



# Tongo Diamond Mine Sierra Leone

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The information in this presentation has been reviewed and compiled by Karl Smithson, Executive Director of Newfield and Chief Executive Officer of Newfield's subsidiary company Sierra Diamonds Limited, a qualified geologist and Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Metals, Mining, with 30 years' experience in the diamond and natural resources sector. Mr Smithson has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Smithson consents to the inclusion in this presentation of this information in the form and context in which it appears.

#### Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve Estimates

Information included in this presentation that relates to the diamond Resource and Reserve estimate is extracted from Newfield's ASX announcement dated 26 November 2018 titled "7.4 million carats Resource for the Tongo Diamond Project", as amended by the ASX announcement dated 28 November 2018 titled "Revised Announcement and Retraction of Valuation References", ASX announcement dated 9 May 2019 titled "Tongo Ore Reserve Estimate and FEED Study Outcomes" and ASX announcement dated 27 January 2021 titled "Increase in Diamond Resource to 8.3 million carats". Newfield confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements and that all the material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the original market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Information included in this presentation that relates to the Ore Reserve estimate for the Kundu and Lando dykes is based on and fairly represents information and supporting documentation prepared by Michael Lynn, who is a Fellow of the Geological Society of South Africa, and a registered scientist with the South African Council for Scientific Professions. Mr Lynn has provided his prior written consent to the form and context in which the Ore Reserve estimate for the Kundu and Lando dykes and the supporting information are presented in this presentation.

# **Operational Highlights**



The Tongo
Diamond Mine in
Sierra Leone is a
high-grade and
high value mine
that produces top
quality gem
diamonds suited
to the high-end
luxury jewelry
market

Significant diamond resource of 8.3 million carats<sup>(1)</sup> *Incl*.

Probable reserves of 1.1 million carats<sup>(2)</sup>

US\$80 million capital expenditure since 2018

Underground development of >2,000m completed to reach first mining level 50m below surface

Over 250
employees on site
led by highly
experienced mining
and operations
team

Mining grades
exceeding
resource model
by average of
38%

Two diamond sales totaling 12,457 carats achieved average price of US\$216 per carat





### Substantial Diamond Resource and Reserve



8.3
million carats
JORC
Resource

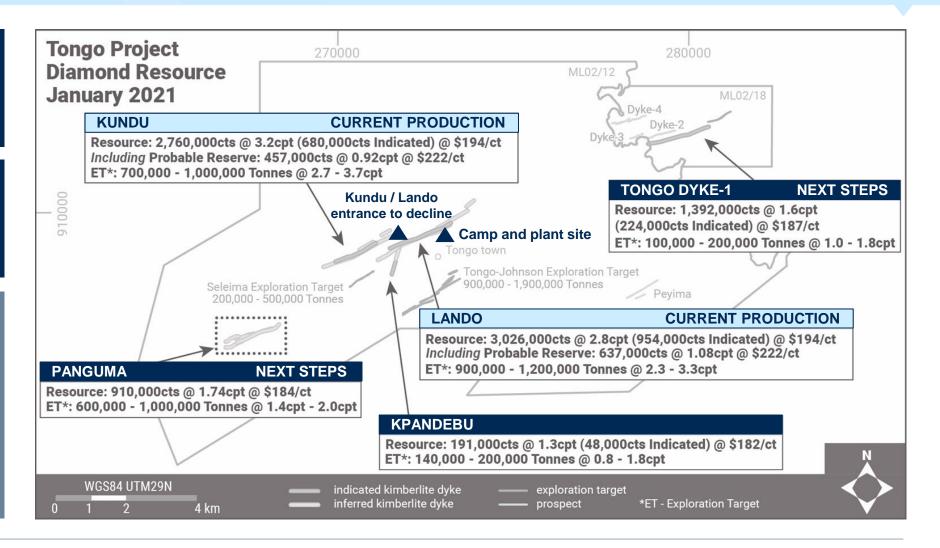
1.1
million carats
JORC Reserve

5 of 11 kimberlites in Resource, all diamondiferous

Resources delineated mostly to 230m depth

The mine commenced with a central decline to access both Kundu and Lando kimberlites. The camp and plant site is located less than 2km from the decline.

Technical studies to be undertaken to bring Tongo Dyke-1 and Panguma into the future mine plan.



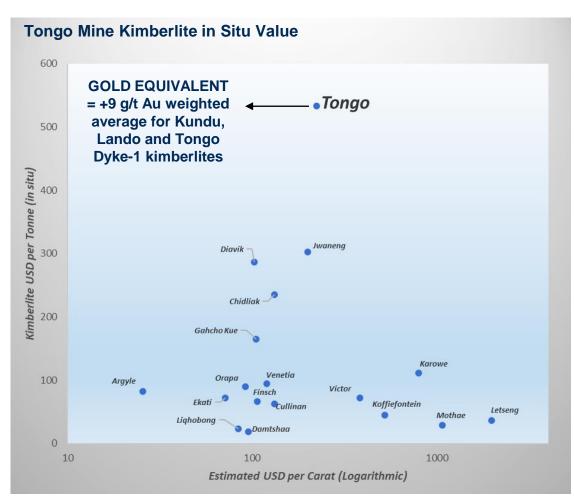


## Superior in-situ Rock Value

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Tongo is a high-grade and high value project. The three kimberlites in the mine plan, Kundu, Lando and Tongo Dyke-1 have a weighed average in-situ grade of over US\$500 per tonne, equivalent to 9 g/t Au, one of the highest in the diamond producing world







Diamonds in Kimberlite

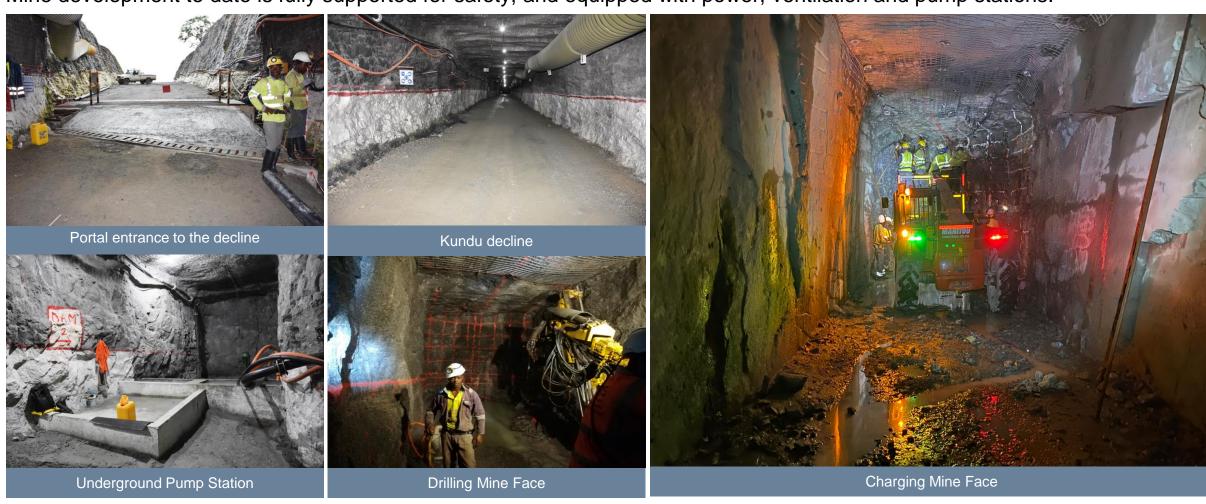
Note(s): Tongo weighted average based on +1.18mm resource grade and value estimates per resource reports and \$1,900 oz gold price



# **Underground Development**



Mine development to date is fully supported for safety, and equipped with power, ventilation and pump stations.

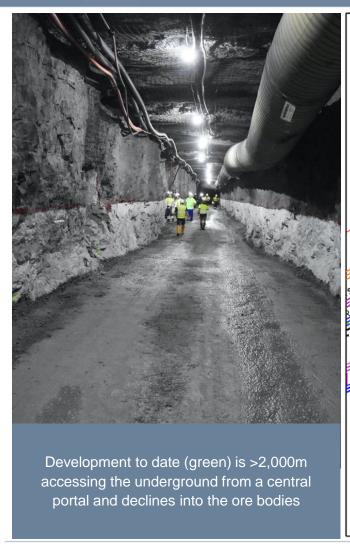


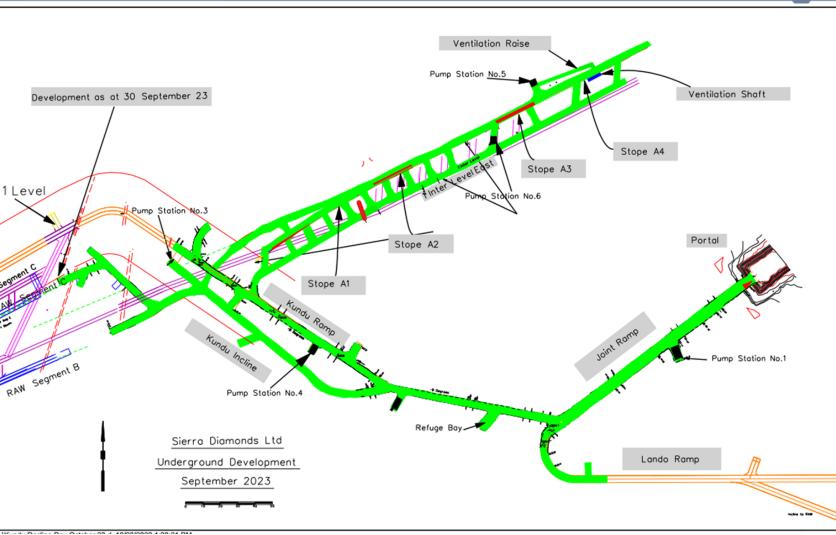


# **Underground Development**



Mining of Kundu Segment A Stopes A1 to A4 completed, development now progressing west into kimberlite Segments B and C







## **Processing**



Processing via 5tph DMS plant with Flowsort recovery. Upgrade to 50tph plant design completed and construction to commence after funding, many major components are already procured and on site.

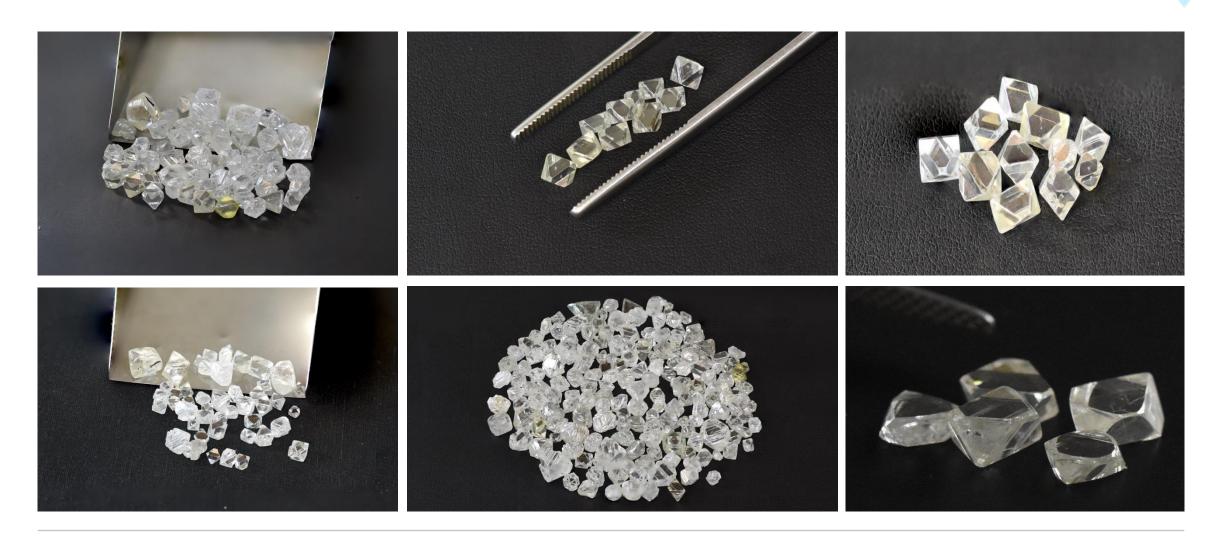




# High Proportion of Gem Quality "Collection Goods" (D, E, F, G colours)



Diamond sales have averaged US\$216 per carat, including gem diamonds up to of 15 carats in size





# Resource & Mining Upside



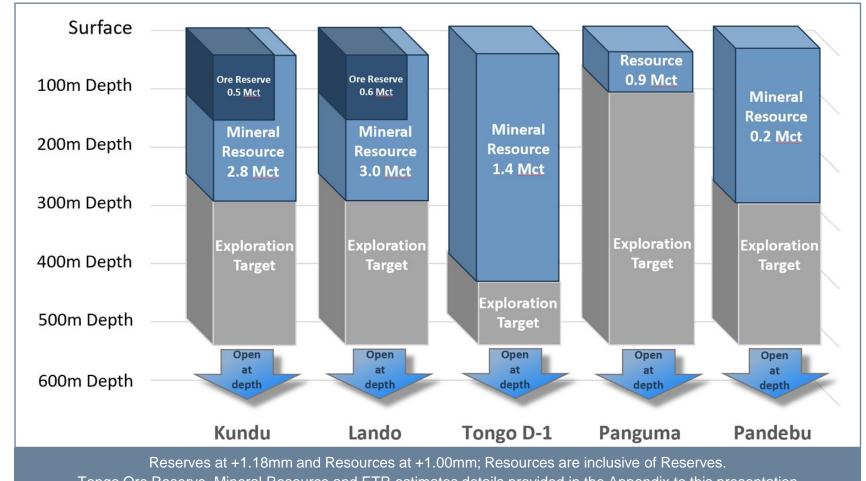
There is significant stope to increase the resource/reserve (and hence mine plan) beyond the current 8.3 million carats through evaluation of other kimberlites as well as through deeper drilling beyond the current resource depths

Only five of 11 kimberlites are currently in the 8.3 million carat resource, and only to shallow depths

Reserve only declared on top 120m levels of Kundu and Lando.

Drilling has intersected these kimberlites to depths below 400m.

Similar mines in South Africa have achieved depths of mining in excess of 600m.



Tongo Ore Reserve, Mineral Resource and ETR estimates details provided in the Appendix to this presentation

# Short Term Strategy



# Production focus

Open more mine faces on Kundu to ramp up carat production and continue decline development on Kundu and Lando. Access first Lando ore H2-24

# Plant upgrade to 50tph plant

Construct and commission the 50tph plant and final recovery to meet growing production profile

### Diamond Sales

Quarterly diamond sales planned in 2024

# Mine Expansion Study

Technical studies and, to bring Tongo Dyke-1 into the mine plan and establish economics of Panguma kimberlite for future mining

# Medium Term Strategy



### **CURRENT MINING PHASE**

FEED STUDIES

EXPLORATION

Achieve commercial production of Kundu and Lando by H1-25

Engineering design and mine scheduling of Tongo Dyke-1 kimberlite with a view to resource to reserve conversion and commencing mine development in early 2026

> Deeper drilling to increase diamond resource and reserves on kimberlites

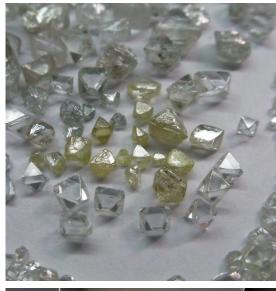
### MINE EXPANSION PHASE

Increase current production to over 250,000 carats p.a. by 2027

Development of Tongo Dkye-1 to increase production by target 75,000 carats p.a. by 2029 1

Engineering design and mine scheduling of Panguma kimberlite can increase production further

Resource drilling of other six kimberlites to further increase diamond resource and reserves





# Funding Strategy



Rights issue and debt funding will enable Newfield to achieve commercial, full-scale production outlined in the medium-term strategy

### **FUNDING**

Equity Issues in Sept-23

Entitlement Offer Oct-23

Proposed Debt Funding A\$3.11m placing at A\$0.15/sh

A\$13.86m debt to equity conversion at A\$0.15/sh

Raising up to A\$17.6 million at A\$0.15/sh with free attaching 1 for 2 option at A\$0.25 for 5 years. A\$7.8 million underwritten by Truth Wealth Management, a significant shareholder.<sup>1</sup>

Non-binding terms Sheet entered into with Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) for up to US\$50 million debt facility.<sup>2</sup> Lenders detailed due diligence well progressed.

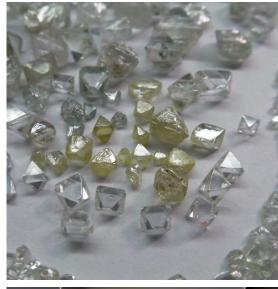
### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Working capital

Strengthen Balance Sheet

To Complement AFC debt facility. Funds to be allocated towards continued development and production expansion of Tongo Mine, construction of 50tph plant, mine plan studies and loan repayments

Mine expansion and achieving commercial production at the Tongo Diamond Mine







# ESG Compliance and Strategy



### **ESG Vision**

Newfield is committed to the global principals of sustainable development as the most effective means of creating long term enterprise value and addressing ESG priorities

The most recent ESG report was issued in February 2023.

### **Environment**

Full EIA's and Environmental Permits in place

Regular EPA audits confirm compliance with EIA's

Opportunity to enhance green energy consumption via hydropower line

Tongo Underground Mine has a small foot print and does not use chemicals in its mineral recovery process

Company has started to measure GHG emissions for future reporting

Mine is not located in an area designated as "biodiversity significant"

#### Social

NWF has identified four key stakeholder groups, being Government of Sierra Leone, Local Communities, Employees and Shareholders

Social licence to operate. Community Development Agreement in place and governs all development initiatives in partnership with communities

NWF works closely with GoSL agency bodies such as NMA and EPA in full transparency and compliance of operations

Currently employ over 250 nationals and offers high salaries with medical and insurance benefits. We have endorsed full training and development programmes to uplift skills. Senior nationals are part of share incentive scheme

#### Governance

NWF is an ASX public listed company that adheres to transparent governance, compliance and reporting

Board of Directors functions and responsibilities is guided by ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principals and Recommendations

Company has implemented strict Anti-Bribery and Corruption, Anti-Child and Forced Labour, Code of Conduct and Values Policies

Company adheres to and is compliant with all relevant mining, environmental and statutory laws in Sierra Leone to execute its operations

### **ESG Platform** and Reporting

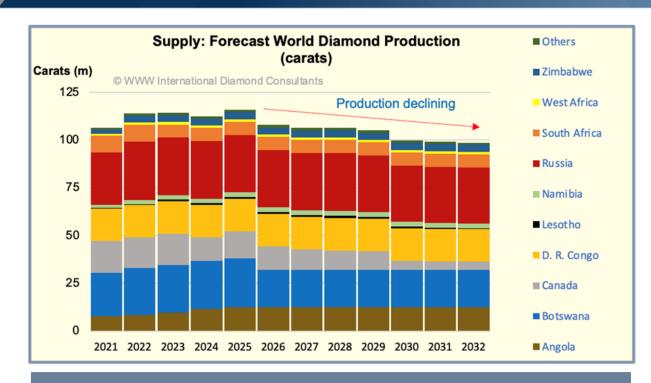
Following the SocialSuite
Platform which is aligned with
World Economic Forum ESG
Metrics

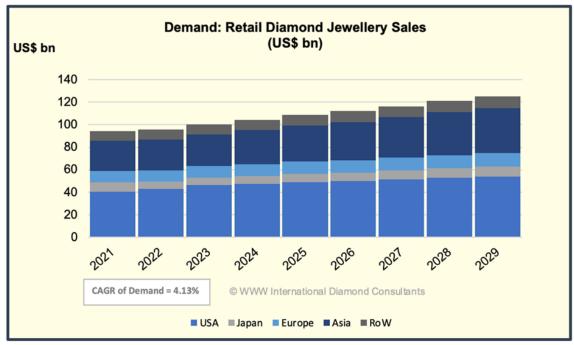
Adopts to the four pillars of the framework of Governance, Planet, People and Prosperity

ESG Report for 2022 was issued in February 2023 and is the second report for Newfield as a production company

# Robust Market Fundamentals Underpinned by Decreasing Global Diamond Production







Diamond supply has been constrained for several years. Production will increase slightly to around 115m carats in 2025 before gradually falling year on year throughout the forecast period. This could be lower should Alrosa decide to reduce production due to reductions in rough demand brought about by looming G7 sanctions on Russian diamonds.

Average rough diamond value is US\$117 per carat vs. Tongo's recent sales average US\$216 per carat.

The global diamond jewellery market is expected to have a CAGR between 3-4% through to the end of the decade. The US market will remain the cornerstone for the diamond market for most of the next decade. Thereafter the growth in Asian markets will become prominent. China and India will lead the way.

# Investment Case: A Developed Mine With A High-Quality Product





### A substantial diamond Resource...

- 8.3 million carats (incl. 1.1 million carats Reserve) from 5 of 11 kimberlites
- Grade weighted average of 2.4 carats per tonne (+1.18mm)
- Average value of US\$216 per carat for two diamond sales completed
- In-situ value of kimberlite one of the highest worldwide (equivalent to 9g/t Au weighted average)



### ... at the Production Stage...

- >2,000m underground decline and associated development completed
- Mine infrastructure well established.
- First production achieved with expansion and ramp up planned
- Targeting 250,000cts by 2027 and development of Tongo Dyke-1 by 2029 to increase production by target 75,000cts per annum



### ... with an experienced Board and Operations Management team...

- Company has significant production experience skills
- Operational team bring a wealth of country, technical and financial experience
- Mining and engineering team on the mine have worked on numerous underground diamond mines
- Strong blend of Sierra Leone nationals in senior and middle management



### ... the future mine production is supported by a strong diamond market

- Significant resource and reserve upside from existing and new kimberlites
- Global rough diamond supply is decreasing; rough and polished diamond demand is increasing.
- This will underpin strength of rough diamond prices in medium and long term
- Rough diamond prices forecast to strengthen in 2024 and have robust price inflation beyond due to predicted supply deficit



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