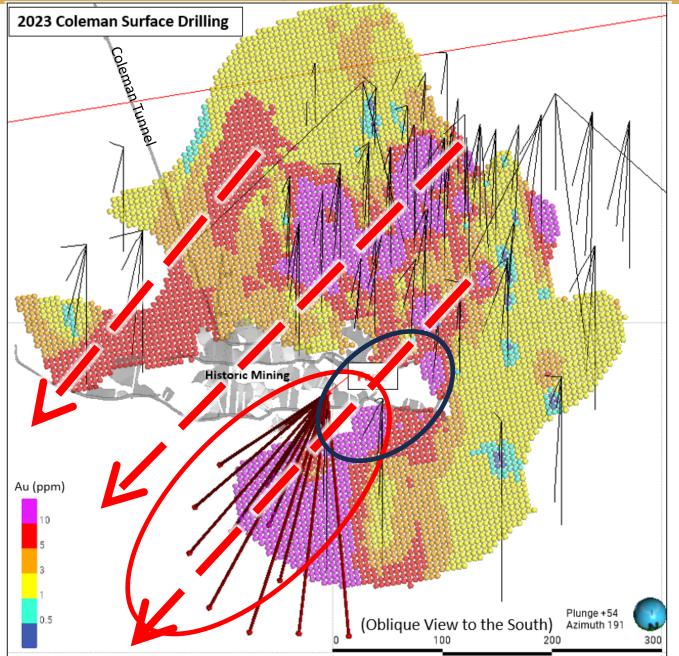


Large multi-drill hole pad established

Drill on Deck and drilling away end of August 2023

Planned 3,000 m drill program extending mineralization down plunge

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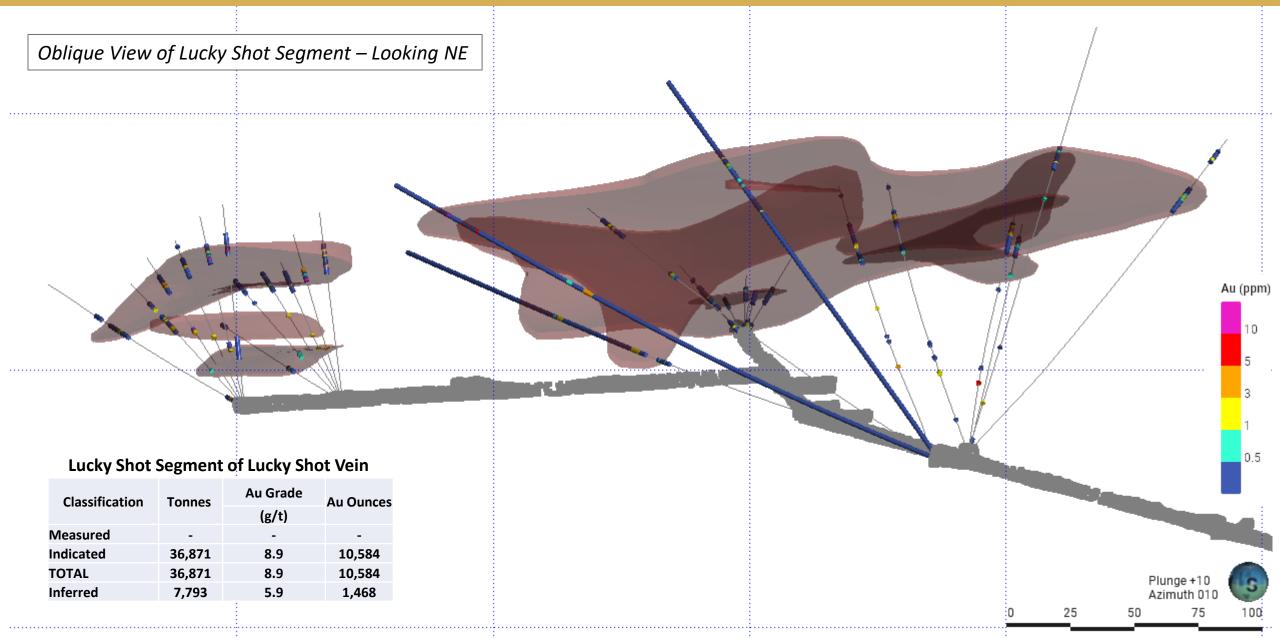
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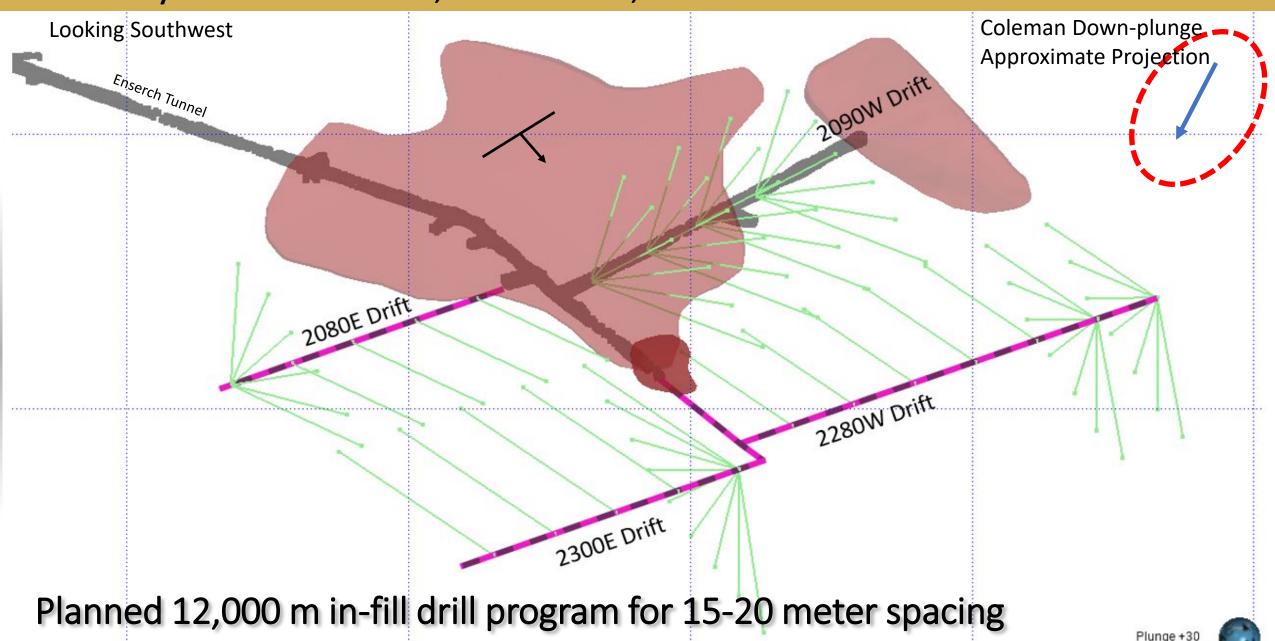
#### **Objectives:**

- 1) Upgrade 100,000 Oz Indicated Resource to Measured category
- 2) Increase M&I resource to 150,000-200,000 Oz
- 3) Evaluate mine optimization from Enserch Tunnel
- 4) Assess continued exploration opportunities

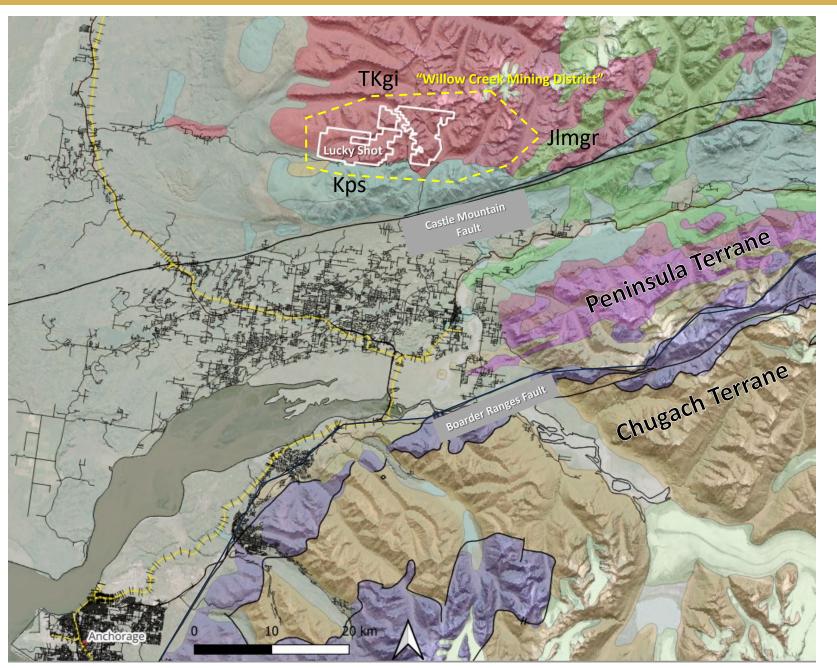
# Lucky Shot Vein: Exploration Open Along Strike and Down Dip



# Lucky Shot Vein: 300,000 to 400,000 oz Potential



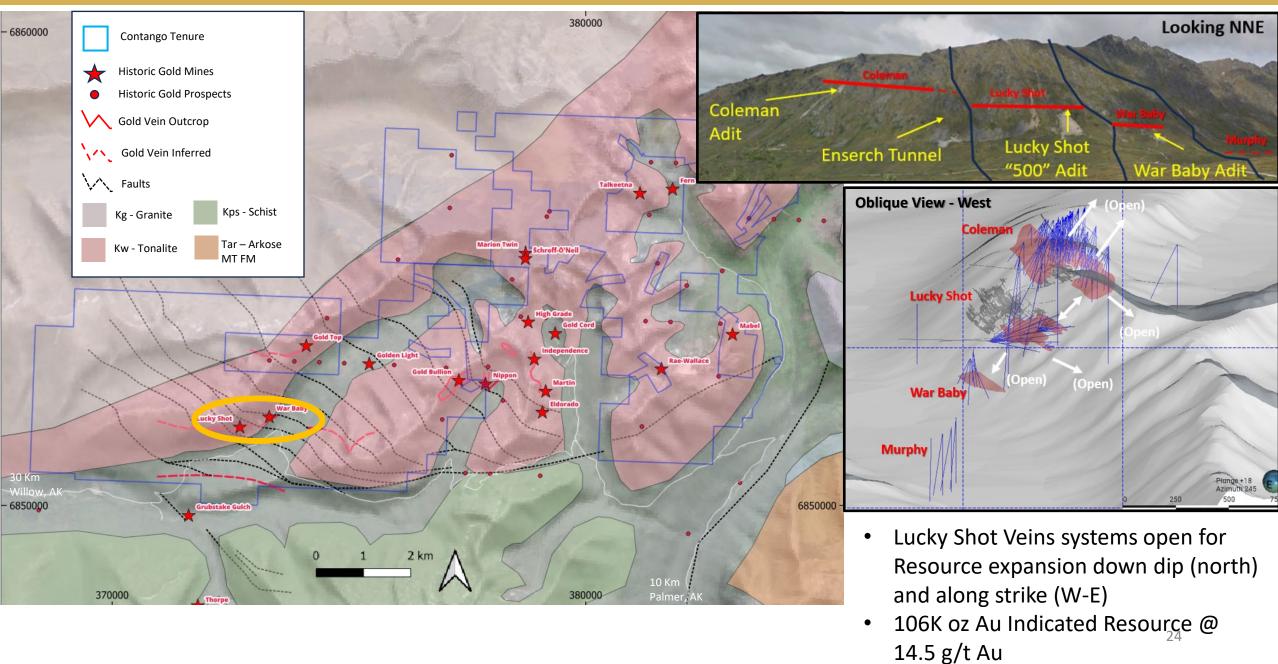
# Lucky Shot-Regional Geology



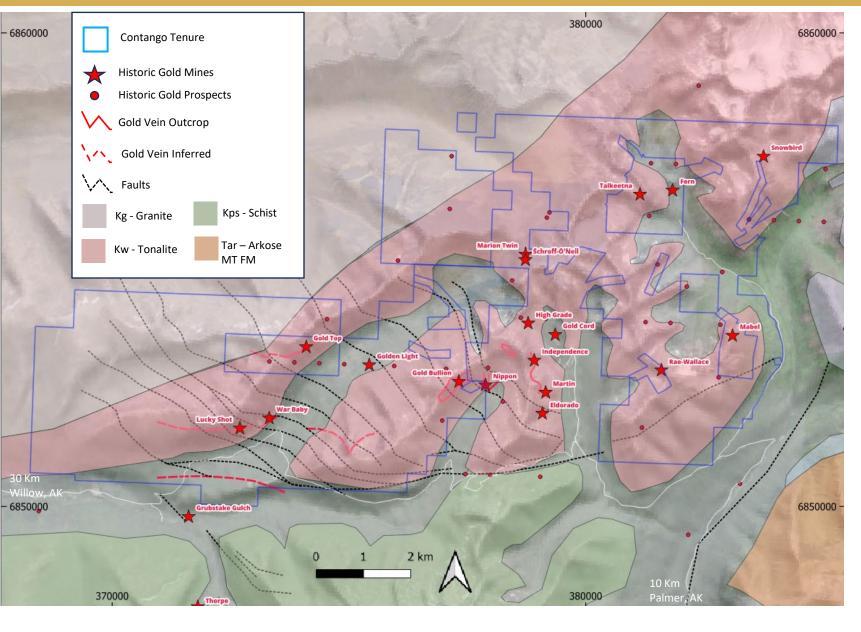
#### **Willow Creek Mining District**

- Talkeetna mountains batholith (T-K) in southern Peninsular Terrane.
- Well-stratified sequence of metamorphosed volcanic and sedimentary rocks.
- Intruded with Jurassic, Cretaceous, and Tertiary intermediate to felsic intrusive.
- Rare, but mappable ultramafic and metamorphosed serpentite.
- Well known Gold district up to ~1942

# Willow Creek Mining District – Lucky Shot Mine



# Willow Creek Mining District

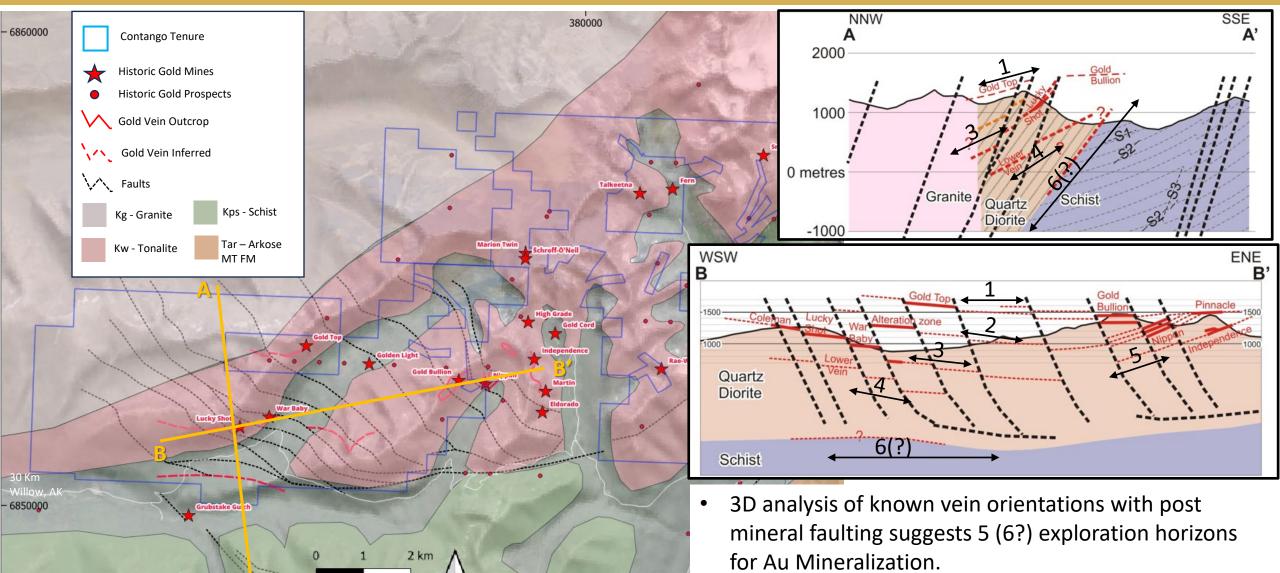


- Historic High-Grade Gold Mining District
- Initial Discoveries 1890's
- 20+ Historic Mines and Prospects
- Relatively "unmined" since 1942
- mesothermal, shear hosted quartz
   +Au veins



Lucky Shot ore with visible gold

# Willow Creek Mining District – Multiple Shear Hosted Veins



10 Km

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# **Corporate Strategy**

### **USE CASHFLOW FROM MANH CHOH TO GROW**

- → Lucky Shot.....potential incremental growth in Contango gold production and cash flows...fully permitted for mining....exploration at Lucky Shot...define 400,000 to 500,000 mineable resource.
- → Objective: Grow annual gold production to +100,000 Oz/yr over next 2 to 3 years
- → Continue to explore the Willow district...Pogo-style?

#### How to take Contango to the next level – 200,000 Oz/yr?

- Use our relative market strength to consolidate opportunities both in Alaska and elsewhere (US and Canada)
- Why does Contango have relative market strength?
  - ✓ High Grade
  - ✓ Near-term production-based cash flow
  - ✓ Solid operator in Kinross
  - ✓ Strong management team
  - ✓ US listing and marketed story
- → Take Advantage of the Lassonde Curve by focusing on acquiring assets which meet three criteria:
  - 1) Near Infrastructure (Road, Rail, Water)
  - 2) High grade sufficient to transport to an existing mill
  - 3) Simple orebody for permitting a mining operation



Fort Knox Mill...but there are others in the neighborhood



# **Corporate Strategy**

Project studies limit risk

**How to Grow Contango:** The Lassonde Curve - The Challenge.....and the Opportunity

1990's NOW PRODUCTION: ASSESSMENT & PERMITTING: Valued for ~5-10x cash flow **RISK ASSESSMENT &** Valued for ~5-10x cash flow VALUE **RISK** No news, loses value No news, loses value 2-3 YRS 5-15+ YRS Contango **EXPLORATION RIS EXPLORATION RISK** TECHNICAL RISK **TECHNICAL RISK FUNDING RISK FUNDING RISK COMMODITY RISK COMMODITY RISK** Fluctuating prices Fluctuating prices TIME TIME **DISCOVERY:** FINANCING & FINANCING & CONSTRUCTION: DISCOVERY: Market bets on CONSTRUCTION: Project studies limit risk Market bets on uncertainty uncertainty

#### The Challenge

- Things take longer: Regulators and Investors want projects much further de-risked compared to 30 years ago; Feasibility Studies, Permitting, Financing and Construction all take longer
- Period between Resource Definition and Production has gone from 2 to 3 years in the 1990s to 5 to 15+ years today
  - → "Valley of Death"......Contango prefers to refer to this as the Orphan Period the "boring" time of Lassonde Curve

#### The Opportunity

Apply our "Nose for Ore" and our cash flow to acquire and advance quality projects that can be advanced quickly to production by taking advantage of existing mills, tailings facilities and other mine infrastructure like we did with Manh Choh

→ Hybrid Royalty Model

# Corporate Strategy – A Hybrid Royalty Model

#### ROYALTY/STREAMING MODEL

#### Corporate Overhead:

High cash flow per employee (low overhead cost)

#### • Ownership:

Acquire royalty or streaming interest for a cost: seek near-term production projects;

#### Expertise:

Typically managed by core group of specialists (geologists, mine managers/engineers, metallurgists, financiers, etc.)

#### • Risks:

Royalty companies say they have no operating risk but in reality, they have no control over operating risk (Panama is a great example so are pit failures, strikes etc.)

#### Return:

Most Royalty companies – 1-5% NSR = multiple NSRs result in significant cashflow per share

#### Valuation:

Royalty and streaming companies have consistently traded at a premium of 15-30x EBIDTA and/or 1.25-2.0x NAV.

#### **CONTANGO MODEL**

#### Corporate Overhead:

Contango has strong cash flow per employee (low overhead cost) and per share (low share count)

#### Ownership:

CTGO identifies projects with good grades close to infrastructure (roads, rail, water) that can be processed at existing permitted processing facilities (mills and smelters) → Run of Mine Direct Shipping Ore (ROMDSO); Direct ownership (100%) or enter into JV (Peak Gold JV 30%). Deals with operators can be Ore Sales Agreement; Tolling arrangement and/or Joint Venture

#### Expertise:

CTGO has a small staff of experts: Geologists, Mine Manager, Land and Database Management, Metallurgist, Financial Team...same as a Royalty or Streaming Companies.

#### Risks:

By not building mill, tailing facility and power plant we greatly reduce the environmental footprint – resulting in lower permitting risk and amount of capital exposure to produce metal; Operators know their operations, many have been in production for 10+ years; We have similar risk profile as any Producer...we just get there quicker by taking advantage of existing operational expertise.

#### Return:

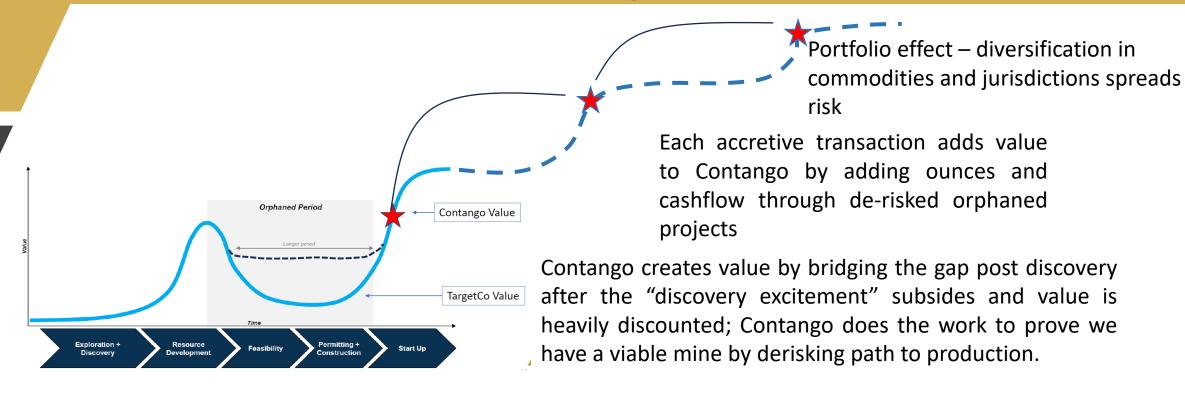
CTGO will generate; ~\$+50M per annum or ~\$5/share in FCF/S from Manh Choh; Production from Lucky Shot and Johnson Tract could greatly increase cash flow per share

#### Valuation:

High valuation compared to peer group due to lower risk and strong FCF/S



# Corporate Strategy – Executing Hybrid Royalty Model



#### How?

Highly selective criteria for projects:

- Close to Infrastructure:
  - → Rail; Road; Water
- Grade sufficient to transport ROM ore to existing/permitted processing facilities
- Orebody must be simple from a permitting perspective

#### Where?

- Near existing infrastructure
- Tier 1 Jurisdictions
  - North America Focus
  - Europe
  - South America



#### What?

- Gold, Silver, Copper
- Grade is King
   Cash flow is Queen
- If existing mill is processing 5 g/t and we bring 10 g/t there is a business deal to be made

#### **Results?**

- Reduced
  environmental
  footprint
- Reduces permitting risk
- Reduces capital outlay
- Generates significant Free Cash Flow/share

# Johnson Tract: Contango's Next DSO Opportunity

Johnson Tract's seaside location and deposit characteristics to provide a unique opportunity for the next leg of DSO by barge to an existing mill facility:

- Marine transport is the lowest cost form of bulk transport
- Multiple coastal mines and development projects within barging distance of Johnson Tract
- Robust grades + thickness ~1.1 Moz @ 9.4 g/t AuEq @ 40m true width
- Ideal for low-cost underground mining subvertical, bulk-mining widths, ramp access, bottom-up/gravity assist
- Private land owned by Alaska Native Corporation facilitates permitting



Benchmark barge cost ~\$25/t
Benchmark UG mining cost ~\$78/t
Benchmark processing cost ~\$35/t
NSR value of Ind. Resource ~\$400/t\*





# **Progressive Partnership**

## **Johnson Tract Leased from CIRI Alaska Native Corp**

#### **Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (1971)**

- Model system for Native Land Claims & Resource Development, providing certainty and fairness
- Alaska Native Corporations hold title to lands with high natural resource potential; wealth from development of natural resources flows directly to native shareholders

# Red Dog NANA BERING STRAITS CHUGACH Johnson Tract ALEUT

#### Mining Lease with Cook Inlet Region, Inc

- Agreement between CIRI and HighGold to explore and develop Johnson Tract
- CIRI retains royalties on production and future project participation rights



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.





# Johnson Tract – Key Highlights

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE JT DEPOST

- ✓ **Grade + Thickness** JT Deposit (1Moz @ 9.4 g/t AuEq) 40m true width, 10x thicker than high-grade peers
- ✓ **Ideal for Low-Cost UG Mining** subvertical, bulk-mining widths, ramp access, bottom-up/gravity assist
- ✓ Metallurgy excellent metal recoveries at coarse grind to high-quality concentrates
- ✓ **ESG** located on Alaska Native Corp. lands selected for mining; direct economic benefits to Alaska Natives
- ✓ Top Jurisdiction multiple operating mines and Sr. Producers active in the State of Alaska.
- ✓ Contango knows how to operate and "get things done" in Alaska



# **Select JT Deposit Drill Results**

- 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

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





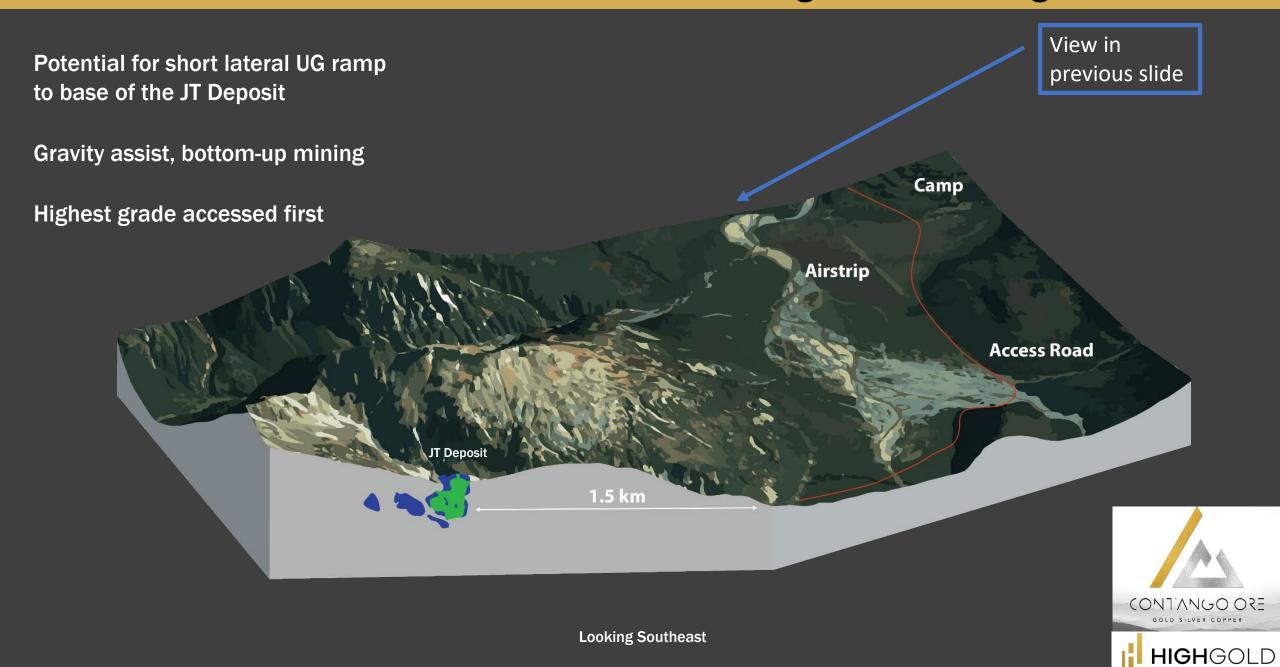






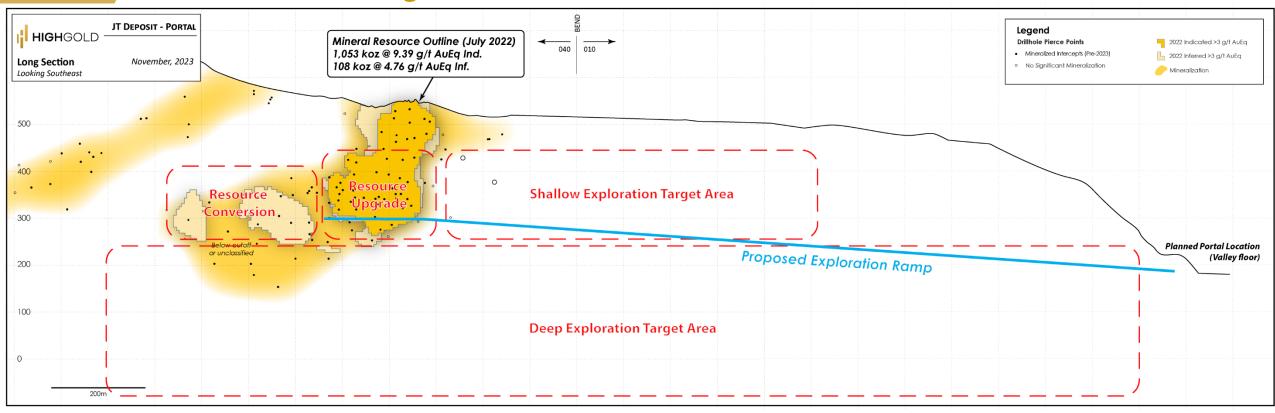


# Johnson Tract: Attractive Attributes for Underground Mining



# JT Deposit Proposed UG Exploration Ramp

#### Plan to Initiate Permitting H2 2024



#### **Purpose and Objective:**

- Infill drilling from underground to support resource upgrade and advance economic studies for a DSO mine
- Access to drill test deep exploration targets and >1.5 km of high potential mineral trend



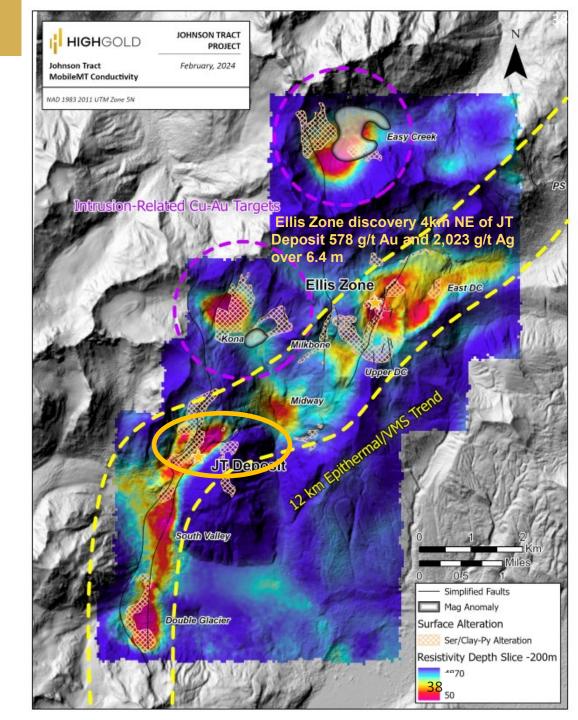
# **New Geophysical Targets**

#### **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 JT
- Multiple new drill targets







# Corporate Strategy – 5 Yr Execution Plan

#### **LUCKY SHOT**

- Resource 110,000 oz at 14.5 g/t
- Fully Permitted for mining
- 2-3 yrs to develop 300,000-400,000 oz
- Start with 30,000 40,000 oz production

**2-3 YRS** 

**CTGO Valuation** 

#### **Johnson Tract**

Currently 1.1 Moz @ 9.4 g/t AuEq

**2-3 YRS** 

- 5 yrs to target permitting and mine plan for 100,000 annual production
- PFS/FS with mine construction decision by 2029

#### **MANH CHOH**

- Production Starts Q3 2024
- On-going Exploration
- Est. 67,500 oz annually:
  - → ~\$60M+ (at \$2100 blended gold price)
- 4.5 yr mine life

Exploration +

→ ~\$270M+ LOM Free Cash Flow

Crphaned Period

Longer period

Time

Feasibility

Permitting +

Construction

Start Up

Contango's 5 Year Plan to create a 200,000 Eq.oz/year Alaska producer using DSO Model for high quality projects



Manh Choh Mine: On Schedule, On Budget...and Safe!





# QUESTIONS?





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