

## MARCH 2024 QUARTERLY REPORT

- Tietto produced a record 37,111 ounces of gold at an AISC of US\$1,332 per ounce from its Abujar Gold Project (**Abujar**) in the March 2024 quarter (**March Quarter**).
- March Quarter gold sales were 39,175 ounces at an average sale price of US\$2,054 per ounce.
- A total of 12.3 million tonnes (ore and waste) was mined during the March Quarter, an increase of 14% from the previous record of 10.7 million total tonnes of material mined in the December 2023 quarter.
- Tietto is well placed to maintain strong processing rates moving forward and into the wet season, having now stockpiled 1.505 million tonnes ore, equivalent to over one full quarter's ore milling requirement.
- Milling rates increased to 410,000 tonnes of ore per month in the March Quarter, up from a monthly average of 381,000 tonnes over the prior six months (July to December 2023).

Quarter	Tonnes processed	Gold grade	Plant recovery	Gold production (ounces smelted) <sup>1</sup>
June 2023	860,000	0.68g/t	92%	15,563
Sept 2023	1,114,082	0.95g/t	95%	33,753
Dec 2023	1,176,929	0.98g/t	95%	35,553
March 2024	1,232,000	0.99g/t	95%	37,111

<sup>1</sup> Reconciled gold smelted after refinery adjustments.

- Tietto held cash, bullion in safe or transit and VAT receivables (unaudited) of US\$56.8 million (A\$88.8 million) at 31 March 2024, up from US\$52.6 million (A\$82.8 million) at 31 December 2023. Tietto expects to start receiving VAT refunds in Q2 2024.
- Abujar's strong operating margins and cash flow generation during the March Quarter, enabled Tietto to make a number of payments that have strengthened the balance sheet and improved its operating position, including:
  - Repayment of A\$10.3 million (US\$6.6 million) in principal debt during the quarter, leaving a debt balance of A\$10.0 million (US\$6.5 million) as at 31 March 2024.
  - Payment of four months' contract mining invoices, totalling A\$46.9 million, plus four months' fuel and blasting invoices during the quarter;

- A temporary increase in mining volumes to create three months of ore stockpiles, which positions Tietto well heading into the next wet season in Côte d'Ivoire.

**Tietto Managing Director and CEO Matt Wilcox said:** *"Steadily improving milling rates enabled Tietto to reach record quarterly production of 37,111 oz gold, which is anticipated to improve further in Q2 2024 through measures to reduce mining dilution and increase mill head-grade with a specific focus on blasting techniques.*

*We commenced work on the crushing circuit upgrade which is anticipated to enable Tietto to increase quarterly mill throughput from a total of 1.2 million tonnes to approximately 1.4 million tonnes per quarter (5.5 million tonnes annually) towards the end of 2024.*

*Tietto ended the March Quarter with A\$88.8 million (unaudited) of cash, bullion and VAT receivable following further debt repayments of A\$10.3 million, payment of four months mining, fuel and blasting and increasing mining rates to build our stockpile for a full quarter of milling. After additional debt payments of A\$10.0 million we will be debt free next month.*

*Abujar is now generating very strong cashflow, and benefiting highly from the record gold prices, as we achieve full production at Abujar following substantial and continuing improvements across mining, milling and production. The team is now focussing on operating cost reductions through operating efficiencies as the team gains more experience with Abujar.*

*Tietto Directors will consider an interim dividend following the conclusion of Q2 2024 and after having regard to any capital expenditure requirements following completion of a reserve statement at APG."*

## Overview

Tietto achieved March Quarter gold production of 37,111oz – a new quarterly record – as ramp up of Abujar continued. Head gold grade improved slightly to 0.99g/t Au, up from 0.98g/t Au in the previous quarter. Plant recovery of 95% was consistent on the two previous quarters.

Monthly milling rates averaged 410,000 tonnes over the quarter – up from the monthly average of 381,000 tonnes over the previous six months. Further initiatives to improve milling rates are being implemented.

Tietto remains on track to achieve full production at Abujar in Q2 2024.

## Operations

### Mining

Tietto's mining rates continued their steady performance, averaging slightly over 4.0 million tonnes of total material moved per month. This movement included an average of 780,000 tonnes of ore per month. Stockpiles are now more than three months of mill capacity,

positioning Tietto well ahead of the next wet season. Additional haul trucks are expected on site in Q2 2024 to support the increasing haulage profile and multiple mining faces.

Optimisation of blast parameters continued in the March Quarter, allowing for improved crusher and mill throughput and at the same time minimising mining dilution. Continuous improvement is expected in the coming months.

Grade control capacity was increased in the March Quarter to keep pace with the increased mining rate and provide advanced information to enable enhanced control of short to medium grade ore supply and blending.

### **Processing**

Tietto's mill continued to maintain weekly rates of more than 100,000 tonnes with further efficiencies being implemented. Focus is currently on preventive maintenance to ensure the plant can maintain these high production rates.

Reduced mining dilution, better fragmentation for crusher feed and increased throughput will continue to drive increased gold production.

Tietto is in the final stages of implementing a crusher upgrade aimed to increase milling capacity to 5.5 million tonnes per annum. Significant work is expected to start in Q2 2024 and expected to be commissioned at year end.

### **Exploration/Development**

Tietto has completed ore reserve drilling at the APG (Abujar-Pischon-Golikro) deposit, 7km from the mine.

Focus is now on exploration drilling to extend the AG deposit and a parallel zone of mineralisation to the west of this deposit.

### **Safety**

Tietto achieved an average total recordable injury frequency rate of 2.74 injuries per million hours worked over a 12-month rolling period and 2.54 in the March Quarter. There was nil lost time injury frequency rate in the March Quarter.

## **Corporate**

### **Appointment of Corporate Exploration Manager**

Tietto has appointed industry veteran Howard Golden as its Corporate Exploration Manager. Mr Golden has more than 40 years of industry experience managing exploration activities across six continents, including relevant West African experience in Côte d'Ivoire.

He is the former Managing Director of Arrow Minerals and held senior roles with Nordgold, BHP, Rio Tinto, Marvel Gold, Kinross Gold Corporation and WMC Resources.

He is also an adjunct associate professor at the University of Western Australia.

### **Unsolicited Takeover Offer**

Tietto received an unsolicited, conditional, off-market takeover bid from Zhaojin Capital Hong Kong Limited (**Zhaojin**) to acquire all of the shares in Tietto that it does not already own for cash consideration of \$0.58 per Tietto share on 30 October 2023 (**Offer**). Zhaojin is Tietto's second largest shareholder, owning 7.02% of Tietto prior to the Offer.

On 15 April 2024, Zhaojin announced that it has increased the consideration under the Offer from A\$0.58 to A\$0.68 per Tietto share, and has declared this price to be best and final and that it will not increase.

The Tietto Board continues to recommend that Tietto shareholders **REJECT** the Offer by **DOING NOTHING** and **TAKING NO ACTION** in relation to all documents sent to Tietto shareholders by Zhaojin. The reasons for the Board's continued recommendation are set out in section 2 of the Third Supplementary Target's Statement lodged with the ASX on 18 April 2024 (and should be read together with the original reasons for the Board's recommendation set out in Tietto's initial Target's Statement dated 27 November 2023, as supplemented by the First Supplementary Target's Statement dated 7 December 2023 and the Second Supplementary Target's Statement dated 21 December 2023).

### **New closing date for Offer**

As announced on 28 March 2024, Zhaojin has extended the Offer Period to close at 7.00 pm (Sydney time) on Thursday 2 May 2024, in accordance with section 650D of the Corporations Act.

On 15 April 2024, Zhaojin declared the Offer free from the defeating conditions set out in section 9.7(a) and 9.7(b) of its bidder's statement dated 30 October 2023. However, as at the date of this announcement, the Offer remains subject to a number of other conditions, including a 50.1% minimum acceptance conditions. The new date on which Zhaojin must give a notice of the status of the remaining defeating conditions to the Offer is Thursday 25 April 2024.

Shareholders who have accepted the Offer on or before 28 March 2024 are entitled to withdraw their acceptance by giving notice to Zhaojin within a period of one month beginning on day after the date the Notice of Variation from Zhaojin was received.

For further information on withdrawing acceptances, please see the Notice of Variation from Zhaojin (a copy of which was lodged with ASX on 28 March 2024).

### **ASX Additional Information**

The Company provides the following additional information relating to expenditure during

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the Quarter:

1. ASX Listing Rule 5.3.1: Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure during the Quarter was A\$0.79M and relates to continued exploration and infill drilling. Further details of the exploration activity during the March Quarter are set out in this report.
2. ASX Listing Rule 5.3.2: Mining production and development expenditure during the quarter was A\$99.64M. The activities of the Company relating to mining production and development activities including processing of 1.232M tonnes of total ore mined at the Abujar mill to produce 37,111oz of gold bullion.
3. ASX Listing Rule 5.3.5: Payments to related parties of the Company and their associates during the Quarter: A\$317,000. These payments relate to Executive and Non-Executive Directors' fees. For further details refer to the Remuneration Report in the Annual Report.

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**Appendix A – Schedule of Tenements as at 31 March 2024**

Tenement ID	Status	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest acquired or disposed	Interest at end of quarter
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**Côte d'Ivoire**

<b>Mining</b>				
Abujar Middle <sup>3</sup> – Mining	Granted	88%	-	88%
<b>Exploration</b>				
Abujar North <sup>1</sup> (Zahibo Licence)	Granted	15%	-	15%
Abujar Middle <sup>2</sup> (Zoukougbeu Licence)	Granted	90%	-	90%
Abujar South (Issia Licence)	Granted	100%	-	100%
Bongouanou North	Granted	50%	-	50%
Bongouanou South	Granted	50%	-	50%
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1. Tietto has the right to acquire up to a 80% interest in the Abujar North Exploration License.
2. Tietto has 90% share capital of Tiebaya Gold which holds 100% interest of the Abujar Middle Exploration License
3. Tietto has 88% interest in the newly granted mining licence according to its JV agreement with local partners.

**Liberia**

Dube South	Granted	100%	-	100%
Cestos Project	Granted	100%	-	100%
Compound 4 Gold Project	Granted	100%	-	100%
Fish Town Lithium Project	Granted	100%	-	100%

**Abujar Gold Project, Côte d'Ivoire**

The Abujar Gold Project is located approximately 30km from the major regional city of Daloa in central western Côte D'Ivoire. It is close to good regional and local infrastructure to facilitate exploration and development being only 15km from nearest tarred road and grid power.

The Abujar Gold Project is comprised of three contiguous exploration tenements, Middle, South and North tenement, with a total land area of 1,114km<sup>2</sup>, of which less than 10% has been explored. It features an NNE-orientated gold corridor over 70km striking across three tenements.

In December 2020, a gold exploitation (mining) licence within the Abujar Middle exploration tenement was granted. The mining tenement covers an area of 120.36km<sup>2</sup>.

Tietto is well placed to grow its resource inventory. It has substantially advanced the project since starting exploration in mid-2015 with the identification of 3.83 million ounces Measured, Indicated, and Inferred JORC 2012 Mineral Resources. Tietto recently completed construction of the Abujar Gold Plant and poured first gold on 14 January 2023.

**Competent Persons Statements**

The information in this announcement that relates to Mineral Resources was prepared by RPM Global and released on the ASX platform on 19 April 2023 entitled "Tietto increases Abujar resource more than 10% to 3.83Moz; Infill drilling confirms resource continuity". Tietto confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the Mineral Resources in this publication. Tietto confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed. Tietto confirms that the form and context in which RPM Global's findings are presented have not been materially modified.

The information in this announcement that relates to Ore Reserves was prepared by RPM Global and released on the ASX platform on 5 October 2023 entitled "Updated Life of Mine Plan for Abujar Gold Mine". Tietto confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the Ore Reserves in this publication. The Company confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the RPM Global's findings are presented have not been materially modified

## Appendix 5B

### Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity

Tietto Minerals Limited

ABN

53143493118

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

31 March 2024

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
<b>1.</b>	<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
1.1	Receipts from customers	123,920	123,920
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	(790)	(790)
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	(99,645)	(99,645)
	(d) staff costs	(8,383)	(8,383)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(2,239)	(2,239)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	7	7
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid		
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8	Other (COVID-19 cash flow boost)	-	-
<b>1.9</b>	<b>Net cash from / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>12,870</b>	<b>12,870</b>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
2.1	Payments to acquire or for:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	(5,752)	(5,752)
	(d) exploration & evaluation	-	-
	(e) investments	-	-
	(f) other non-current assets	-	-



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Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment *	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other (monies prepaid for PPE)	-	-
<b>2.6</b>	<b>Net cash from / (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(5,752)</b>	<b>(5,752)</b>

<b>3.</b>	<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	-
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	-	-
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	(10,556)	(10,556)
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	(16)	(16)
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Net cash from / (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(10,572)</b>	<b>(10,572)</b>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period</b>		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	41,064	41,064
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	12,870	12,870
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(5,752)	(5,752)
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	(10,572)	(10,572)

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<b>Consolidated statement of cash flows</b>		<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>	<b>Year to date (3 months) \$A'000</b>
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
<b>4.6</b>	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>37,610</b>	<b>37,610</b>

<b>5.</b>	<b>Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents</b> at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>	<b>Previous quarter \$A'000</b>
5.1	Bank balances	37,610	41,064
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
<b>5.5</b>	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)</b>	<b>37,610</b>	<b>41,064</b>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates</b>	<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	317
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-

*Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.*

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<b>7. Financing facilities</b>	<b>Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000</b>	<b>Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000</b>
<i>Note: the term "facility" includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity. Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.</i>		
7.1 Loan facilities	9,281	9,281
7.2 Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3 Other (please specify)	-	-
<b>7.4 Total financing facilities</b>	<b>9,281</b>	<b>9,281</b>
<b>7.5 Unused financing facilities available at quarter end</b>		-
7.6 Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.		
- A working capital facility of 15.4 billion CFA (~\$37.9M AUD) was arranged with Coris Bank. AUD\$10.6 million was repaid during the quarter.		

<b>8. Estimated cash available for future operating activities</b>	<b>\$A'000</b>
8.1 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	12,870
8.2 (Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	-
8.3 Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	12,870
8.4 Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	37,610
8.5 Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6 Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	37,610
<b>8.7 Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)</b>	N/A
<i>Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.</i>	
8.8 If item 8.7 is less than 3 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:	
8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?	
Answer: Not applicable	
8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?	
Answer: Not applicable	
8.8.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?	
Answer: Not applicable	
<i>Note: where item 8.7 is less than 3 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.</i>	

## Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 18 April 2024

Authorised by: Matthew Foy (Company Secretary)  
(Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

## Notes

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.