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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 09, 2024**

**Contango Ore, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-35770**  
(Commission File Number)

**27-3431051**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**516 2nd Avenue**  
**Suite 401**  
**Fairbanks, Alaska**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**99701**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (907) 888-4273**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Trading Symbol(s)</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered</b>
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 per share	CTGO	NYSE American LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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## Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 9, 2024, the Company issued a press release announcing the start of a second campaign of gold production from the Manh Choh gold mine and a general corporate update. The Company is a 30% owner of Peak Gold, LLC, which operates the Manh Choh mine near Tok, Alaska. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

On September 9, 2024, the Company made available a new corporate presentation. A copy of this presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is available on the Company's website at [www.contangoore.com](http://www.contangoore.com).

The Company's presentation furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report contains non-GAAP financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position, or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures are not included in the furnished presentation due to the inherent difficulty and impracticality of quantifying certain amounts that would be required to calculate the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. In addition, certain of the non-GAAP financial measures have been prepared by Kinross Gold Corporation, the Company's partner in, and the manager of, Peak Gold, LLC, a joint venture company in which the Company currently holds a 30% interest, and are based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) accounting standards and detailed information to which the Company has not had access to at this time. As a result, the Company is unable to quantify certain amounts that would be required to be included in the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure without unreasonable efforts.

The information included herein and in Exhibit 99.2 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

### Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Many of the statements included or incorporated in this Current Report on Form 8-K and the furnished exhibit constitutes "forward-looking statements." In particular, they include statements relating to future actions, strategies, future operating and financial performance, ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the transactions with an affiliate of Kinross Gold Corporation and the Company's future financial results. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events. Readers are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future operating and financial performance or results and involve substantial risks and uncertainties that cannot be predicted or quantified, and, consequently, the actual performance of the Company may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, factors described from time to time in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (including the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" contained therein).

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release of the Company, dated September 9, 2024</a>
99.2	<a href="#">Corporate presentation, dated September 9, 2024</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CONTANGO ORE, INC.

Date: September 9, 2024

By: /s/ Mike Clark  
Mike Clark  
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary



# NEWS RELEASE

# CONTANGO ORE, INC.

## *Contango Announces Start of Second Campaign of Gold Production from Manh Choh Gold Mine and General Corporate Update*

FAIRBANKS, AK -- (September 9, 2024) -- Contango ORE, Inc. (“Contango” or the “Company”) (NYSE American: CTGO) is pleased to announce that the Peak Gold JV has started processing Campaign #2 of Manh Choh ore through the Kinross Fort Knox mill located near Fairbanks, Alaska. Processing of ore for the Second Campaign started on August 27<sup>th</sup> and will continue into late September. In addition, the Company reported the following general corporate updates:

- 1) it received the 404 Wetlands Permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers (the “USCOE”) to construct an access road from the Johnson Tract camp site to the proposed portal and laydown area;
- 2) it entered into a memo of understanding (the “MOU”) with the Department of Natural Resources Office of Project Management and Permitting (“OPMP”) to begin permitting the exploration portal and laydown area for the Johnson Tract project;
- 3) it has engaged SRK Consulting Canada Inc. (“SRK”) to complete a Preliminary Economic Assessment for the Johnson Tract project using our Direct Shipping Ore (“DSO”) approach; and
- 4) it has completed approximately 1,500 meters (5,000 ft.) or half of the planned 2024 surface drilling program at the Johnson Tract project and plans to complete the program, which remains on budget and schedule, by early October.

Rick Van Nieuwenhuysse, CEO and President for Contango said: “It is great see the start of the second campaign of Manh Choh ore going through the Fort Knox mill. Our representatives are on site to monitor the progress. We expect Campaign #2 to produce a target of 10,000 ounces of gold for Contango’s 30% share of production. In addition, the Company also sold an additional 1,500 ounces of gold and a minor amount of silver from the remaining Campaign #1 recoverable inventory, bringing the total production from Campaign #1 to 16,200 ounces of gold and 3,500 ounces of silver, yielding total sales of \$36 million. With gold prices near an all-time high, we

expect Campaign #2 sales to realize a blended price between \$2,100 to \$2,200 per ounce while delivering 60% of our gold into our hedges at \$2,025 per ounce and selling the remaining 40% of our gold at the spot market price. All-in Sustaining Costs (“AISC”) for both Campaign #1 and #2, along with a discussion of our earnings and financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2024, are expected to be announced in the first half of November. Mining and transportation of ore mined at Manh Choh continues to be delivered to the stockpile at Fort Knox and at this stage we continue to believe AISC remain in line with the feasibility study (TRS). A third campaign of similar size delivering an estimated 10,000 gold ounces for Contango’s account is currently planned to be processed in November, bringing our total gold production guidance for 2024 to approximately 36,000 ounces.”

Mr. Van Nieuwenhuysse continued, “meanwhile, the Company is making great progress advancing our newly acquired Johnson Tract project. We received the 404 “Wetlands Permit” from the USCOE on August 21<sup>st</sup>, which allows the Company to construct a 2.3 mile (3.7 km) access road connecting the existing camp and airstrip with the proposed portal site and associated laydown area. The permit also allows the Company to re-align and expand the airstrip to 5,000 ft. (~1.5km) to accommodate a L-100 Hercules air-cargo plane (~20 tonne capacity). In conjunction, we have entered into a MOU with OPMP to start permitting the underground exploration tunnel. Once the tunnel is completed, it will provide underground access to carry out in-fill definition drilling for measured and indicated resources along with detailed geotechnical, hydrology, environmental, engineering and mine planning studies to complete a feasibility study. The 2024 drill program is a little more than halfway completed and is on track to accomplish what we set out to complete: in-fill drilling on the top 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the deposit along with collecting geotechnical, metallurgical and hydrologic information, as well as environmental studies on acid-base accounting and metal leaching characteristics of the host rocks. The program should wrap up by the end of September to early October timeframe - on plan and on budget. Information gathered during this program will also be used to support permitting of the underground tunnel, which is currently underway with OPMP.”

Mr. Van Nieuwenhuysse concluded with “Contango expects to finish the year with a strong balance sheet and be well positioned to execute on our plan to advance our Lucky Shot and Johnson Tract development stage projects. Lucky Shot is fully permitted and ready to drill in 2025. With the Manh Choh feasibility study<sup>1</sup> reflecting delivery of an average of 67,500 ounces of gold annually for Contango’s account in 2025 and beyond, and with gold at record highs, we remain committed to adding shareholder value by executing on our ‘Hybrid Royalty’ model focusing on efficiently advancing our development stage projects using our DSO approach.”

#### **ABOUT CONTANGO**

Contango is a NYSE American listed company that engages in exploration for gold and associated minerals in Alaska. Contango holds a 30% interest in the Peak Gold JV, which leases approximately 675,000 acres of land for exploration and development on the Manh Choh project, with the remaining 70% owned by KG Mining (Alaska), Inc., an indirect subsidiary of Kinross, operator of the Peak Gold JV. The Company also has a lease on the Johnson Tract project from the underlying owner, CIRI Native Corporation, a lease on Lucky Shot project from the underlying owner, Alaska Hardrock Inc. and, through its subsidiary, 100% ownership of approximately 8,600 acres of peripheral State of Alaska mining claims. In addition, Contango also owns a 100% interest in an additional approximately 145,000 acres of State of Alaska mining claims through its wholly

owned subsidiary, which gives Contango the exclusive right to explore and develop minerals on these lands. Additional information can be found on our web page at [www.contangoore.com](http://www.contangoore.com).

## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This press release contains forward-looking statements regarding Contango that are intended to be covered by the safe harbor for “forward-looking statements” provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, based on Contango’s current expectations and includes statements regarding future results of operations, quality and nature of the asset base, the assumptions upon which estimates are based and other expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions, strategies or statements about future events or performance (often, but not always, using words such as “expects”, “projects”, “anticipates”, “plans”, “estimates”, “potential”, “possible”, “probable”, or “intends”, or stating that certain actions, events or results “may”, “will”, “should”, or “could” be taken, occur or be achieved). Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections that involve a number of risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those, reflected in the statements. These risks include, but are not limited to: the risks of the exploration and the mining industry (for example, operational risks in exploring for and developing mineral reserves; risks and uncertainties involving geology; the speculative nature of the mining industry; the uncertainty of estimates and projections relating to future production, costs and expenses; the volatility of natural resources prices, including prices of gold and associated minerals; the existence and extent of commercially exploitable minerals in properties acquired by Contango or the Peak Gold JV; ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the Peak Gold JV; potential delays or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures; the interpretation of exploration results and the estimation of mineral resources; the loss of key employees or consultants; health, safety and environmental risks and risks related to weather and other natural disasters); uncertainties as to the availability and cost of financing; Contango’s inability to retain or maintain its relative ownership interest in the Peak Gold JV; inability to realize expected value from acquisitions; inability of our management team to execute its plans to meet its goals; the extent of disruptions caused by an outbreak of disease, such as the COVID-19 pandemic; and the possibility that government policies may change, political developments may occur or governmental approvals may be delayed or withheld, including as a result of presidential and congressional elections in the U.S. or the inability to obtain mining permits. Additional information on these and other factors which could affect Contango’s exploration program or financial results are included in Contango’s other reports on file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Investors are cautioned that any forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from the projections in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on the estimates and opinions of management at the time the statements are made. Contango does not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements should circumstances or management’s estimates or opinions change.

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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”, “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 resources or mineral reserves determined to be on each material property. CORE prepared an S-K 1300 Report, dated May 12, 2023, based on the FS, that presented mineral resource estimates and mineral reserve estimates for the Manh Choh project as of December 31, 2022 (the “Manh Choh S-K 1300 Report”). CORE prepared an additional S-K 1300 Report, dated May 26, 2023, based on historical and recent drill hole assay information, that presented mineral resource estimates for the Lucky Shot project as of May 26, 2023 (the “Lucky Shot S-K 1300 Report”).

•Investors are cautioned that while the S-K 1300 definitions are “substantially similar” to the NI 43-101 definitions, there are differences between the two. Accordingly, there is no assurance any mineral reserve or mineral resource estimates that Peak Gold may report as “probable mineral reserves”, “measured mineral resources”, “indicated mineral resources” and “inferred mineral resources” under NI 43-101 would be the same had CORE prepared the mineral reserve or mineral resource estimates under S-K 1300. Further, U.S. investors are also cautioned that while the SEC recognizes “measured mineral resources”, “indicated mineral resources” and “inferred mineral resources” under S-K 1300, investors should not assume that any part or all of the mineralization in these categories will ever be converted into a higher category of mineral resources or into mineral reserves. Mineralization that has been characterized as resources has a greater degree of uncertainty as to its existence and feasibility than mineralization that has been characterized as reserves. Accordingly, investors are cautioned not to assume that any measured mineral resources, indicated mineral resources or inferred mineral resources that CORE reports are or will be economically or legally mineable.

•For more detail regarding the FS, please see CORE’s press release dated May 26, 2023: <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 links are not part of, and are not incorporated by reference into this investor presentation.

•To view a copy of the Manh Choh S-K 1300 Report, see: [https://assets.website-files.com/5fc5d36fd44fd675102e4420/6470afdaf94d2ac9f93d93e0\\_SIMS%20Contango%20Manh%20Choh%20Project%20S-K%201300%20TRS%20FINAL%2020230524%20\(1\)-compressed.pdf](https://assets.website-files.com/5fc5d36fd44fd675102e4420/6470afdaf94d2ac9f93d93e0_SIMS%20Contango%20Manh%20Choh%20Project%20S-K%201300%20TRS%20FINAL%2020230524%20(1)-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.

•To view a copy of the Lucky Shot S-K 1300 Report, see: [https://assets.website-files.com/5fc5d36fd44fd675102e4420/6487270414e64406df8280bb\\_Contango%20Lucky%20Shot%20Project%20S-K%201300%20TRS%202023-05-26.pdf](https://assets.website-files.com/5fc5d36fd44fd675102e4420/6487270414e64406df8280bb_Contango%20Lucky%20Shot%20Project%20S-K%201300%20TRS%202023-05-26.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.

•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.Geol. and Lyn Jones, P.Eng, see: [https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/5fc5d36fd44fd675102e4420/66b39f847ac30bd736ac91ad\\_hg-technical-report-25aug-2022\\_compressed.pdf](https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/5fc5d36fd44fd675102e4420/66b39f847ac30bd736ac91ad_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 HEADQUARTERS IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA.

MANH CHOH  
MINE

FULLY FINANCED | FULLY PERMITTED  
NOW MINING AND STOCKPILING ORE

JOHNSON TRACT  
PROJECT

1M 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



# WHY CONTANGO

## INNOVATIVE NEW BUSINESS MODEL FOR JUNIOR DEVELOPERS



In Production with  
\$36M gold sold  
during Campaign #1



US Focused: US listed  
with US-based  
projects



Low share count with  
expected high cash  
flow per share



Expected to generate  
over \$60M Free Cash  
Flow per year from  
Manh Choh



Advanced project  
pipeline to become  
mid-tier producer

High-grade resources



Grade is King  
Cash Flow is Queen

DSO<sup>1</sup> Model:



Minimizes environmental  
footprint  
Lower permitting risk  
Lower capital outlay



Innovative  
“Hybrid Royalty”  
Model

1. DSO = Direct Ship Ore

# COMPANY PROFILE

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

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

90-Day Avg. Daily Volume	86,000 shares per day
52-week range	US\$14.03 - \$25.32
Market Cap	\$265 M

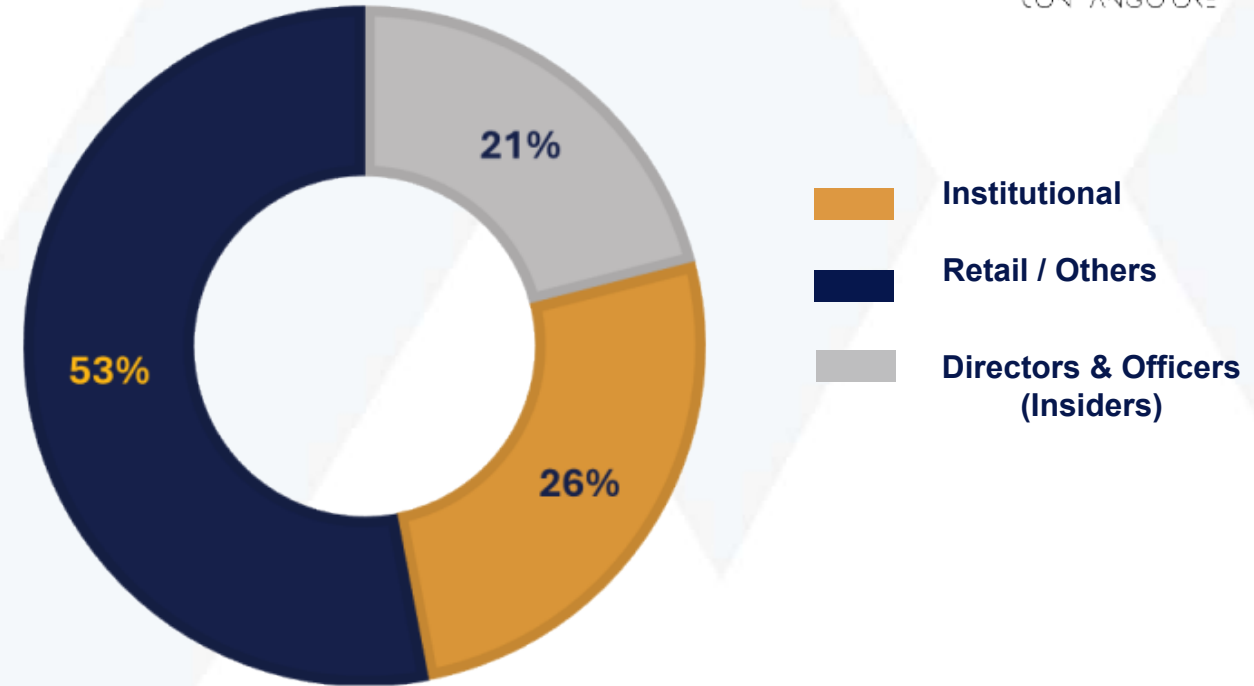
\*Russell 2000 Inclusion - June 26, 2023

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

Issued & Outstanding	12.2 M
Warrants	0.8 M
Options	0.1 M
Fully Diluted	13.1 M

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

Cash	\$24 M
Debt (gross)	\$80 M



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Labyrinth Enterprises
Alaska Future Fund
Blackrock Inc
Sprott Inc
Vanguard Group Inc
Franklin Resources
Gabelli Gold Fund
Insiders

Top Mutual Funds
Russell 2000 ETF
Gabelli Gold Fund

1. Approximate amounts reported as of August 26, 2024  
 2. Amounts reported as of June 30, 2024

# ALASKAN FOCUSED PORTFOLIO

## EXECUTING ON OUR DIRECT SHIP ORE MODEL (DSO)



### MANH CHOH MINE (30%)<sup>1</sup>

- Production started Q3 2024
- 1Moz resource at 8 g/t GEO with exploration upside
- Est. annual production of 67,500 GEO<sup>2,3</sup>:
  - ➔ +\$75M<sup>4</sup> (at \$2,175 blended gold price)
- +\$270M LOM<sup>5</sup> free cash flow

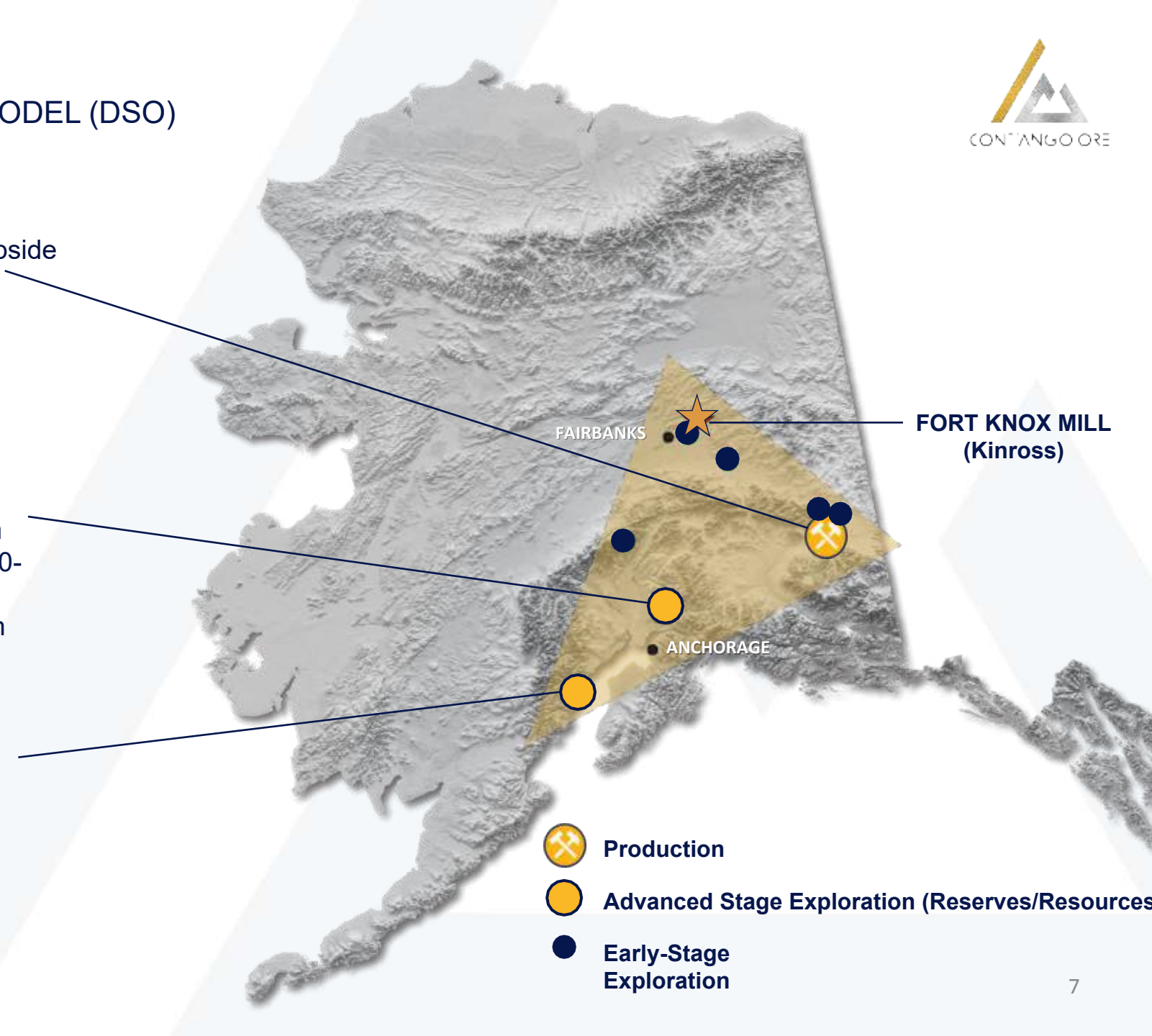
### LUCKY SHOT MINE (100%)<sup>1</sup>

- 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

### JOHNSON TRACT PROJECT (100%)<sup>1</sup>

- 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

1. Reserve and Resource Table can be found in the Appendix  
2. GEO = Gold Equivalent Ounces  
3. Please refer to the Manh Choh S-K 1300 Report referenced on page 3  
4. Refer to page 9  
5. LOM = Life of Mine



-  Production
-  Advanced Stage Exploration (Reserves/Resources)
-  Early-Stage Exploration

# MANH CHOH MINE

## PRODUCTION FROM CAMPAIGN #1 COMPLETED



<b>Peak Gold JV (100% basis)</b>	<b>Campaign #1</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Processed	210,029	tons
Average grade	9.46	g/t
Gold recovery average	95.2	%
Gold contained in doré bars	55,000	oz
Gold in recoverable inventory	1,000	oz
Silver contained in doré bars	12,000	oz
<b>Contango (30% basis)</b>		
Gold production	16,200	oz
Silver production	3,500	oz
Gold delivered into hedges	8,900	oz
Gold sold at spot gold price	7,300	oz
Average realized gold price	\$2,200	per oz
<b>Total gold and silver sales</b>	<b>\$36,000,000</b>	<b>USD\$</b>
Estimated total gold production in 2024	30,000 to 40,000	oz



See news release dated August 19, 2024 “Contango Announces Results of the First Batch of Gold Production from Manh Choh Gold Mine, Alaska”: <https://www.contangoore.com/press-release/contango-announces-results-of-the-first-batch-of-gold-production-from-manh-choh-gold-mine-alaska> and September 9, 2024 “Contango Announces Start of Second Campaign of Gold Production from Manh Choh Gold Mine and General Corporate Update”

# MANH CHOH MINE

ATTRACTIVE ECONOMICS AS NON-OPERATING PARTNER



## AISC: \$1,116/Oz

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

						60% Hedged	40% Spot
<b>GOLD PRICE (\$USD)</b>	<b>\$1,520</b>	<b>\$1,620</b>	<b>\$1,720</b>	<b>\$1,820</b>	<b>\$1,920</b>	<b>\$2,025</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>
GEO Per Annum (000's)	225	225	225	225	225	225	225
Contango JV Ownership	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
Contango GEO per Annum (000's)	67.5	67.5	67.5	67.5	67.5	40.5	27
Contango Revenue (\$USD) (000's)	\$102,600	\$109,350	\$116,100	\$122,850	\$129,600	\$82,000	\$64,800
Less: AISC (\$1,116/Ounce) (000's)	(75,330)	(75,330)	(75,330)	(75,330)	(75,330)	(45,200)	(30,100)
<b>Contango Cash Flow (000's)</b>	<b>\$27,270</b>	<b>\$34,020</b>	<b>\$40,770</b>	<b>\$47,520</b>	<b>\$54,270</b>	<b>\$39,800</b>	<b>\$34,700</b>
						<b>\$74,500,000</b>	
						<b>Blended = \$2,175</b>	

At gold spot price of \$1,920/Ounce

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

Hedged 124,600 ounces of gold sold at forward prices ~ \$2,025

Remaining hedge balance after Campaign #1: 115,700 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.

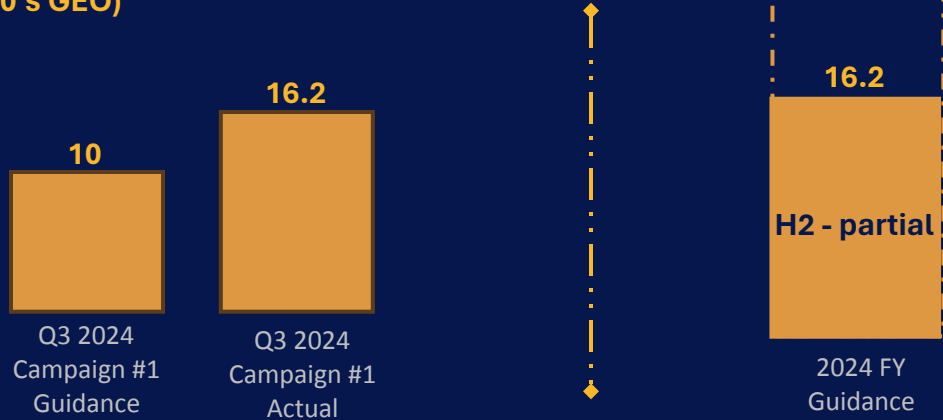
# STRONG INITIAL RESULTS

## PRODUCTION FROM MANH CHOH

\*All numbers are net to Contango

### PRODUCTION

(000's GEO)



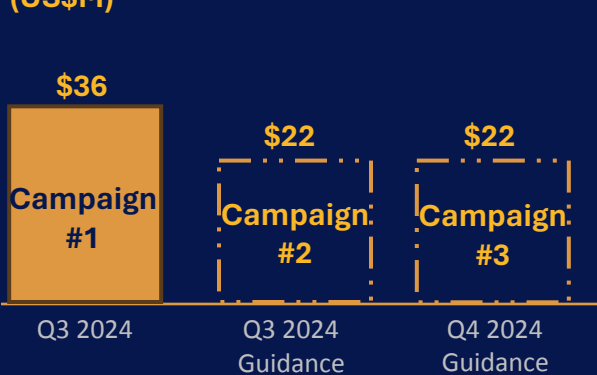
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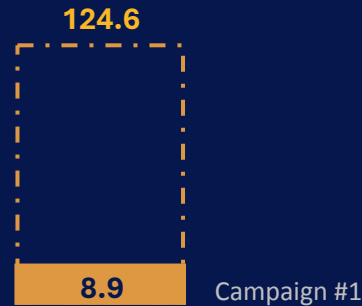
**AISC AND FREE CASH FLOW FROM Campaign #1 & #2 TO BE REPORTED IN Q3 RESULTS IN NOVEMBER 2024**

### NET SALES<sup>1</sup>

(US\$M)



### HEDGE POSITION (000's)



### FREE CASH FLOW

(US\$M)

1. Q3 and Q4 guidance assumes midpoint of guidance of 35,000 GEO production for 2024 at a blended realized gold price of \$2,175

# MANH CHOH MINE

## CTGO SUCCESS OF DSO APPROACH



2024

Ore stockpiled at Manh Choh and Fort Knox; **first gold pour** in July 2024!



2023

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



2022

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



2020/2021

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

### 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

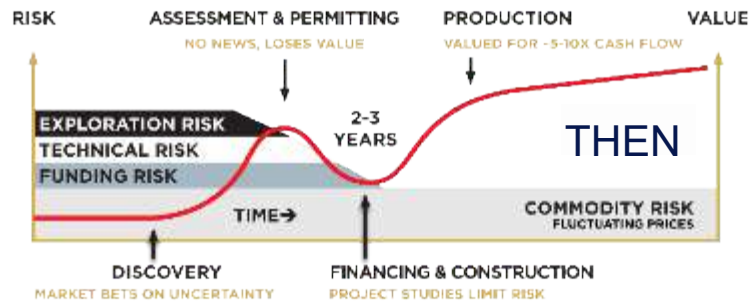


Manh Choh deposit before mining

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

# BUILDING CONTANGO INTO A “HYBRID ROYALTY” COMPANY

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

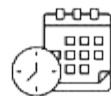


## THE CHALLENGE



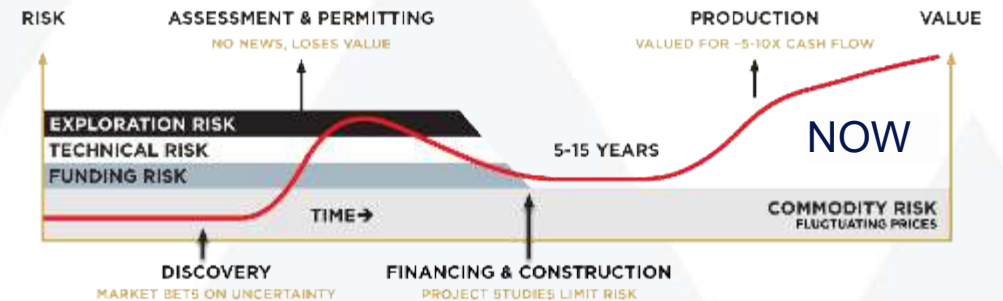
### “ORPHAN PERIOD”

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



### LONGER PERMITTING TIMELINES

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



## THE OPPORTUNITY - HYBRID ROYALTY MODEL



### 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



### CTGO CRITERIA

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

# BUILDING CONTANGO INTO A “HYBRID ROYALTY” COMPANY

## WHAT IS A HYBRID ROYALTY MODEL?



CORPORATE OVERHEAD



OWNERSHIP



EXPERTISE



RISKS



RETURN



VALUATION

### ROYALTY / STREAMING MODEL

High cash flow per employee:

- ✓ low overhead cost

Acquire for a cost; seek near-term production projects

Small Team of Experts

No control over operational risks but still exposed

Portfolios of 1-5% NSR → significant cash flow per share

- ✓ Typically 15-30x EBITA
- ✓ 1.25-2x NAV

### CONTANGO MODEL

- ✓ easier to manage

Acquire via cash or shares and then have exploration agreements with operators (toll milling, ore sales, or JV)

Greatly reduced risk by processing offsite; as JV owner we have input on operations

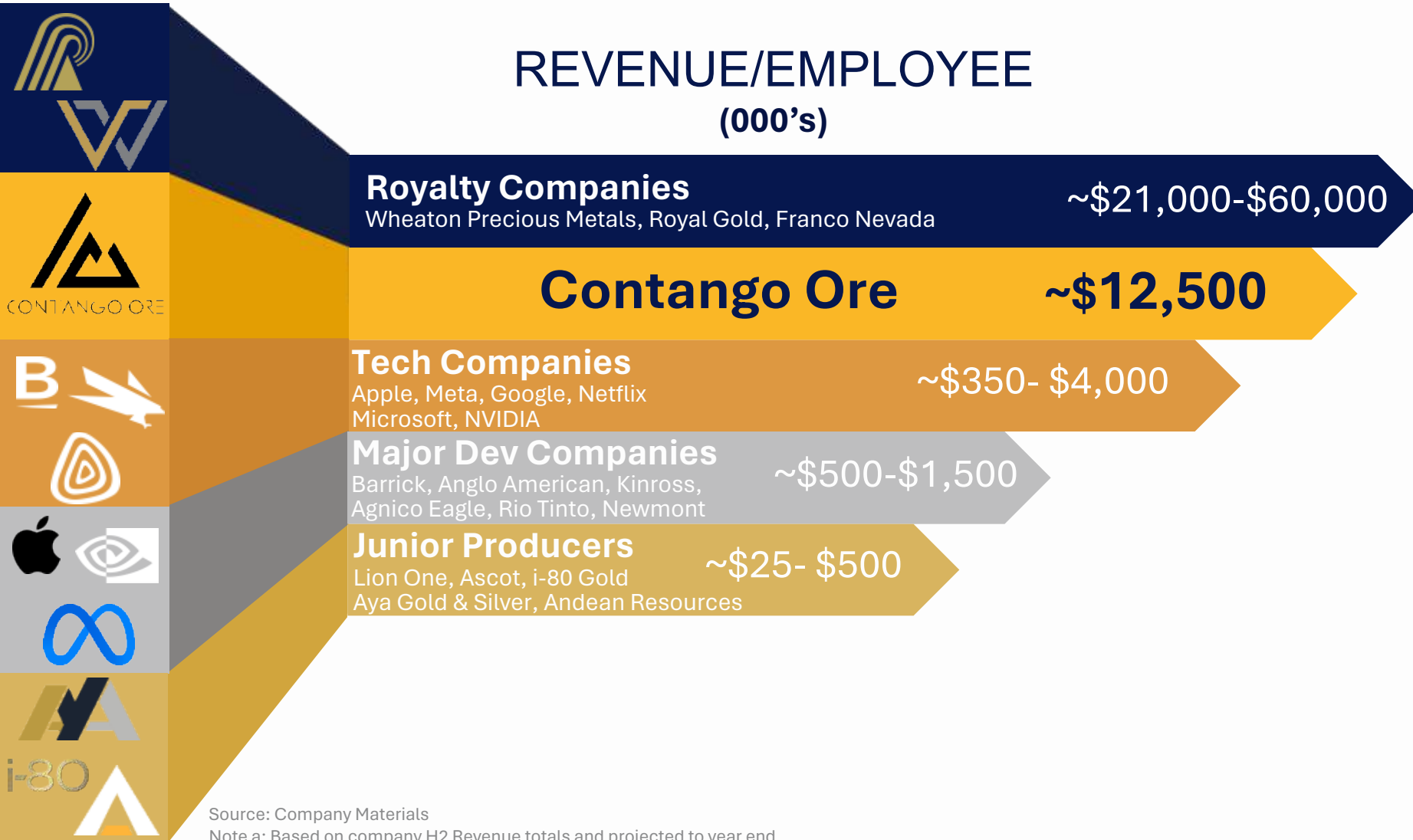
- ✓ **Manh Choh:** +\$75M<sup>1</sup> per annum → ~\$6/CTGO share
- ✓ Lucky Shot and Johnson Tract to provide growth

- ✓ High valuation compared to peers
- ✓ More similar to royalty groups
- ✓ Strong cash flow/share

1. Please refer to the Manh Choh S-R 1300 Report referenced on page 3

# BUILDING CONTANGO INTO A HYBRID ROYALTY COMPANY

By Applying our DSO model alongside our healthy balance sheet and strong cash flows, we stand out among, not only our peers, but the tech companies in terms of revenue/employee



## CTGO BUILT ON 3 PILLARS OF SUCCESS

LOW SHARE COUNT

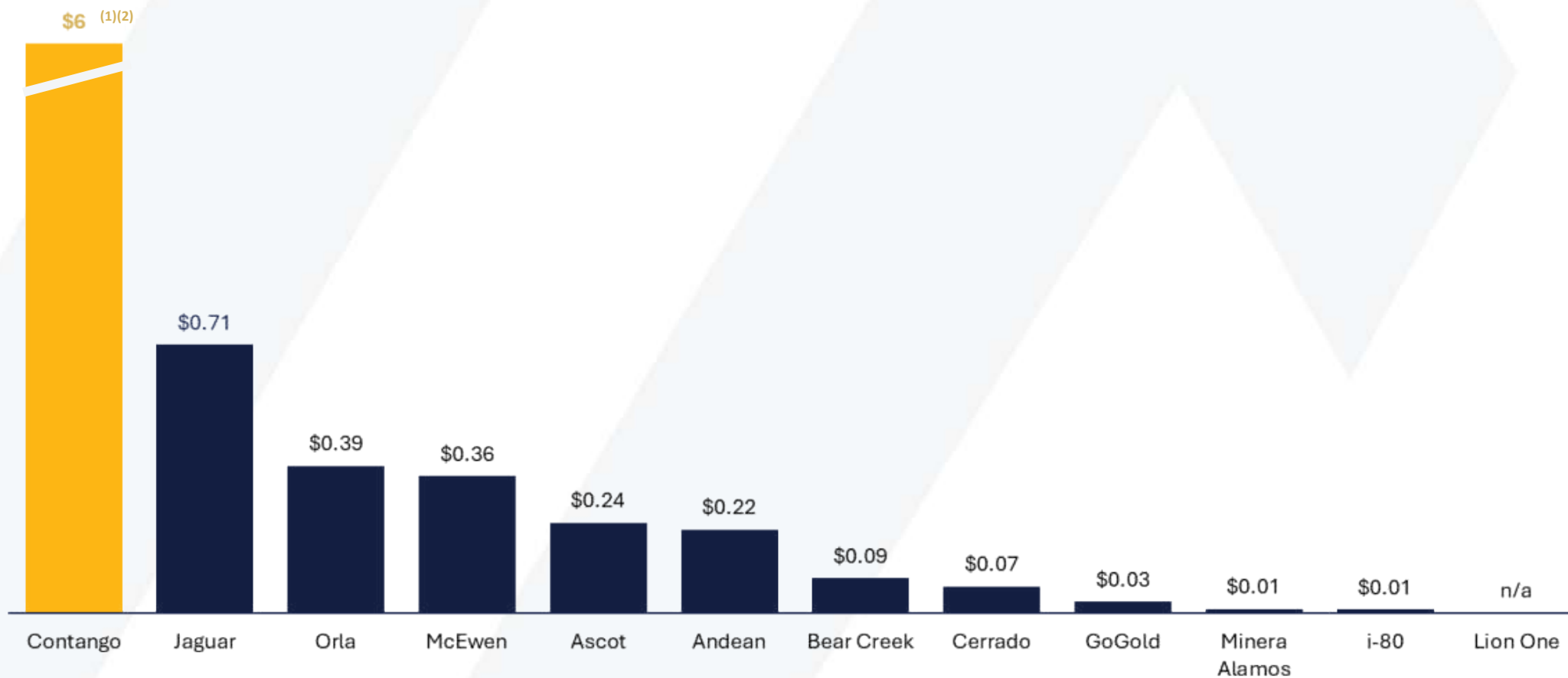
ACCESS TO CAPITAL

US-ONLY LISTING

Source: Company Materials  
Note a: Based on company H2 Revenue totals and projected to year end

# WELL POSITIONED COMPARED TO PEERS

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



Source: S&P Capital IQ, Cormark Research

Note: As of August 28, 2024

(1) Based on Contango's LOM annual average operating cash flow less corporate G&A and other expenses

(2) Based on Contango's hedged gold price of US\$2,025/oz Au

# CONTANGO'S DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE

Focused on three Advanced-Stage Exploration Projects to support 200,000 GEO production by 2030

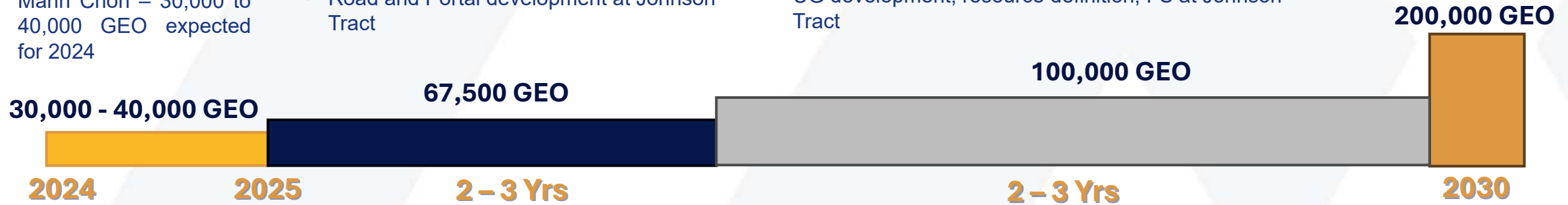


First gold pour from Manh Choh – 30,000 to 40,000 GEO expected for 2024

- Definition resource drilling at Lucky Shot
- Road and Portal development at Johnson Tract

- Lucky Shot online: ~30,000 to 40,000 GEO annually
- UG development, resource definition, FS at Johnson Tract

All 3 projects in production



### MANH CHOH

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Campaign #1 completed early August 2024
- ✓ Est. 67,500 oz annual production<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Campaign #1 Gold Sales: \$36M USD

### LUCKY SHOT

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Mining production decision expected by 2027

### JOHNSON TRACT

- ✓ Recently 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
- ✓ Target for PEA by 2025
- ✓ Target for FS with mine construction decision by 2029

1. Please refer to the Manh Choh S-K 1300 Report referenced on page 3

# 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 yrs 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 685,000 acres

**Campaign #1**  
**16,200 oz Gold for total**  
**sales of \$36M USD**

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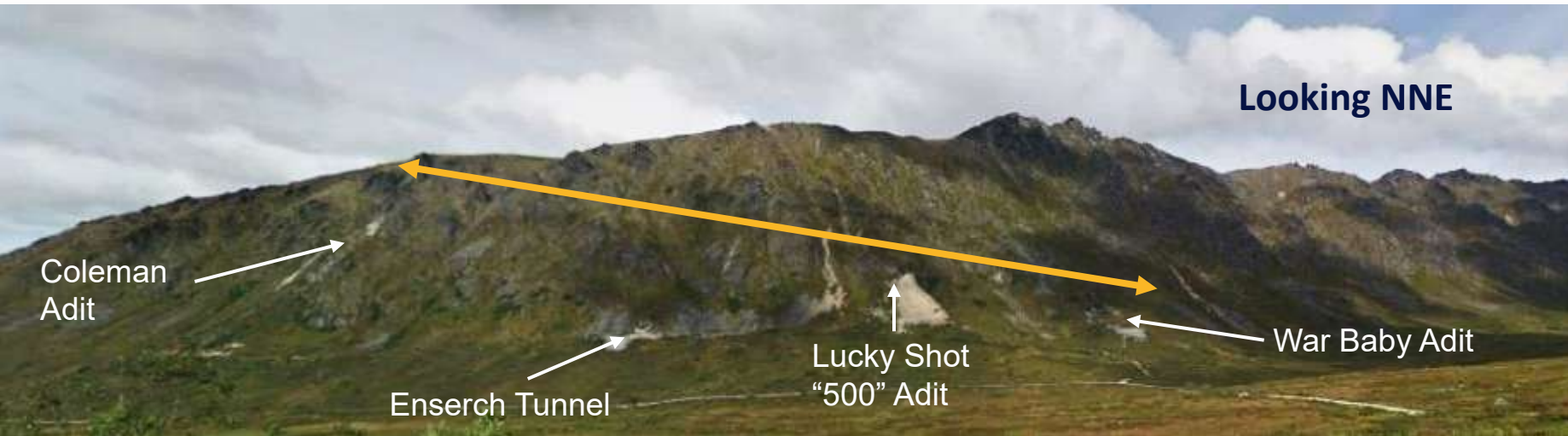
# LUCKY SHOT – OUR NEXT DSO PROJECT

FOCUSED ON RESOURCE EXPANSION OVER THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS



## DEVELOPMENT

- 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
- Exploration and definition drilling planned for 2025



### Coleman Segment of Lucky Shot

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

### Lucky Shot Segment of Lucky Shot

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

### Combined Segments of Lucky Shot Vein

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

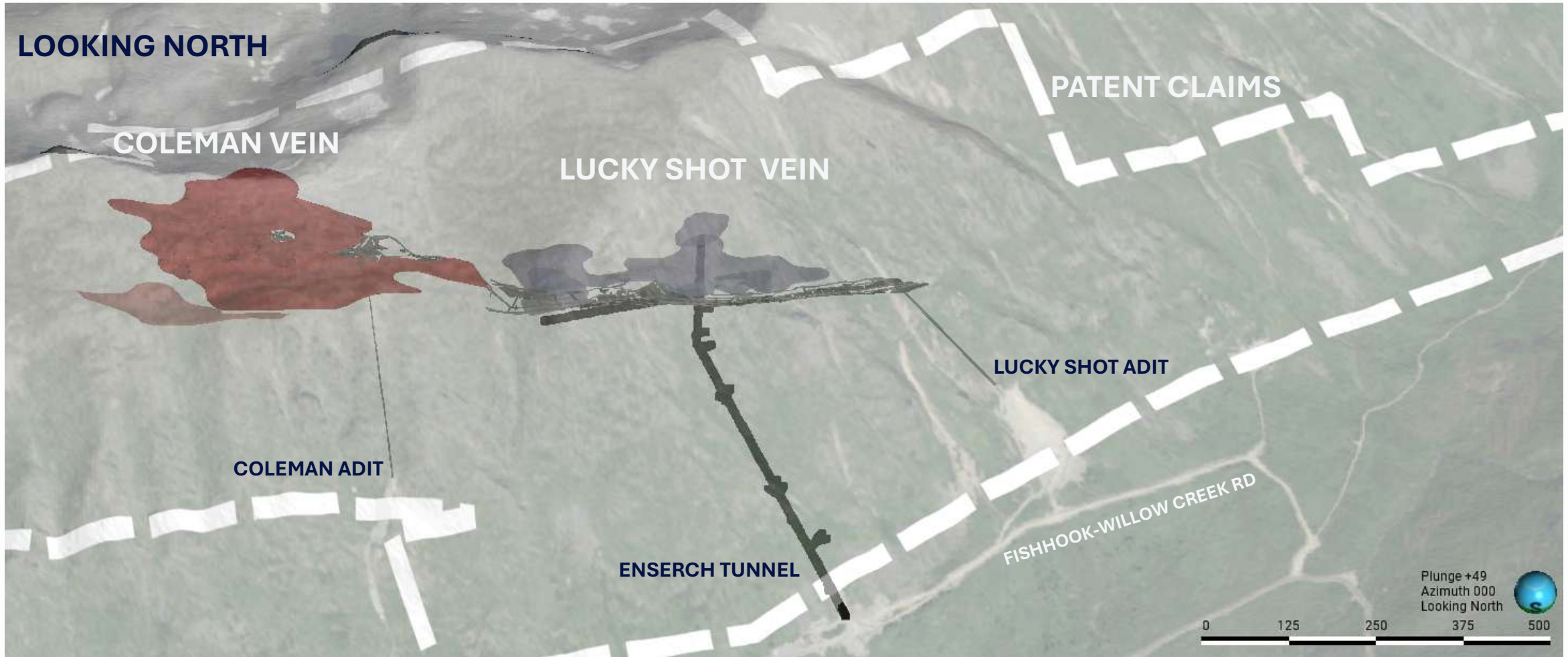
Coleman and Lucky Shot Resources Tables<sup>1</sup> Please see S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary on the Lucky Shot Project Alaska, USA <https://www.contangoore.com/investors/overview>

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").



# LUCKY SHOT – OUR NEXT DSO PROJECT

POTENTIAL OF 400,000 to 500,000 GEO



# LUCKY SHOT – OUR NEXT DSO PROJECT

POTENTIAL OF 400,000 to 500,000 GEO

LOOKING SOUTHWEST

COLEMAN VEIN



## DEVELOPMENT

- 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

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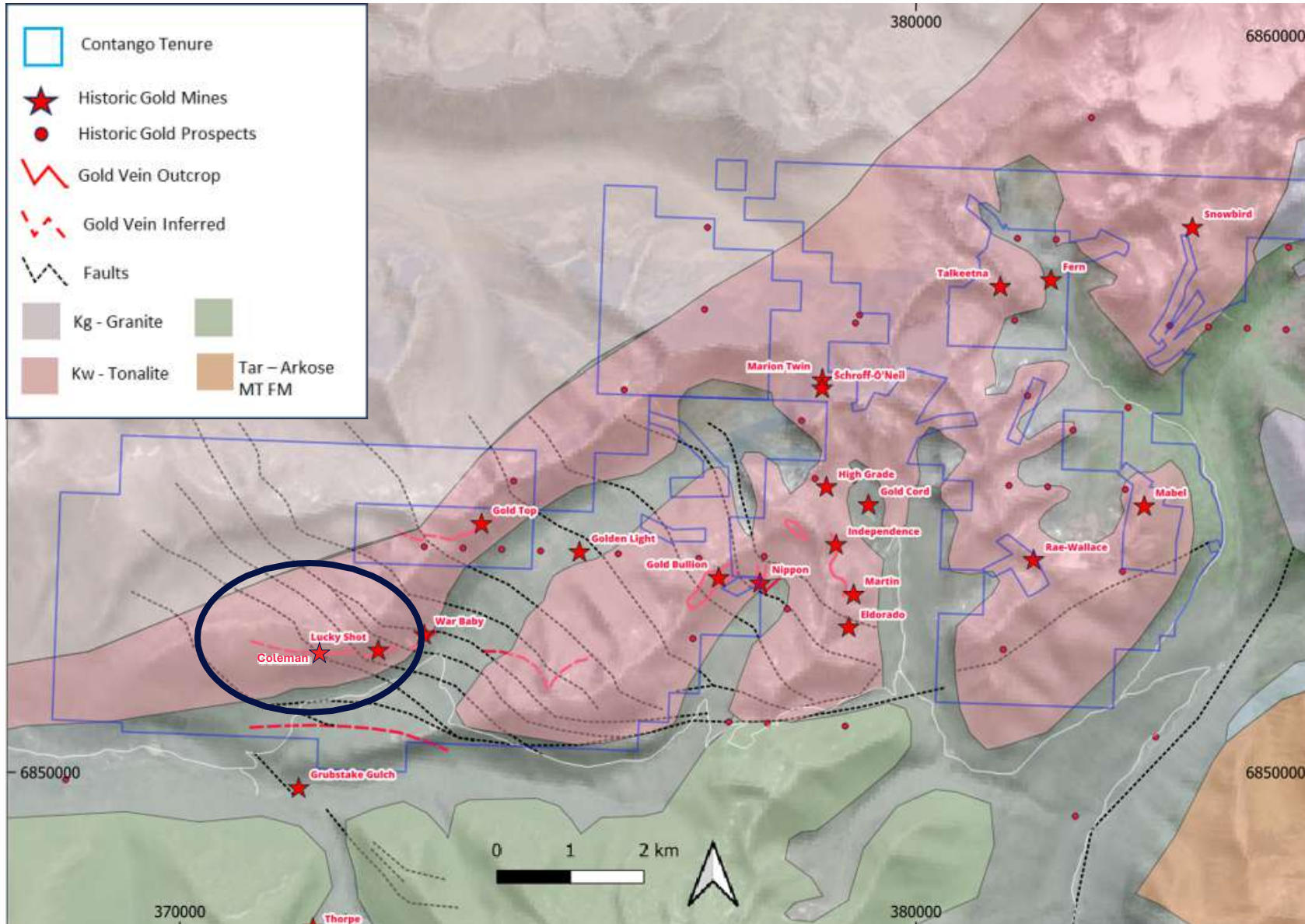
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LUCKY SHOT VEIN



LUCKY SHOT

# LUCKY SHOT – WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT SCALE OPPORTUNITY



## DEVELOPMENT

- 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



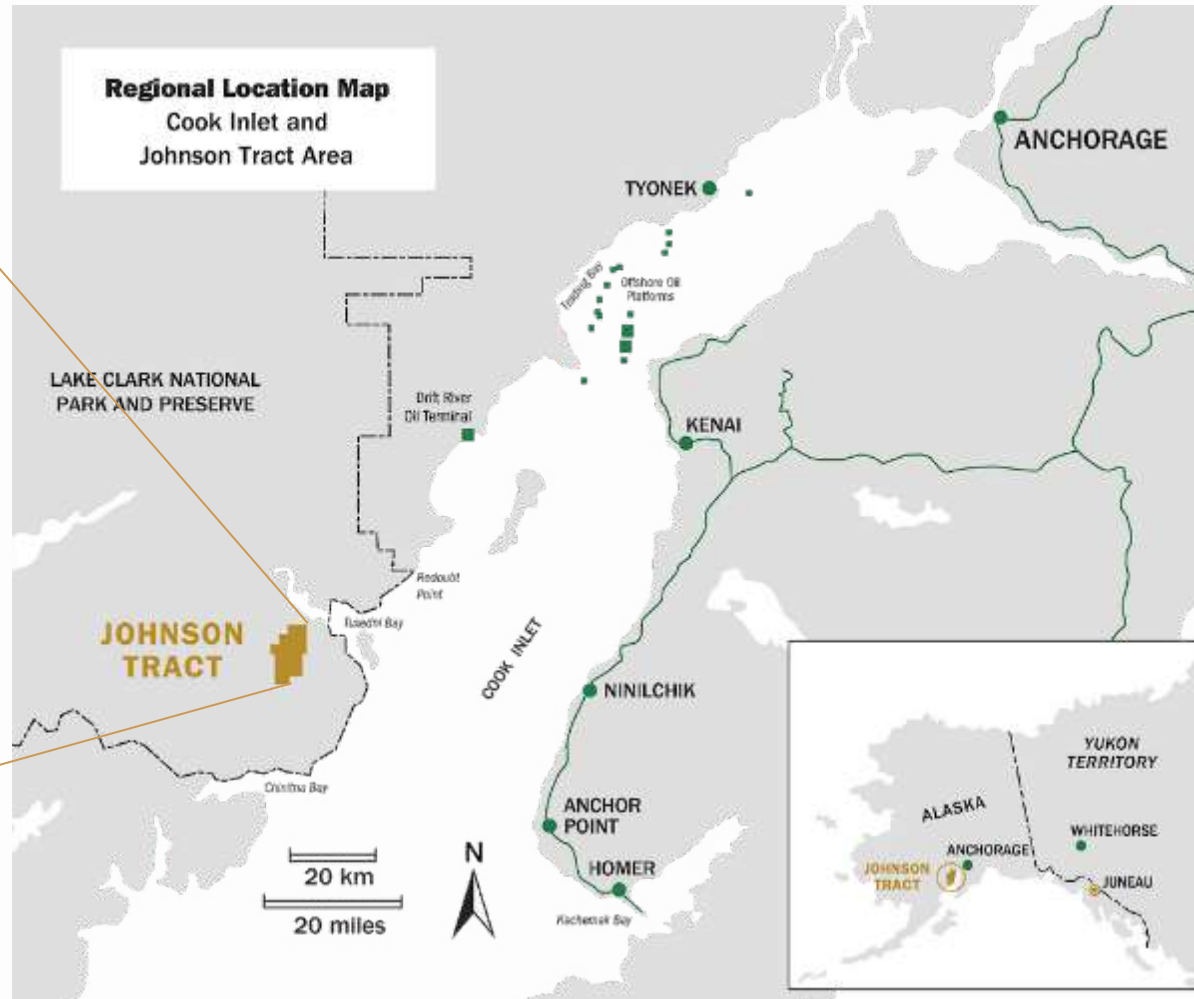
# JOHNSON TRACT

## CONTANGO'S LATEST DSO ACQUISITION

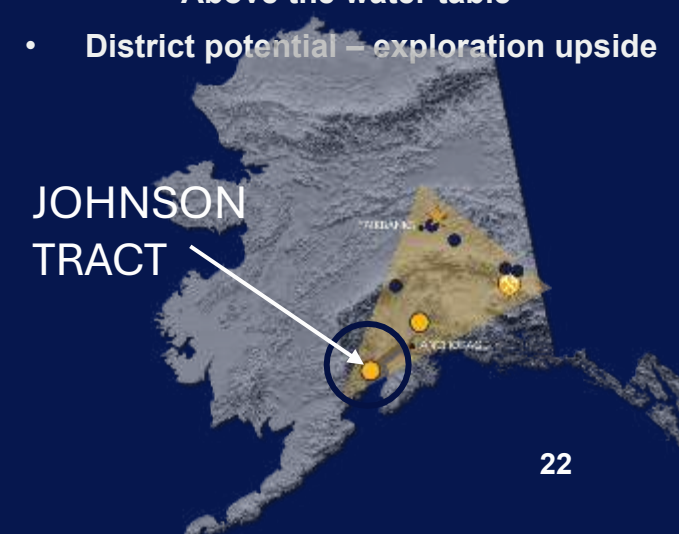


### DEVELOPMENT

- 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



JOHNSON TRACT



# JOHNSON TRACT

## JOHNSON TRACT LEASED FROM CIRI ALASKA NATIVE CORP

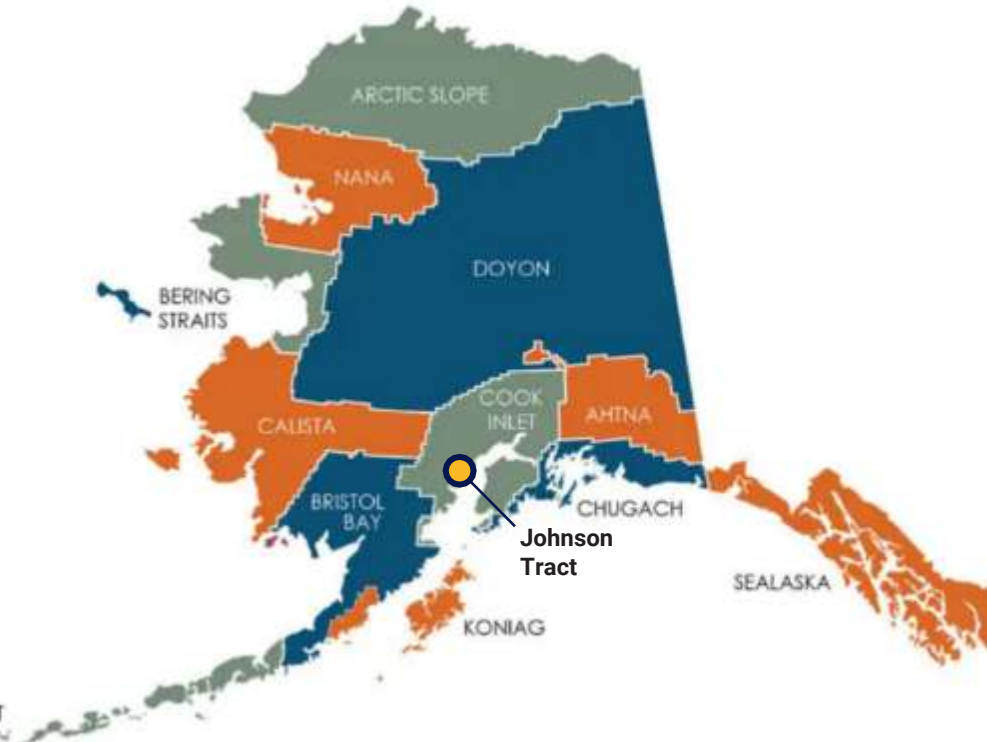


### Mining Lease with Cook Inlet Region, Inc

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

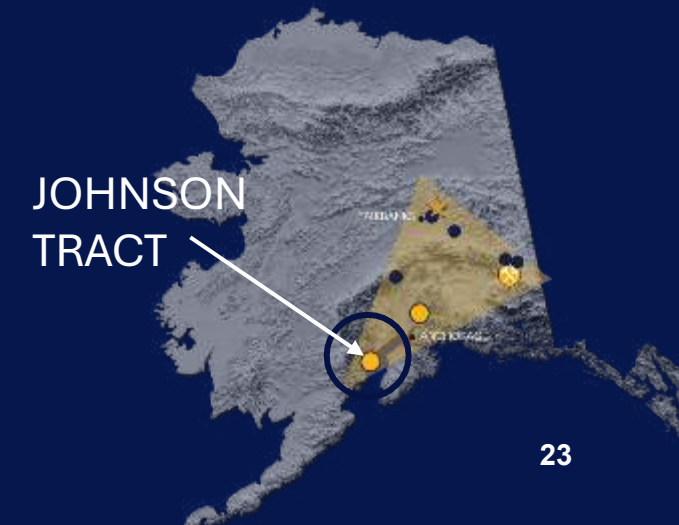


*CIRI's Mission is to promote the economic and social well-being and Alaska Native heritage of its shareholders, now and into the future, through prudent stewardship of the company's resources, while furthering self-sufficiency among CIRI shareholders and their families.*



### 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



# JOHNSON TRACT

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

## DEVELOPMENT

- Valley is well suited for infrastructure
- 50-man camp
- 267 DDH: +80,000m drilled
- 2024 Program Focused On:
  - Infill drilling at resource
  - Hydrological testing
  - Geotechnical testing
  - Metallurgical testing

JOHNSON TRACT

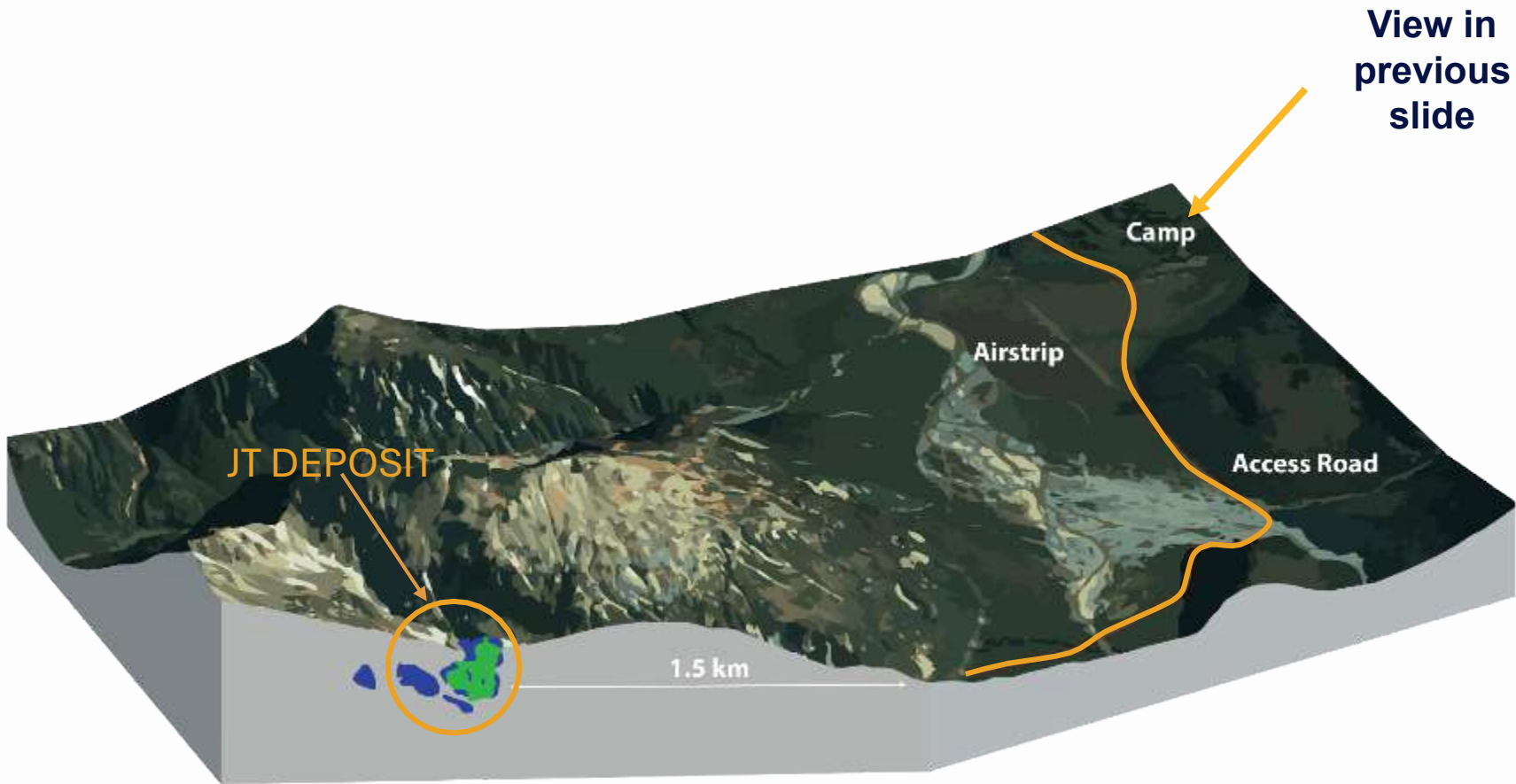


### Access Road to Portal Next Steps:

- Received 404 wetlands permit for Access Road in August 2024
- Contractor Selection
- Detailed Design and Engineering
- Construction to begin during 2025 field season

# JOHNSON TRACT

## ATTRACTIVE ATTRIBUTES FOR UNDERGROUND MINING

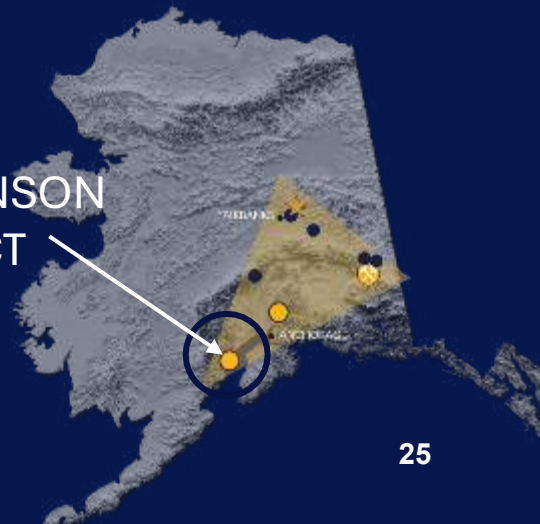


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## DEVELOPMENT

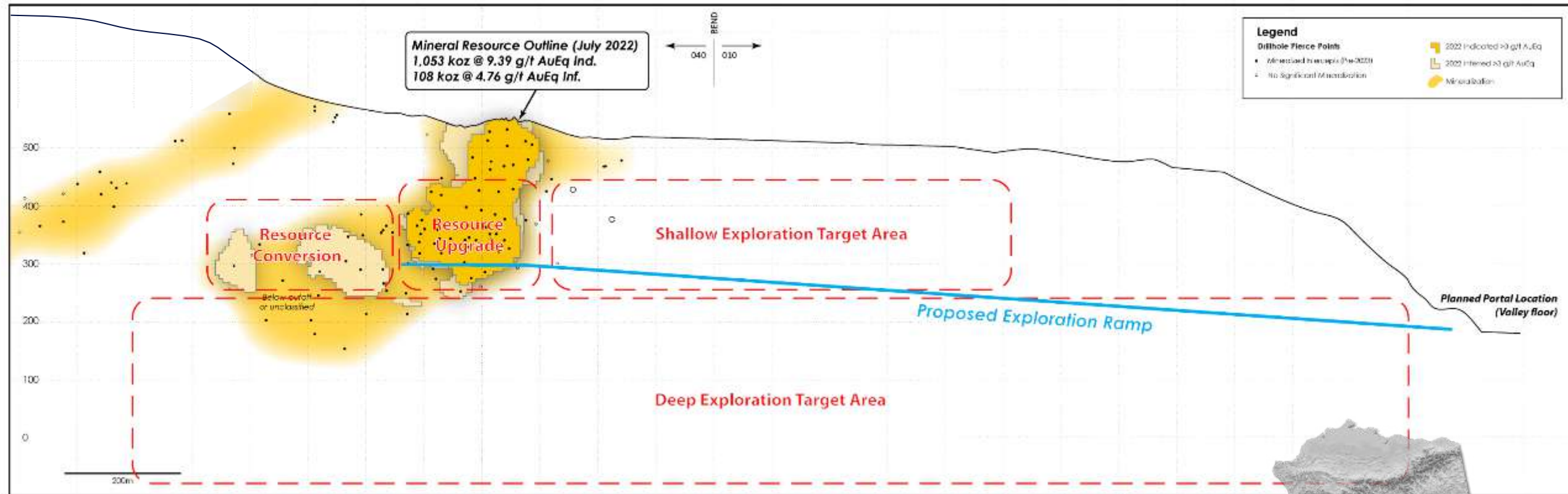
- Potential for short lateral UG ramp to base of the Johnson Tract Deposit
- Gravity assist, bottom-up mining
- Highest grade accessed first

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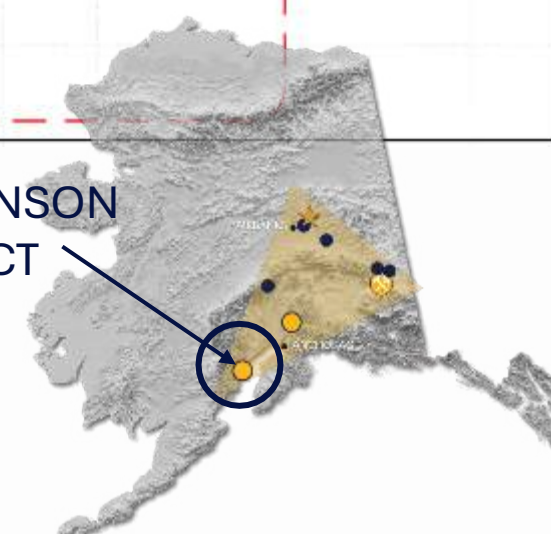
## PLAN TO INITIATE UG RAMP/MINING PERMITTING IN H2 2024



### 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

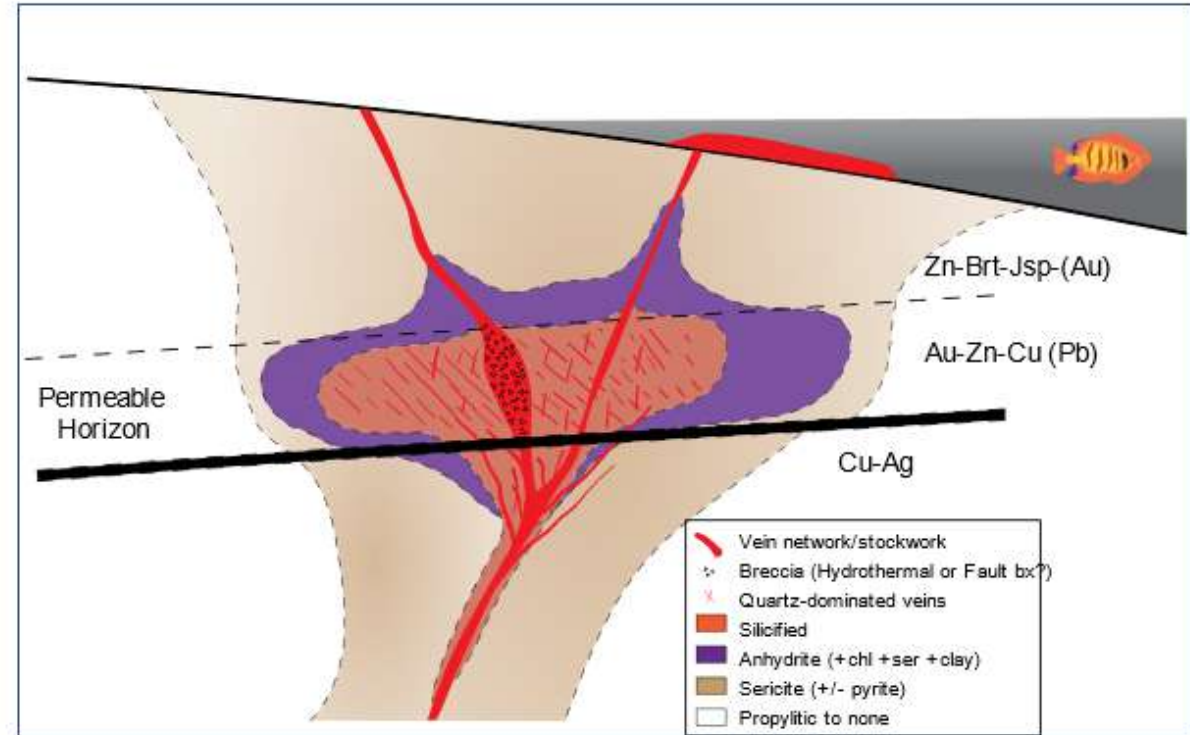
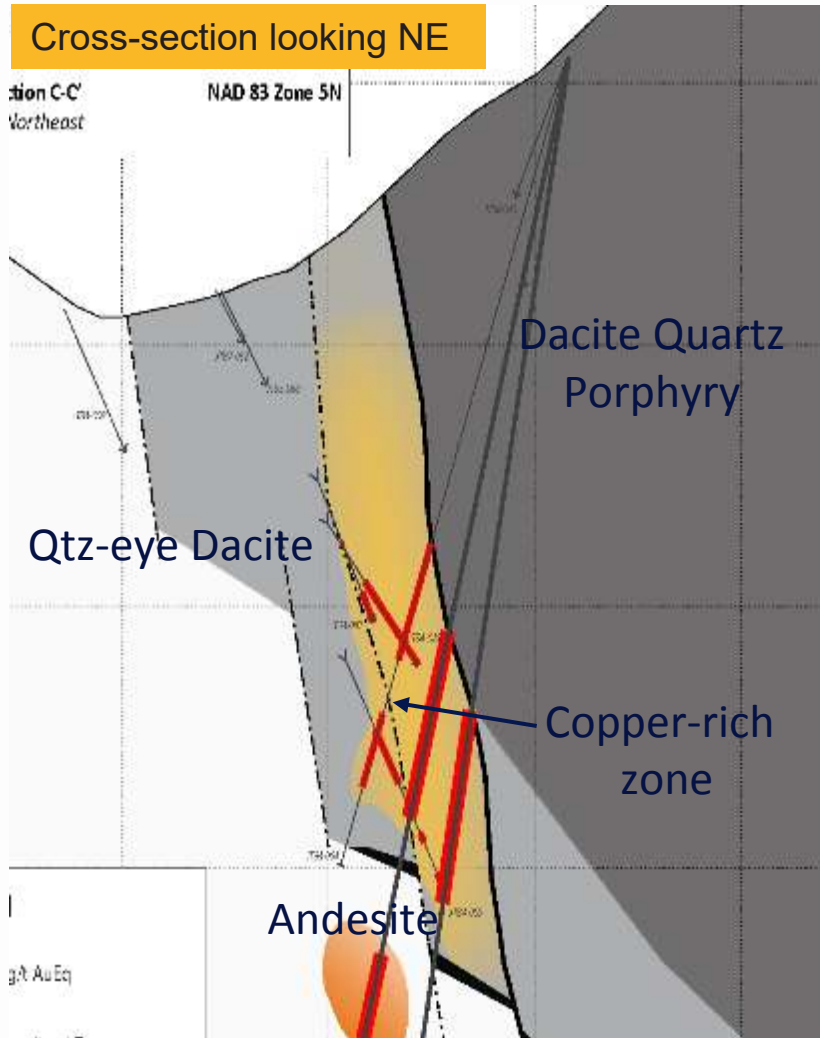
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# JOHNSON TRACT

## 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

# JOHNSON TRACT

## ROBUST GRADES WITH THICK INTERCEPTS



### Selected Drill Intercepts

#### Vein Styles

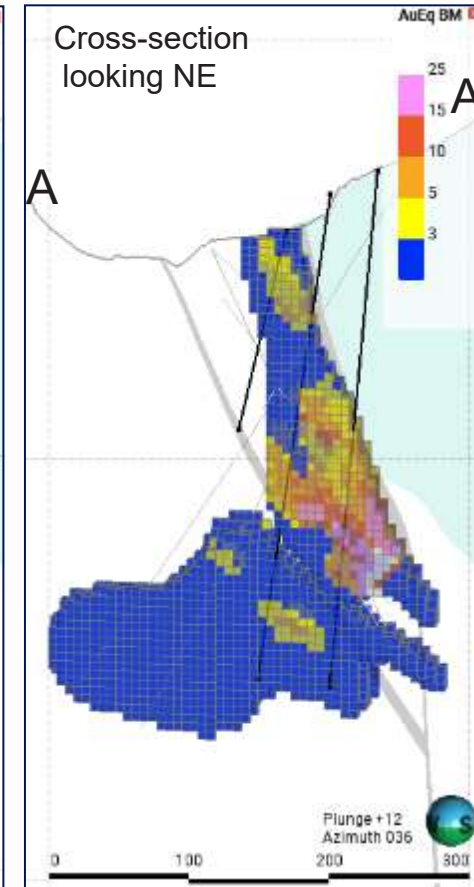
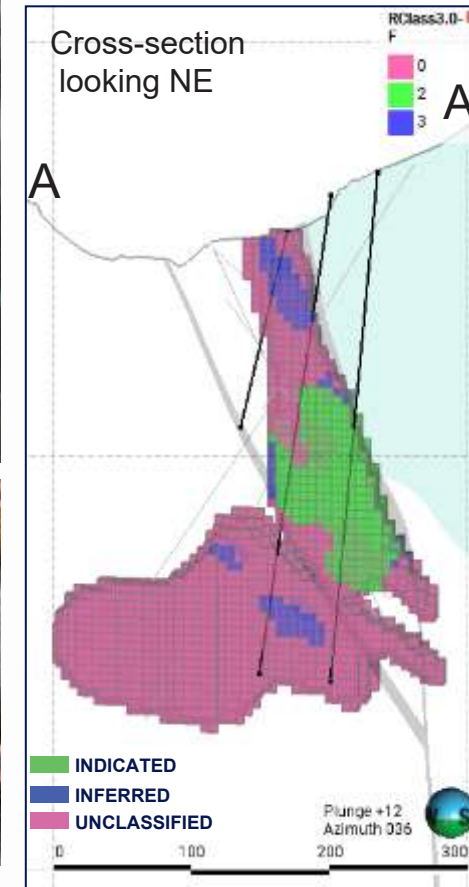
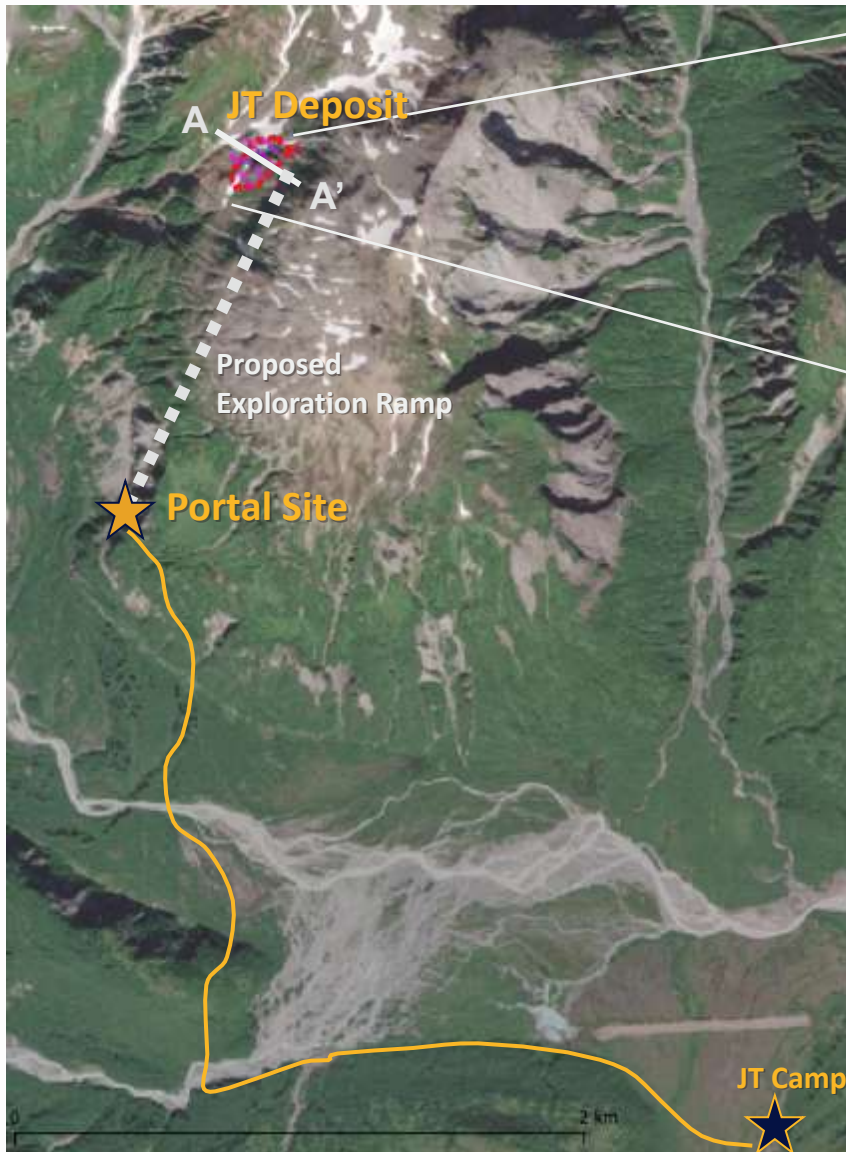


**Thick (40m true width & high-grade)  
True width 10x thicker than high-grade peers  
Amenable to low-cost underground mining**

- 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

# JOHNSON TRACT

## 2024 DRILL PROGRAM IN PROGRESS



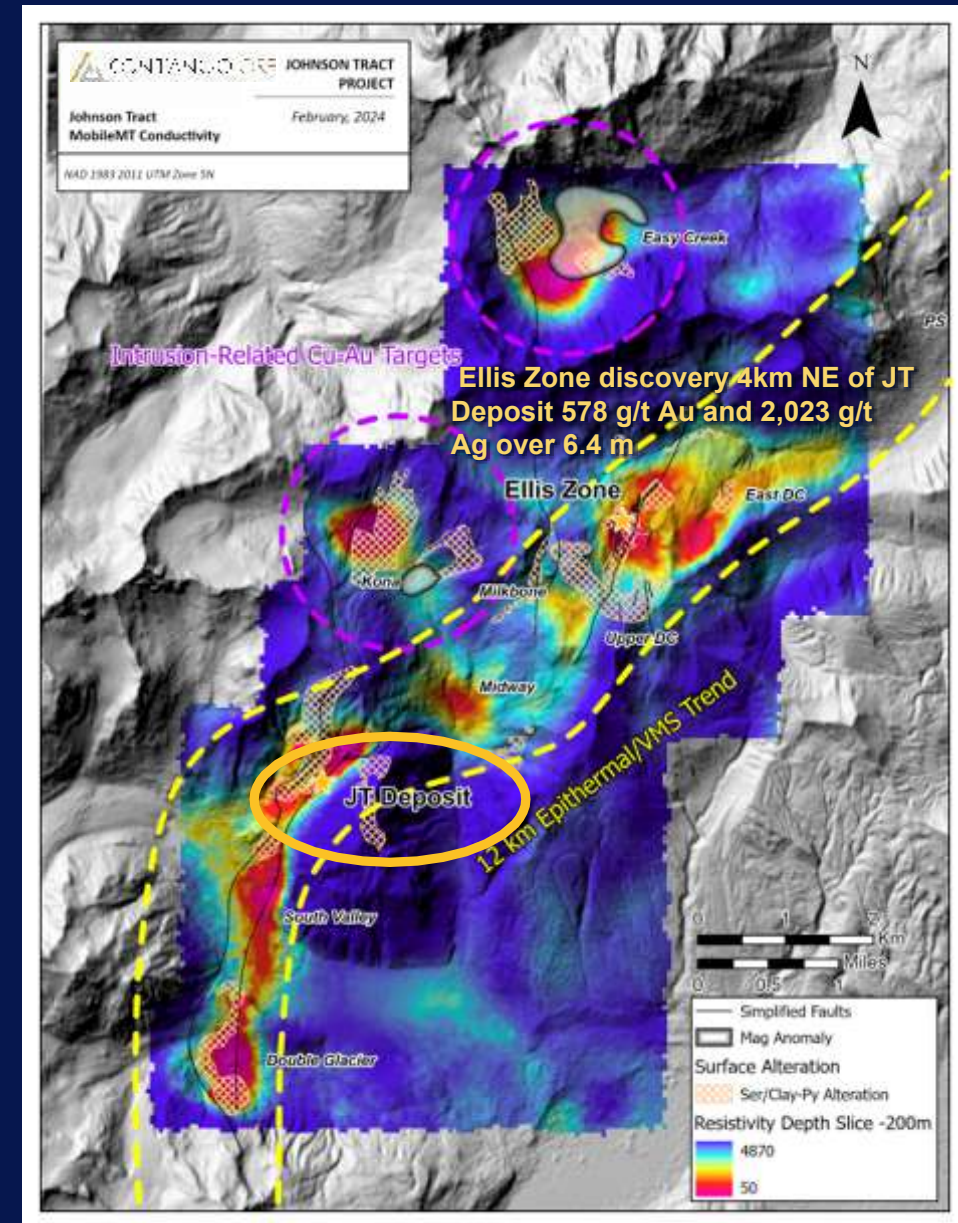
- 3,000m Oriented Core Program in 10 holes
- Short holes (~150m) targeting the upper 1/3 of resource to upgrade Resource category
- 2 deeper holes (~400m) through the ore body to support advanced Geotechnical, Metallurgical and Ore Characterization – ARD, Humidity Cell testing
- ~4 – 5 holes will support Hydrological testing (pump test and piezometer installation)
- Camp opened July 2024 and expected to close end of September/early October 2024

# JOHNSON TRACT

## 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 CORPORATE STRATEGY

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



### LUCKY SHOT MINE (100%)<sup>1</sup>

- 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

### JOHNSON TRACT PROJECT (100%)<sup>1</sup>

- 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

### MANH CHOH MINE (30%)<sup>1</sup>

- Production started Q3 2024
- 1Moz resource at 8 g/t GEO with exploration upside
- Est. annual production of 67,500 GEO<sup>2,3</sup> :  
→ +\$75M<sup>4</sup> (at \$2,175 blended gold price)
- +\$270M LOM<sup>5</sup> free cash flow



## CONTANGOS 5-YEAR PLAN

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

<sup>1</sup>. Reserve and Resource Table can be found in the Appendix; <sup>2</sup>. GEO = Gold Equivalent Ounces; <sup>3</sup>. Please refer to the Manh Choh 5-K 1300 Report referenced on page 3 = Life of Mine

<sup>4</sup>. Refer to page 9; <sup>5</sup>. LOM

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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 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Proven	1,181	7.9	299	13.6	516	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	299
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>516</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>299</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>516</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>299</b>

### Notes: Manh Choh Reserves

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 Reserves were estimated at long term prices of \$1,300/oz Au and \$17/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.

## 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	254	2.4	20	9.3	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>76</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>20</b>
Lucky Shot	Measured	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Indicated	227	14.5	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	106
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>106</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>106</b>
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
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>3,489</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>5.21</b>	<b>400.8</b>	<b>9.39</b>	<b>1,053</b>
<b>TOTAL METAL</b>				<b>724</b>		<b>749</b>		<b>43.1</b>		<b>51.5</b>		<b>400.8</b>		
Total AuEQ														<b>1,777</b>

### 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.

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# 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	6	3.8	1	9.2	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

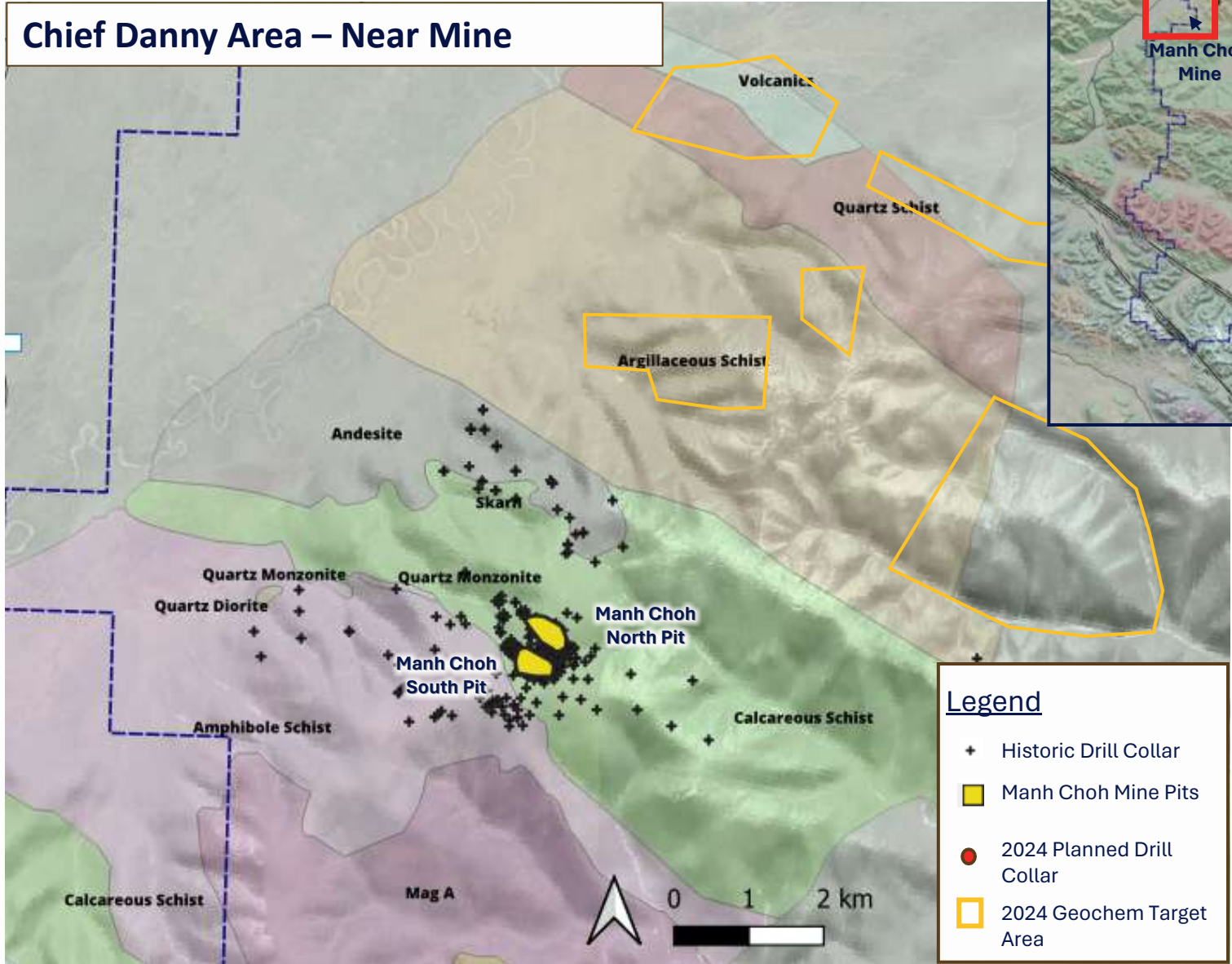
## Notes: Johnson Tract Resources

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.  $AuEq\ equals = Au\ g/t + Ag\ g/t \times 0.01 + Cu\% \times 1.27 + Pb\% \times 0.31 + Zn\% \times 0.59$
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

# MANH CHOH

## 2024 DRILL PROGRAM IN PROGRESS

### Chief Danny Area – Near Mine



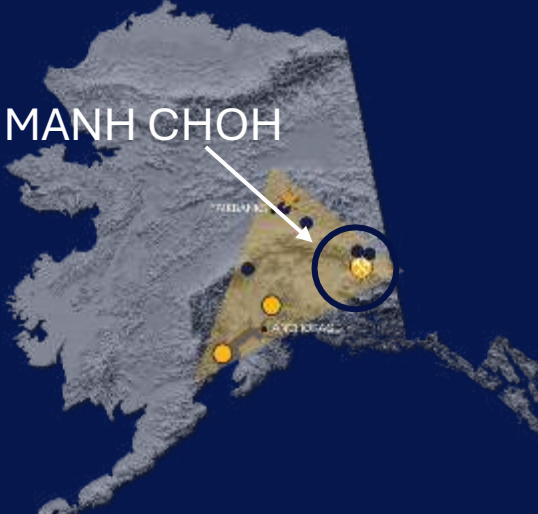
## 2024 CONCEPT

### Testing mineral systems concepts:

1. Near-mine structural targets
  - Augmented with in pit mapping efforts.
  - Mineralized structures from Geochem surveys.
2. Geophysical targets with connections to mineralized source
  - Conductivity, chargeability and magnetic anomalies proximal to potential fluid sources.

## 2024 PLAN

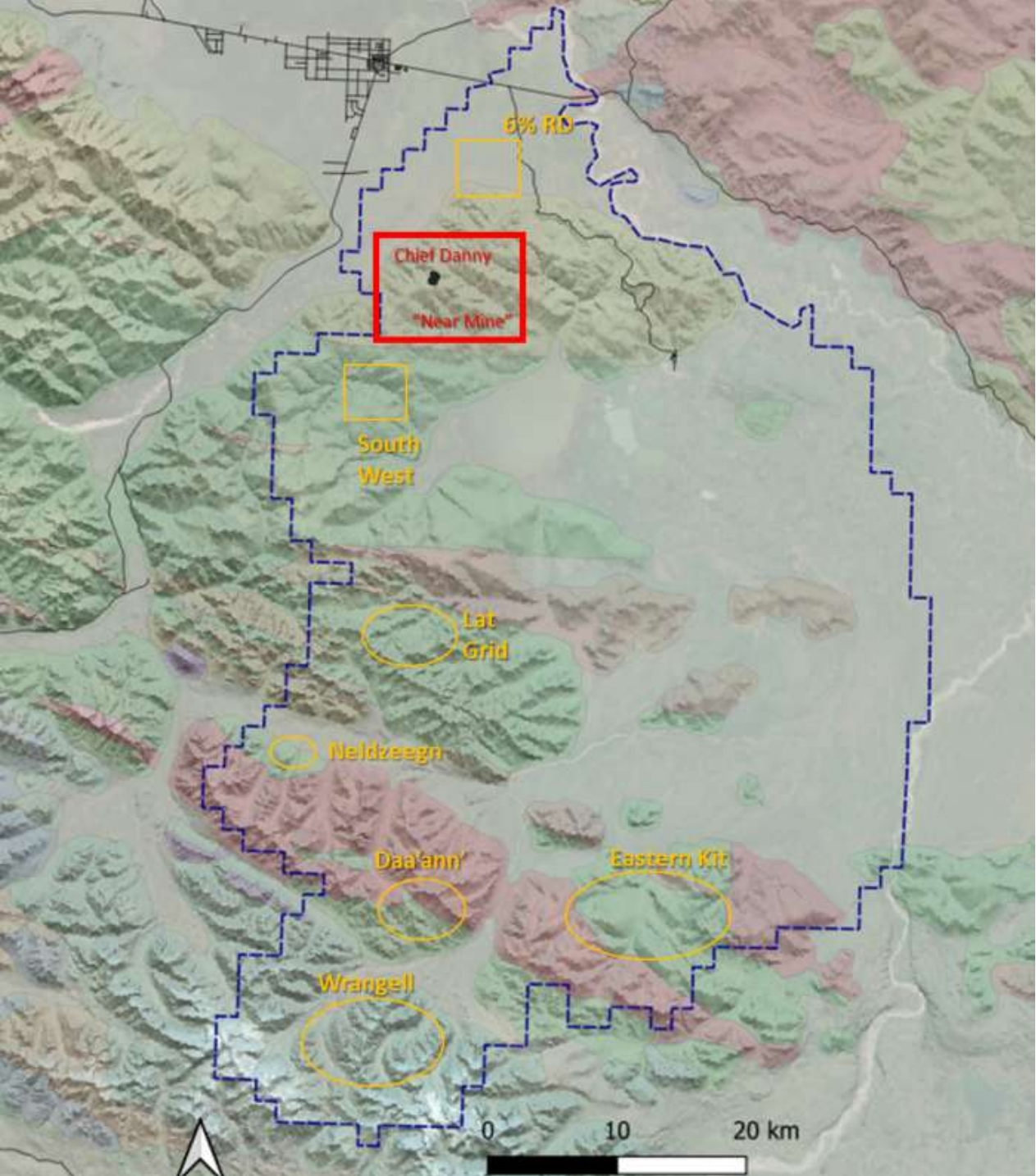
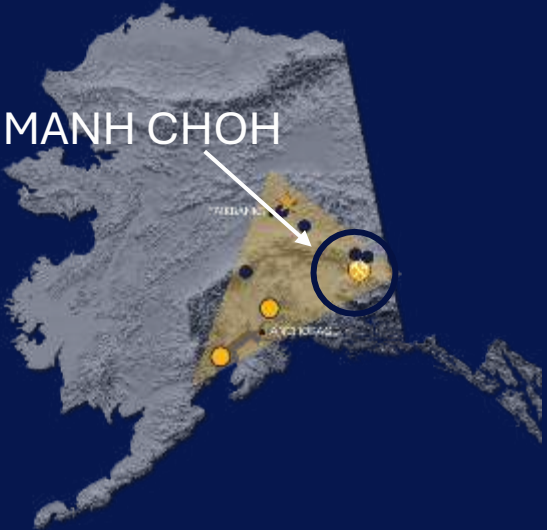
- Drilling: 3,900 m core drilling planned in 14 holes across 6 – 8 targets.
- Geochem sampling: ~2,500 Geochem soil and stream samples planned for target areas NE of the mine.



# MANH CHOH REGIONAL EXPLORATION

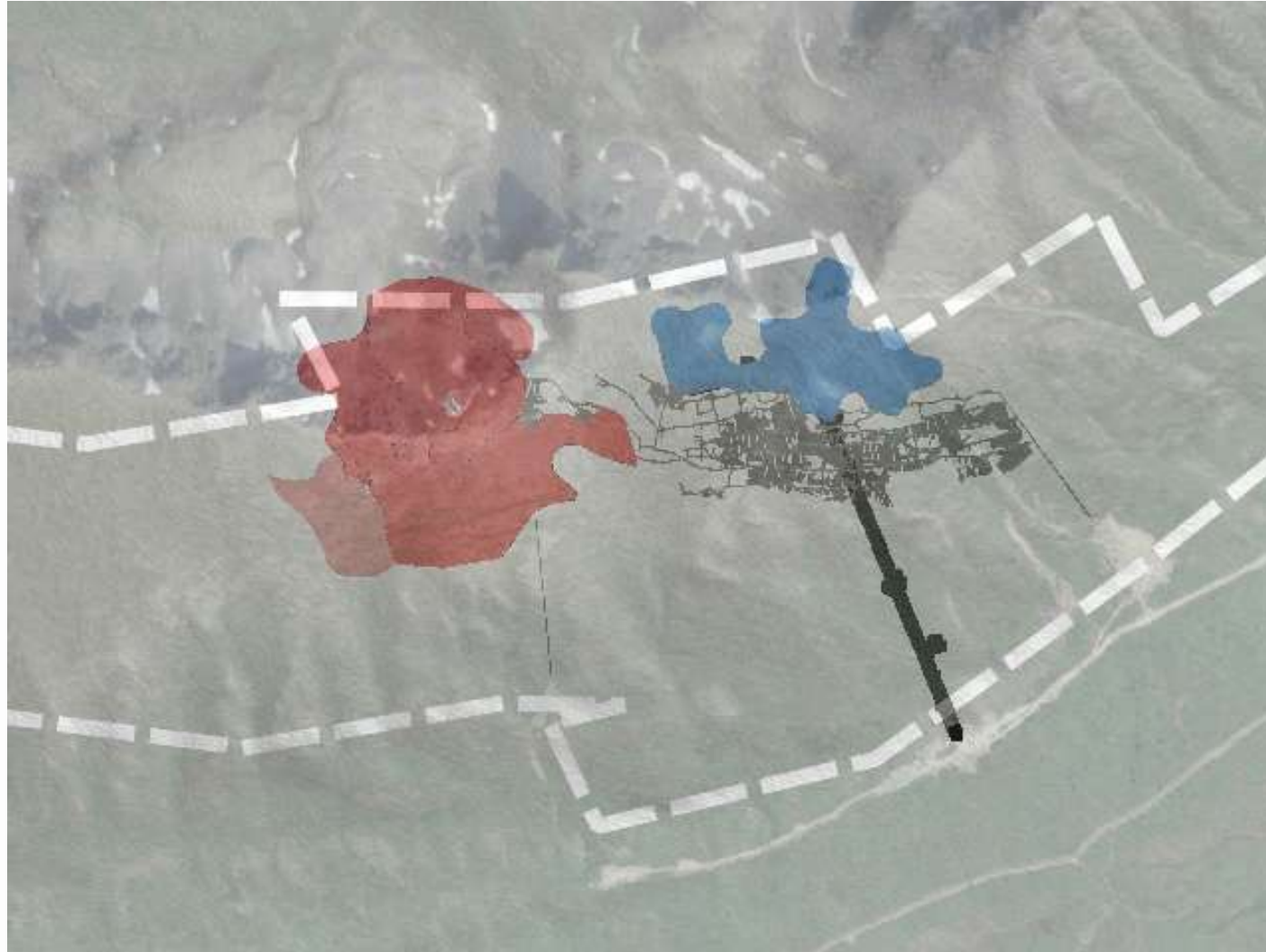
## 2024 CONCEPT

- Mapping road cut exposures.
- Continuing reconnaissance stream sampling in the southern target zones.
- Grid soil sampling in Lat Grid target zone.



# LUCKY SHOT – OUR NEXT DSO PROJECT

POTENTIAL OF 400,000 to 500,000 GEO



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

# CONTANGO'S EARLY-STAGE EXPLORATION PORTFOLIO

## ALL ALONG THE ALASKAN ROAD SYSTEM



### EAGLE, NW OF MANH CHOH ALASKA



- 64,900 acres of State of Alaska Mining claims
- Overlying favorable stratigraphy on trend with Manh Choh
- Stream sediment and pan concentrate sampling identified strongly anomalous gold, copper, arsenic

### HONA, NW OF MANH CHOH ALASKA



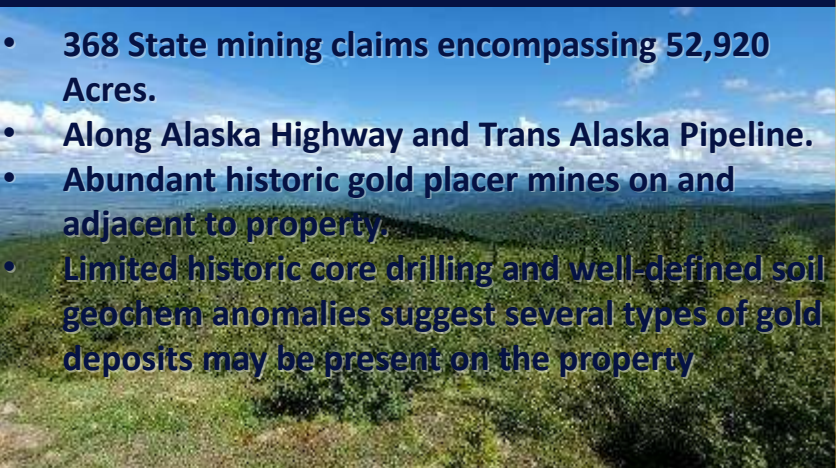
- Located immediately adjacent to Eagle block
- IRG target
- Historic drilling by Kennecott in 1990's
- Mag-VTEM survey completed in 2019
- 2019 drill program intersected wide-spaced gold mineralization worthy of follow-up drilling

### TRIPLE Z, E OF MANH CHOH ALASKA



- 95 State mining claims, encompassing 14,810 Acres
- State land transfer from Federal government completed Jan 2024
- Soil Geochem, and Geophysics (ground IP) anomalies suggest large scale Copper-gold-silver-Molybdenum drill ready targets

### SHAMROCK, ALASKA (RICHARDSON DISTRICT)



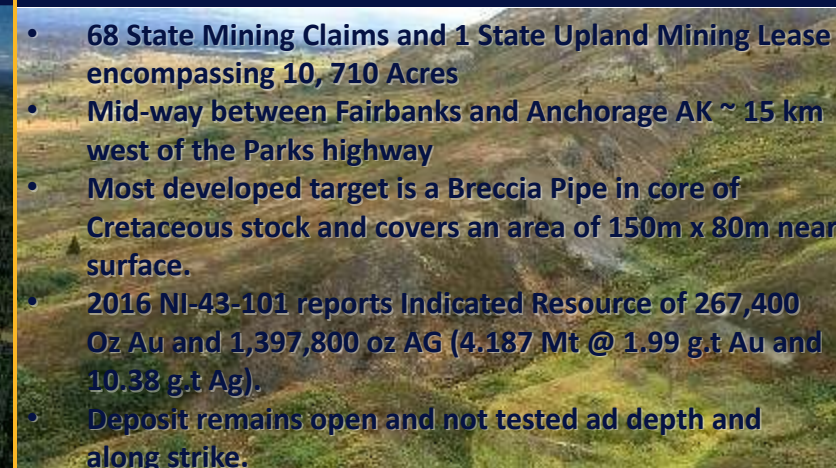
- 368 State mining claims encompassing 52,920 Acres.
- Along Alaska Highway and Trans Alaska Pipeline.
- Abundant historic gold placer mines on and adjacent to property.
- Limited historic core drilling and well-defined soil geochem anomalies suggest several types of gold deposits may be present on the property

### AMANITA, ALASKA (FAIRBANKS DISTRICT)



- One State upland Mining lease and 54 state mining claims encompassing 3,408 acres
- Historic Drilling confirm mineralized structures on strike with Kinross Fort Knox Mine approximately 5 Km NE

### GOLDEN ZONE, CENTRAL ALASKA



- 68 State Mining Claims and 1 State Upland Mining Lease encompassing 10,710 Acres
- Mid-way between Fairbanks and Anchorage AK ~ 15 km west of the Parks highway
- Most developed target is a Breccia Pipe in core of Cretaceous stock and covers an area of 150m x 80m near surface.
- 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).
- Deposit remains open and not tested ad depth and along strike.



## **Rick Van Nieuwenhuysse**

**PRESIDENT & CEO**

Mr. Van Nieuwenhuysse 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 Nieuwenhuysse 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 Nieuwenhuysse 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 Nieuwenhuysse has over forty years of experience in the minerals mining industry and brings significant industry and technical knowledge to the Company.



## **Michael 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**

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 Business Administration from Simon Fraser University.

# 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



## 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



## Joeseoph Compofelice

### DIRECTOR

- ❖ Operating partner of White Deer Energy – an energy focused private equity fund
- ❖ 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



## 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



## 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



## 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
- ❖ BSc in Accounting from Indiana University and a Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School