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# 2022 Third Quarter Financial Results & Project Update

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# Third Quarter 2022 webcast & conference call agenda

## **Introduction**

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Vice President, Corporate Communications

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Greg Lang  
President & Chief Executive Officer

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David Ottewell  
Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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# Cautionary statements

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## CAUTIONARY NOTE CONCERNING RESERVE & RESOURCE ESTIMATES

This presentation uses the terms "mineral resources", "measured mineral resources", "indicated mineral resources" and "inferred mineral resources". Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. You 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. On October 31, 2018, the SEC adopted new mining disclosure rules ("S-K 1300") 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"). NOVAGOLD has elected to comply with S-K 1300 beginning with its fiscal year ended November 30, 2021.

While S-K 1300 is more closely aligned with NI 43-101 than the prior SEC mining disclosure rules, there are some differences. Notably, unlike NI 43-101, S-K 1300 requires that resources be disclosed exclusive of mineral reserves, and that mineral resources and reserves be disclosed on the basis of our interest in them. 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, as well as S-K 1300.

Project	Qualified Person(s)	Most Recent Disclosure
Donlin Gold	Kirk Hanson, MBA, P.E. Michael Woloschuk, P.Eng. Henry Kim, P.Geo. Wood Canada Limited	"NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Donlin Gold Project, Alaska, USA" ("2021 Technical Report") prepared by Wood Canada Limited ("Wood"), effective June 1, 2021. "S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary on the Donlin Gold project, Alaska USA" ("S-K 1300 Technical Report") prepared by Wood, dated November 30, 2021.

Paul Chilson, P.E., who is the Manager, Mine Engineering for NOVAGOLD and a "qualified person" under NI 43-101 and S-K 1300, has approved the scientific and technical information contained in this presentation.

# Excellent initial 2022 drill program results

More high-grade gold intercepts demonstrating good grade continuity



## Top five intervals based on drilled grade-thickness<sup>1</sup>

Hole ID	Date Reported	From	To	Drilled Thickness (m)	Grade (g/t Au)
DC22-2040	7/28/2022	232.95	285.22	52.27	14.63
DC22-2040	7/28/2022	197.60	216.25	18.65	10.78
DC22-2056	7/28/2022	99.82	173.80	73.98	4.21
DC22-2063	7/28/2022	130.04	142.14	12.10	22.15
DC22-2067	7/28/2022	464.06	508.64	44.58	4.50

- Donlin Gold joint release issued on July 28 yielding encouraging assays with more high-grade gold intercepts demonstrating good grade continuity
- Drilling results to be included in the geologic modelling and interpretation work for the updated resource model while we engage in engineering studies, as well as pursue our comprehensive environmental and community relations activities

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# 2022: largest program in more than a decade

## 2022 drill program

\$38M

- Grid drilling (mineralization continuity and geologic structural controls in three areas of the deposit)
- In-pit and below pit exploration
- Waste Rock Facility condemnation drilling
- Platform mapping to confirm mineralization continuity and key geological controls in representative areas of the deposit
- Increased drilling from 34,000m to 42,000m

## External affairs, permitting, environmental, land and legal activities

\$18M

## Project planning and fieldwork

\$8M

- Geologic modelling and interpretation work for an updated resource model and engineering activities for use in an updated project feasibility study
- Dam and water structures permitting
- Metallurgical testing
- Hydrogeology and geochemistry
- Infrastructure planning

**TOTAL SPENDING: \$64M**  
NOVAGOLD: \$32M | Barrick: \$32M



### 2022 Drilling

- Exploration Drillhole
- Grid Pattern
- Condemnation Drillhole

# Decades of government and stakeholder engagement

Working together since 2001 to take the Donlin Gold project up the value chain

- The Donlin Gold project lands are owned by the Alaska Native Corporations (Calista Corporation and The Kuskokwim Corporation - TKC) and were selected specifically for mineral development to help support Alaska Native residents of the Yukon-Kuskokwim (Y-K) region
- Donlin Gold continues to work with Calista and TKC in all aspects of outreach and feedback in the Y-K region, including strengthening support and creating a subsistence committee comprised of independent regional stakeholders with varying views on development initiatives
- Calista and Donlin Gold continue their proactive bipartisan outreach in Alaska and Washington DC to highlight the thoroughness of the project's environmental review and permitting processes as well as the benefits the project would deliver to Native Alaskans
- Alaska's U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan have been long standing supporters of the Donlin Gold project



Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski and NOVAGOLD's President & CEO, Greg Lang in Anchorage, September 2021

# Permitting update

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

## Federal permitting completed

- ✓ Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- ✓ Joint Record of Decision (ROD) by the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Land Management
- ✓ Section 10/404 (wetlands) and BLM Offer to Lease for pipeline
- ✓ Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

## State permitting pending

- Dam safety (multi-year commitment)

## State permitting completed

- ✓ Air quality
- ✓ Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
- ✓ Clean Water Act section 401 Certification\*
- ✓ Reclamation Plan
- ✓ Title 16 fish habitat
- ✓ Waste management
- ✓ Pipeline Right-of-Way\*
- ✓ Land leases, easements, and land use (non-pipeline)
- ✓ Water Rights\*

\*Under appeal

# Permitting update

## Current progress

- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Division of Water upheld the 401 Certification of the Clean Water Act (CWA) The decision is under further legal review by the ADEC Commissioner
- In 2021, the State of Alaska's issuance of water rights was appealed to the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) and on April 25, 2022, the ADNR Commissioner denied the appeal
  - Earthjustice, ONC and the five villages appealed the Commissioner's decision in Alaska Superior Court on May 25, 2022. The parties are preparing their initial briefs. A decision is expected in 2023
- ADNR's issuance of the State Right-of-Way lease for the natural gas pipeline was appealed in 2021 by two parties in Alaska Superior Court; briefings are underway with decisions anticipated in 2023
- Applied for new air quality permit from ADEC, expected to be in place when current permit expires in mid-2023; permit renewal required to update that emissions controls reflect best technology and compliance with air quality standards (has been confirmed by ADEC)
- Preparing updated Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) application for regularly scheduled renewal by ADEC – decision anticipated by mid-2023
- In June 2022, ADNR issued public notice for ROW re-locations at the mine site/along access road. Expected to be finalized by the end of the year

*“Federal permitting in Alaska was a tremendous achievement and a substantial undertaking over many years to ensure a diligent, thorough, transparent, and inclusive process for all involved, including stakeholders from the Y-K region”*

Greg Lang, NOVAGOLD President & CEO





# 2022 sustainability

# Health & Safety

Committed to providing an environment in which all our people make it home safe everyday



- Donlin Gold worked with our dedicated community partners in Alaska and in the Yukon-Kuskokwim (Y-K) region to execute the largest drill program at Donlin since 2007, while protecting the health and safety of Donlin Gold's employees and contractors
- Most of the site crew for the program have been local hires from 24 different communities in the Y-K region
- Donlin Gold has not had a lost-time incident in more than a decade with millions of hours worked safely

“Donlin Gold's top priorities continue to be the health and safety of our people following the best practices in environmental stewardship for the benefit of the people of Alaska. We could not be more pleased with the work of our 2022 Donlin Gold site crew. While exceeding productivity rates and running ahead of schedule, the overall morale of employees has been high and our safety record has remained strong. Moreover, we are most gratified to report that, during the program, the majority of our 150 employees and contractors were local hires from 24 Y-K communities in Alaska.”

*Dan Graham, General Manager of Donlin Gold*

# Third quarter community engagement

Continued collaboration with Calista and TKC in all aspects of outreach

- Signing two additional Shared Value Statements with Pilot Station and Toksook Bay in the Y-K region for a total of 11 to date
- Sponsoring youth education and health-focused activities through “Alaska EXCEL”, a non-profit organization providing life-changing educational and professional opportunities for rural Alaska students and young adults, as well as the Alaska School Activities Association
- Encouraging community well-being and cultural awareness across Alaska through the Bethel Community Services Foundation partnership and sponsorship of the Alaska Native Heritage Center



# Community

Mutually beneficial community investments to achieve broader goals

**2022 Donlin Gold “In It for the Long Haul” backhaul project**

- Contributing and participating in the fifth annual “In It for the Long Haul” Backhaul Project – to collect, remove, and safely dispose of household hazardous and electronic waste from 30 remote villages throughout the Y-K region
- Over the past five years, nearly 400,000 lbs of waste was removed that would otherwise end up in landfills and waterways

**NOVAGOLD’s efforts are focused on education, community wellness, cultural preservation, and environmental stewardship**

**Donlin Gold supports these efforts through fisheries and other environmental studies, subsistence and cultural preservation activities, and grants to communities and local organizations**



A blue-tinted photograph of two men in a laboratory or industrial setting. Both are wearing white hard hats and high-visibility safety vests. The man on the left is wearing a hard hat with the '3M' logo and is looking down at a sample in a container. The man on the right is wearing glasses and is also looking at the sample. The background shows various pieces of equipment and cables.

# 2022 third quarter financial results

David Ottewell  
Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

# 2022 third quarter operating performance

(US\$ millions)	Three months ended August 31,		Nine months ended August 31,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
General and administrative	\$4.9	\$4.9	\$15.4	\$15.2
Donlin Gold	9.4	6.7	21.9	12.9
<b>Operating loss</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>28.1</b>
Other expense, net <sup>1</sup>	1.8	0.2	3.8	2.2
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>\$16.1</b>	<b>\$11.8</b>	<b>\$41.1</b>	<b>\$30.3</b>

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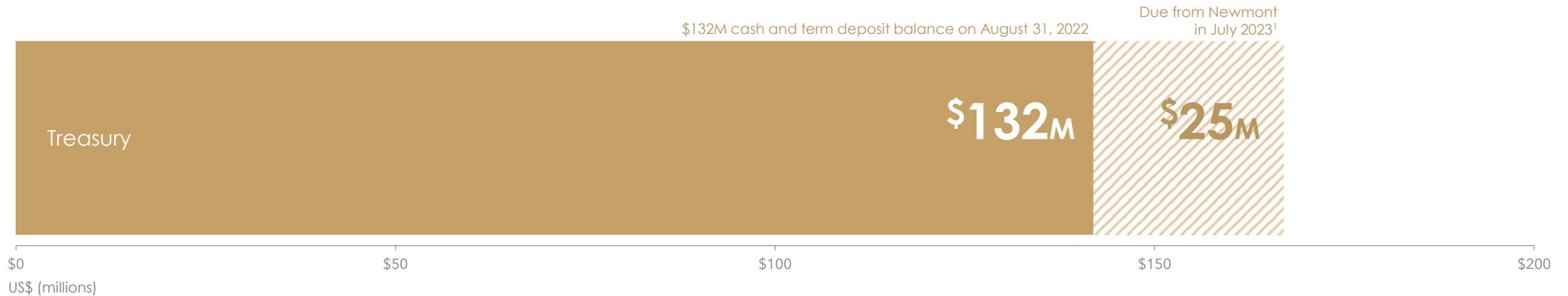
# 2022 third quarter cash flow

(US\$ millions)	Three months ended August 31,		Nine months ended August 31,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
General and administrative <sup>1</sup>	\$(2.8)	\$(2.8)	\$(9.1)	\$(9.0)
Donlin Gold	(8.4)	(6.9)	(24.9)	(15.0)
Working capital, interest and other	0.8	0.4	(1.1)	1.1
Withholding tax on share-based compensation	—	—	(2.1)	(0.7)
<b>Decrease in cash and term deposits</b>	<b>(10.4)</b>	<b>(9.3)</b>	<b>(37.2)</b>	<b>(23.6)</b>
Newmont note proceeds	—	75.0	—	75.0
Cash and term deposits:				
Beginning	142.3	107.6	169.1	121.9
<b>Ending</b>	<b>\$131.9</b>	<b>\$173.3</b>	<b>\$131.9</b>	<b>\$173.3</b>

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# Maintaining a strong treasury

Largest planned spending for Donlin Gold in over a decade



2022 Budget:	
Donlin Gold project expenditures	\$32M
Corporate G&A	\$13M
Withholding taxes on PSUs and other working capital	\$3M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48M</b>

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## DONLIN GOLD

# Donlin Gold: a tier-one asset<sup>1</sup> in a tier-one jurisdiction<sup>2</sup>

Generational asset with strong, investor-friendly attributes

## SIZE

**39 million gold ounces** contained in measured and indicated mineral resources<sup>3</sup>

## PREMIER JURISDICTION

Alaska is a **top mining jurisdiction**<sup>6</sup> which respects socially and environmentally responsible mine development

## GRADE

**2.24 g/t<sup>4</sup> Au** more than double the world average grade<sup>5</sup>

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**Successful track record** of building long-term relationships with Native Corporations and Barrick

## EXPLORATION POTENTIAL

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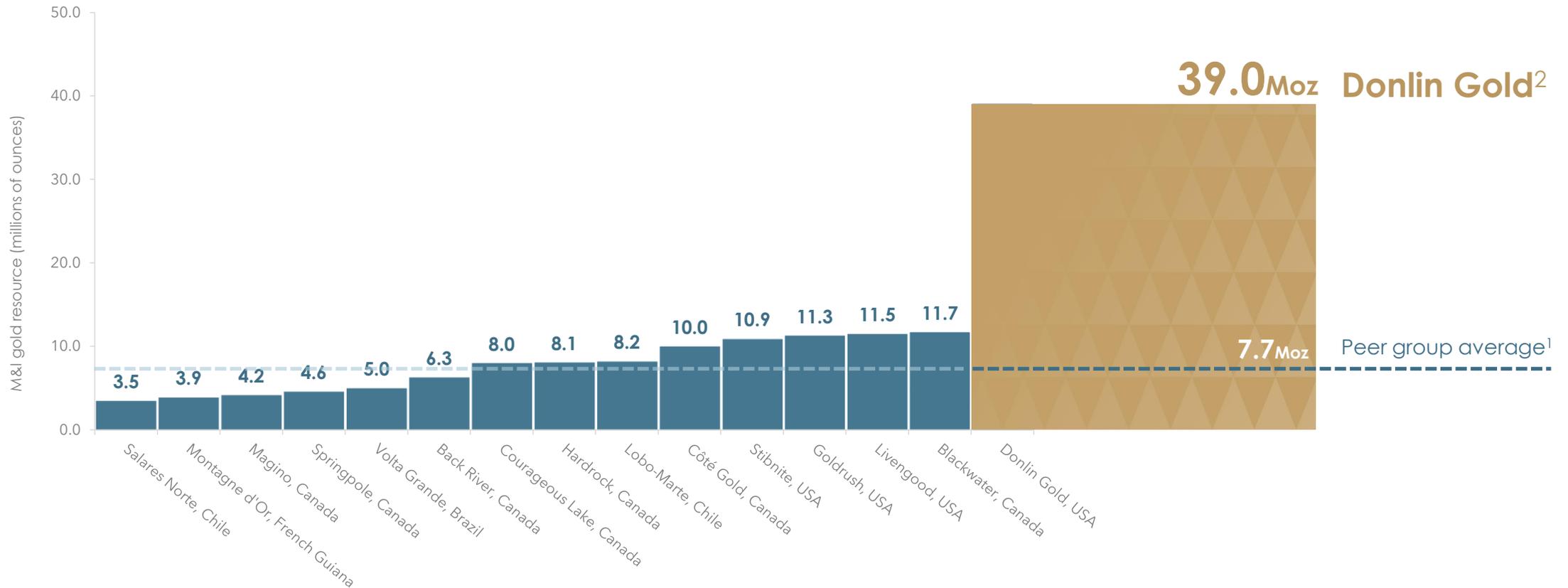


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# Largest gold development project in its category<sup>1</sup>

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



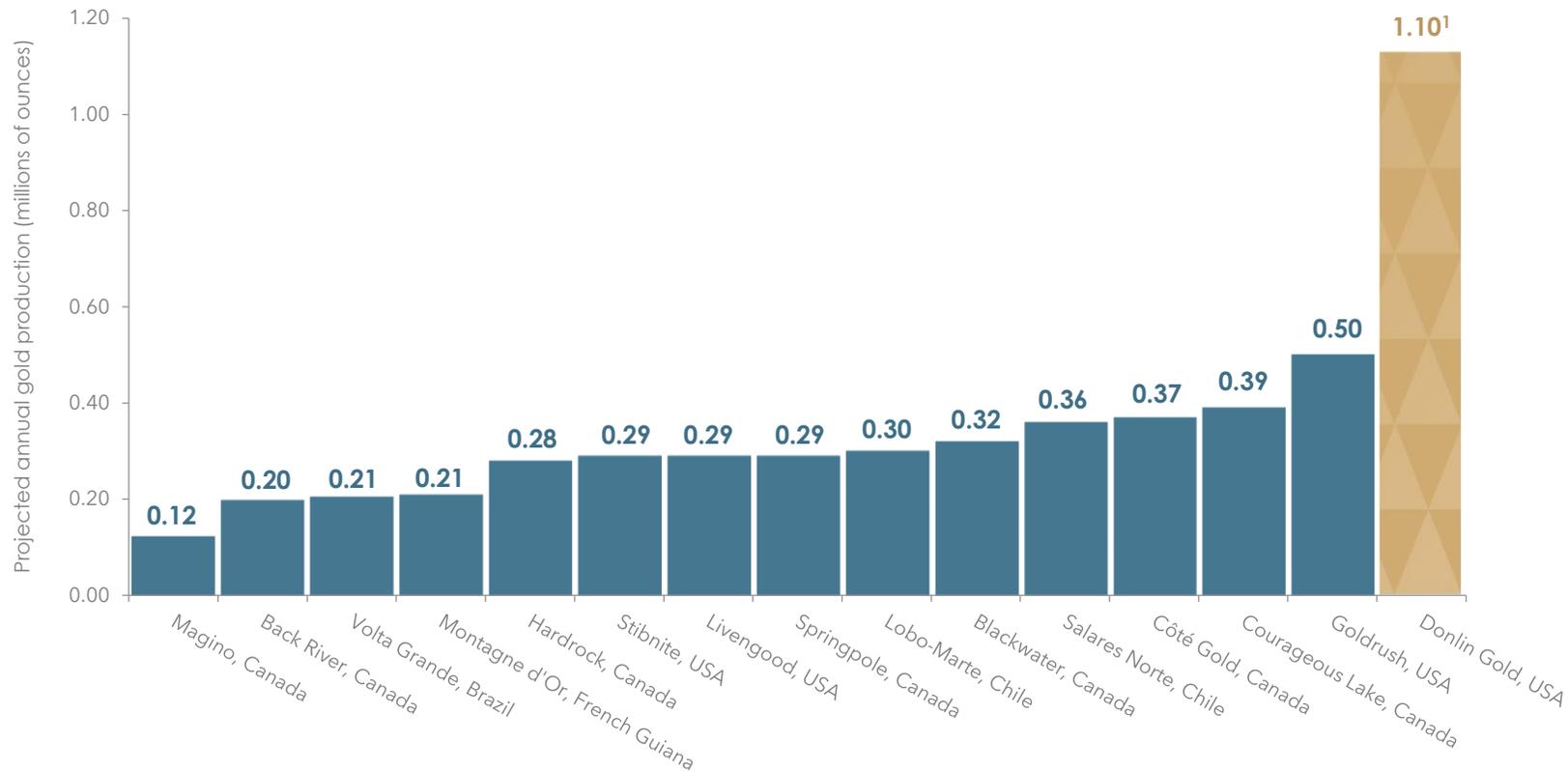
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**DONLIN GOLD**

# Positioned to become a million-ounce gold producer<sup>1</sup>

Anticipated to be one of the highest gold producers in the industry

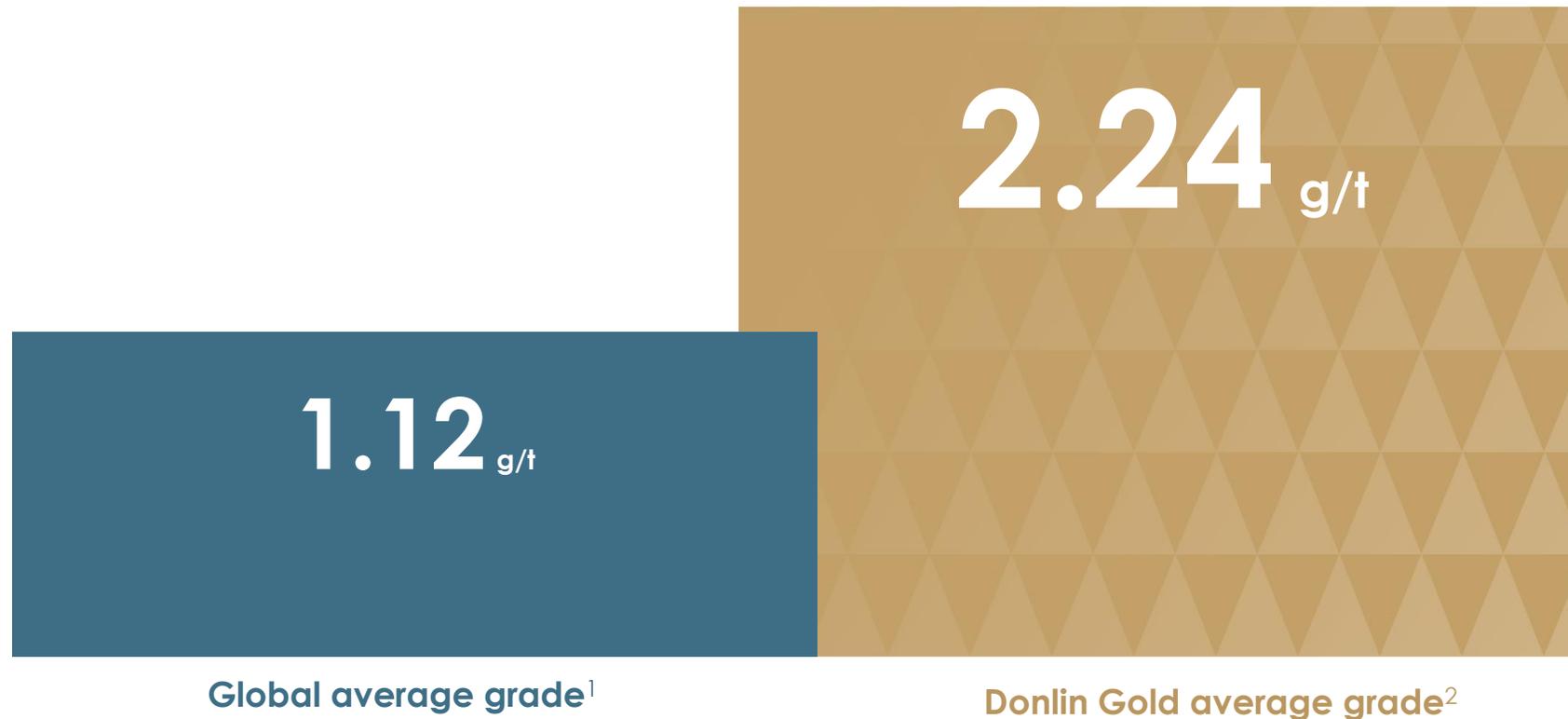


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# Double the global average gold grade<sup>1</sup>

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



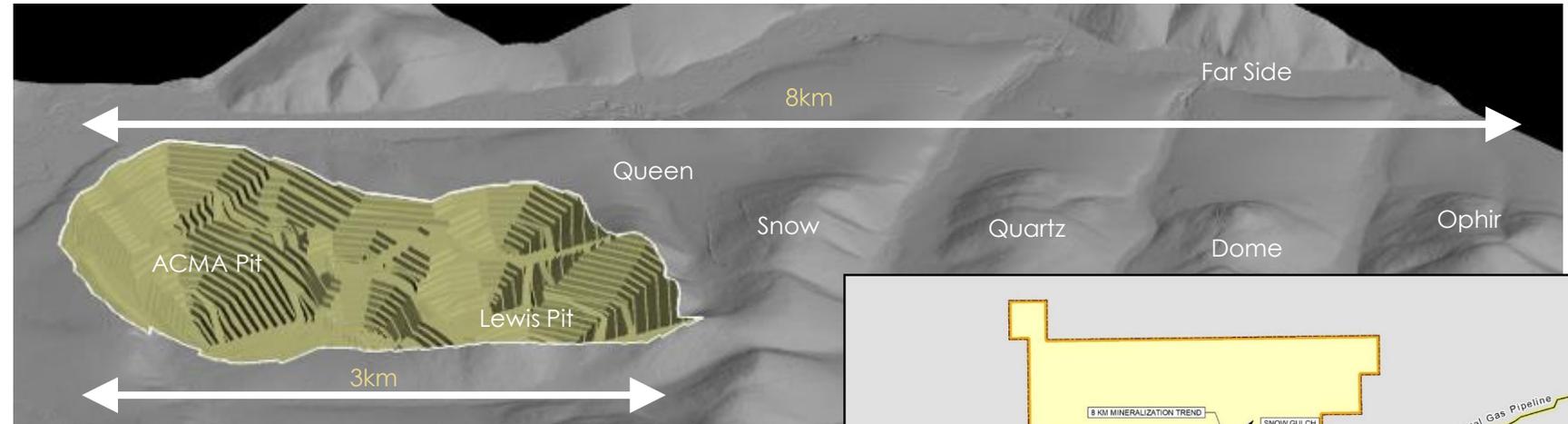
While global average gold grades are declining, **Donlin Gold's grade provides resilience** through commodity price cycles

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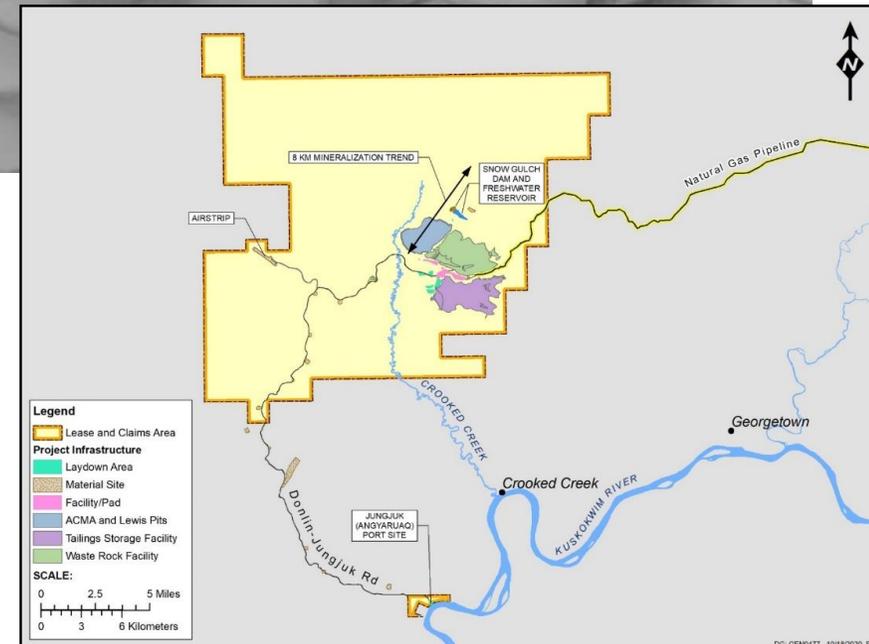
# The next big gold discovery could be at Donlin Gold

Significant potential to expand current resource along strike

- From 2006 to 2011, M&I resources increased 135% (16.6Moz<sup>1</sup> to 39.0Moz<sup>2</sup> on 100% basis)
- Gold resource defined with approximately 1,400 drillholes totaling more than 339,000 meters
- Inferred mineral resource: 6Moz of gold (92M tonnes grading 2.02 g/t Au) mainly inside the reserve pit<sup>3</sup>



**Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources are contained in the ACMA and Lewis pits occupying only 3km of an 8km mineralized belt, which itself is located on less than 5% of Donlin Gold's total mineral land package**



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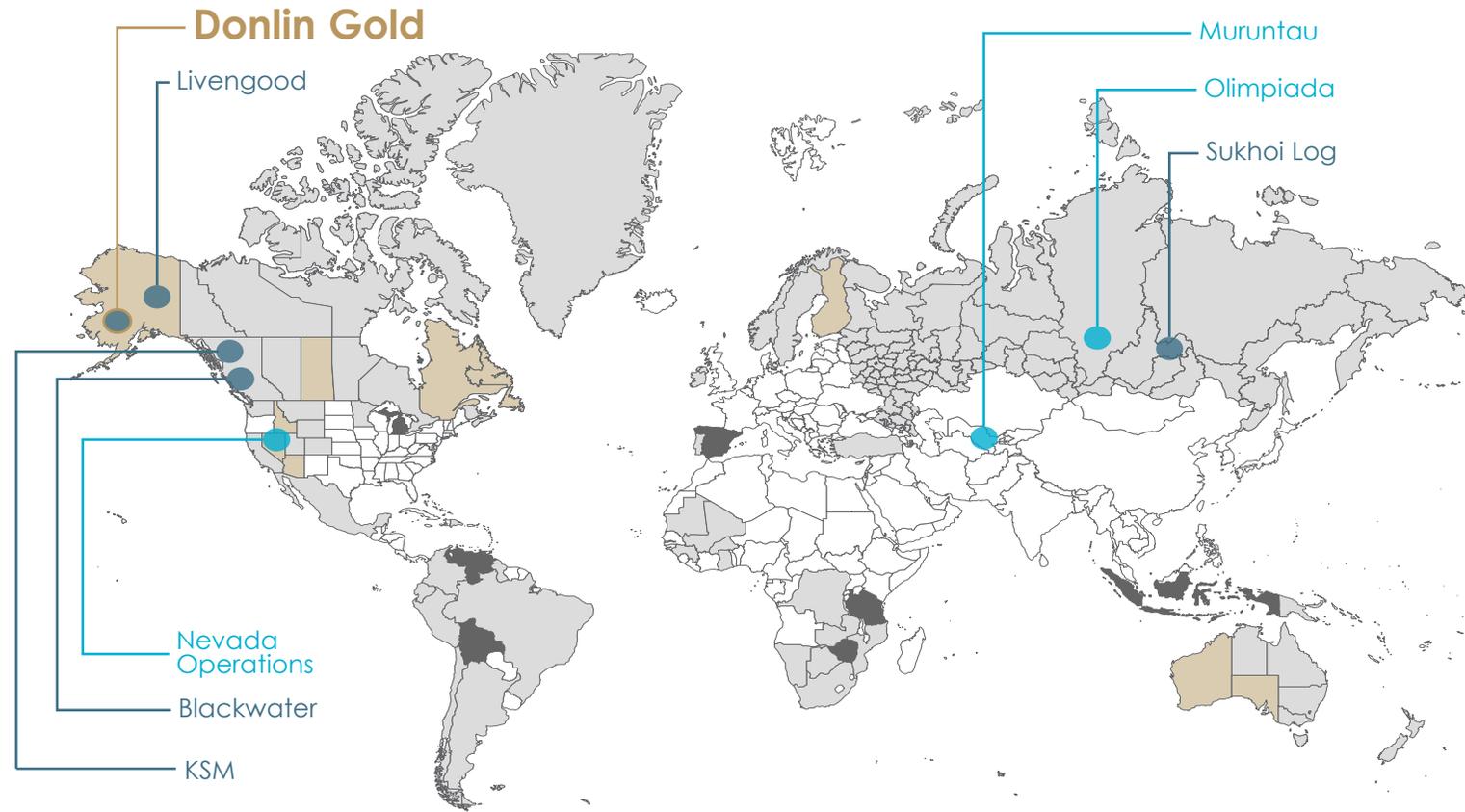
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# Great leverage in a place where you can keep the fruits of your leverage

Comparing the top three gold producing operations<sup>2</sup> and five largest gold development projects<sup>3</sup>

Projects/ Operations	M&I*	Grade (g/t)
<b>Gold development projects:</b>		
<b>Donlin Gold</b>	<b>39.0<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2.24</b>
Blackwater	11.7	0.61
Livengood	13.6	0.60
Sukhoi Log	46.0	2.10
KSM	88.4	0.51
<b>Producing gold operations:</b>		
Nevada Operations	77.6	1.20
Muruntau	48.2	2.50
Olimpiada	28.3	2.90

\* M&I gold resource (millions of ounces)



● Producing gold operations

● Development-stage gold projects

low risk

moderate to high risk

extreme risk

no data

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# Alaska Native Corporation partnerships elevate the project

## Donlin Gold has life-of-mine agreements with Alaska Native Corporations Calista and TKC

Land valuable for resource potential was selected by regional Alaska Native Corporations, and resource development companies were invited by the Native Corporations to explore. As landowners, Calista and TKC are committed to developing a mining operation consistent with the Elders' vision of responsible development that creates jobs and economic benefits while safeguarding the environment and culture.



Andrew Guy,  
President & CEO

### Calista Corporation

Calista has been involved with the proposed Donlin Gold project site for over 45 years. Calista and leaders from the region have worked toward and supported the effort to mine gold from the area. Our early leaders successfully fought for the right to select the land because of its rich mineral deposit. Collaboration and planning are vital when discussing opportunities within the industry. Our families and especially our children deserve the best when making decisions that affect their lives now and well into the future."



Robert Beans,  
Board Chair



Andrea Gusty,  
President & CEO

### The Kuskokwim Corporation (TKC)

The Kuskokwim Corporation, TKC, has been involved every step of the way, in not only inviting Donlin Gold onto our land, but also in writing the permits, in environmental oversight, and really ensuring that this is the best possible project on our land to provide those opportunities for our shareholders, and so we have been very focused on this partnership between Donlin Gold and its partners, Barrick and NOVAGOLD, Calista Corporation and the Kuskokwim Corporation, we're all working very closely hand-in-hand."

# Strong institutional shareholder and management support

The 10 largest shareholders represent 67.1% of shares issued and outstanding<sup>1</sup> Executive Officers' ownership has increased to ~2.8 million shares<sup>2</sup> since joining the company

**32.9%**

all other  
shareholders

**Common shares issued  
& outstanding<sup>4</sup>:** 333,390,237<sup>3</sup>

**Options<sup>4</sup>:** 9,298,579

**PSUs<sup>4</sup>:** 1,257,200

**DSUs<sup>4</sup>:** 291,860

**Warrants:** None



**67.1%**

top 10 shareholders

**25.4%** Electrum Strategic Resources LP & affiliates

**7.5%** Fidelity Management & Research Company

**6.7%** Paulson & Co. Inc.

**5.9%** BlackRock Institutional Trust & affiliates

**4.8%** Saudi Public Investment Fund

**4.6%** First Eagle Investment Management

**4.3%** EXOR Investments (UK) LLP

**2.9%** Van Eck Associates Corporation

**2.7%** The Vanguard Group, Inc.

**2.3%** Kopernik Global Investors LLC

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# Appendix

# Mineral reserves

Donlin Gold	Tonnage	Grade	Metal Content	Attributable to NOVGAOLD
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>kt</b>	<b>g/t Au</b>	<b>koz Au</b>	<b>koz Au</b>
<b>Reserves<sup>1</sup></b>				
Proven	7,683	2.32	573	287
Probable	497,128	2.08	33,276	16,638
P&P	504,811	2.09	33,849	16,925

- a) These Mineral Reserve estimates have been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 and the 2014 CIM Definition Standard and S-K 1300, unless otherwise noted.
- b) Rounding as required by reporting guidelines may result in apparent summation differences between tonnes, grade, and contained metal content.
- c) Tonnage and grade measurements are in metric units. Contained gold is reported as troy ounces. Currency is reported as U.S. dollars.

\*Mineral reserves and mineral resources are reported on a 100% basis and on a 50% basis. NOVAGOLD and Barrick each own 50% of the Donlin Gold project.

Donlin Gold approximate cut-off grades (see Mineral Resources and Reserves Footnotes):  
**Reserves<sup>1</sup>** : 0.57 g/t gold  
**Resources<sup>2</sup>** : 0.47 g/t gold

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M = million

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<b>Resources<sup>2</sup>, exclusive of Reserves</b>				
Measured	869	2.23	62	31
Indicated	69,402	2.44	5,435	2,718
M&I	70,271	2.43	5,497	2,749
Inferred	92,216	2.02	5,993	2,997
<b>Resources<sup>2</sup>, inclusive of Reserves</b>				
Measured	7,731	2.52	626	313
Indicated	533,607	2.24	38,380	19,190
M&I	541,337	2.24	39,007	19,503
Inferred	92,216	2.02	5,993	2,997

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# Donlin Gold

S-K 1300 Technical Report – Donlin Gold Project, Alaska, USA dated November 30, 2021 (100% basis)

Key Financial Economic & Production Data	
Initial capital costs	\$7.4B
Sustaining capital costs over LOM (27 years)	\$1.7B
Average annual gold production	
LOM	1.1 Moz
First 5 years	1.5 Moz
Economic outcomes at \$1,500/oz gold	
After tax cash flow	\$13.1B
After tax NPV (5%)	\$3.0B
After tax IRR	9.2%
After tax payback	7.3 years

LOM Operating Costs			
Area	\$/t Processed	\$/t Mined	\$/oz Au
Mine operations	16.70	2.59	278
Processing operations	13.70	2.12	228
Administration	3.49	0.54	58
Land & royalty payments	4.32	0.67	72
<b>Total</b> (differences due to rounding)	<b>38.21</b>	<b>5.90</b>	<b>635</b>

Full report available on NOVAGOLD's website here:

[https://www.novagold.com/properties/donlin\\_gold/technical\\_report/](https://www.novagold.com/properties/donlin_gold/technical_report/)

Currency units throughout are US Dollars unless otherwise stated

# Endnotes

## SLIDE 4 – Excellent initial 2022 drill program results

1. Significant intervals represent drilled intervals and not necessarily true thickness of mineralization. Mineralized intervals meet or exceed 3 meters in length above 1 g/t. A maximum of 4 meters of continuous dilution (< 1 g/t) is permitted.
2. See media release from July 28, 2022 titled "Donlin Gold Announces Excellent Initial 2022 Drill Program Results."

## SLIDE 14 – 2022 Third quarter operating performance

1. Includes interest income, interest expense, accretion income, mark-to-market adjustment of marketable securities, and foreign exchange gains and losses, and income taxes.

## SLIDE 15 – 2022 Third quarter cash flow

1. Excludes non-cash share-based compensation expense of \$2.1 million and \$2.1 million in the third quarter of 2022 and 2021, respectively. [Year \$6.3 million and \$6.2 million]

## SLIDE 16 - Maintaining a strong treasury

1. NOVAGOLD sold its 50% ownership of the Galore Creek project to Newmont in 2018. Deferred compensation on the sale of Galore Creek includes \$25 million on earlier of Feasibility Study or July 27, 2023. An additional \$75 million is contingent upon construction approval.
2. Forecast includes \$32 million to Donlin Gold, \$13 million to NOVAGOLD G&A and \$3 million for withholding taxes on PSUs and other working capital. This presentation may also contain future-oriented financial information ("FOFI") and information which could be considered to be a "financial outlook". Such FOFI or financial outlook was approved by NOVAGOLD's management as of the date of this presentation for the purpose of providing management's reasonable estimate based on the assumptions set forth in such estimates and the information may not be appropriate for other purposes. Management cautions that such FOFI or financial outlook reflects NOVAGOLD's current beliefs and are based on information currently available to NOVAGOLD and on assumptions NOVAGOLD believes are reasonable. Actual results and developments may differ materially from results and developments discussed in the FOFI or financial outlook as they are subject to a number of significant risks and uncertainties. Certain of these risks and uncertainties are beyond the NOVAGOLD's control. Consequently, all of the FOFI or financial outlook are qualified by these cautionary statements.

## SLIDES 17 & 25 - A tier-one asset in a tier-one jurisdiction

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, 2021. Alaska is ranked number 4.

3. 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. For more information see "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3, 28 & 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, 28 & 29.
5. 2021 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 4 globally in the Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies 2021, Investment Attractiveness Index.
7. Map Source: Alaska Miners Association, "The Economic Benefits of Alaska's Mining Industry" February 2021.

## SLIDE 18 - Largest gold development project in its category

1. Peer group data based on company documents, public filings and websites as of February 2022. Comparison group of 14 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 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. For more information see "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3, 28 & 29.

## SLIDE 19 - Positioned to become a million-ounce gold producer

1. Anticipated annual gold production during full life of mine if put into production as contemplated in the 2021 Technical Report and the S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary. See "Cautionary note concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3, 28 & 29.
2. Average of comparison group data of 14 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 February 2022.

## SLIDE 20 - Double the global average gold grade

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, 28 & 29.

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## SLIDE 21 - The next big gold discovery could be at Donlin Gold

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. These estimates were not prepared in accordance with S-K 1300. This estimate has been superseded by the estimate contained in the 2021 Technical Report. For current mineral reserves and resources, refer to "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3, 28 & 29.
2. 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. For more information see "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3, 28 & 29.
3. Represents 100% of inferred mineral resources, of which NOVAGOLD's share is 50%. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3, 28 & 29. Inferred resources have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and as to whether they can be mined legally or economically.

## SLIDE 22 – Great leverage in a place where you can keep the fruits of your leverage

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 2021: Nevada Operations (3,467koz), Muruntau (2,894koz), and Olimpiada (1,229koz), as per S&P Capital IQ.
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 February 2022.
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. For more information see "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" table on slides 3, 28 & 29.

## SLIDE 24 - Strong institutional shareholder and management support

1. Shareholder positions are based on the latest 13-D, 13-F or 13-G filings as of June 30, 2022.
2. Per SEC Form 4 filings as of September 27, 2022 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 333.3 million shares issued and outstanding and stock options outstanding as of September 27, 2022. NOVAGOLD share price of \$4.93 as of October 3, 2022.
4. Common shares issued and outstanding, options, PSUs, and DSUs effective September 27, 2022. See SEC Form 10-Q filing dated October 4, 2022 for additional information.

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## SLIDES 28 & 29 - Mineral reserves and Mineral resources

1. Mineral Reserves are reported within the pre-feasibility pit designs, and supported by a mine schedule, featuring variable throughput rates, stockpiling and cut-off optimization. The pit designs are contained within an optimized pit shell based on the following economic and technical parameters: Metal price for gold of \$1,200/oz; reference mining cost of \$2.16/t incremented \$0.0033/t/m with depth from the 220 m elevation (equates to an average mining cost of \$2.64/t), fixed processing cost \$13.78/t processed; sustaining capital of \$1.54/t processed; general and administrative cost of \$3.66/t processed; stockpile rehandle costs of \$0.24/t processed assuming that 45% of mill feed is rehandled; variable metallurgical recoveries by rock type, ranging from 86.7% in shale to 94.2% in intrusive rocks in the Akivik domain; refining and freight charges of \$1.21/oz gold; royalty considerations of 4.5% NSR and \$0.50/t processed; and variable pit slope angles, ranging from 23° to 43°. Mineral Reserves are reported using an optimized block value (BV) based on the following equation:  $BV = Au \text{ grade} * Recovery * \$1,200/oz - royalties \& refining costs - process operating costs - G\&A \text{ cost reported in } \$/t$ . Assuming an average gold recovery of 89.5% the marginal gold cut-off grade would be approximately 0.57 g/t, or the gold grade that would equate to a \$0.001 BV cut-off at these same values. The life-of-mine (LOM) strip ratio is 5.48:1. The assumed LOM throughput rate is 53,500 t/d.
2. Except as noted, 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. The cut-off date for the sample database used in the Mineral Resource estimate is 1 November 2009. However, more recent drilling data were used to validate the resource model as remaining current. Mineral Resources are constrained within a conceptual Measured, Indicated and Inferred optimized pit shell using the following assumptions: gold price of \$1,200/oz; variable process cost based on  $2.1874 * (\text{sulphur grade}) + 10.6485$ ; administration cost of \$2.29/t; refining, freight & marketing (selling costs) of \$1.85/oz recovered; stockpile rehandle costs of \$0.20/t processed assuming that 45% of mill feed is rehandled; variable royalty rate, based on royalty of  $4.5\% * (\text{Au price} - \text{selling cost})$ ; and a variable metallurgical recovery depending on the host rock type ranging from 86 to 94%. Assuming an average recovery of 89.5% and average S% grade of 1.07, the marginal gold cut-off grade is 0.47 g/t. These technical and economic parameters are those that were used in the Donlin Creek Gold Project Alaska, USA, NI 43-101 Technical Report on Second Updated Feasibility Study, effective November 18, 2011 (as amended January 20, 2012) to establish reasonable prospects of eventual economic extraction. Based on the QP's review of the estimate, there would be no material change to the Mineral Resources if the gold price were updated to \$1,500/oz and other economic parameters were updated to the 2020 parameters used in the Mineral Reserve estimate. As a result, the Mineral

Reserve and Mineral Resource estimates shown above remain unchanged from the 2011 estimates contained in the prior technical report. 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, MBA, P.E. Michael Woloschuk, P.Eng. Henry Kim, P.Geo. Wood Canada Limited	"NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Donlin Gold Project, Alaska, USA" prepared by Wood Canada Limited, effective June 1, 2021. "S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary on the Donlin Gold project, Alaska USA" dated November 30, 2021.

Paul Chilson, P.E., who is the Manager, Mine Engineering for NOVAGOLD and a "qualified person" under NI 43-101 and S-K 1300, has approved the scientific and technical information contained in this presentation.