

# EXPLORING IN A PROVEN MULTI-MILLION OUNCE GOLD SYSTEM IN NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

**CAPE RAY GOLD PROJECT** 

May 2021



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## ONE OF THE WORLD'S HIGHEST-GRADE OPEN PIT PROJECTS<sup>1,2</sup> WITH MAJOR EXPLORATION UPSIDE

#### **Established Platform**

One of the highest-grade undeveloped open pit projects in a first world jurisdiction<sup>1,2</sup>

- *Resource 837,000oz Au at 2g/t (96% < 200m from surface)*
- Permitting, licensing and development work advanced and ongoing

#### World Class Location and Infrastructure

Newfoundland, Canada - 25km from an established town and deep-water port

Low-cost grid power, drive-in drive-out workforce, government support

#### **Major Exploration Upside**

120km of continuous strike along proven multi-million oz gold structure

- ~ 88% of strike (105km) with only 20 historical drill holes
- No effective exploration under "till" covered areas 90% of the total project area
- 2021 Exploration program +20,000m drill program & major greenfield program

#### **Financial Position**

- ~\$8m (March 2021) and ~\$5m ITM Options (July 2022)
  - Flow through financing established





### **GLOBAL HOT SPOT FOR GOLD EXPLORATION**

#### Limited gold exploration compared to the rest of Canada

Total historical gold production – 2.3Moz Au

- 2016 drilling < 70,000m</li>
- 2021 Forecast > +300,000m

#### **Gold Renaissance underway**

New, SHALLOW, high-grade discoveries = increased investor awareness and increased exploration activities

#### Newfound Gold (NFG.TSXV) ~\$1Bn market cap

• Greenfield project - 19m @ 92.9 g/t Au & 7.2m @ 261.3 g/t Au

#### Marathon Gold (MOZ.TSXV) ~\$600M market cap

Valentine Lake – 4.8Moz @ 1.72g/t Au and growing

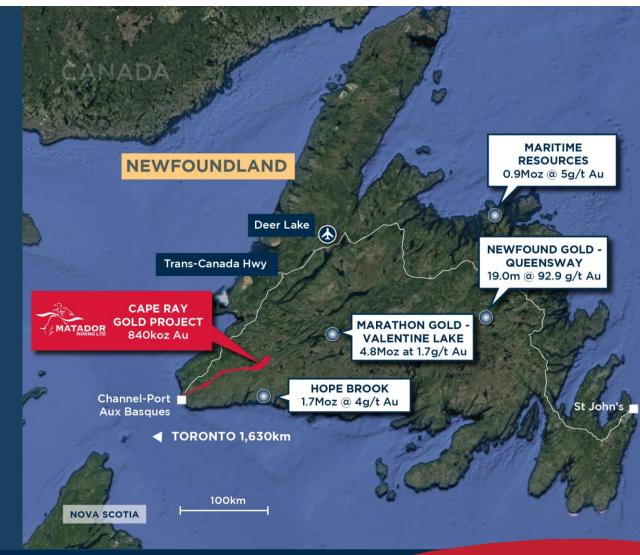
#### **Other Newfoundland Gold Explorers:**

- Multiple TSXV explorers \$40M \$100M market cap no drilling
- Eric Sprott has invested ~ \$15m during April 2021

#### **Matador Mining - ASX**

Significant discount to Newfoundland Gold peers

• OTCQX – Listing on North American exchange





## SUCCESS THROUGH 2020 SETS UP MAJOR EXPLORATION PROGRAM IN 2021

#### Shallow, high-grade gold mineralisation

High-grade, shallow gold intercepts across all deposit

- Average hole depth 120m from surface (10,500m program)
- Average depth of mineralisation 40 to 60m from surface

41% Greenfields, 40% Extension, 19% definition drilling

#### **New Discovery**

Angus – First new greenfield discovery at Cape Ray in + 20 years

Discovery hole - CRD126 - 20m at 2.38g/t Au from 82m<sup>1</sup>

Mineralisation defined across 450 by 300m

Open in all directions

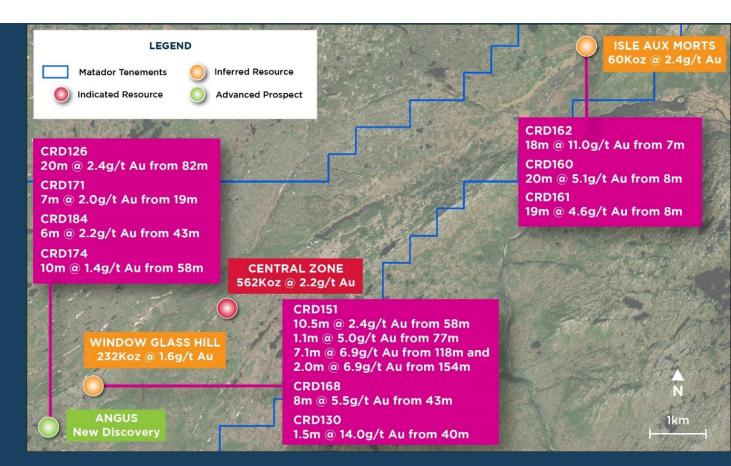
#### **Brownfield - Expansion and resources definition**

Window Glass Hill

Drilling successfully expanded mineralised at surface & depth

Isle Aux Morts

• Drilling delivers increased widths and exceptional gold grades



#### **Greenfields - First consolidated program across total 120km package**

33 new gold targets identified with 9 high priority targets to be drill tested during the next 12 months

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## ONE OF THE HIGHEST-GRADE UNDEVELOPED OPEN PIT GOLD PROJECTS GLOBALLY<sup>1,3,4</sup>

#### STRONG ECONOMIC RETURNS FROM LOW COSTS <sup>1</sup>

- AISC US\$776/oz Au LOM
- Post tax NPV (8%)<sup>2</sup> A\$245m & 70% IRR

- 0.2x NAV (Market Valuation) vs. 0.5X NAV (Industry Av.)
- Quick payback <sup>2</sup> 1.25yrs (A\$145m capex)

#### ONE OF THE HIGHEST-GRADE UNDEVELOPED OPEN PIT PROJECTS 1,3,4

- 2.6g/t Au yr 1-4 (2g/t LOM)
   4 of 5 pits depth < 120m</li>
- Average production (1 4yrs) - 88,000oz Au pa
- Initial 7 year mine life w/ major exploration upside

## OTHER DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 96% metallurgical recoveries
- Strong government and community support
- EIS submission 2022
- Multiple near-mine exploration targets

#### **PRE-FEASIBILTY STUDY**

Technical studies to support future PFS underway:

- Metallurgical test work
- Geotechnical drilling
- Groundwater assessment
- Tailings Storage Facility conceptual design
- Surface Water management



## PERMITTING, LICENCING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Major advantage compared to peers

#### **Permitting and Licensing**

- Canada has extremely structured licensing & permitting process
  - Typically +5 years from Guidelines being received
- Cape Ray received guidelines<sup>1</sup> in 2017 allowed for environmental assessment<sup>2</sup> to begin
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
  - Targeting completion by end '21 / submission in 1H22
- Following EIS approval permitting for mining licence, construction and operation can commence
  - Time required for EIS permitting & approval 18 to 24 months

#### **Port Aux Basques**

- 25km from Cape Ray Gold Project
  - Main & closest port to mainland
- World-class road and transport
  - Drive-in drive-out / local workforce options
- Newfoundland #8 Frazier Institute
  - 11 operating mines in Newfoundland & Labrador

#### **Power**

- Low cost grid power access (6c/KwH)
- Hydro-power

#### Government

Major support from both the Provincial Government and local community





## MAJOR EXPLORATION POTENTIAL ALONG A PROVEN MULTI-MILLION OUNCE STRUCTURE

#### Platform established

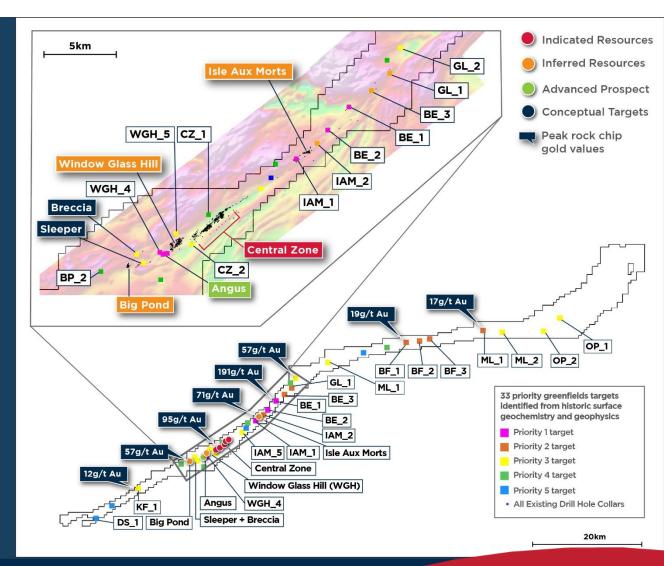
- 837koz at 2g/t Au within 7.5km radius
- All deposits outcropping & 96% of the resource within <200m from surface</li>

#### Largest holder along Cape Ray shear

- First group to consolidate total package 120km of strike
  - Largest continuous holder along this known multi million-ounce gold structure
  - No systematic approach to exploration historically
  - Only 20 holes drilled outside of "Resource Areas" 105km of strike

#### 2021 exploration program underway

- Largest program ever undertaken
- +20,000m diamond drill program
  - Average drill hole depth in 2020 120m from surface
  - 80% of gold mineralisation < 80m from surface
- Major greenfield program Heli-mag and Auger drilling

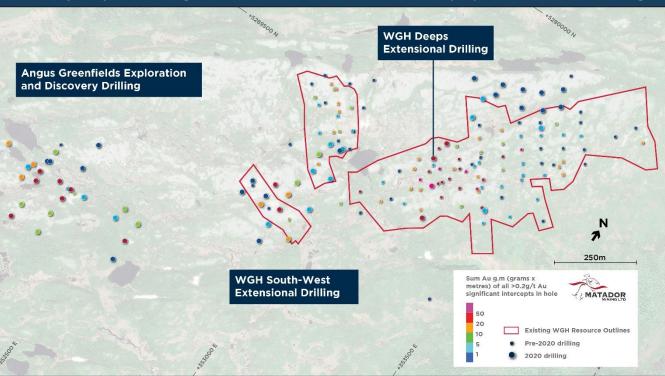




### **EXPANSION OF EXISTING RESOURCE AREAS**

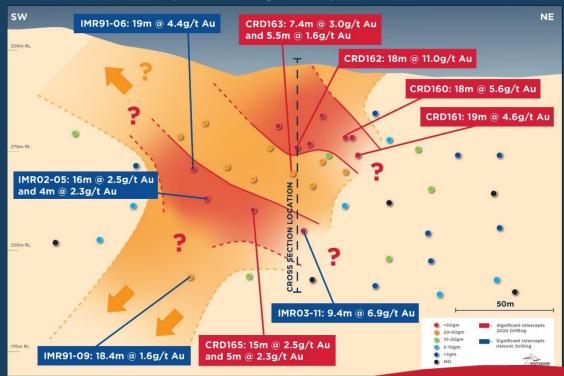
#### Window Glass Hill / Angus

- Limited drilling in this structure, < 30% of total granite area drilled</li>
  - Angus discovery 1km from WGH Resource
- Multiple extensions identified at both WGH and Angus projects
- Majority of drilling < 120m from surface (WGH deeps potential initial target)</li>



#### **Isle Aux Morts**

- High-grade, shallow mineralisation with limited step out drilling
  - 18m at 11g/t Au from 7m & 20m at 5g/t Au from 8m
- Untested down plunge potential identified
- Potential for step out drilling and repeat structures

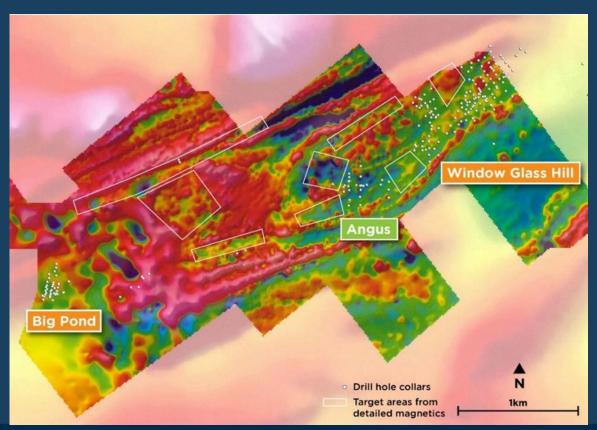




## HELI-MAGNETICS SURVEY TO ACCELERATE TARGETING FOR FUTURE PIPELINE

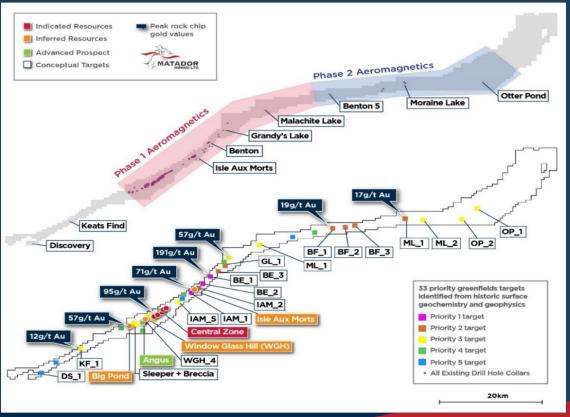
#### **Ground Mag survey - 2020**

- Significantly enhanced magnetics data 8 new targets identified within 3km of WGH deposit (little to no drilling in these areas)
- Auger drilling planned prior to inaugural diamond drilling



#### Heli-Mag survey - 2021

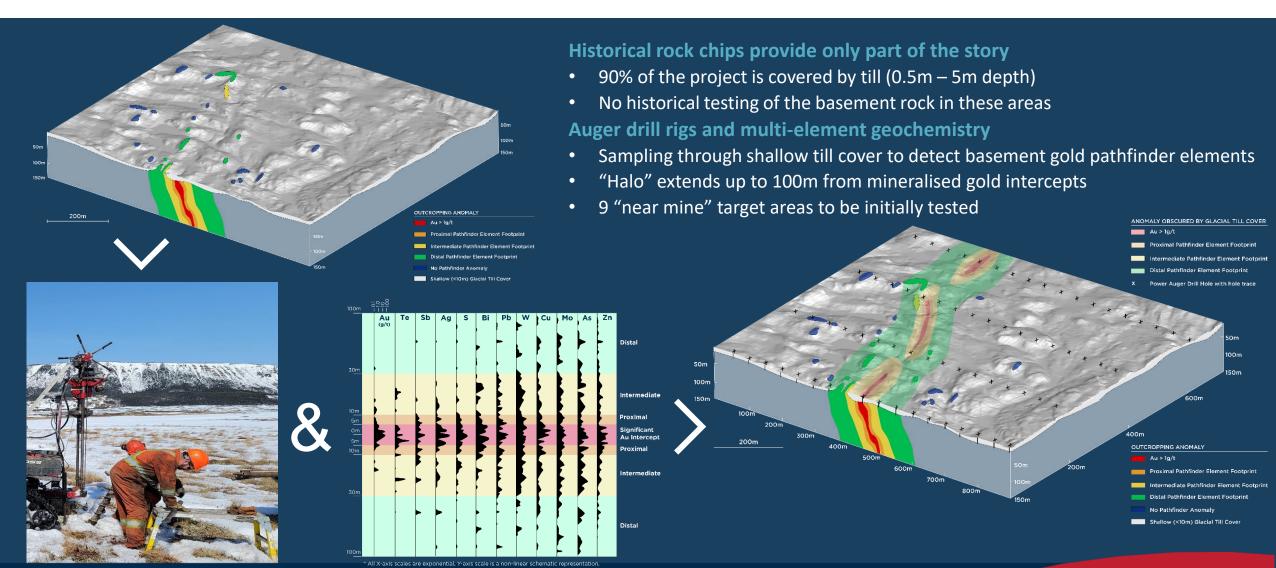
- Airborne magnetics is quicker and cheaper than ground-based acquisition
- 30m line-spaced heli-magnetic survey (45km strike length)
- Support building a pipeline of future ready drill targets





### POWER AUGER DRILL PROGRAM

Using pathfinder elements to unlock the vast greenfield potential





# WORK PROGRAMS PLANNED THROUGH 2021 TO DRIVE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

## STUDIES & PERMITTING

- Technical studies to support future PFS underway:
  - Metallurgical test work
  - Geotechnical drilling
  - Groundwater assessment
  - Tailings Storage Facility conceptual design
  - Surface Water
     management (including
     water treatment options
     for any discharge)
- EIS Submission:
  - Environmental baseline studies
  - Impact assessments and identification of valued environmental components

#### **BROWNFIELDS**

- Diamond drilling May 2021
- Targeting Resource expansion around current deposits:
  - WGH
  - WGH Deeps
  - Isle Aux Morts
  - Angus
- Anticipated inaugural winter drilling program

#### **GREENFIELDS**

- Auger geochemistry drilling commenced April 2021:
  - 9 near mine priority targets to be tested with basement multi-element geochemistry
- Aero-Mag May 2021:
  - 30m line spaced helimagnetic survey encompassing the central 45km of the Project
- Drilling late 2Q21:
  - priority and refined targets to be drilled following Auger and helimag results

#### **CORPORATE**

- International listings USA
  - Completed May 2021
  - OTCQX: MZZMF
  - North American marketing strategy underway
- International listings Europe
  - Complete April
  - FSE: MA3
  - 8% of the current share register are European investors
- Commence long term
   Environmental, Social and
   Governance (ESG)
   considerations



## **MAJOR VALUATION DISCOUNT TO ALL PEERS\***

	MATADOR	AuTECO	BENZ MINING	ASTON MINERALS LTD	IДВ	NEWFOUND GOLD CORP
Company information - General	(MZZ.ASX)	(AUT.ASX)	(BNZ.ASX)	(ASO.ASX)	(LAB.TSXV)	(NFG.TSXV)
Market Capitalisation (A\$ M)	\$64m	\$144m	\$86m	\$130m	\$101m	\$1,010m
Project Name / Province	Cape Ray, Newfoundland	Pickle Crow, Ontario	Eastmain, Quebec	Edleston Gold Project, Ontario	Kingsway, Newfoundland	Queensway, Newfoundland
Stage of development	Scoping Study	Exploration	Exploration	Greenfield	Greenfield	Greenfield
Ownership - Target	100%	80% <sup>2</sup>	100% <sup>2</sup>	100%	100%	100%
Total - Resource (k oz Au ¹)	837	800	376	No resource	No resource	No resource
EV/Resource oz	\$66	\$179	\$183	NA	NA	NA

\*See Appendix 4 – ASX listed companies with gold projects in Canada or TSX companies in Newfoundland with significant exploration programs; 1 – Attributable based on target ownership; 2 – Current ownership is 0%



### **NEWFOUNDLAND'S GOLDEN CAPE**

De-risked Project provides value opportunity

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

174m

~\$64m

Shares on Issue

**Market Cap** at A\$0.37

\$8m

50.9m

Cash 31 March 2021 **Options** (\$0.23 - 0.75)

## STRONG NEWS FLOW THROUGH **2021 AND BEYOND**

**LOCATION** 

First world infrastructure

STRONG FUNDING

**Sufficient funds for 2021** exp. programs

**EXPLORATION UNDERWAY** 

Multiple Brownfield & **Greenfield Targets** 

**VALUATION METRICS** 

EV/Resource -\$66/oz P/NAV - 0.2X





## APPENDIX 1 MINERAL RESOURCE 1

Applied Cut-off Grade (g/t)	Deposit	Indicated		Inferred			Total			
		Mt	Au (g/t)	Koz (Au)	Mt	Au (g/t)	Koz (Au)	Mt	Au (g/t)	Koz (Au)
Open Pit 0.25¹ /0.5² g/t Au	Central	3.1	3.1	302	3.5	1.3	141	6.6	2.1	443
	Isle Aux Mort	-	-	-	0.8	2.4	60	0.8	2.4	60
	Big Pond	-	-	-	0.1	5.3	19	0.1	5.3	19
	WGH	-	-	-	4.7	1.6	232	4.7	1.6	232
	Total	3.1	3.1	302	9.1	1.55	452	12.1	1.93	754
Underground 2.0g/t Au	Central	0.5	3.8	54	0.3	2.8	29	0.8	3.3	83
	Isle Aux Mort				-	-	-	-	-	-
	Big Pond				-	-	-	-	-	-
	WGH				-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	0.45	3.75	54	0.32	2.77	29	0.77	3.34	83
Total Combined 0.5 / 2.0 g/t Au	Central	3.5	3.2	356	3.8	1.4	170	7.4	2.2	526
	Isle Aux Mort	-	-	-	0.8	2.4	60	0.8	2.4	60
	Big Pond	-	-	-	0.1	5.3	19	0.1	5.3	19
	WGH	-	-	-	4.7	1.6	232	4.7	1.6	232
	Total	3.5	3.15	356	9.4	1.60	481	12.9	2.02	837

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## APPENDIX 2 SCOPING STUDY - CAPE RAY GOLD PROJECT

One of the highest-grade open pit projects globally underpins the asset

#### **Highlights**

- High-grade, shallow open pit mineralisation drives strong production and robust economic returns<sup>1</sup>
  - Average production (1 4yrs) 88,000oz Au at 2.6g/t Au
  - LOM Production 484,000oz at 2.0g/t Au (7 yr. LOM)
- NPV $_{5\%}$  & IRR
  - Pre-tax<sup>1</sup>— C\$300m & 61% IRR (C\$495m & 93% spot gold<sup>2</sup>)
  - Post tax<sup>1</sup> C\$196m & 51% IRR (C\$321m & 81% spot gold<sup>2</sup>)
- Low operating costs with scope for further reduction
  - C1 C\$1,013 /oz Au (US\$709 /oz Au)
  - AISC C\$1,108 /oz Au (US\$776/oz Au)
- Initial Capital Costs C\$137m³ (Exc. C\$9m Mine Development)
  - Rapid Payback 1.75yrs decreasing to 1.25yrs at US\$1,900 oz Au

#### **Future Targets**

- Pre-Feasibility Study to commence following 2021 exploration season
- EIS Approval Work significantly advanced targeting completion 2H21 before submission (No red flags identified)

General	LOM total / Avg.
Mine Life (Yrs)	7
Processing Facility Throughput (Mt)	1.2
Total Ore Mined (Mt)	7.8
Strip Ratio (Operational)	9.6
Production	LOM total / Avg.
Mill Head Grade (Au g/t)	2.0
Au Mill Recovery (%)	96%
Mill Head Grade (Ag g/t)	6.13
Ag Mill Recovery (%)	56%
Operating costs	LOM total / Avg.
Mining Costs OP (\$CAD / t mined)	2.80
Mining Costs UG (\$CAD / t mined)	90
Processing Costs (\$CAD / t processed)	21.35
G&A Costs (\$CAD / t processed)	4.94
Capital costs	LOM total / Avg.
Initial Capital (exc. Mine Development) (\$CAD m)	136.7
Mine Development (Initial) (\$CAD m)	8.7
Mine Development – OP (Sustaining) (\$CAD m)	28.2
Mine Development – UG (\$CAD m)	12.2
Other Sustaining Capital (\$CAD m)	6.9

<sup>1.</sup> ASX announcement 6 May 2020.



### **APPENDIX 3**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MANAGEMENT**

Strong team with significant experience in gold exploration and development

#### **MANAGEMENT**



Ian Murray FCA and MAICD EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

Over 25 years' mining industry experience in senior leadership positions Past - Executive Chairman and Managing Director of Gold Road Resources Ltd (ASX: GOR) and DRDGold Ltd (NYSE & JSE: DRD)



Warren Potma MSc, MAIG, M AUSIMM EXPLORATION MANAGER

Over 25 years' international experience specializing in structural geology, geochemistry and geometallurgy. Broad experience across exploration, feasibility and mining functions



Keith Bowes BSc, Chemical Engineering PROJECT MANAGER

Over 25 years' international experience across mineral processing, project management and senior leadership positions



Adam Kiley BComm
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT

Over 15 years' mining sector experience focused on corporate and financial advisory services to ASX listed companies

#### **DIRECTORS**



Justin Osborne
FAIMM and Bachelor of Science, Honours (First Class)
NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over 30 years' experience as an exploration geologist Current - Executive Director at Gold Road Resources (GOR.ASX)



Mick Wilkes
Bachelor's degree in mining engineering and an MBA
NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over 35 years' successful career in mining company leadership Past - CEO and President of dual listed (ASX/TSX) OceanaGold Current – Non-Executive Chairman of Kingston Resources Ltd



Dr Nicole Adshead-Bell

Ph.D., Structural/Economic Geology and a Class 1 Honours Structural Geology NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over 24 years' experience in technical, corporate, institutional investor and investment banking segments of the mining sector.

Current - President of Cupel Advisory Corp and Non-Executive Director of Altius Minerals Corp. (TSX)



## **APPENDIX 4** PEERS COMPARISION

Significant discount on all metrics

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Market Cap (A\$ m)	\$64m	\$144m	\$86m	\$130m	\$101m	\$1,010m
Project Name (Main project only) / Province	Cape Ray , Newfoundland	Pickle Crow, Ontario	Eastmain, Quebec	Edleston Gold Project, Ontario	Kingsway, Newfoundland	Queensway, Newfoundland
Stage of Development	Adv. Exp / Scoping Study	Adv. Exp	Adv. Exp	Exp.	Greenfield	Exp.
Historical Operation	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Ownership - Target	100%	80%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Ownership - Current	100%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%
Total - Resource (koz Au ²)	837	800	376	NA	NA	NA
% of resource - M&I (koz Au)	42%	0%	63%	0%	NA	NA
EV/Resource oz	\$66	\$179	\$183	NA	NA	NA
Resource grade (g/t Au)	2.0	11.6	7.9	NA	NA	NA
Type of operation (OP / UG) <sup>1</sup>	ОР	UG	UG	NA	NA	NA