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# CORPORATE PRESENTATION

# CONTANGOORE

GOLD SILVER COPPER

APRIL 2025

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### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS



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" at 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" and 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 summariz

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For more detail regarding the FS, please see CORE's press release dated May 26, 2023: <u>https://www.contangoore.com/press-release/contango-ore-announces-completion-of-s-k-1300-technical-report-summary-for-its-manh-choh-project-in-alaska</u>. 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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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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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

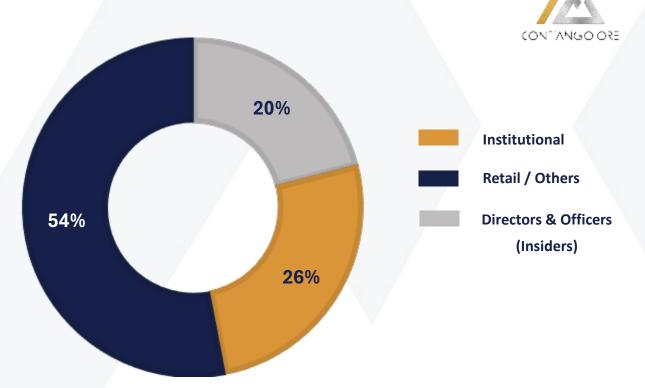
## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

TRADING - NYSE AMERICAN: CTG	0 <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
*Russell 2000 Inclusion - June 26, 2023	
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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Gabelli Gold Fund

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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

# **ALASKAN FOCUSED PORTFOLIO**

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Production

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Advanced Stage Exploration (Reserves/Resources)

Early-Stage Exploration

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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  $\rightarrow$  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
2024 Gold Production Actual		42,000	OZ
Contango 2025 Production Guidance (30% basis)			Units
2025 Guidance (30% Basis)		~60,000	OZ
2025 AISC Guidance	\$	1,625	per oz sold

1. As reported in Year End 2024 news release dated March 17, 2025 "Contango Announces Earnings for the Year Ended December 31, 2024"



## MANH CHOH MINE 2025 & LOM GUIDANCE

# NEWS RELEASE CONTANGO ORE, INC.



#### Contango Announces \$24.0 Million in Cash Distribution from the Peak Gold JV and Completion of First Campaign of 2025

FAIRBANKS, AK -- (March 31, 2025)...... distributions consist of two payments: \$9 M related to additional cash profits from 2024 production, paid on March 12, 2025; and \$15 M related to profits from the first half of Campaign #1 for 2025 ("Campaign #1-2025"), paid on March 27, 2025. Campaign #1-2025 is expected to be completed by late April, at which time a third cash distribution from gold sales is anticipated.

.....As of the date of this release, the Company has sold 13,961 oz of gold from Campaign #1-2025, with the remainder expected to be sold by late April.

Mr. Van Nieuwenhuyse continued, "Cash distributions for 2025 from the Peak Gold JV are now expected to increase to \$80 million using a \$2,800 per ounce spot gold price. This higher-than-expected cash flow will be used to strengthen our cash position, reduce debt and fulfil our hedge contracts. We continue to advance permitting activities and the preliminary economic assessment on the Johnson Tract project."

# MANH CHOH MINE

### 2025 & LOM GUIDANCE



New AISC Guidance and New Gold Prices

2025 AISC						70% He	edge	30% Spot	70% Hedge	<b>30% Spot</b>	30% Spot
GOLD PRICE (\$USD)	\$2,285	\$2,400	\$2,600	\$2,800	\$3,000	\$2,0	25	\$2,600	\$2,025	\$2,800	\$3,000
GEO Avg Per Annum (000's)	200	200	200	200	200	20	0	200	200	200	200
Contango JV Ownership	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	309	%	30%	30%	30%	30%
Contango Avg GEO per Annum (000's)	60	60	60	60	60	42	2	18	42	18	18
Contango Revenue (\$USD) (000's)	\$137,100	\$144,000	\$156,000	\$168,000	\$180,000	\$85,0	050	\$46,800	\$85,050	\$50,400	\$54,000
Less: AISC (\$1,625/Ounce) (000's)	(97,500)	(97,500)	(97,500)	(97,500)	(97,500)	(68,	250)	(29,250)	(68,250)	(29,250)	(29,250)
Contango Cash Flow (000's)	\$39,600	\$46,500	\$58,500	\$70,500	\$82,500	\$16,8	800	\$17,550	\$16,800	\$21,150	\$24,750
							\$34,3	50,000	\$37,95	0,000	\$41,550,000
						Ble	nded	= \$2,198	Blended	= <b>\$2,25</b> 8	\$2,318
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New AISC Guidance and New Gold Prices

LOM AISC						37% Hedge	63% Spot	37% Hedge	63% Spot	63% Spot
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Contango Avg GEO per Annum (000's)	59	59	59	59	59	21.7	37.0	21.7	37.0	37.0
Contango Revenue (\$USD) (000's)	\$134,244	\$141,000	\$152,750	\$164,500	\$176,250	\$44,018	\$96,233	\$44,018	\$103,635	\$111,038
Less: AISC (\$1,400/Ounce) (000's)	(84,000)	(84,000)	(84,000)	(84,000)	(84,000)	(31,080)	(52,920)	(31,080)	(52,920)	(52,920)
Contango Cash Flow (000's)	\$50,244	\$57,000	\$68,750	\$80,500	\$92,250	\$12,938	\$43,313	\$12,938	\$50,715	\$58,118
		\$56,2	50,938	\$63,65	\$71,055,938					
<ul> <li>At gold spot p</li> </ul>	price of \$	52,800/C	Junce			Blendec	l = \$2,387	Blended	\$2,639	

- At gold spot price of \$2,800/Ounce
  - LOM +\$60 M of annual free cash flow

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

<sup>1</sup> 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: https://www.contangoore.com/press-release/contango-ore-announces-completion-of-s-k-1300-technical-report-summary-for-its-manh-choh-project-in-Alaska. 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".

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## WELL POSITIONED COMPARED TO PEERS

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



Source: Company Materials, brokers' estimates

Note: As of February 18, 2025

(1) 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

(2) Based on LTM actuals, as of Q3-24

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#### LOWER QUARTILE AISC AMONG PEER GROUP

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



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(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

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# **MANH CHOH MINE**

## CTGO SUCCESS OF DSO APPROACH







#### 2020/2021

JV with Kinross, Community Outreach, PFS/FS, permit applications submitted



# FEDERAL PERMITS $\rightarrow$ 1 YR CONSTRUCTION AND RAMP UP $\rightarrow$ 2 YRS



## **DSO CRITERIA**

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



Manh Choh deposit before mining

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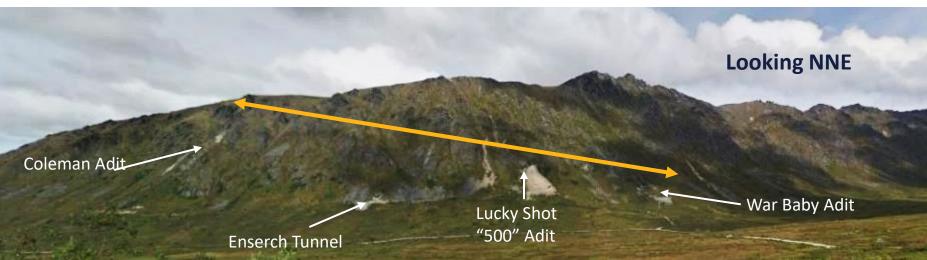
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# LUCKY SHOT – OUR NEXT DSO PROJECT

## 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 Tables**<sup>1</sup> Please see S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary on the Lucky Shot Project Alaska, USA <u>https://www.contangoore.com/investors/overview</u>

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#### Historically producing district: ≻ 250,000 ozs averaging 40 g/t Au

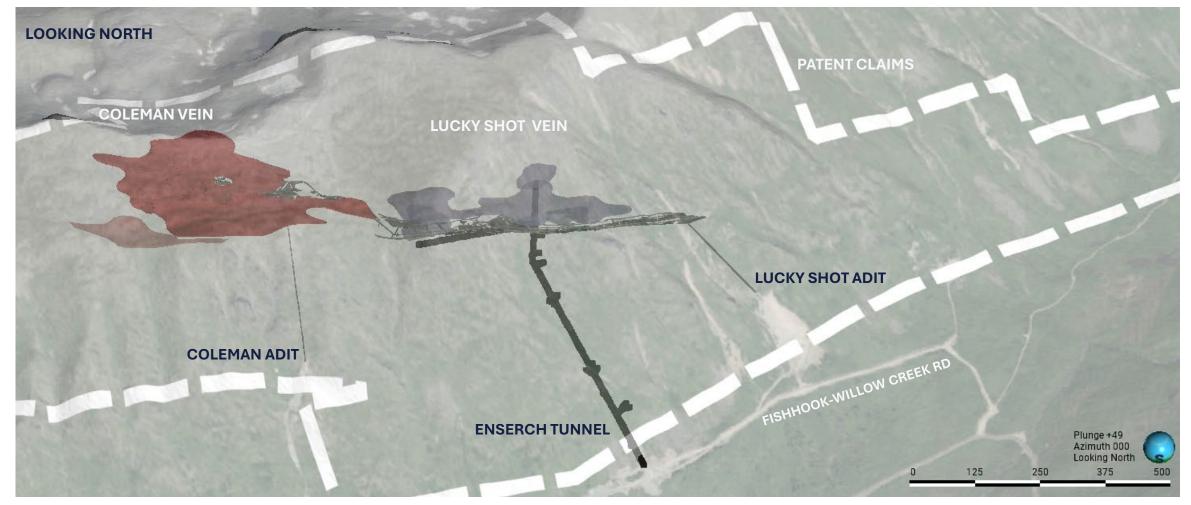
- Mesothermal quartz vein with free gold
- +1 mi (1.6 km) strike length
- Contango controls entire district
- Underground is fully refurbished with new development constructed in 2023
- Identify potential processing facilities



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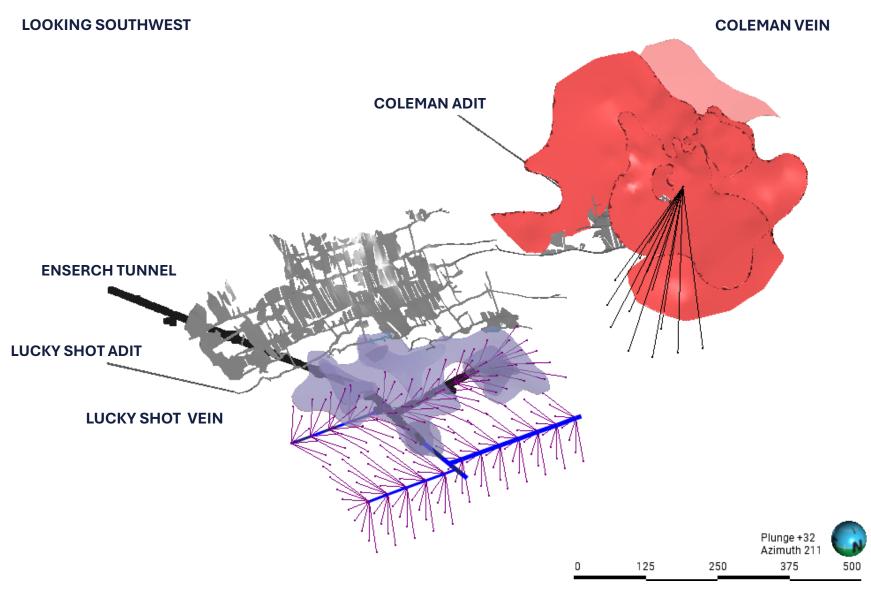
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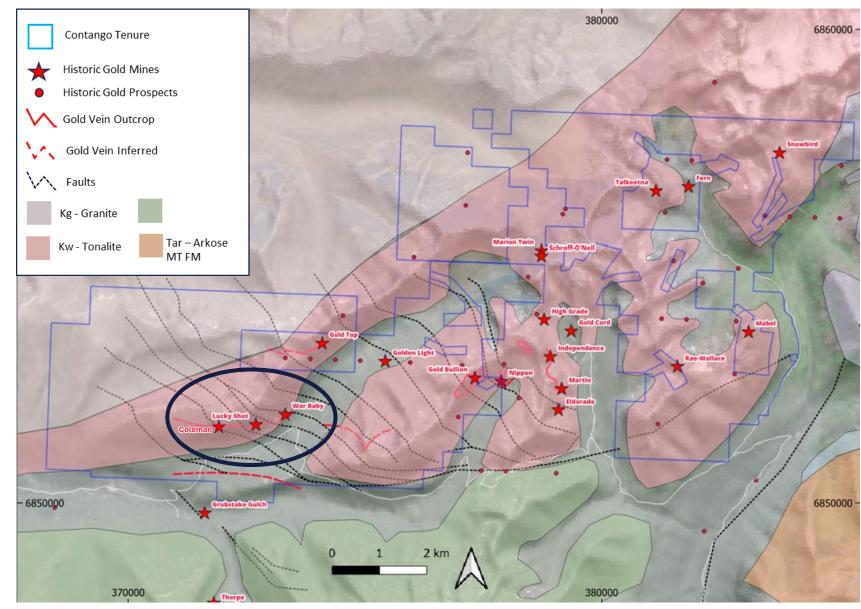
 Planned 15,000m in-fill drill program for resource definition

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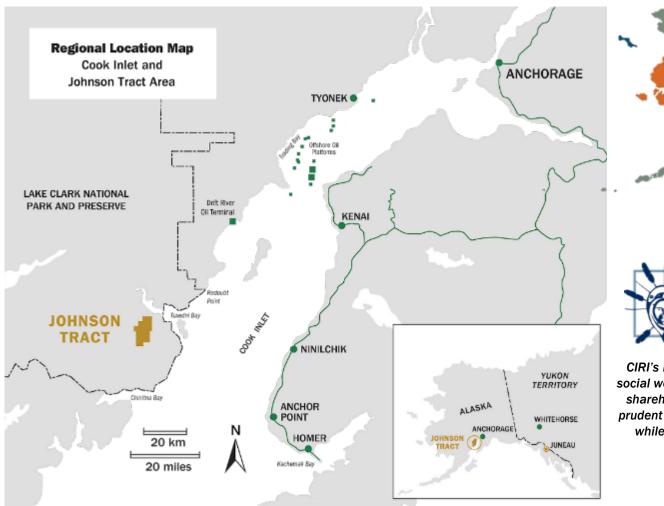
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### JOHNSON TRACT LEASED FROM CIRI ALASKA NATIVE CORP



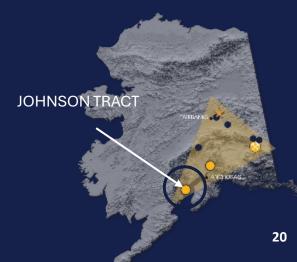


CIRI's Mission is to promote the economic and social well-being and Alaska Native heritage of its shareholders, now and into the future, through prudent stewardship of the company's resources, while furthering self-sufficiency among CIRI shareholders and their families.



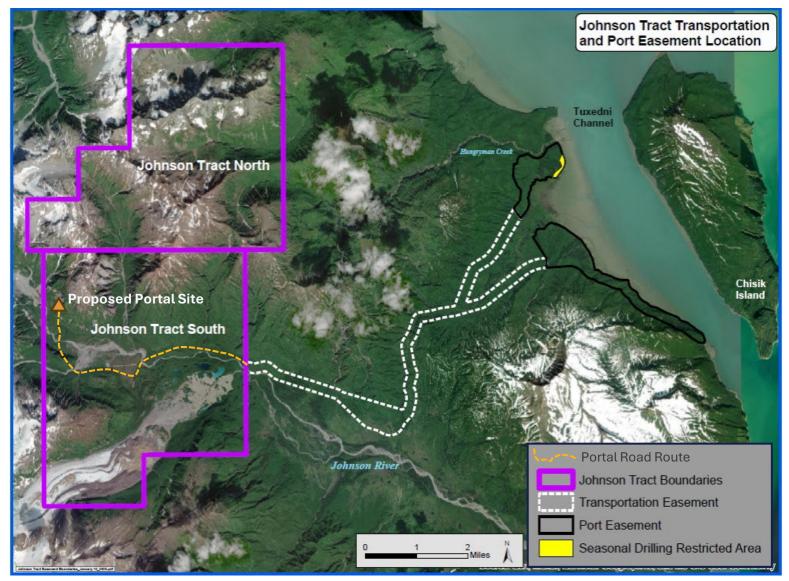
## DEVELOPMENT

- 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



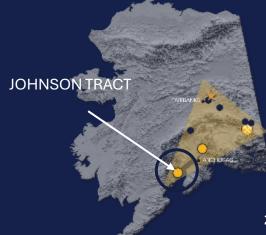
Map of Alaska Regional Native Corporations. The Red Dog mine, located on NANA Native Corporation land and operated by TECK, is one of the largest, highest grade Zinc mines in the World and is a model of success.

#### 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



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

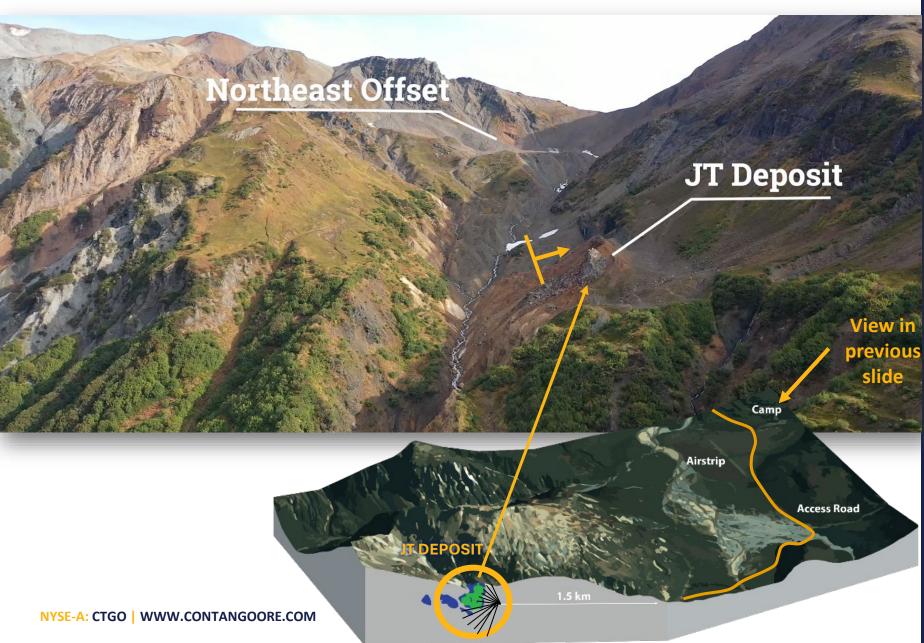




- Valley is well suited for infrastructure
- 50-man camp ٠
- 290 DDH: +83,000m drilled
- 2024 Program Focused On:
  - Infill drilling at resource ۲
  - Hydrological testing
  - Geotechnical testing ٠
  - Metallurgical testing ٠
- 404 Wetlands permit issued for Road to Portal site in August 2024

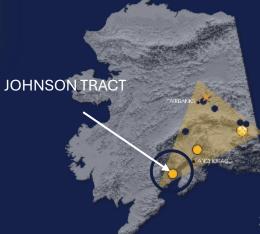


### ATTRACTIVE ATTRIBUTES FOR UNDERGROUND MINING

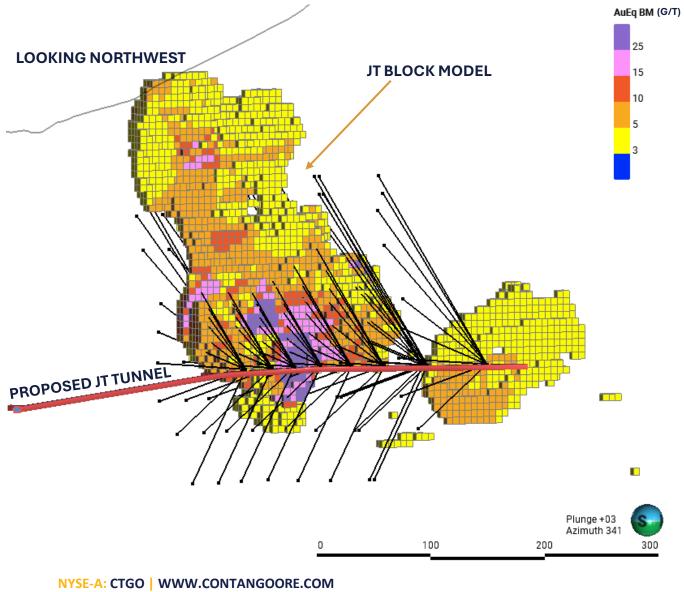


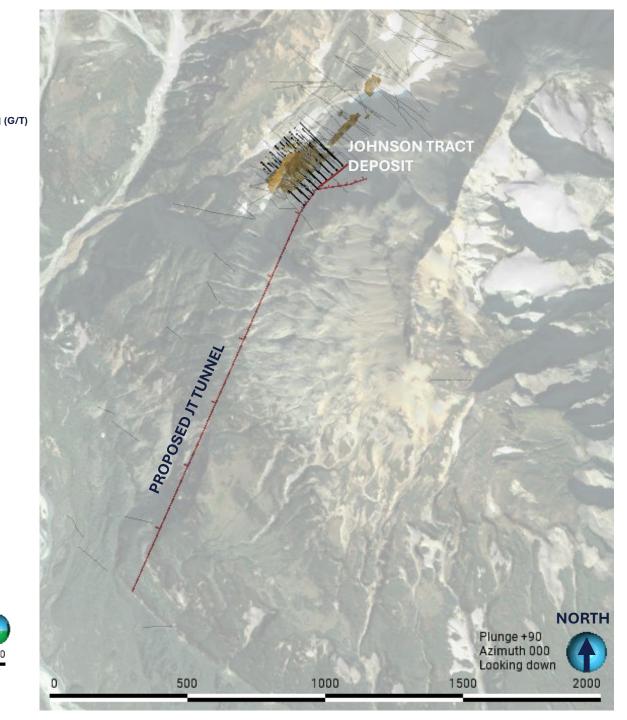


- Potential for short lateral UG ramp to base of the Johnson Tract Deposit
- Gravity assist, bottom-up mining
- Highest grade accessed first
- Exploration/Development tunnel to target >1.5 km mineralized trend
- Infill drilling from underground to support resource upgrade and advance economic studies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



## ATTRACTIVE ATTRIBUTES FOR UNDERGROUND MINING ROBUST GRADES AND 40m TRUE WIDTHS

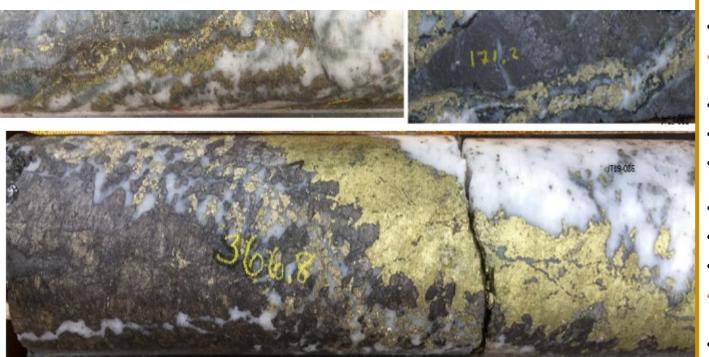




# ROBUST GRADES WITH THICK INTERCEPTS; GREAT METALLURGY & IDEAL FOR UNDERGOUND MINING METHODS



#### Vein Styles



Thick (40m true width & high-grade) True width 10x thicker than high-grade peers Amenable to low-cost underground mining SK1300 PEA – APRIL 2025

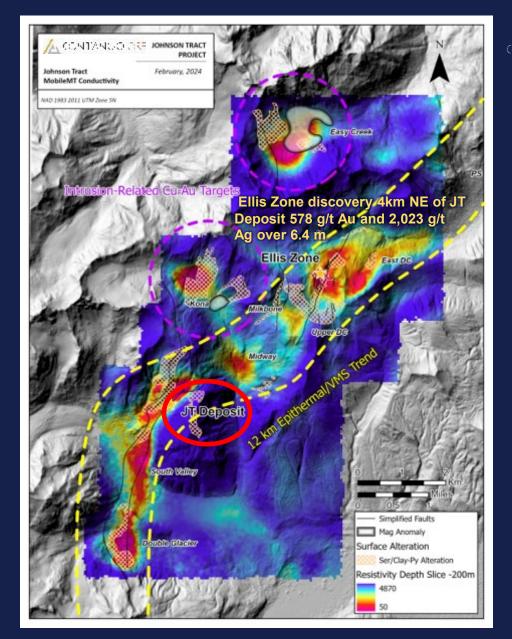
#### Selected Drill Intercepts

- **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

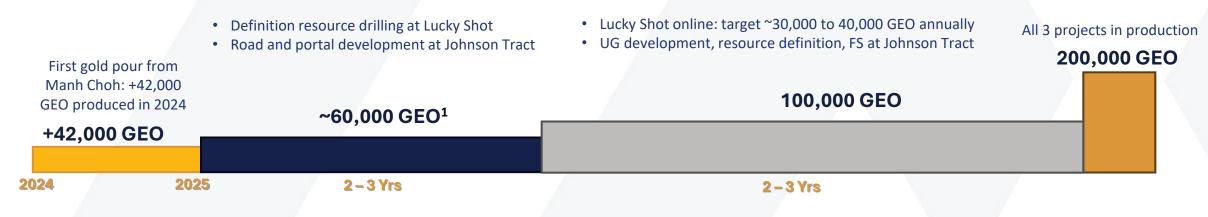




## **CONTANGO'S DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE**

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







- ✓ 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 production<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ 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

1. See news release dated November 29, 2024 "Contango Reaffirms and Updates 2025 Manh Choh Guidance"

# MANH CHOH MINE

# H2 2024 Summary and H1 2025 News Flow



- > 2024 production statistics: 42,000 GEO (~30% greater than guidance) @ \$1209 AISC;
- + \$40 million in cash distributions from Peak Gold JV
- Paid down credit facility to \$38.3 million by end of January 2025
- Reduced hedge position by 30% to a remaining balance of 86,739oz
- Re-scheduled debt and hedge deliveries to better fit new LOM plan
- Campaign 1-2025: ~19,500 GEO; Estimated Q1 distributions +\$35 million
- 2025 production guidance: ~60,000 ounces generating +\$80 million in FCF
- Continue to pay down debt in 2025 and reduce hedges to ~42,000 ozs
- Johnson Tract PEA April 2025
- Remaining cash distribution from Campaign 1-2025 and reporting Campaign 2-2025
- Q1 Financials reporting cash costs for Campaign 1-2025
- Identify new synergistic opportunities

# **CONTANGO'S CORPORATE STRATEGY**

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





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

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# **QUESTIONS?**





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# **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



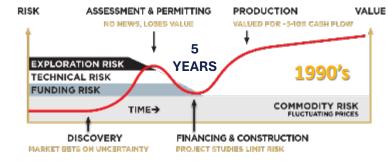
#### **BUILT ON OUR FUNDAMENTAL DSO CRITERIA**

- 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

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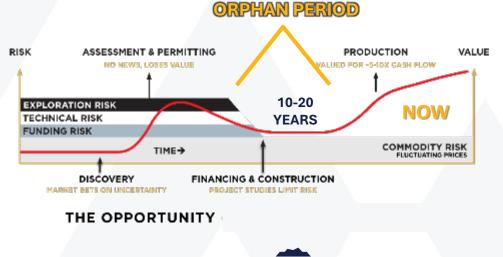
Time when junior companies have difficulty maintaining value while completing permitting, and Feasibility studies, financing phases

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

LONGER

PERMITTING

TIMELINES





NOSE FOR ORE

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



- Easy to permit mining operations
- Ore can be transported and processed at an existing mill

**CTGO CRITERIA** 



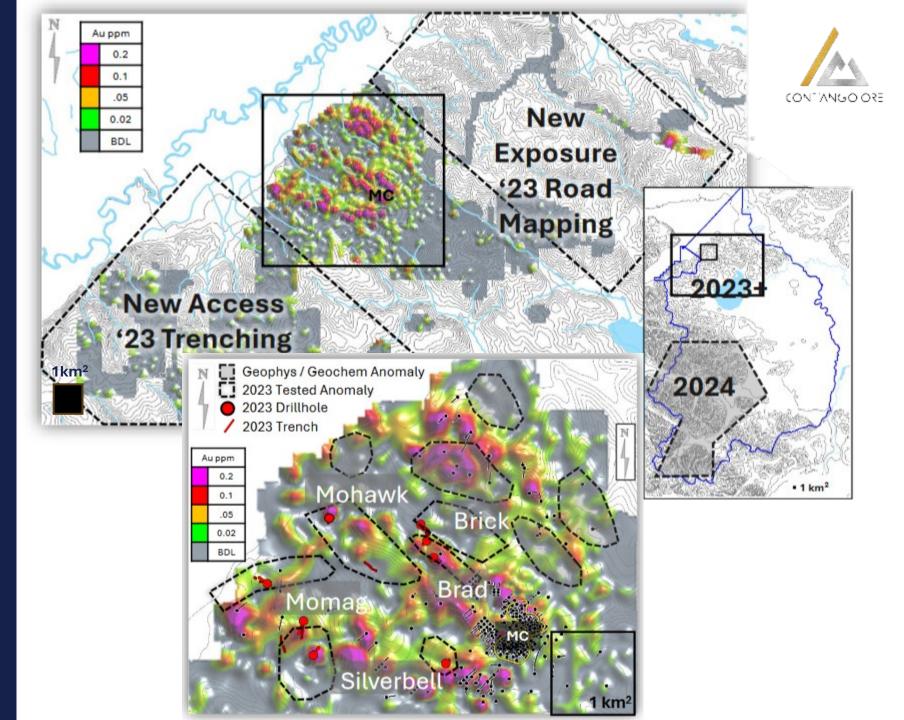
# **MANH CHOH**

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

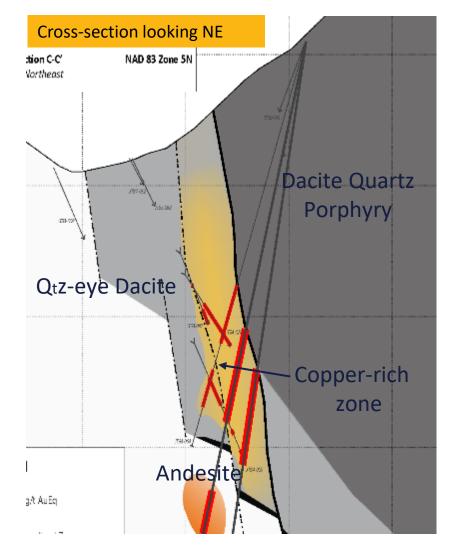


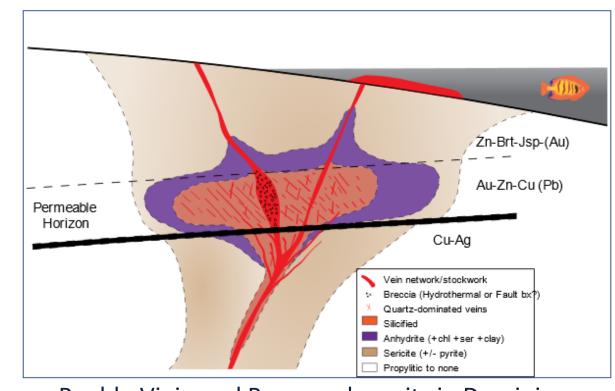


# **JOHNSON TRACT** DEPOSIT GEOLOGY: HYBRID EPITHERMAL-VMS MODEL



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**



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PROJECT	CLASSIFICATION	TONNES (000)	Au Grade	Au Ounces	Ag Grade	Ag Ounces	Cu (%)	Cu (M Lb)	- <u> </u>	Pb (M Lb)	Zn (%)	Zn (M Lb)	AuEq (g/t)	AuEq Ounces	<ol> <li>Published from Contango Contango 10K. Reserves current as of 31 December 2024.</li> <li>The definitions for Mineral Resource in S-K 1300 were</li> </ol>
Manh Choh	Proven	132	(g/t)	(000) 27	<mark>(g/t)</mark> 9.9	(000) 42								(000) 28	followed for Mineral Resources. 3. Mineral Reserves were estimated at long term prices
Wann Chon	Proven	862	7.7	212	14.2	393								217	of \$2,000/oz Au and \$25/oz Ag.
	Sub-Total	993	14.1	239	24.1	435								245	4. Mineral Reserves are reported at economic cut-off
	546-1044	//0	1-111	207		-00								240	that varies by process cost and metallurgical recovery,
	TOTAL	993	14.1	239	24.1	435								245	approximately equivalent to 2.5 g/t Au.
															5. Mineral Reserve estimates incorporate dilution built in
			C	ONTA	NGO	OWNE	D RE	SOUR	CES						during the re-blocking process and assume 100% mining recovery.
PROJECT	CLASSIFICATION	TONNES (000)	Au Grade (q/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)	<ol> <li>6. Mineral Reserves are reported in dry metric tonnes.</li> <li>7. Numbers may not add due to rounding.</li> <li>8. Mineral Reserves reported on 30% Contango Ore</li> </ol>
Manh Choh	Measured	-	-	-	-	-									ownership basis.
	Indicated	110	2.7	33	10.4	37								33	
	Sub-total	110	2.7	33	10.4	37								33	Notes: Manh Choh Resources 1. Published from 12MAY23 TRS The Manh Choh Project,
Lucky Shot	Measured	-	-	-											Alaska, USA
	Indicated	227	14.5	106										106	2. The definitions for Mineral Resource in S-K 1300 were followed for Mineral Resources.
	Sub-total	227	14.5	106										106	3. Mineral Resources are reported <b>EXCLUSIVE</b> of Mineral
															Reserves.
Johnson Tract	: Measured	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4. Mineral Resources were estimated at long term prices
	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	of \$1,600/oz Au and \$22/oz Ag.
	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	<ol> <li>Mineral Resources are reported using un-diluted Au and Ag grades.</li> </ol>
	TOTAL METAL			737		710		43.1		51.5		400.8			6. Mineral Resources are reported within constraining pit shells.
	Total AuEQ													1,790	7. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do
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9. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Ore ownership.

10. Mineral Resources are reported on a 30% Contango

# **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	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 × 0.01 + Cu% × 1.27 + Pb% × 0.31 + Zn% × 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
<ul> <li>64,900 acres of State of Alaska Mining claims</li> <li>Overlying favorable stratigraphy on trend with Manh Choh</li> <li>Stream sediment and pan concentrate sampling identified strongly anomalous gold, copper, arsenic</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Located immediately adjacent to Eagle block</li> <li>IRG target</li> <li>Historic drilling by Kennecott in 1990's</li> <li>Mag-VTEM survey completed in 2019</li> <li>2019 drill program intersected wide-spaced gold mineralization worthy of follow-up drilling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>95 State mining claims, encompassing 14,810 Acres</li> <li>State land transfer from Federal government completed Jan 2024</li> <li>Soil Geochem, and Geophysics (ground IP) anomalies suggest large scale Copper-gold- silver-Wolybdenum drill ready targets</li> </ul>
SHAMROCK, ALASKA (RICHARDSON DISTRICT)	AMANITA, ALASKA (FAIRBANKS DISTRICT)	GOLDEN ZONE, CENTRAL ALASKA
<ul> <li>368 State mining claims encompassing 52,920 Acres.</li> <li>Along Alaska Highway and Trans Alaska Pipeline.</li> <li>Abundant historic gold placer mines on and adjacent to property.</li> <li>Limited historic core drilling and well-defined soil geochem anomalies suggest several types of gold deposits may be present on the property.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>One State upland Mining lease and 54 state mining claims encompassing 3,408 acres</li> <li>Historic Drilling confirm mineralized structures on strike with Kinross Fort Knox Mine approximately 5 Km NE</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>68 State Mining Claims and 1 State Upland Mining Lease encompassing 10, 710 Acres</li> <li>Mid-way between Fairbanks and Anchorage AK ~ 15 km west of the Parks highway</li> <li>Most developed target is a Breccia Pipe in core of Cretaceous stock and covers an area of 150m x 80m near surface.</li> <li>2016 NI-43-101 reports Indicated Resource of 267,400 Oz Au and 1,397,800 oz AG (4.187 Mt @ 1.99 g.t Au and 10.38 g.t Ag).</li> <li>Deposit remains open and not tested ad depth and along strike.</li> </ul>

# **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.

# **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

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#### 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 Aquilex 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**

#### DIRECTOR

- 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

## 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
- $\boldsymbol{\diamondsuit}$  BSc at College of Wooster in Ohio and a MSc at University of Alaska Fairbanks

### **Richard Shortz**

#### DIRECTOR

- 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
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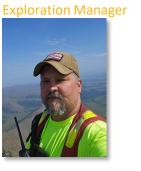
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