

# WEST AFRICA'S EMERGING MID TIER PRODUCER TARGETING +400,000 ozpa GOLD PRODUCTION BY 2025



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The exploration results referred to in this presentation were reported in the announcements titled "Amended M5 South UG Mineral Resource and Scoping Study" released 13 December 2023, "WAF Resource, Reserve and 10 year production update 2024" released 28 February 2024 and "WAF intercepts 9.5m at 81.91 g/t gold outside reserves at M1S" released 14 March 2024. The Company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in those announcements.

### WEST AFRICA'S EMERGING MID-TIER GOLD PRODUCER

100% UNHEDGED MINERAL RESOURCES AND ORE RESERVES

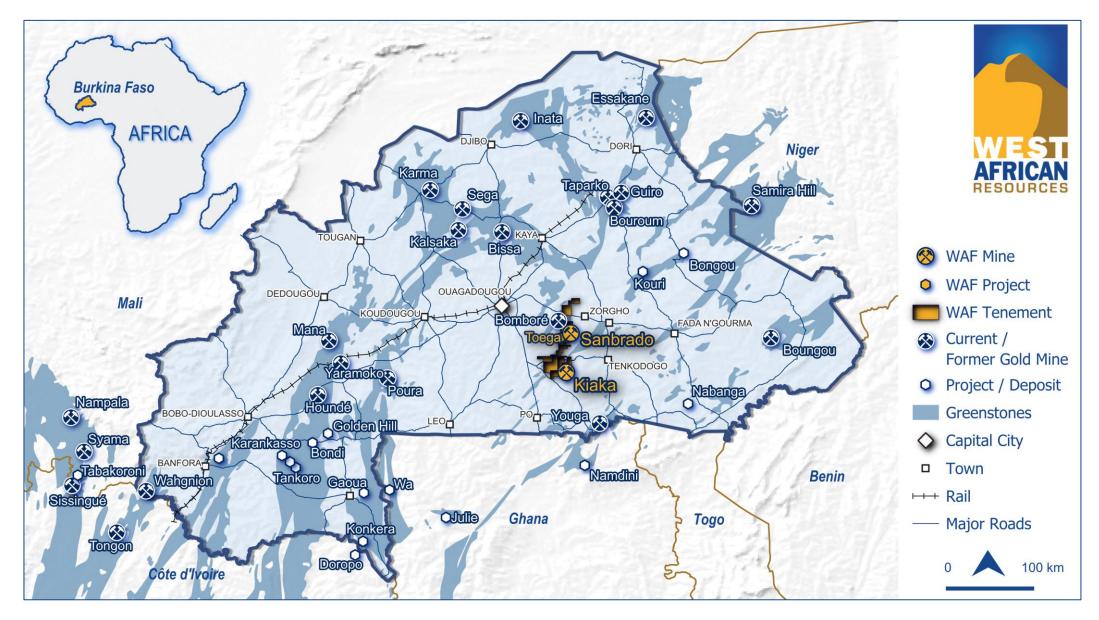


2024 Guidance	Mineral Resources	Ore Reserves	10 Year Production Target	<b>Exploration Permits</b>	Market Capitalisation
190 – 210 Koz	12.8 Moz	6.1 Moz	4.03 Moz	+1,300 km <sup>2</sup>	A\$1,232m*
AISC <us\$1300 oz<="" th=""><th>100% Un</th><th>hedged</th><th>82% Ore Reserves</th><th></th><th>A\$383m in cash and bullion* US\$150m drawn from \$265m debt facility*</th></us\$1300>	100% Un	hedged	82% Ore Reserves		A\$383m in cash and bullion* US\$150m drawn from \$265m debt facility*

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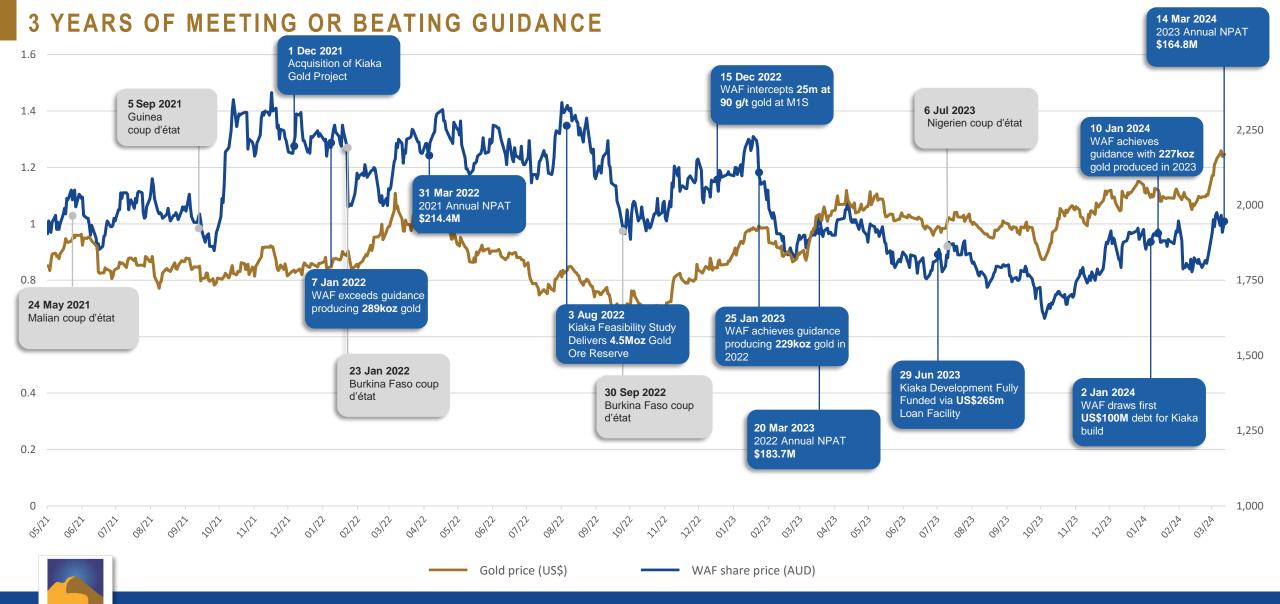


# WAF PROJECT LOCATIONS

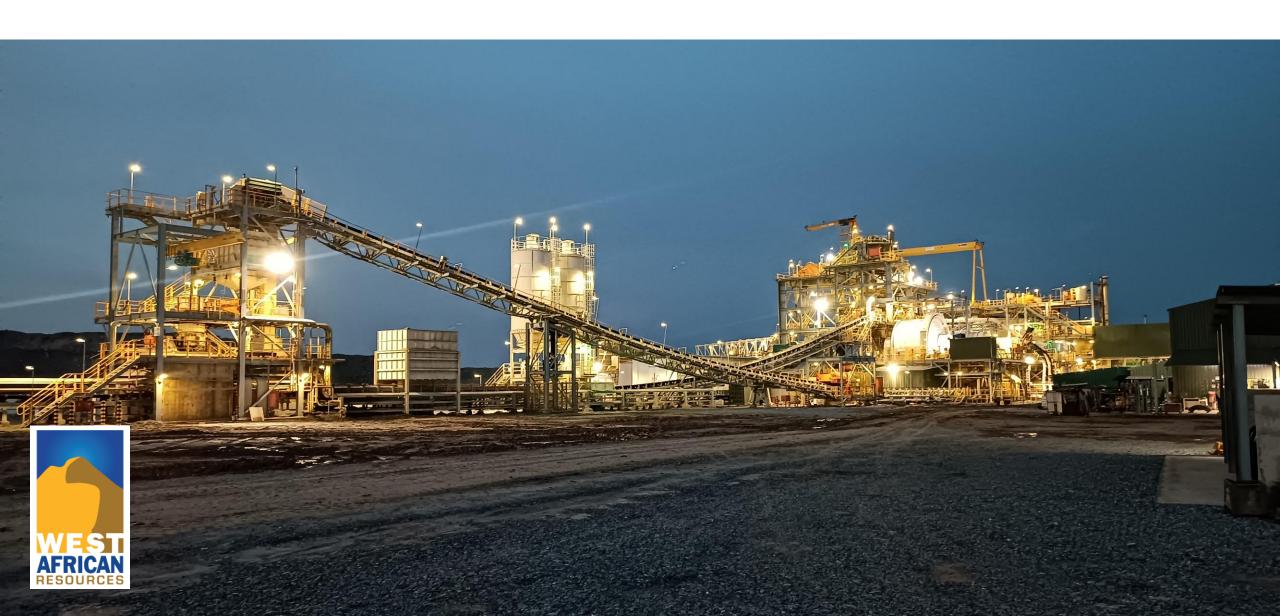


### **KEY GEOPOLITICAL EVENTS & WAF MILESTONES**

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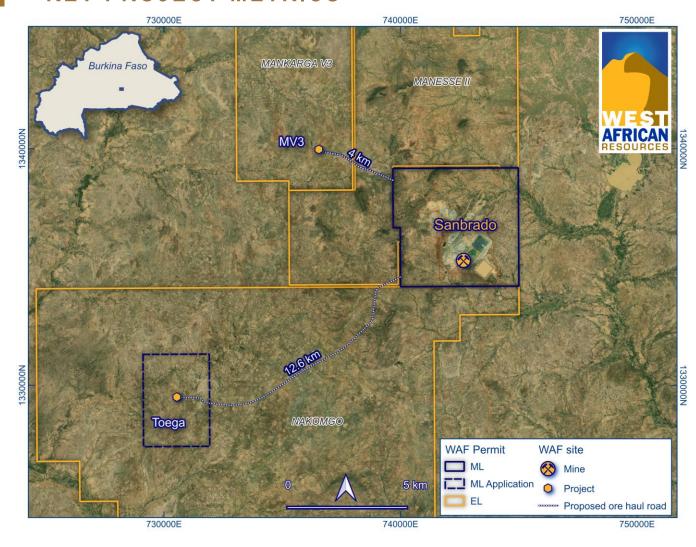


SANBRADO GOLD OPERATIONS



# SANBRADO GOLD MINE

#### **KEY PROJECT METRICS**



**Location** South-central Burkina Faso, West Africa

Ownership WAF 90%; BF Government 10%

Type Contract open-pit and underground mining

Resources 83 Mt at 1.83 g/t for 4.9 Moz gold (US\$2000)

**Reserves** 19.8 Mt at 2.4 g/t for 1.5 Moz gold (US\$1400)

**Reserves + Inventory** 22.9 Mt at 2.2 g/t for 1.6 Moz gold (US\$1400)

Mine life 15 years

**Processing** Conventional 3.2 Mtpa CIL + gravity

Recovery LOM 94%

First production March 2020

**2024 Guidance** 190 - 210 Koz at AISC of <US\$1,300/oz

**Workforce** 93% Burkinabe including 50% from local region

Safety TRIFR of 0.95 (WA Mining Average 5.7)

**Tax** 27.5%

**Gov. participation** 10% FC, 5-7% royalty + 1% community fund

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# **SANBRADO GOLD MINE**

#### TEN CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS OF MEETING OR BEATING GUIDANCE

#### 2023 Summary:

Processed: 3.3Mt at 2.3 g/t gold

93.7% recovery

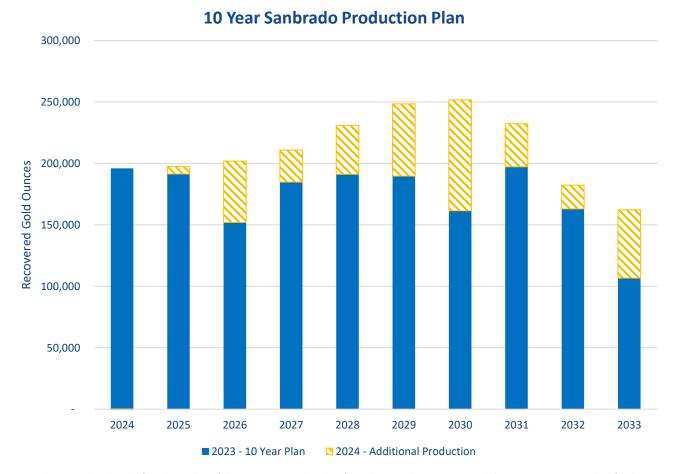
Produced: 226,823 oz

Gold sold: 224,970 oz

Costs: AISC US\$1,136/oz

Sale price: US\$1,944/oz unhedged

- 2024 guidance 190 210 Koz production at <US1300/oz</li>
- 10-year production target set to average more than 210,000 oz per year from 2024 to 2033
- Production increases to >230,000 oz per year from 2026 -2031 incl. Toega and M5 South UG





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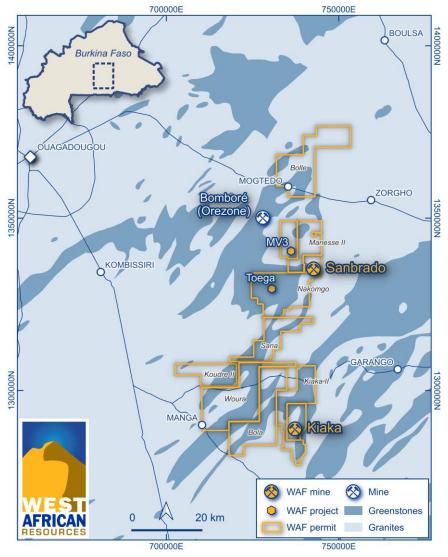
7.9 MOZ GOLD PROJECT

AFRICAN



19 YEARS AT 220,000 OZ PER YEAR





### 19 YEARS AT 220,000 OZ GOLD PER YEAR

**Location** South-central Burkina Faso, West Africa

Ownership WAF 90%; BF Government 10%

**Type** Open-pit, low strip ratio 1.8 : 1 LOM

**Resources** 285 Mt at 0.9 g/t for 7.9 Moz gold (US\$2000)

**Reserves** 155 Mt at 0.9 g/t for 4.5 Moz gold (US\$1400)

Mine life 19 years

**Processing** Conventional 8.4 Mtpa CIL + gravity

**Recovery LOM** 90%

**Pre-production** 

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US\$430 million

First production Scheduled for Q3 2025

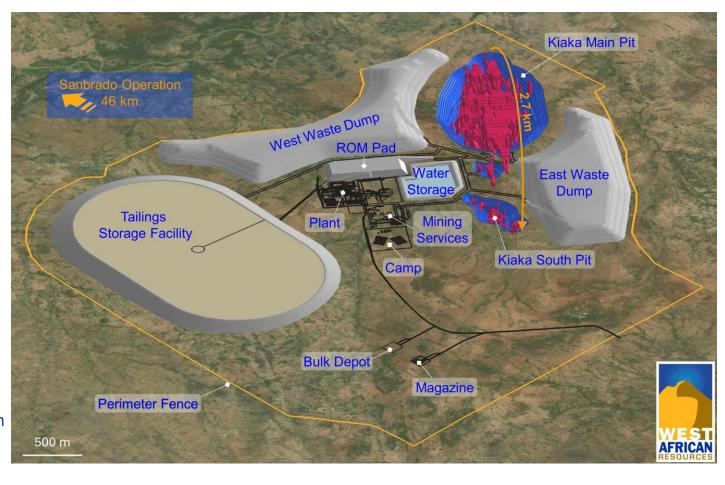
**Production** 220,000 oz/yr for 19 years

**Power supply** Grid 225Kv (hydro, solar & thermal back-up)

**Workforce** >90% Burkinabe including 50% from local region

**Tax** 27.50%

**Gov. participation** 10% FC, 5-7% royalty + 1% community fund



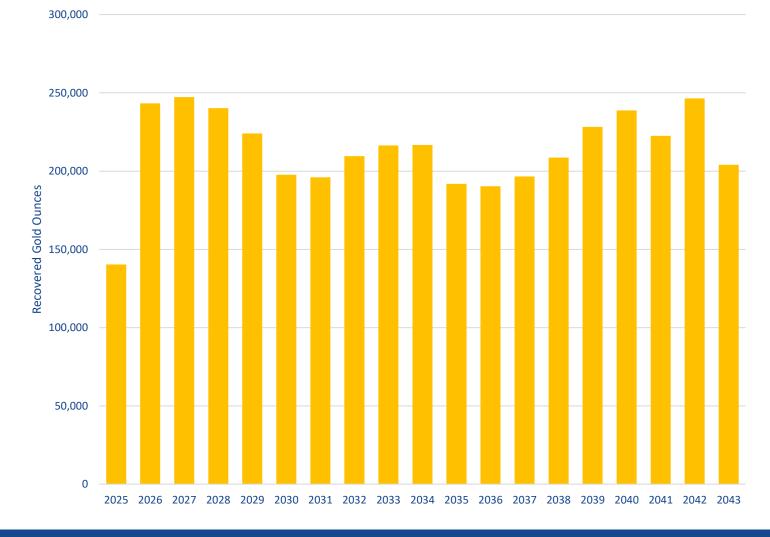
### **KEY METRICS AT US\$1750 (100% PROJECT BASIS)**

#### **Production**

- 4.1Moz gold at 90% met. recoveries
- 233,000 ozpa gold production Y1-5
- 219,000 ozpa gold production LOM (18.5Y)

#### **Financial**

- US\$430 million pre-production capital costs
- AISC of US\$953/oz Y1-5; US\$1,052/oz LOM
- US\$2.4b (A\$3.4b) pre-tax free cashflow at US\$1750/oz





- Including pre-production mining & development costs, contingencies, duties & taxes.
- 2. USD: AUD FX rate of 0.70 as at 3 August 2022.
- . Refer ASX announcement titled "WAF Resource, Reserve and 10 year production update 2024" released 28 February 2024.
- 4. Refer ASX announcement titled "Kiaka Feasibility Delivers 4.5Moz Gold Ore Reserve" released 3 August 2022.

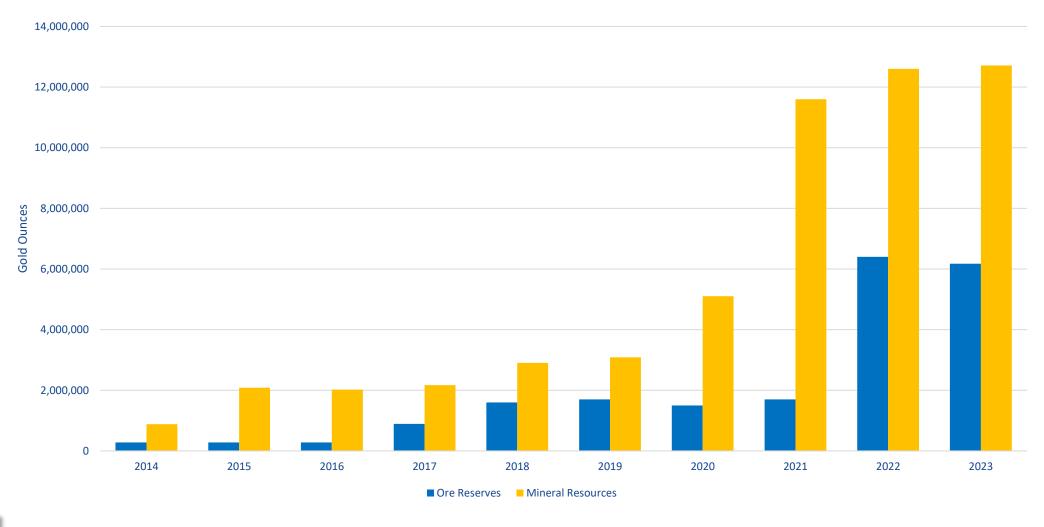
#### FIRST GOLD ESTIMATED FOR 2025

- Project currently 44% complete
- Experienced WAF team managing earthworks, camp and buildings, power supply, mine services, overland HDPE piping
- Lycopodium managing process plant construction. Concrete pouring is 25% complete. CIL tank installation underway.
- Engineering and Procurement Services 75% complete under Lycopodium EPCM contract
- Major equipment arriving on site includes crushers, thickener, CIL tank steel, steel framed sheds, structural steel, SAG mill shells
- 75% of overall project costs committed and fixed. No material cost inflation
- US\$150m drawn in Q1 2024 under US\$265m syndicated loan facility

	2022				20	23			2024			2025			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Updated Feasibility Study															
Award of EPCM and Order Mill Package															
Early Works															
RAP update															
Commencement of Major Works															
Open Pit Mining Commences															
Commissioning Begins															
First Gold and Ramp Up															

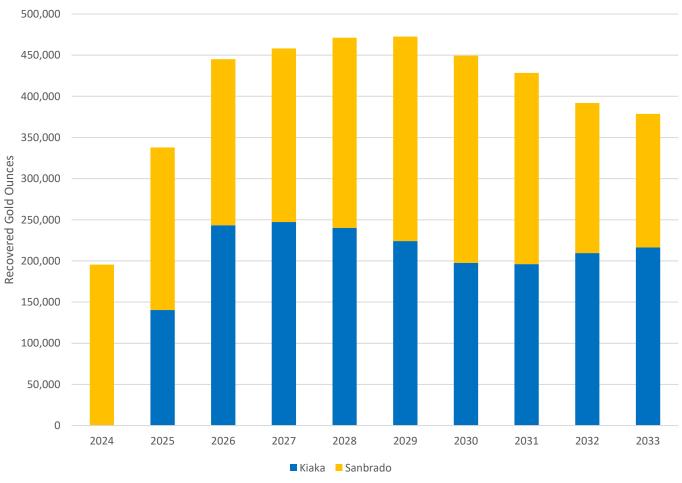


#### **OUTSTANDING HISTORY OF RESOURCE & RESERVE GROWTH**





#### 10 YEAR PRODUCTION TARGET



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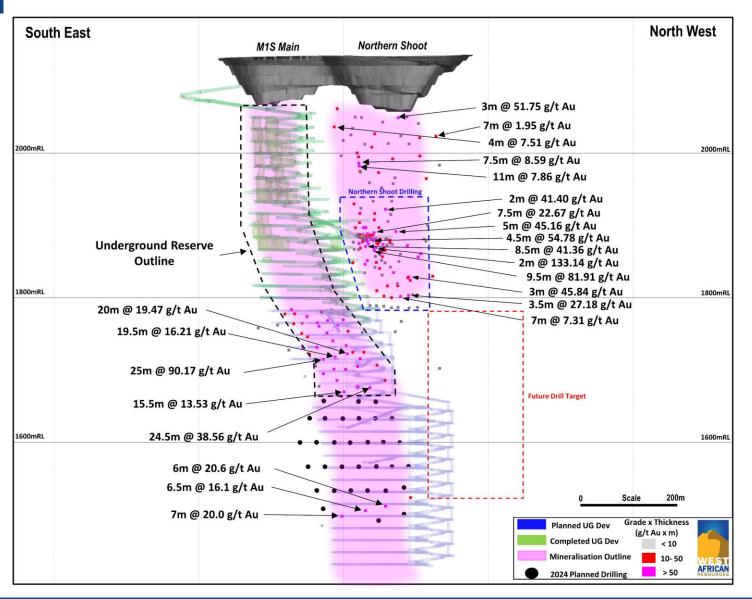
- 10-year production target to average:
  - >400,000 oz pa 2024-33
  - >450,000 oz pa 2026-31
  - 4.03 Moz production 2024-33
- 10-year production target based on 82% Ore Reserves at a conservative gold price of US\$1400/oz.
- Active exploration on >1300 km² near-mine tenements:
  - 35,000m of air core, reverse circulation and diamond drilling
  - 32,000m of auger drilling
  - Airborne geophysical programs



# RESOURCE EXTENSION

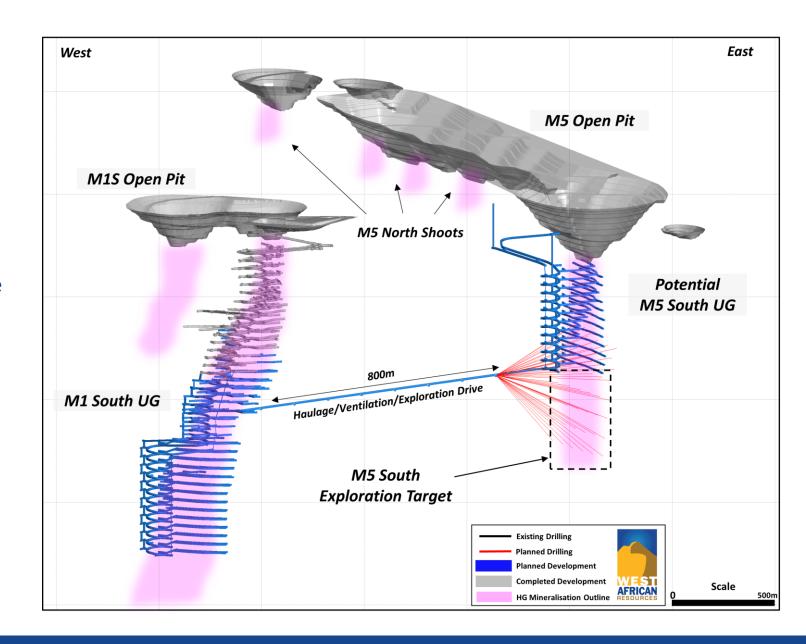
#### M1 SOUTH NORTHERN SHOOT

- Recent diamond drilling at the M1S northern shoot intercepts high grade mineralisation outside of Ore Reserve
- Significant results from diamond drilling at the M1S northern shoot include:
  - 9.5m at 81.9 g/t Au
  - 8.5m at 41.4 g/t Au
  - 2m at 133.1 g/t Au
  - 4.5m at 54.8 g/t Au
  - 5m at 45.2 g/t Au
- Confirms high potential for an additional mining area at M1 South underground
- Significant opportunity for resource extension below the 1780mRL (520mbsl)



# NEAR MINE GROWTH M5 UNDERGROUND POTENTIAL

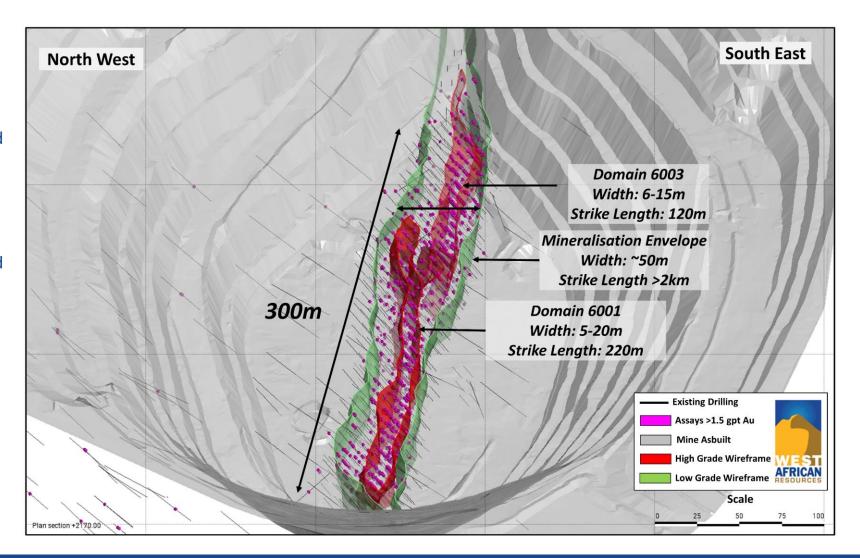
- Grade and tenor of previous drilling confirmed,
   +1.5 g/t Au mineralisation core below the M5
   South open pit
- High-grade shoots remain open at depth at more than 400m below surface
- Maiden underground Mineral Resource Estimate delivers 2.4Mt at 3.8 g/t Au for 289koz gold
- Average annual production post of 35kozs per annum over 5-year study life



# **NEAR MINE GROWTH**

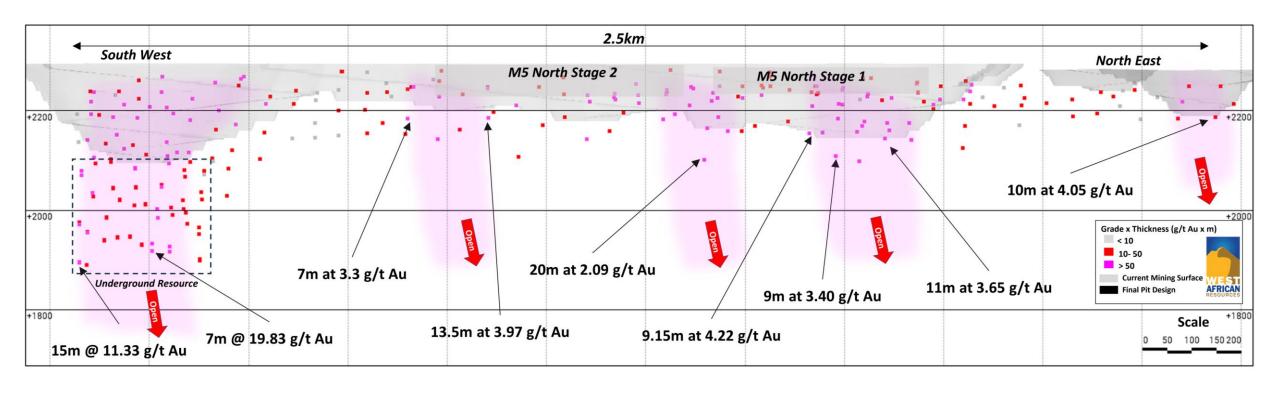
#### M5 UNDERGROUND POTENTIAL

- Infill drilling complete
- New results include:
  - 20.5m at 4.1 g/t gold and 7m at 5 g/t gold
  - 12.5m at 4.6 g/t gold
  - 4m at 5.3 g/t gold and 9m at 5.7 g/t gold
  - 10m at 3.8 g/t gold and 6m at 2.6 g/t gold
- Historic results by WAF include:
  - 11m at 11.45 g/t gold
  - 15m at 11.26 g/t gold
  - 23m at 11.26 g/t gold
  - 8m at 17.5 g/t gold
  - 10m at 4.86 g/t gold



# **NEAR MINE GROWTH**

### M5 EXPLORATION POTENTIAL



### ESG OUR COMMITMENT

Integrating sustainability into our operations with a long-term view; beyond production and closure for a positive mine legacy

- ✓ Sanbrado nursery growing thousands of seedlings for Sanbrado's progressive rehabilitation and revegetation program in collaboration with local Government and community
- ✓ All Sanbrado livelihood restoration programs implemented in partnership with Burkinabe organisations with majority of programs moving into monitoring phase
- ✓ Keeping our programs in-check through regular internal audits of our environmental and social management and monitoring systems and external audits by international specialists
- ✓ Cross-project mentorship between our environmental and social teams
- ✓ Working with leading industry experts on ESG information disclosure to keep us accountable and transparent to our stakeholders and shareholders.





# ESG MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT

#### Positive Social Impact from Sanbrado in education and health

- ✓ Donation of bicycles and tricycles to support transport needs of local students and people with disabilities
- ✓ Scholarship program in its second year
- ✓ Livelihood diversification training aimed at women, youth and vulnerable members of the community
- ✓ Education on family planning, and prevention and management of common illnesses and diseases
- ✓ Health programs and donations of medical and personal hygiene supplies
- ✓ Employment for local workforce with more than 50% from the local area
- ✓ Significant contributor to Burkina Faso in taxes and royalties >US\$287 million since project commencement





# **BUILDING A STRONG WORKFORCE**

### **ÉQUIPE WAF**

- ✓ Total WAF workforce: 844
  - +90% Burkinabè workers
  - 50% workers from local areas surrounding projects
  - 20% women across all business units
- ✓ Employment opportunities: total workforce including contractors: 2,077
- ✓ WAF senior leadership roles: 30% women
- ✓ Providing training and development opportunities:
  - +70 traineeships conducted in 2023
  - +240 traineeships completed since commencement of operations
  - Developing a trades apprenticeship scheme
  - University scholarship program
  - 25,000 hours of employee training delivered in 2023 in Australian accredited training programs







+400,000OZPA GOLD PRODUCTION BY 2025

		Quality board and management team aligned with shareholders
	TEAM	Building a reputation for consistent and reliable delivery
	GOLD	6.1 Moz unhedged gold reserves
	EXPOSURE	• 12.8 Moz unhedged gold resources
	ESG	<ul> <li>Social licence to operate through community programs and partnerships</li> <li>Environmental and social programs aligned with international standards</li> </ul>
AFRIC	GROWTH  954	<ul> <li>Strong cashflow from unhedged gold production</li> <li>+1,300km² of permits covering prospective greenstone belts</li> <li>Targeted exploration – creating value through the drill bit</li> <li>Forecast +400,000oz p.a. gold production from 2025</li> </ul>

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### CAPITAL STRUCTURE

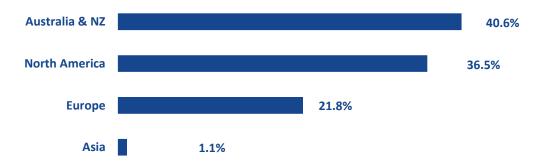
#### **ASX: WAF**

Total Ordinary Shares on Issue	1,027m
Options and performance rights on issue	7.1m
Top 20 Shareholders <sup>1</sup>	62%
Cash at 31 March 2024	AUD\$342m
Gold at 31 March 2024 <sup>2</sup>	AUD\$41m
Debt (US\$265m facility)	US\$150m
Market Capitalisation (at AUD\$1.20/share)	AUD\$1,232m

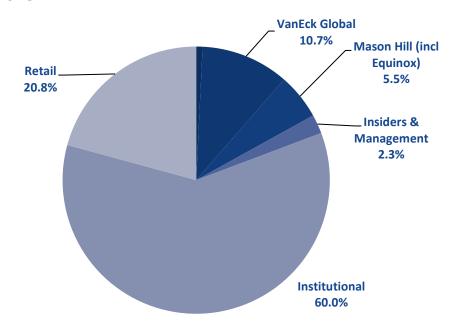
#### **Analyst Coverage**<sup>3</sup>

Mike Millikan
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#### **INVESTOR BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION<sup>4</sup>**



#### **INVESTOR BY TYPE**<sup>1</sup>





- 1. Share holdings as at 28 February 2024
- 2. US\$2,156 gold price
- 3. Further information at www.westafricanresources.com/investor-centre
- 4. For 87% of investors

# MINERAL RESOURCES

		Measured Resource			Indicated Resource			Ir	nferred Reso	urce	Total Resource		
	Cutoff	Tonnes	Grade	Contained Au	Tonnes	Grade	Contained Au	Tonnes	Grade	Contained A	Tonnes	Grade	Contained Au
	g/t	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz
MV3	0.5	-	-	-	2,103	2.2	149	1,728	1.9	103	3,831	2.0	252
M1 South U/G	1.5	1,228	10.1	398	1,893	8.6	521	312	3.4	34	3,434	8.6	953
M1 South U/G Deeps	1.5	-	-	-				1,296	11.9	498	1,296	11.9	498
M5 Open Pit	0.5	2,119	1.1	73	25,633	1.0	831	19,554	1.0	631	47,306	1.0	1,535
M5 Underground	1.5	-	-	-	1,693	3.6	195	694	4.2	94	2,387	3.8	289
Stockpile	0.4	3,135	0.7	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,135	0.7	73
Kiaka	0.4	-	-	-	212,469	0.9	5,954	72,378	0.8	1,920	284,847	0.9	7,875
Toega	0.5	-	-	-	13,164	1.7	700	8,491	2.1	579	21,655	1.8	1,279
Total		6,482	2.6	543	256,956	1.0	8,350	104,454	1.1	3,860	367,892	1.1	12,754

Tonnes, grade and contained metal have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimates. Rounding errors may occur.



# **ORE RESERVES**

			Probable		Proved + Probable				
	Tonnes Grade Contained Au		Tonnes	Tonnes Grade Containe		ntained Au Tonnes		Contained Au	
	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz
M1 South UG	1,298	7.3	304	1,591	7.7	392	2,889	7.5	696
M5	1,635	1.1	55	5,846	1.2	218	7,481	1.1	273
Toega	-	-	-	9,457	1.9	569	9,457	1.9	569
ROM Stockpile	3,135	0.7	73	-	-	-	3,135	0.7	73
Kiaka	-	-	-	154,685	0.9	4,510	154,685	0.9	4,510
Total	6,068	2.2	432	171,579	1.0	5,689	177,647	1.1	6,121

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