

## Forward Looking Statements, Reserves and Resources



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This announcement contains current estimates of Northern Star's KCGM Operations' Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources. The information in this announcement that relates to the current Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources, and production targets of Northern Star has been extracted from the ASX release by Northern Star entitled "Resources, Reserves and Exploration Update" dated 3 May 2022 available at <a href="https://www.nsrltd.com">www.nsrltd.com</a> and <a href="https://www.nsrltd.com">www.asx.com</a> ("Northern Star Announcement").

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Assumptions made in relation to the Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources underpinning the production targets in that announcement are (in summary):

- Current operational capital and operating cost structures,
- Current mining and metallurgical performance,
- The gold price, exchange rate, dilution allowance and mining recovery rates are as set out in each prior public report referred to in ASX Listing Rule 5.19 disclosures, and
- 5 year gold production profiles are based on 100% current JORC compliant Ore Reserves.

Rounding is applied in this presentation for the percentage comparisons and for the 31 March 2022 Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources figures.

Unless stated otherwise, all currency conversions in this document have been converted at a currency of A\$/US\$ conversion rate of \$0.75.

Authorised to release to the ASX by Stuart Tonkin, Managing Director & CEO.

#### Presentation team





**Stuart Tonkin** 

Managing Director & CEO

Mr Tonkin is a mining engineer with more than 25 years' experience working in the underground hard-rock mining industry. He joined Northern Star as Chief Operating Officer in 2013 before being appointed CEO in 2016 and Managing Director in 2021.



**Ryan Gurner** 

Chief Financial Officer

Mr Gurner is a Chartered Accountant with extensive global financial and commercial experience spanning over 20 years. He was re-appointed Chief Financial Officer in December 2021, a position he held prior to the merger with Saracen Mineral Holdings.



**Steven McClare** 

Chief Technical Officer

Mr McClare is a mining engineer with over 30 years of technical, operational and project experience in the mining industry. His extensive career includes building multi-billion dollar caving projects and bringing mines from design through to production. He joined Northern Star as Chief Technical Officer in July 2021.

### World class gold assets in Tier-1 locations



#### Our Purpose

To generate superior returns for our shareholders, while providing positive benefits for our stakeholders, through operational effectiveness, exploration and active portfolio management

Commodity

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Countries

Production Centres

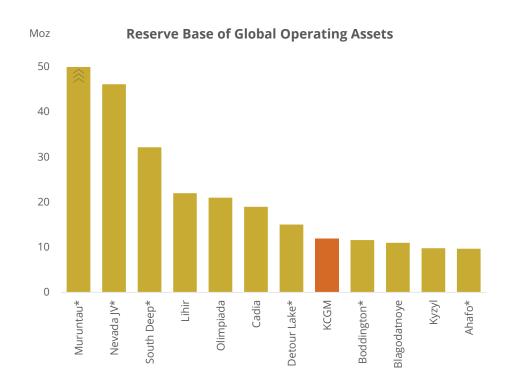


## KCGM: One of the world's most significant gold mines



- A Tier-1 world-class gold operating asset; 100% ownership
- Ranked Top 8 globally by Reserve\*
   (27.4Moz Mineral Resource & 11.9Moz Ore Reserve)
- 297km² of tenure, hosting +30km of the Boulder-Lefroy structural corridor
- Produced +65Moz gold since first production in 1893
- On track to deliver 650kozpa by FY26





 $Asset\ Reserves\ are\ reported\ in\ accordance\ with\ the\ JORC\ Code\ 2012, unless\ otherwise\ notated\ by\ an\ asterisk.$ 

## Optimising KCGM aligns to our strategy



#### RESPONSIBLE EESG

SUSTAINABLE NST



Supports social investment

Significant emission & water intensity reduction<sup>1</sup>

# PROFITABLE GROWTH

SUSTAINABLE ~2Mozpa



Continuous improvement

Up to +200kozpa gold production<sup>2</sup>

# LOWER COSTS

SUSTAINABLE
1st HALF COSTS



Lowers KCGM AISC by up to A\$200/oz<sup>2</sup>

KCGM pathway to 2<sup>nd</sup> quartile global gold asset

# LONG MINE

SUSTAINABLE +20 YEARS



Growth and definition of UG Resource

Enhances regional opportunities

# PREMIUM VALUATION

SUPERIOR SHAREHOLDER RETURNS



Improved NAV

Increased Free Cashflow

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Water intensity measured as cubic metres per tonne of processed tonnes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Average over first 10 years.

# Major progress at KCGM but more optimisation to come



#### Progress over 2½ years¹

- Resource increase to 27.4Moz
- Reserve increase to 11.9Moz
- First UG portal in 25yrs
- Fimiston UG Resource to 5Moz
- MTC UG Reserve to 1.2Moz

#### Future Opportunity

- Underground exploration drive
- Lower cost increasing resource

Geology

(pathway to 80-100Mtpa)
• Increased UG ore tonnes

• Open pit mine optimisation

· Material movement more

than doubled to +65Mtpa

Underground opportunities

Mine



- Maximised capacity to 13Mtpa
- Operating expenditure focus and reduction
- Enable **green power** strategy to lower power cost
- Deliver higher margin ounces
- Be more capital efficient

Processing Plant



 FY21 gold production of 472koz at AISC of A\$1,385/oz

- Robust cost position
- Deliver superior shareholder returns

Financial Returns





Expansion
Options
Evaluated in PFS



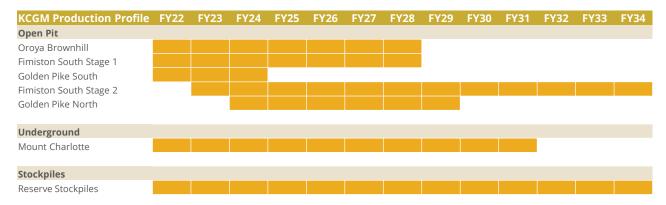
## KCGM: Currently 13Mtpa milling capacity





#### Pathway to 650kozpa by FY26 remains unchanged

- Increase near-term capital investment; material movement to 80-100Mtpa
- Enviable optionality:
  - Open pit and underground mines with significant installed infrastructure
  - Large and growing gold Reserves and Resources
- Regional synergies and production growth enable lower AISC position
- Steady free cash flow



## Flashback to Investor Day July 2021



#### **KCGM** - Processing optionality



13Mtpa current capacity, expansion studies underway

- As mining increases, the Reserve stockpile value becomes increasingly stranded
- Evaluating mill expansion options
  - NOT in current 5-year plan
  - Simplified mill layout lowering unit costs
  - Mill grades decrease on increased throughput as stockpile is processed earlier
  - Option studies involve:
    - Simplified grinding circuit, fewer larger mills
    - Increased residence time / recovery opportunities
    - Control system optimisation
- Market update June Half 2022

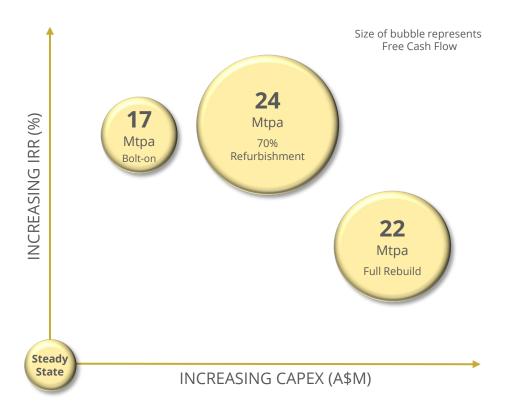
#### **KCGM** processing studies

	Current	Option 1	Option 2
Number of mills	5	4	3
Throughput (Mtpa)	13	17	22
Mill grade (g/t)	1.4-1.9	1.7	1.6
Recovery (%)	84%	84%	84%
Production (kozpa)	500-675	750+	850+

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## Pre-feasibility study: Three expansion options being considered





All three mill expansion options are **financially compelling** <sup>1</sup> (post tax)

- At gold price of A\$2,250/oz:
  - IRR: 13-26%
  - Payback: 3-5 years
- At spot price of A\$2,600/oz:
  - IRR: 16-31%
  - Payback: 2-5 years
- Capex: A\$440M A\$1,400M
- Substantial increase in NPV

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Potential mine optimisation not included in presented metrics; Life of Mine metrics assume tonnage remains constant.

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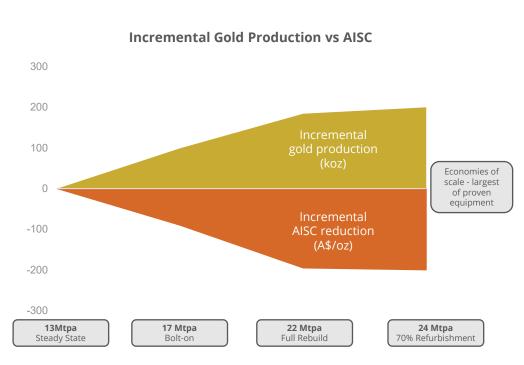


# All three expansion options<sup>1</sup> deliver **meaningful operational benefits:**

- Gold production growth of 100–200kozpa<sup>2</sup>
- KCGM AISC reduction up to A\$200/oz²
- Renewables deliver emissions and costs reduction

#### Further opportunities provided by:

- Open pit mine optimisation
- Underground mining growth
- Leverage UG resources vs stockpiles
- Regional opportunities as a result of lower cost base
- Resource conversion growth
- Scheduling and project execution planning

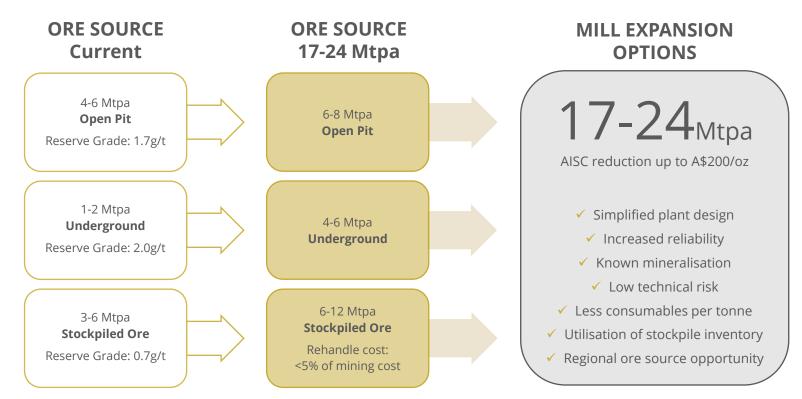


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Permitting is required for all expansion options. 22Mtpta option requires new plant location on the existing tenure footprint.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Average over first 10 years post-construction.

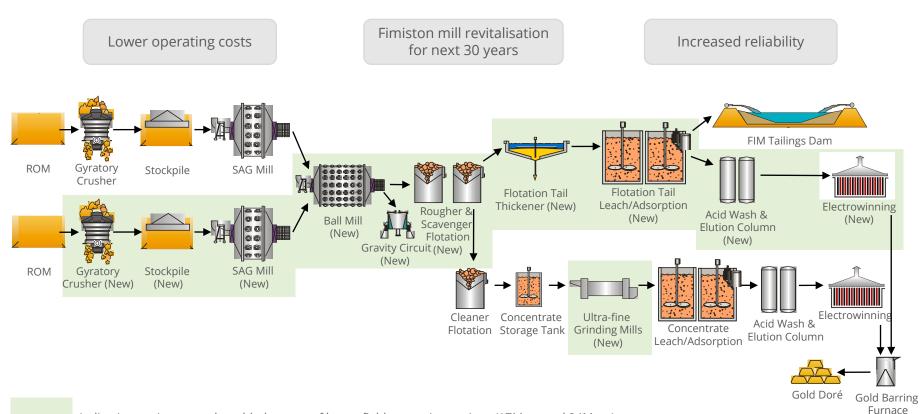
# Pre-feasibility study: Optimising the feed source





### Pre-feasibility study: A simplified flow sheet

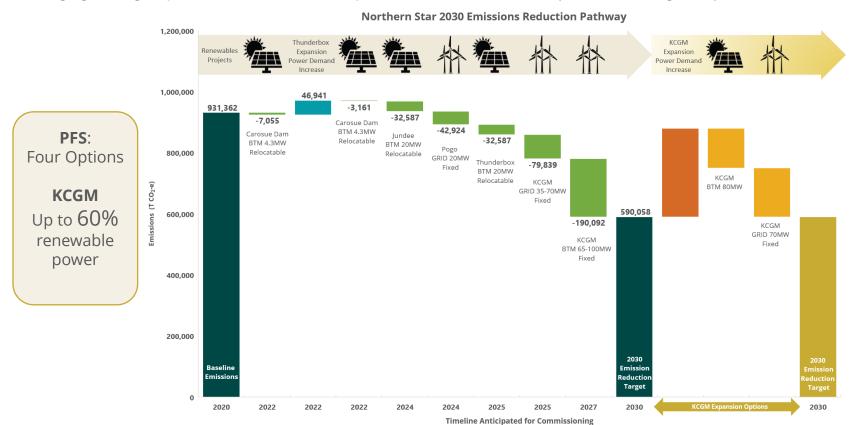




## 2030 Pathway to reduce emissions by 35%



Leveraging strategic option value from recent acquisition of Goldfields Power (Parkeston, Kalgoorlie)



#### Indicative schedule from FID



Task	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Engineering and Design				
Construction				
Commissioning and Ramp-up				
Throughput	13 Mtpa			17-24 Mtpa

3 Options	Capital Cost (A\$M)			
From A\$440M to A\$1,400M Inclusive of ~20% contingency	15%	35%	35%	15%

### Capital management framework



# CAPITAL ALLOCATION

- Organic growth
- Active portfolio management
  - Dividends maintained
    - Retained earnings

# FINANCIAL STRENGTH<sup>1</sup>

- A\$1.4B liquidity
- Net Debt/EBITDA less than zero
  - Project capex self-funded

#### RISK MANAGMENT

- 3 year hedge book<sup>2</sup>
   (1.1Moz at A\$2,446/oz)
- Free cash flow generation in all options

#### MAXIMISE SHAREHOLDER RETURNS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Liquidity of A\$1.4B as at 31 March 2022 (cash, bullion and undrawn facilities) vs target range of A\$1.0-1.5B; Leverage ratio (Net Debt/EBITDA) target range of less than 1.5x; Gearing ratio (Debt/Debt+Equity) target range of below 20%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As at 31 March 2022.

# Risk considerations in the current inflationary environment

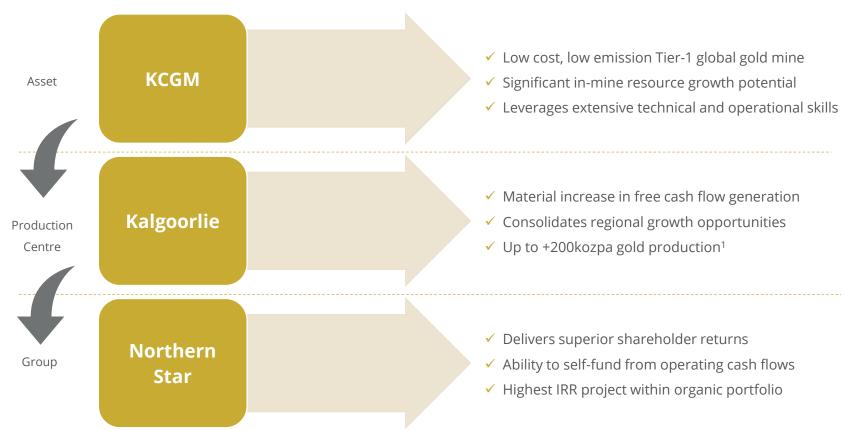


		Current environment	KCGM - Our competitive advantage
	Macro	Recession fears, stagflation risk, policy uncertainty	Tier-1 location in Kalgoorlie, with substantial existing infrastructure
	Inflation	Impact of capital and costs on the project	De-risk price and timing of long lead items, similar to TBO project
?	Gold Price	Decoupling of historic trends	Gold price hedging and undisrupted operational cash flows during build
222	Labour	WA labour tightness, scarcity of skilled labour	Blended owner & contractor teams, managing in current environment
(D)	Supply Chains	Bottlenecks remain, delivery uncertainty, supply issues	Simplified design with established supply chain relationship

Disciplined risk management approach throughout project execution

# Optimising KCGM to further strengthen Northern Star





## Next steps



- ✓ Embark on final study phase
  - Optimise the best pathway to generate superior returns for our shareholders
- ✓ Remain agile given risk considerations in the current inflationary environment
- ✓ Progressive updates over FY23 on the outcome of our KCGM feasibility study work







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