

2021 Second Quarter Financial Results & Project Update



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Second Quarter 2021 Webcast and Conference Call Agenda

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REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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Forward-looking statements are based on a number of material assumptions, including but not limited to the following, which could prove to be significantly incorrect: our ability to achieve production at any of our mineral exploration and development properties; estimated capital costs, operating costs, production and economic returns; estimated metal pricing, metallurgy, mineability, marketability and operating and capital costs, together with other assumptions underlying our resource and reserve estimates; our expected ability to develop adequate infrastructure and that the cost of doing so will be reasonable; assumptions that all necessary permits and governmental approvals will be obtained and the timing of such approvals; assumptions made in the interpretation of drill results, the geology, grade and continuity of our mineral deposits; our expectations regarding demand for equipment, skilled labor and services needed for exploration and development of mineral properties; and that our activities will not be adversely disrupted or impeded by development, operating or regulatory risks.

CAUTIONARY NOTE CONCERNING RESERVE & RESOURCE ESTIMATES

This presentation uses the terms “mineral resources”, “measured mineral resources”, “indicated mineral resources” and “inferred mineral resources”. United States investors are advised that, while such terms are recognized and required by Canadian securities laws, the SEC Industry Guide 7 (“Industry Guide 7”) does not recognize them. Under Industry Guide 7, mineralization may not be classified as a “reserve” unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve determination is made. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. United States investors are cautioned that they should not assume that all or any part of measured or indicated mineral resources will ever be converted into mineral reserves. Further, inferred mineral resources have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and as to whether they can be mined legally or economically. Disclosure of “contained ounces” is permitted disclosure under Canadian regulations, however, Industry Guide 7 normally only permits issuers to report “resources” as in place tonnage and grade without reference to unit measures. Accordingly, information concerning descriptions of mineralization and mineral resources contained in this presentation may not be comparable to information made public by United States companies subject to Industry Guide 7 reporting and disclosure requirements. The Company has no reserves, as that term is defined under Industry Guide 7.

On October 31, 2018, the SEC adopted a final rule (“New Final Rule”) that will replace Industry Guide 7 with new disclosure requirements that are more closely aligned with current industry and global regulatory practices and standards, including National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (“NI-43-101”). Companies must comply with the New Final Rule for the first fiscal year beginning on or after January 1, 2021, which for NOVAGOLD would be the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2021. While early voluntary compliance with the New Final Rule is permitted, NOVAGOLD has not elected to comply with the New Final Rule at this time.

NI 43-101 is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators, which established standards for all public disclosure an issuer makes of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects. Unless otherwise indicated, all resource estimates contained in this presentation have been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 and the CIM Definition Standards.

TECHNICAL REPORTS AND QUALIFIED PERSONS

The documents referenced below provide supporting technical information for the Donlin Gold project.

Project	Qualified Person(s)	Most Recent Disclosure
Donlin Gold	Kirk Hanson P.E.	“Donlin Creek Gold Project Alaska, USA, NI 43-101 Technical Report on Second Updated Feasibility Study” prepared by AMEC, effective November 18, 2011, amended January 20, 2012 (the “2011 Technical Report”), as updated in NOVAGOLD’s June 29, 2021 press release, “NOVAGOLD Reports Second Quarter 2021 Financial Results”.

Clifford Krall, P.E., who is the Mine Engineering Manager for NOVAGOLD and a “qualified person” under NI 43-101, has approved the scientific and technical information contained in this presentation.

As disclosed in NOVAGOLD’s June 29, 2021 press release, Wood Canada Limited (“Wood” formerly AMEC Americas Limited) has updated the content in the 2011 Technical Report with updated costs, economic assessment, permitting information and technical information relating to the permitting, generated on the Donlin Gold project since 2011. The Wood review exercise determined that the report updating exercise resulted in no material change to the mineral resources or mineral reserves. Accordingly, NOVAGOLD will be voluntarily filing the update to the 2011 Technical Report, entitled “Donlin Gold Project, Alaska, USA, NI 43-101 Technical Report”, with an effective date of June 1, 2021 (the “2021 Technical Report”), on SEDAR in 2021 to update the scientific and technical information on the property and to support NOVAGOLD’s disclosure on the Donlin Gold project.

NOVAGOLD: Donlin Gold is a Tier-One Asset¹ in a Tier-One Jurisdiction²

Unique asset with strong, investor-friendly attributes

SIZE: 39,000,000 gold ounces contained in measured and indicated mineral resources³

GRADE: 2.24 g/t⁴, more than double the world average grade⁵

EXPLORATION POTENTIAL: Endowment is contained within three kilometers of an eight-kilometer-long mineralized trend, which itself is located on less than 5% of Donlin Gold's land position

JURISDICTION: Alaska is a premier mining jurisdiction⁶ with respect for socially and environmentally responsible mine development

PARTNERS: Time-tested partnerships with Native Corporations and Barrick Gold, 50% JV owner

LEVERAGE: Excellent leverage to rising gold price

BALANCE SHEET: Solid cash and term deposits of \$108 million with notes receivable of \$100 million, and no short-term debt⁷

PERMITS: Key federal and state permits in place

MANAGEMENT & BOARD: Successful track record of building and operating mines

SHAREHOLDERS: Strong time-tested support from premier institutional investors



1) NOVAGOLD defines a Tier One gold development project as one with a projected production life of at least 10 years, annual projected production of at least 500,000 ounces of gold, and average projected operating costs over the production life that are in the lower half of the industry cost curve.

2) NOVAGOLD considers Tier One jurisdictions to be any in the top 10 rank by the Investment Attractiveness Index in the Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies, 2020. Alaska is ranked number 5.

3) Represents 100% of measured and indicated mineral resources, inclusive of mineral reserves, of which NOVAGOLD's share is 50%. Donlin Gold is not in production and a construction decision has not been made at this time. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3 and 29.

4) Represents average grade of measured and indicated mineral resources, inclusive of mineral reserves. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3 and 29.

5) 2020 average grade of open-pit and underground deposits with gold as primary commodity and over 1Moz in measured and indicated resources, sourced from S&P Global Market Intelligence.

6) Alaska ranks number 5 globally in the Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies 2020, Investment Attractiveness Index.

7) Including notes receivable from the sale of Galore Creek project formerly 50%-owned by NOVAGOLD. Deferred compensation on sale of Galore Creek includes \$100M; \$75M on earlier of Pre-Feasibility Study or July 27, 2021 and \$25M on earlier of Feasibility Study or July 27, 2023. Long term debt of the company consists of a promissory note payable to Barrick of approximately \$111 million comprised of \$51.6 million in principal, and \$59.7 million in accrued interest at U.S. prime plus 2% as of May 31, 2021. The promissory note and accrued interest are payable from 85% of the Company's share of revenue from future mine production or from any net proceeds resulting from a reduction of the Company's interest in Donlin Gold LLC.

Map Source: Alaska Miners Association, "The Economic Benefits of Alaska's Mining Industry" February 2021.

NOVAGOLD: Sustainability

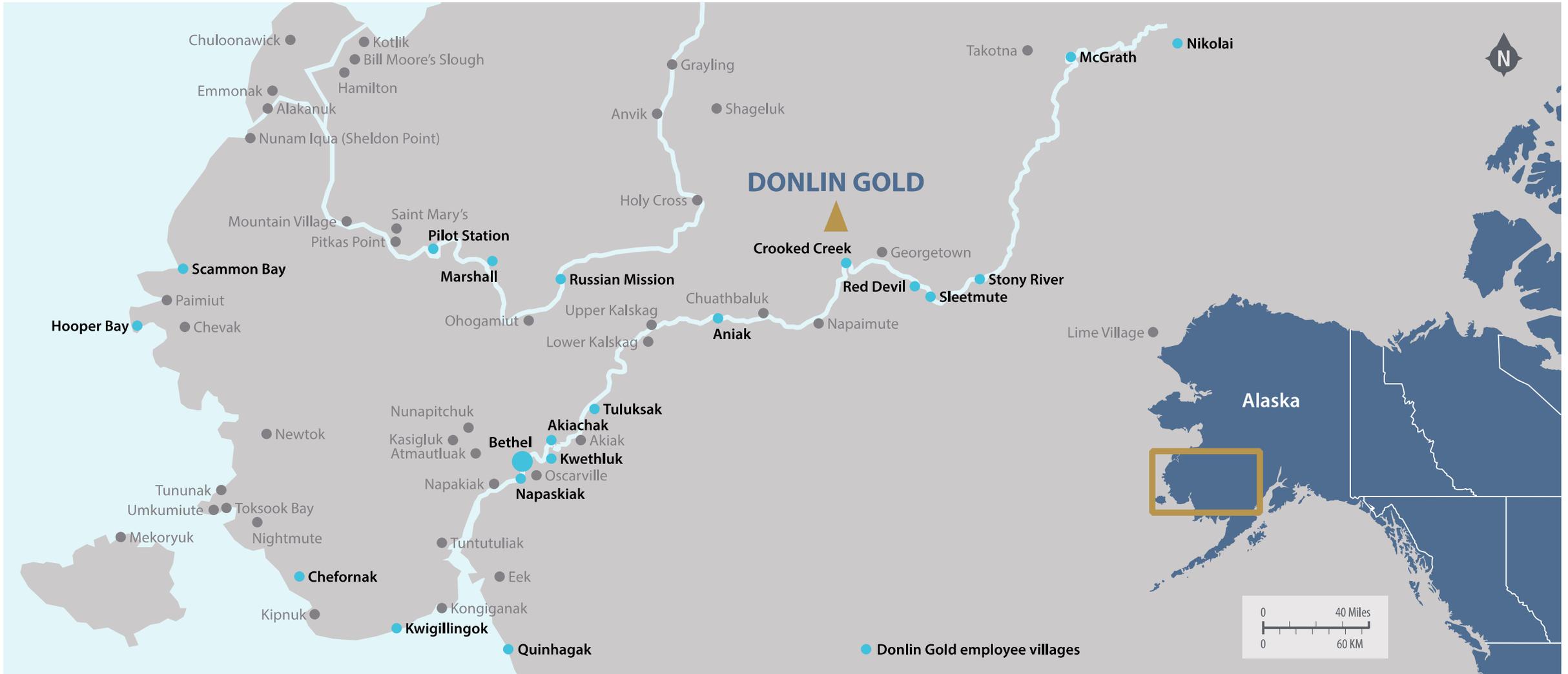
Through collaborative ESG efforts, NOVAGOLD and the Donlin Gold project are committed to responsible mining — positively impacting people and the planet.



*All information is based on the NOVAGOLD 2020 Sustainability summary.

DONLIN GOLD: Our Employees

70% of Donlin Gold direct hires for the 2021 drill program are Alaska Natives



1) Footnote

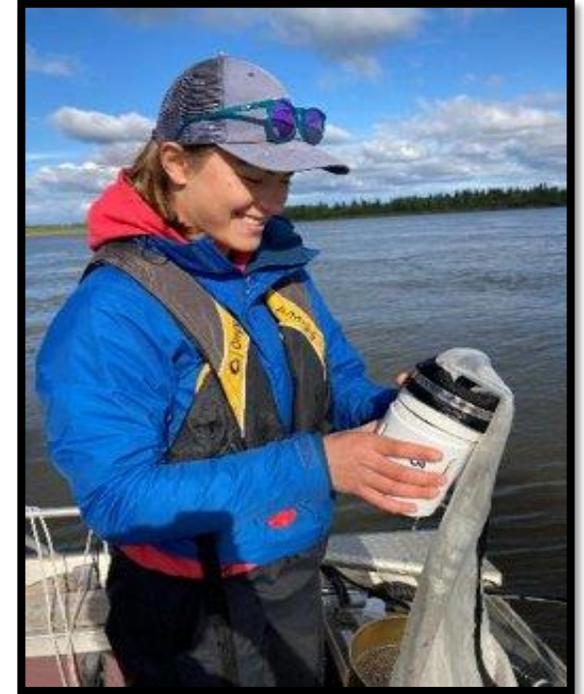
DONLIN GOLD: Our Employees



Left: Donlin Gold employee at 2021 program camp



Left: Delivering buckets to rural communities to enhance hygiene practices



Top and Left: Conducting a rainbow smelt larva study



Left: Gathering materials for face mask making kits



DONLIN GOLD: COVID-19

Continuing to keep our workforce healthy and safe

NOVAGOLD and Donlin Gold continue to follow strict health protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of its workforce, their families, and local communities for the 2021 field season. This effort is part of a Community and Workforce Protection Plan and includes the following:

- All personnel must monitor their health and consult health professionals if feeling any symptoms of illness and take an accepted COVID-19 test with a negative result before coming into the camp
- Adhering to CDC guidelines and specific procedures for Out-of-State, In-State, and In-Region individuals
- Rapid testing in days prior to arriving at camp and within 48 hours prior to departure for those returning to villages
- Weekly safety meetings designed to reinforce sound hygiene and sanitization practices
- Two negative COVID-19 tests prior to going to camp and a third negative test at camp on day 5 for unvaccinated contractors and employees; one negative test prior to going to camp for fully vaccinated contractors and employees
- Chartered flights to transport personnel to and from site
- Evaluating individuals for symptoms of illness and, if appropriate, isolate and/or evacuate the affected individual from the camp



DONLIN GOLD: Camp Improvements

Upgraded facilities and equipment at site

Donlin Gold has made significant improvements at camp

- Mobile equipment purchases: Telehandler, water truck, 5yd. Dump truck, F150 pickup, and 2 Polaris side-by-sides
- Larger kitchen facility
- New recreation area furnished
- Upgraded electrical work
- Increased sleeper capacity with 16 new units
- Remodeled Driller's Dry and increased restroom/shower capacity
- Added new 40' x 60' warehouse
- Upgraded core logging and cutting facilities and equipment



DONLIN GOLD: 2021 Drill Program



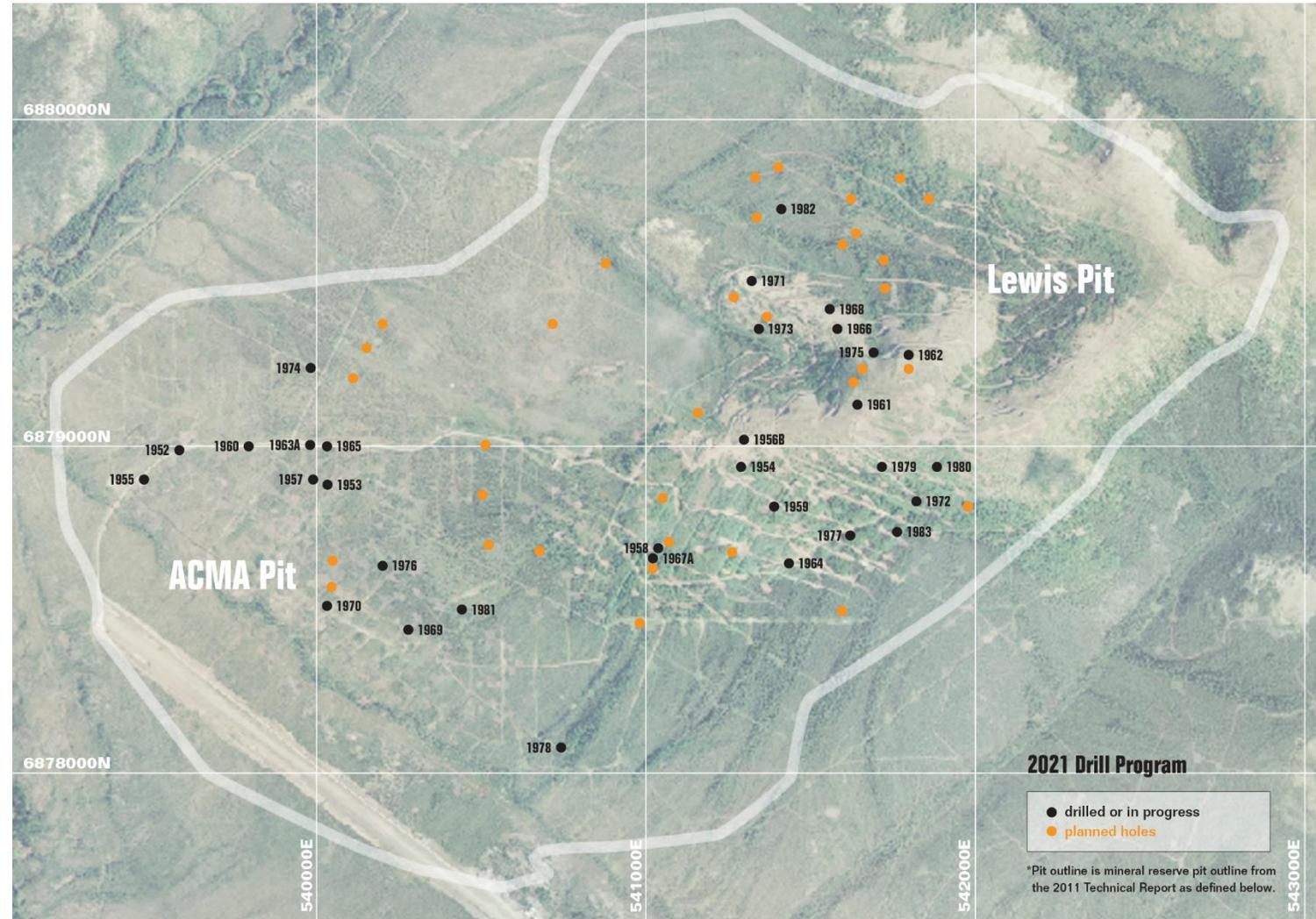
DONLIN GOLD: 2021 Drill Program Update

The Donlin Gold 2021 drill program is progressing as planned

- The Donlin Gold project camp was safely re-opened in March 2021 with four drills operating
- A total of 28 holes have been drilled to date (approx. 8,650 meters of length drilled) out of 64 planned for the 2021 program – representing over 40% of the 20,100 meters of planned drilling

The program is expected to:

- Validate mineralization continuity, and test for extensions of high-grade zones in both intrusive (igneous) and sedimentary rocks
- Provide necessary information to support a decision to move to the upcoming feasibility study, subject to a formal decision by the Donlin Gold LLC Board, and initiate the engineering work necessary to advance the project design before reaching a construction decision



DONLIN GOLD: Permitting Update

Key federal permits for the project received and state permitting is well advanced

FEDERAL PERMITTING	
✓	Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
✓	Joint Record of Decision (ROD) by the Corps and Bureau of Land Management
✓	Section 10/404 (wetlands) permit and BLM Offer to Lease for pipeline
✓	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration special permit
STATE PERMITTING	
✓	State air quality permit and Alaska State Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit
✓	Title 16 fish habitat permits
✓	Reclamation Plan approval
✓	Waste management permit
✓	State land leases, easements, and land use permits issued (non-pipeline)
STATE PERMITTING IN PROGRESS	
	Pipeline Right-of-Way lease re-issuance (<i>expected in 2021</i>)
	Water Rights permits (<i>expected in 2021</i>)
	Dam Safety certifications (<i>multi-year commitment</i>)

On May 27, 2021, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (“ADEC”) Commissioner upheld the State of Alaska’s Section 401 Certification under the Clean Water Act that had been granted to Donlin Gold in 2018 after a thorough, diligent and transparent review by State and Federal agencies of the proposed project development plan and its relationship with the surrounding environment. On June 28, 2021, Earthjustice and the Orutsararmiut Native Council appealed the decision. See the June 28, 2021, media release, “Donlin Gold Affirms its Strong Support for ADEC Commissioner’s Upholding of Section 401 Certification” for additional information.

DONLIN GOLD: NI 43-101 Technical Report

An update to the content in the 2011 Technical Report¹

In 2020, the Company retained Wood Canada Limited (“Wood”) to perform a detailed review of the costs and other assumptions used in the previously filed 2011 Technical Report to meet reporting requirements.

Based on that cost review and economic analysis, as per the updated content in the 2021 Technical Report dated June 1, 2021, Wood determined that updating the 2011 Technical Report using 2020 costs, and new gold price guidance and the geologic and resource models utilized in support of the 2011 Technical Report, the 2021 Technical Report results in no material change to the mineral resources or mineral reserves

Updated content in the 2021 Technical Report includes operating costs, capital costs, tax rates, long term gold price, the economic analysis, and summaries of exploration, drilling, and permitting work completed since 2011

The 2021 Technical Report is expected to be filed voluntarily on SEDAR in July 2021

Note that the 2021 Technical Report utilizes the existing mineral resources model and the same technical information from the previous Donlin Gold 2011 Technical Report with 2020 costs and adjusted gold price and is separate from the upcoming feasibility study that is expected to commence, subject to Donlin Gold LLC Board approval, once we have completed the 2021 drill program and geologic model update incorporating all the latest drill data, optimization work and trade off studies since 2011.

1) For more information as it pertains to the update to the content in the 2011 Technical Report, please see June 29, 2021 press release titled “NOVAGOLD Reports Second Quarter 2021 Financial Results”.

2021 Second Quarter Community Engagement

Building upon long-term relationships throughout the Y-K region

Donlin Gold Shared Values Statements

- Finalized Shared Value Statements with two additional villages from the Y-K region for a total of seven (Akiak, Sleetmute, Napaimute, Crooked Creek, Napaskiak, Nikolai, and Tuluksak) to date. These agreements include educational, environmental, and social initiatives to help support villages

Sponsorships/Partnerships

- The Lower Kuskokwim School District's annual College and Career fair was held virtually in April. More than 42 vendors and 100 students were in attendance and a variety of different career and educational options presented
- Sponsored and participated in the Mining for Miracles Pie Throw, an annual fundraising event in support of the BC Children's Hospital Cellular and Regenerative Medicine Centre
- NOVAGOLD and Donlin Gold made contributions to the Thomas Lodge in Crooked Creek after a fire to help fund repairs for this vital community asset prior to the busy summer season



Above: Virtual Lower Kuskokwim School District annual College and Career fair.



NOVAGOLD's President & CEO Greg Lang receives a pie for the Mining for Miracles fundraising event.

DONLIN GOLD: Long-Term Native Corporation Partners

Donlin Gold is being developed on private land that was selected by Calista and TKC at the direction of Y-K Elders in the 1970s

- The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act¹ (ANCSA) of 1971 resolved Alaska Native land claims, allotting 44 million acres of land for use by Native Corporations
 - **Benefits include revenue sharing under ANCSA Sections 7(i) and 7(j) dividing the revenues earned from resource extraction between regional and village Native Corporations**
 - Other benefits include shareholder employment opportunities, scholarships, and preferential contract considerations
- **Land valuable for resource potential was selected by regional Corporations under ANCSA and resource development companies were invited by the Native Corporations to explore the land**
- **Donlin Gold has Life-of-Mine agreements with Calista and TKC**
 - Calista Corporation – owns the subsurface mineral rights for the Donlin Gold project
 - The Kuskokwim Corporation – a merger of 10 village corporations, owns surface land for the Donlin Gold project



**Shared Values.
Shared Ownership.**

WE RISE TOGETHER

Calista Corporation and The Kuskokwim Corporation Shareholders can say, "We're all partners of the Donlin Gold project. Elders chose the land and we invited Donlin Gold to develop our mineral resources for the benefit of our Shareholders. Through this partnership, we can provide opportunities for our children, their children and Alaska Native people across our state."

DONLIN GOLD **THE KUSKOKWIM CORPORATION** **CALISTA CORPORATION**

1) Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.

Donlin Gold, Calista and TKC launched a Subsistence Community Advisory Committee (SCAC), which will provide input on the relationship between the Donlin Gold project and subsistence activities within the Kuskokwim River drainage.

This Advisory Committee will:

- Receive and distribute information on Donlin Gold's plans, operations and monitoring activities
- Provide information about local subsistence activities and traditional knowledge as it relates to the Donlin Gold project
- Provide a forum for stakeholders to discuss issues of concern related to Donlin Gold's plans, operations or monitoring activities and their potential impact on subsistence activities, wildlife or habitat
- Make recommendations to the Donlin Advisory Technical Review and Oversight Committee (DATROC) related to subsistence and assist DATROC in developing and periodically updating a subsistence plan for lands and waters affected by the Donlin Gold project



CALISTA CORPORATION
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NOVAGOLD: 2021 Operating Performance

(US\$ millions)	Three months ended May 31,		Six months ended May 31,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
General and administrative ⁽¹⁾	\$5.0	\$4.4	\$10.3	\$9.1
Donlin Gold	4.2	3.7	6.2	5.3
Operating loss	9.2	8.1	16.5	14.4
Other (income) expense ⁽²⁾	1.3	(1.2)	2.0	(1.1)
Income tax expense	—	0.3	—	0.5
Net loss	\$10.5	\$7.2	\$18.5	\$13.8

1) Includes share-based compensation expense of \$2.1 million and \$1.7 million in the second quarter of 2021 and 2020, respectively, and \$4.1 million and \$3.5 million in the first six months of 2021 and 2020, respectively.

2) Includes interest income, interest expense, mark-to-market adjustment of marketable securities and foreign exchange gains and losses.

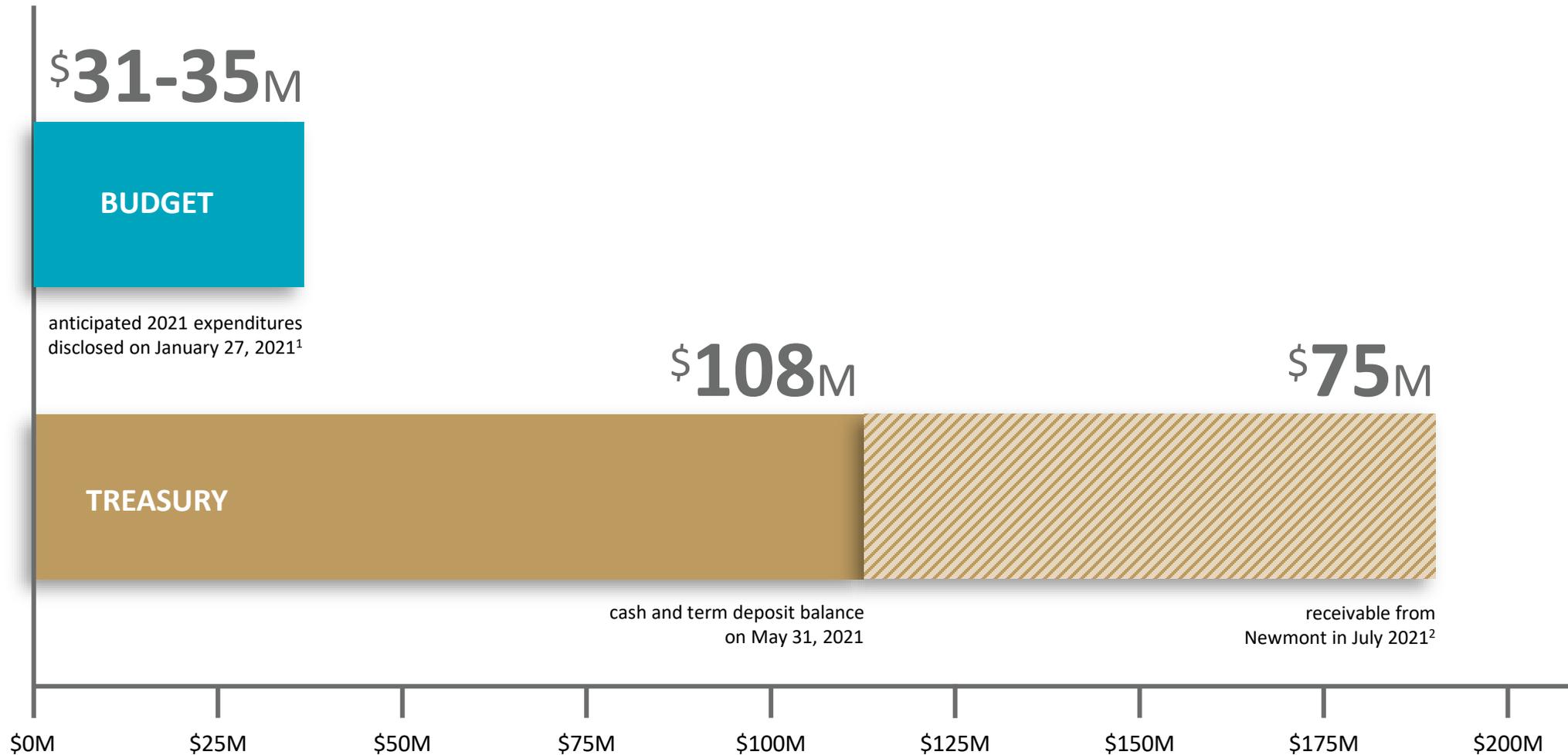
NOVAGOLD: 2021 Cash Flow

(US\$ millions)	Three months ended May 31,		Six months ended May 31,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
General and administrative ⁽¹⁾	\$(2.9)	\$(2.7)	\$(6.2)	\$(5.6)
Donlin Gold	(5.2)	(4.3)	(8.1)	(6.9)
Working capital, interest and other	1.5	0.6	0.7	—
Withholding tax on share-based compensation	—	—	(0.7)	(1.7)
Decrease in cash and term deposits	(6.6)	(6.4)	(14.3)	(14.2)
Cash and term deposits:				
Beginning	114.2	140.7	121.9	148.5
Ending	\$107.6	\$134.3	\$107.6	\$134.3

1) Excludes non-cash share-based compensation expense of \$2.1 million and \$1.7 million in the second quarter of 2020 and 2019, respectively, and \$4.1 million and \$3.5 million in the first six months of 2021 and 2020, respectively.

NOVAGOLD: Maintaining a Strong Treasury

A healthy treasury to advance Donlin Gold to the next stage of development

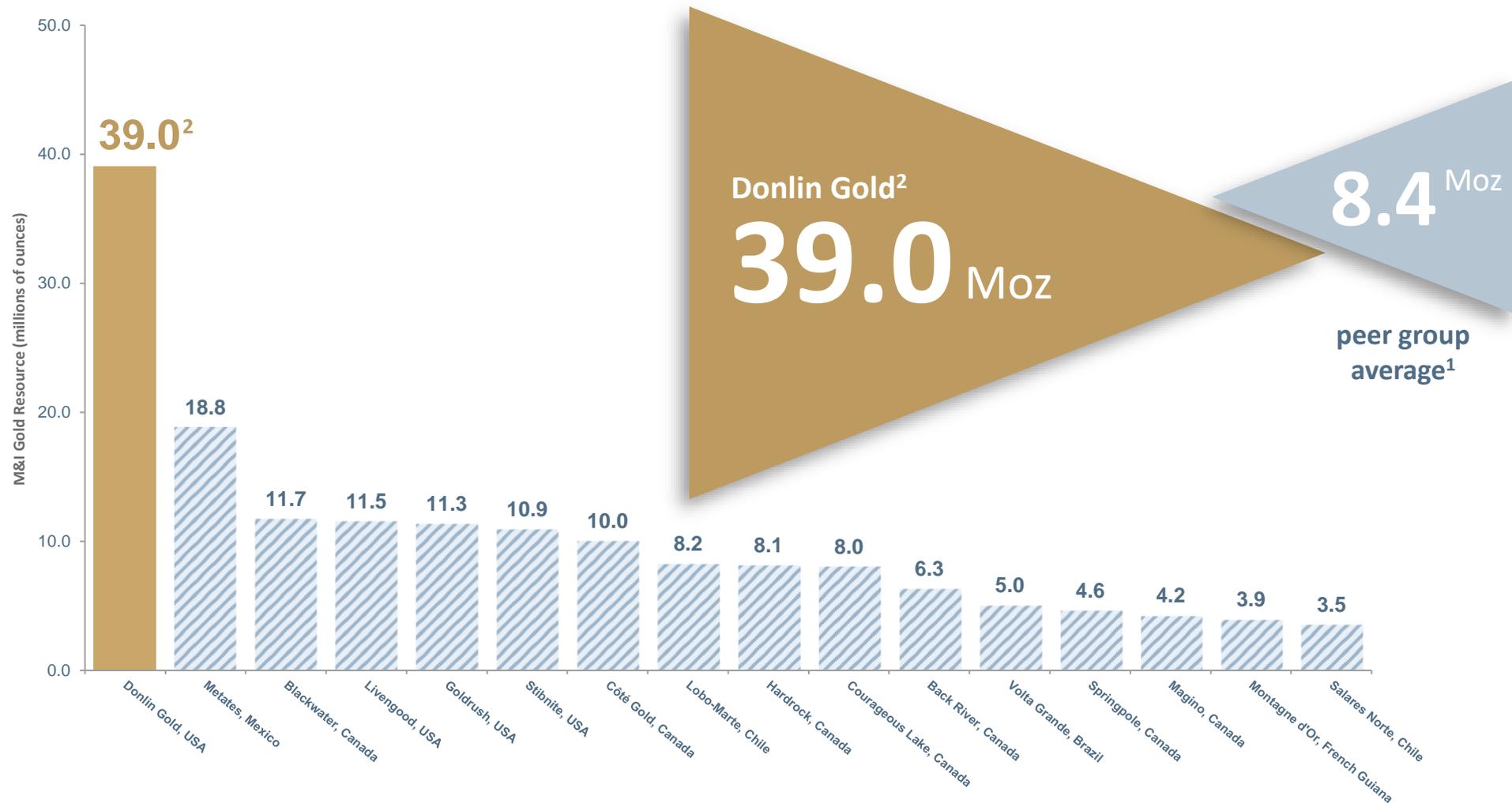


1) Budget includes \$18-22M to Donlin Gold and \$13M G&A.

2) NOVAGOLD sold its 50% ownership of the Galore Creek project to Newmont in 2018. Deferred compensation on the sale of Galore Creek includes \$100M; \$75M on earlier of Pre-Feasibility Study or July 27, 2021 and \$25M on earlier of Feasibility Study or July 27, 2023. An additional \$75M is due upon construction approval.

DONLIN GOLD: Largest Gold Development Project in its Category¹

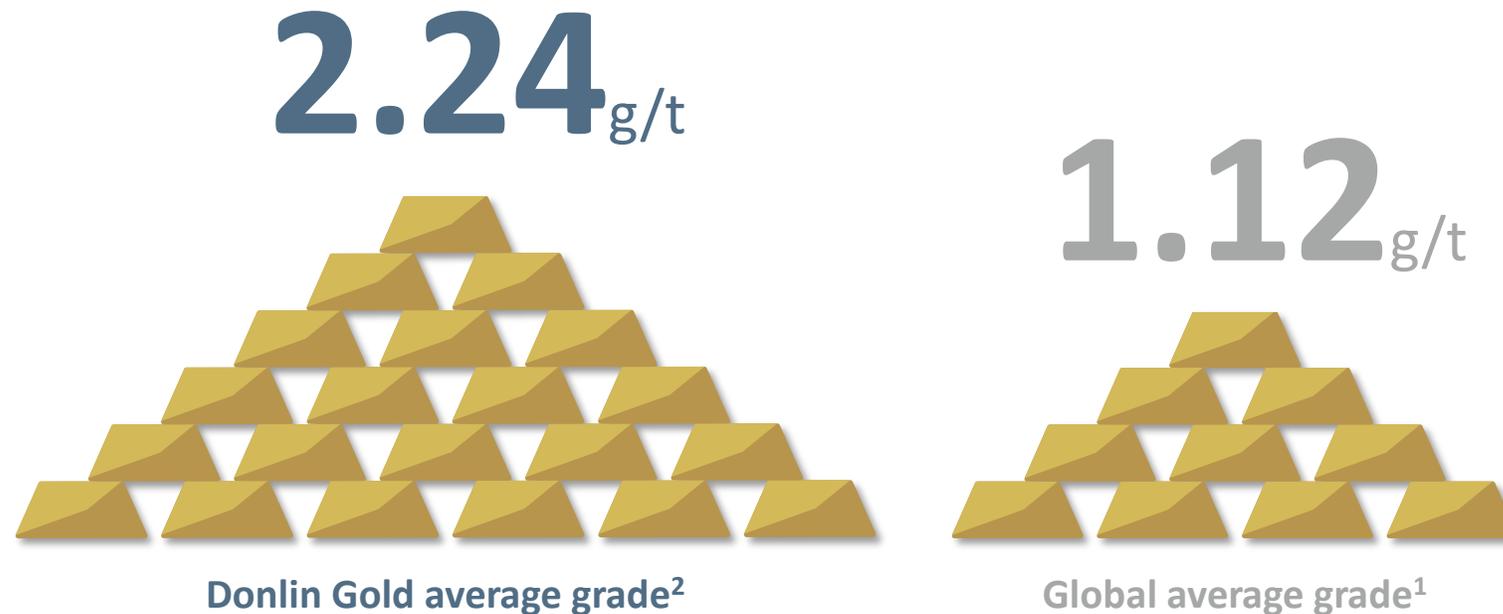
A resource more than four times the size of the peer group average



1) Peer group data based on company documents, public filings and websites as of March 29, 2021. Comparison group of 15 projects based on large (2Moz Proven and Probable cut off), North/South American gold-focused development projects with >75% projected revenues from gold.
 2) Represents 100% of measured and indicated mineral resources, inclusive of mineral reserves, of which NOVAGOLD's share is 50%. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3 and 29.

DONLIN GOLD: Double the Global Average Gold Grade¹

Among the world's highest-grade known open-pit gold deposits



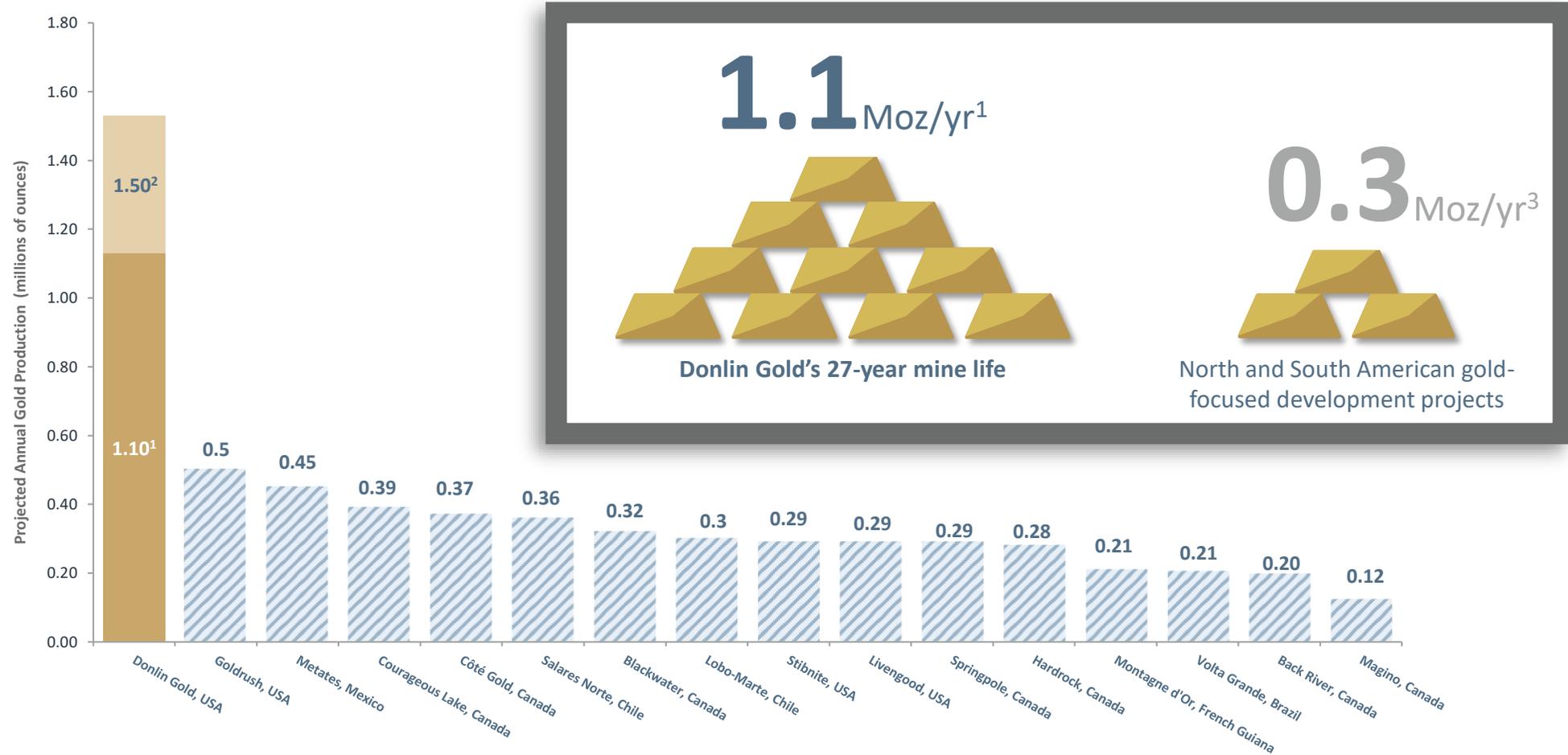
While global average gold grades are declining, Donlin Gold's grade provides resilience through commodity price cycles

1) 2020 average grade of open-pit and underground deposits with gold as primary commodity and over 1Moz in measured and indicated resources, sourced from S&P Global Market Intelligence.

2) Represents average grade of measured and indicated mineral resources, inclusive of mineral reserves. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3 and 29.

DONLIN GOLD: Positioned to be One of the World's Largest Gold Mines

Positioned to become a million-ounce gold producer¹



1) Anticipated annual gold production during full life of mine if put into production as contemplated in the 2011 Technical Report as updated in NOVAGOLD's press release dated June 29, 2021. See "Cautionary note concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3 and 29.

2) Anticipated annual gold production during first five full years of mine life if put into production as contemplated in the 2011 Technical Report as updated in NOVAGOLD's press release dated June 29, 2021. See "Cautionary note concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3 and 29.

3) Average of comparison group data of 15 projects based on large (2Moz P&P cut off), North/South American gold-focused development projects with >75% projected revenues from gold, as per latest company documents, public filings and websites as of January 2021.

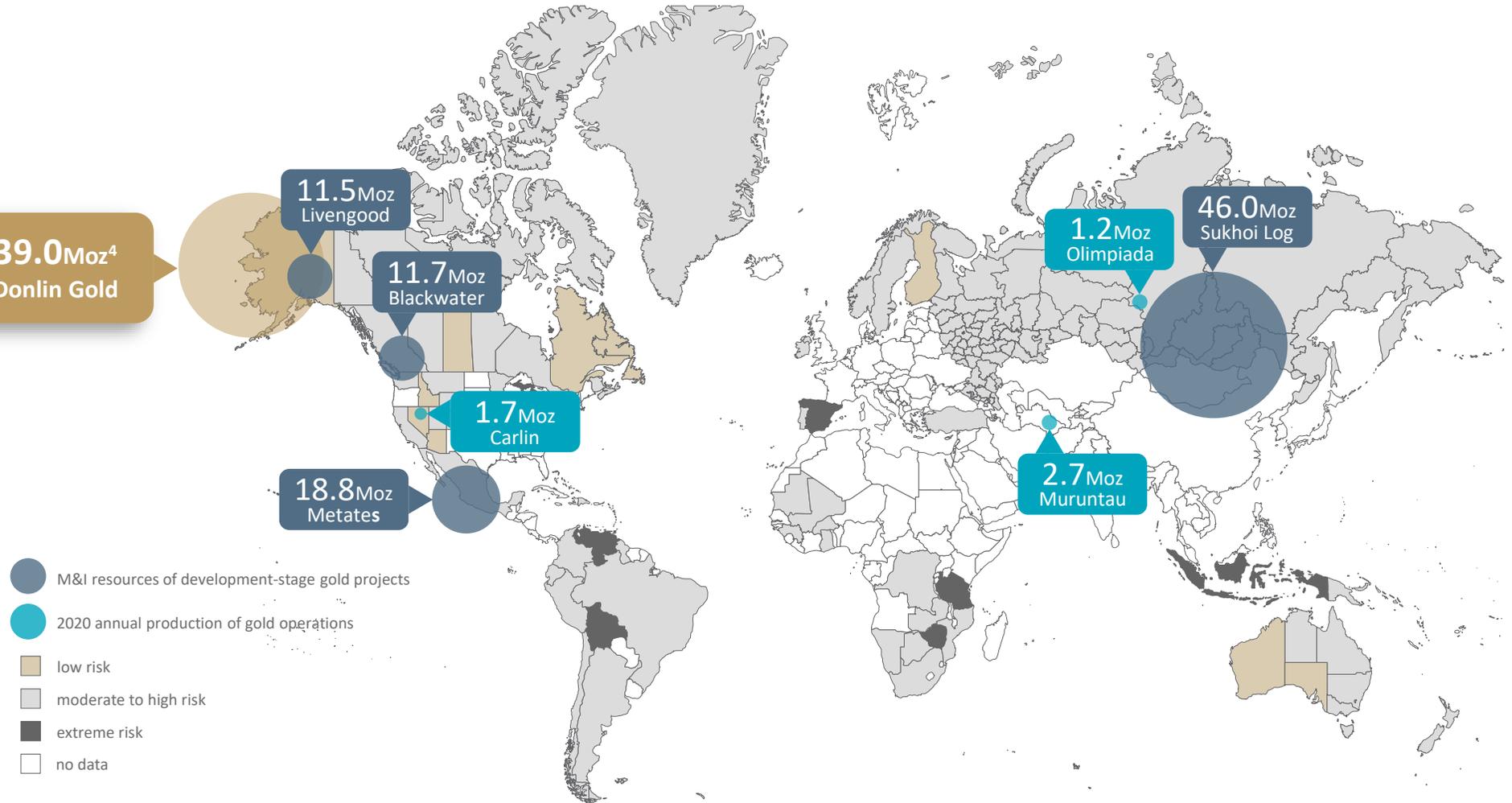
DONLIN GOLD: One of the Largest Gold Projects in a Safe Jurisdiction¹

A comparison of the top three gold producing operations² and the five largest development-stage gold projects³

ALASKA'S JURISDICTIONAL APPEAL

- Mineral potential
- Established mining industry
- Political and social stability
- Excellent local partnerships
- A full embrace of the rule of law

39.0Moz⁴
Donlin Gold



1) The jurisdictional risk map is derived from the top 10 (lower risk) and bottom 10 (extreme risk) of 77 jurisdictions reviewed in the Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies 2020.

2) Only three mines produced greater than 1 million ounces in 2020: Muruntau (2,652koz), Carlin (1,665koz), and Olimpiada (1,229koz), as per SNL Metals & Mining, an offering of S&P Global Market Intelligence.

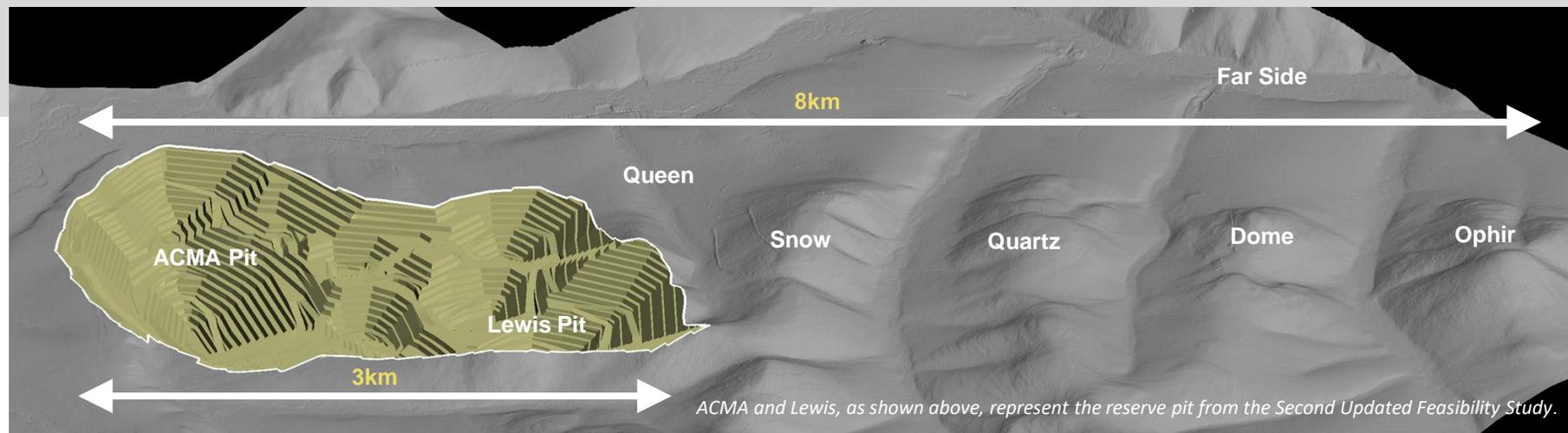
3) Gold development stage projects defined as the top 5 globally by contained gold in measured and indicated resources, >75% projected revenues from gold, and with stated proven and probable reserves, as per latest company documents, public filings and websites as of May 2021.

4) Represents 100% of M&I resources, inclusive of mineral reserves, of which 50% is NOVAGOLD's share. Donlin Gold is not in production and a construction decision has not been made. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3 and 29.

DONLIN GOLD: The Next Big Gold Discovery Could be at Donlin Gold

Substantial exploration potential along the 8 km-long mineralized trend, located on less than 5% of Donlin Gold's land position

- From 2006 to 2011, M&I resources increased 135% (16.6Moz¹ to 39.0Moz²) through a well-executed exploration program, resulting in a gold resource defined with approximately 1,400 drill holes totaling more than 339,000 meters to date
- **Reserves and resources are contained in the ACMA and Lewis pits occupying only three kilometers of an eight-kilometer mineralized belt, which itself is located on less than 5% of Donlin Gold's land position**
- Inferred mineral resource: 6Moz of gold (92M tonnes grading 2.02 g/t Au) mainly inside the reserve pit³
- Future exploration potential exists to expand current resource along strike and at depth



- 1) Represents measured and indicated mineral resources previously reported by NOVAGOLD and supported by a past technical report, "Preliminary Assessment, Donlin Creek Gold Project, Alaska, USA", effective September 20, 2006. Represents 100% of measured and indicated mineral resources reported, of which NOVAGOLD's share was 70% in September 2006. Measured resources totaled 20 million tonnes grading 2.56 grams per tonne, and indicated resources totaled 196 million tonnes grading 2.39 grams per tonne. This estimate has been superseded by the estimate contained in the 2011 Technical Report effective November 18, 2011 and amended January 20, 2012 as updated in NOVAGOLD's press release dated June 29, 2021. For current mineral reserves and resources, refer to "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3 and 29.
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DONLIN GOLD: Project Catalysts

Multi-generational sustainable economic opportunity

- Integrate the 2021 drill program results into the geologic model
- Complete the model update with additional 2021 confirmation and extension drilling, focusing on the continuity and structural controls of the higher-grade mineralization
- Subject to a formal decision by the Donlin Gold LLC Board, the focus will then shift to the upcoming feasibility study

Expected development lifecycle of one of the world's largest open-pit mining projects



1) SP Global Market Intelligence research article "Top mines average time from discovery to production: 16.9 years," April 7, 2020.

2) Donlin Gold data as per the 2011 Technical Report as updated in NOVAGOLD's press release dated June 29, 2021. For current mineral reserves and resources, refer to "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3 and 29. Projected average annual production represents 100% of which NOVAGOLD's share is 50%.

NOVAGOLD: Strong Institutional Shareholder and Management Support

The 10 largest shareholders represent 64.7% of shares issued and outstanding¹
Named Executive Officers' ownership has increased to 2,694,455 shares² since joining the company

35.3%
all other shareholders



64.7%
top 10 shareholders

- 25.7% Electrum Strategic Resources LP & affiliates
- 7.5% Fidelity Management & Research Company
- 6.7% Paulson & Co. Inc.
- 6.4% BlackRock Institutional Trust & affiliates
- 4.9% Saudi Public Investment Fund
- 3.7% Van Eck Associates Corporation
- 3.5% First Eagle Investment Management
- 2.5% EXOR Investments (UK) LLP
- 2.5% The Vanguard Group, Inc.
- 1.3% Kopernik Global Investors LLC

1) Shareholder positions are based on the latest 13-D, 13-F or 13-G filings as of March 31, 2021.

2) Per SEC Form 4 filings as of June 22, 2021 for NOVAGOLD's CEO and CFO under the NOVAGOLD Resources Inc. profile at <https://www.sec.gov/edgar/search/> and <https://www.novagold.com/investors/financials/>.

3) Market Capitalization based on 331.7 million shares issued and outstanding and NOVAGOLD share price of \$8.35 as of June 22, 2021.

NOVAGOLD: Donlin Gold is a Tier-One Asset¹ in a Tier-One Jurisdiction²

Unique asset with strong, investor-friendly attributes

SIZE: 39,000,000 gold ounces contained in measured and indicated mineral resources³

GRADE: 2.24 g/t⁴, more than double the world average grade⁵

EXPLORATION POTENTIAL: Endowment is contained within three kilometers of an eight-kilometer-long mineralized trend, which itself is located on less than 5% of Donlin Gold's land position

JURISDICTION: Alaska is a premier mining jurisdiction⁶ with respect for socially and environmentally responsible mine development

PARTNERS: Time-tested partnerships with Native Corporations and Barrick Gold, 50% JV owner

LEVERAGE: Excellent leverage to rising gold price

BALANCE SHEET: Solid cash and term deposits of \$108 million with notes receivable of \$100 million, and no short-term debt⁷

PERMITS: Key federal and state permits in place

MANAGEMENT & BOARD: Successful track record of building and operating mines

SHAREHOLDERS: Strong time-tested support from premier institutional investors



1) NOVAGOLD defines a Tier One gold development project as one with a projected production life of at least 10 years, annual projected production of at least 500,000 ounces of gold, and average projected operating costs over the production life that are in the lower half of the industry cost curve.

2) NOVAGOLD considers Tier One jurisdictions to be any in the top 10 rank by the Investment Attractiveness Index in the Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies, 2020. Alaska is ranked number 5.

3) Represents 100% of measured and indicated mineral resources, inclusive of mineral reserves, of which NOVAGOLD's share is 50%. Donlin Gold is not in production and a construction decision has not been made at this time. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3 and 29.

4) Represents average grade of measured and indicated mineral resources, inclusive of mineral reserves. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3 and 29.

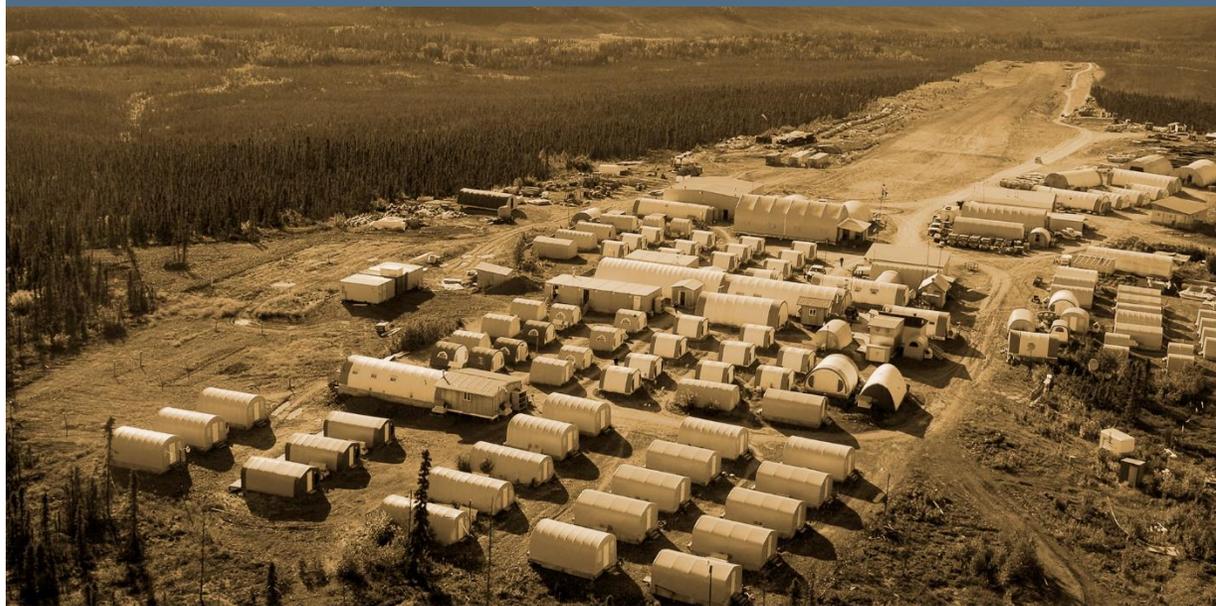
5) 2020 average grade of open-pit and underground deposits with gold as primary commodity and over 1Moz in measured and indicated resources, sourced from S&P Global Market Intelligence.

6) Alaska ranks number 5 globally in the Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies 2020, Investment Attractiveness Index.

7) Including notes receivable from the sale of Galore Creek project formerly 50%-owned by NOVAGOLD. Deferred compensation on sale of Galore Creek includes \$100M; \$75M on earlier of Pre-Feasibility Study or July 27, 2021 and \$25M on earlier of Feasibility Study or July 27, 2023. Long term debt of the company consists of a promissory note payable to Barrick of approximately \$111 million comprised of \$51.6 million in principal, and \$59.7 million in accrued interest at U.S. prime plus 2% as of May 31, 2021. The promissory note and accrued interest are payable from 85% of the Company's share of revenue from future mine production or from any net proceeds resulting from a reduction of the Company's interest in Donlin Gold LLC.

Map Source: Alaska Miners Association, "The Economic Benefits of Alaska's Mining Industry" February 2021.

APPENDIX



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NOVAGOLD: Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources

Donlin Gold (100% basis)*	Tonnage	Grade	Metal content	
GOLD	kt	g/t Au	koz Au	
Reserves¹				* Mineral reserves and resources are reported on a 100% basis. NOVAGOLD and Barrick each own 50% of the Donlin Gold project. Donlin Gold approximate cut-off grades (see Resources Footnotes): Reserves¹ : 0.57 g/t gold Resources² : 0.46 g/t gold t = metric tonne g/t = grams/tonne oz = ounce k = thousand M = million
Proven	7,683	2.32	573	
Probable	497,128	2.08	33,276	
P&P	504,811	2.09	33,849	
Resources², inclusive of Reserves				
Measured	7,731	2.52	626	
Indicated	533,607	2.24	38,380	
M&I	541,337	2.24	39,007	
Inferred	92,216	2.02	5,993	

a) This resource estimate has been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 and the CIM Definition Standard, unless otherwise noted.

b) See numbered footnotes below on resource information.

c) Rounding as required by reporting guidelines may result in apparent summation differences between tonnes, grade and contained metal content

d) Tonnage and grade measurements are in metric units. Contained gold is reported as troy ounces.

1) Mineral Reserves are contained within Measured and Indicated pit designs, and supported by a mine plan, featuring variable throughput rates, stockpiling and cut-off optimization. The pit designs and mine plan were optimized on diluted grades using the following economic and technical parameters: Metal price for gold of US\$975/oz; reference mining cost of US\$1.67/t incremented US\$0.0031/t/m with depth from the 220 m elevation (equates to an average mining cost of US\$2.14/t), variable processing cost based on the formula $2.1874 \times (\%) + 10.65$ for each US\$/t processed; general and administrative cost of US\$2.27/t processed; stockpile rehandle costs of US\$0.19/t processed assuming that 45% of mill feed is rehandled; variable recoveries by rock type, ranging from 86.66% in shale to 94.17% in intrusive rocks in the Akivik domain; refining and freight charges of US\$1.78/oz gold; royalty considerations of 4.5%; and variable pit slope angles, ranging from 23° to 43°. Mineral Reserves are reported using an optimized net sales return value based on the following equation: $\text{Net Sales Return} = \text{Au grade} * \text{Recovery} * (\text{US}\$975/\text{oz} - (1.78 + (\text{US}\$975/\text{oz} - 1.78) * 0.045)) - (10.65 + 2.1874 * (\%) + 2.27 + 0.19)$ and reported in US\$/tonne. Assuming an average recovery of 89.54% and an average 5% grade of 1.07%, the marginal gold cut-off grade would be approximately 0.57 g/t, or the gold grade that would equate to a 0.001 NSR cut-off at these same values. The life of mine strip ratio is 5.48. The assumed life-of-mine throughput rate is 53.5 kt/d.

2) Mineral Resources are contained within a conceptual Measured, Indicated and Inferred optimized pit shell using the following assumptions: gold price of US\$1,200/oz; variable process cost based on $2.1874 * (\text{sulphur grade}) + 10.6485$; administration cost of US\$2.29/t; refining, freight & marketing (selling costs) of US\$1.85/oz recovered; stockpile rehandle costs of US\$0.20/t processed assuming that 45% of mill feed is rehandled; variable royalty rate, based on royalty of $4.5% * (\text{Au price} - \text{selling cost})$. Mineral Resources have been estimated using a constant Net Sales Return cut-off of US\$0.001/t milled. The Net Sales Return was calculated using the formula: $\text{Net Sales Return} = \text{Au grade} * \text{Recovery} * (\text{US}\$1,200/\text{oz} - (1.85 + ((\text{US}\$1,200/\text{oz} - 1.85) * 0.045)) - (10.65 + 2.1874 * (\%) + 2.29 + 0.20))$ and reported in US\$/tonne. Mineral Resources are inclusive of Mineral Reserves. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Inferred Resources are in addition to Measured and Indicated Resources. Inferred Resources have great uncertainty as to their existence and whether they can be mined legally or economically. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" on slide 3.

Technical Reports and Qualified Persons

The documents referenced below provide supporting technical information for the Donlin Gold project.

Project	Qualified Person(s)	Most Recent Disclosure
Donlin Gold	Kirk Hanson P.E.	"Donlin Creek Gold Project Alaska, USA, NI 43-101 Technical Report on Second Updated Feasibility Study" prepared by AMEC, effective November 18, 2011, amended January 20, 2012 (the "2011 Technical Report") as updated in NOVAGOLD's June 29, 2021 press release, "NOVAGOLD Reports Second Quarter 2021 Financial Results".

As disclosed in NOVAGOLD's June 29, 2021 press release, Wood Canada Limited ("Wood" formerly AMEC Americas Limited) has updated the content in the 2011 Technical Report with updated costs, economic assessment, permitting information and technical information relating to the permitting, generated on the Donlin Gold project since 2011. The Wood review exercise determined that the report updating exercise resulted in no material change to the mineral resources or mineral reserves. Accordingly, NOVAGOLD will be voluntarily filing the update to the 2011 Technical Report, entitled "Donlin Gold Project, Alaska, USA, NI 43-101 Technical Report", with an effective date of June 1, 2021, on SEDAR in 2021 to update the scientific and technical information on the property and to support NOVAGOLD's disclosure on the Donlin Gold project.

Clifford Krall, P.E., who is the Mine Engineering Manager for NOVAGOLD and a "qualified person" under NI 43-101, has approved the scientific and technical information contained in this presentation.

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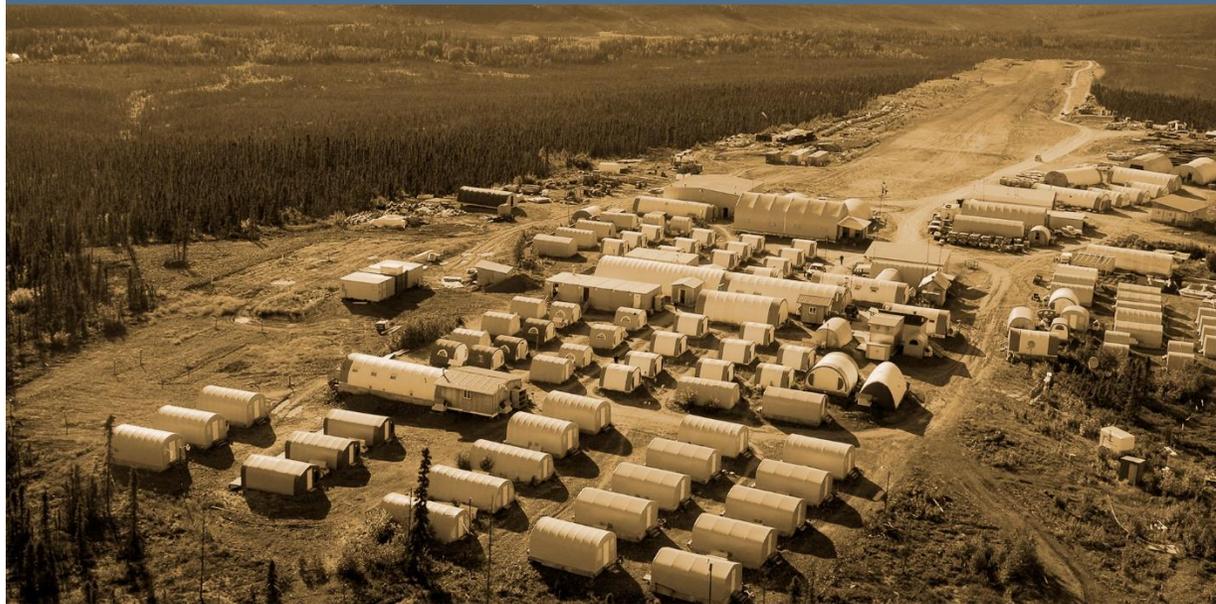
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