



Sanbrado: A high-grade gold discovery

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Information in this presentation that relates to exploration results, exploration targets or mineral resources is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr Brian Wolfe, an independent consultant specialising in mineral resource estimation, evaluation and exploration. Mr Wolfe is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Wolfe has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person (or "CP") as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code) and a Qualified Person under Canadian National Instrument 43-101. Mr Wolfe has reviewed the contents of this presentation and consents to the inclusion in this presentation of all technical statements based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

Information in this presentation that relates to Ore Reserves is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr Stuart Cruikshanks, an independent specialist mining consultant. Mr Cruikshanks is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Cruikshanks has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as CP as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code) and a Qualified Person under Canadian National Instrument 43-101. Mr Cruikshanks has reviewed the contents of this presentation and consents to the inclusion in this presentation of all technical statements based on his information in the form and context in which they appear. West African has filed on SEDAR (at www.sedar.com) a technical report titled "NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate Tanlouka Gold Project, Burkina Faso Technical Report" and dated 14 September 2016, which contains, among other things, detailed information about assay methods, data verification and QA/QC procedures related to the Sanbrado Gold Project. West African will be filing a new NI 43-101 technical report within 45 days of February 20, 2017 in respect of the feasibility study on the project, all as required by Canadian NI 43-101.



INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Burkina Faso focussed gold developer; ASX and TSX-V listed (“WAF”)
- ✓ 90% owned Sanbrado Gold Project
 - Ultra high grade M1 discovery – extreme grades, growing at depth
 - Large gold system at M5 - 3km strike, more than 300m wide – open at depth
- ✓ +1,000km² of 100% owned prospective greenstone belts
- ✓ Interim open pit feasibility study completed Q1 2017, upgraded feasibility study H1 2018
- ✓ Development project permitted with mining and environmental approvals
- ✓ \$26m cash and \$7.5m 'in-the-money' options - well funded for 2017 and 2018 work programs
- ✓ Aggressive drilling 2017 and into 2018 – further project growth
- ✓ Board and management able to deliver – proven gold project experience in West Africa

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- Recent transformational exploration success has underpinned a planned CIL development
- High-grade discovery March 2016:
 - TAN17-DD111: 21m at 53.13 g/t Au from 408.5m including 0.5m at 1,613.41 g/t Au
 - TAN17-DD109: 29.5m at 20.7g/t Au from 349.5m including 1.5m at 250.3g/t Au
 - TAN16-RC122: 12m at 53.11g/t Au, including 1m at 534.45g/t Au
 - TAN16-DD044: 18m at 82.3g/t Au from 98m including 1m at 1107g/t Au
 - TAN16-DD055: 16m at 69.1g/t Au including 2m at 315.3g/t Au from 209m
- February 2017 interim open-pit feasibility study: 2Mtpa CIL - First 3 years at 150Kozpa at AISC US\$708 - optimisation underway with additional high grade mineralisation
- Granted mining licence and environmental approval from government of Burkina Faso

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CORPORATE OVERVIEW

ASX & TSX-V: WAF

Total Ordinary Shares on Issue	538.2m
Options on issue	57m
Top 20 Shareholders	55%
Cash	A\$26m
In-the-money options	~A\$7.5m
Market Capitalisation (at 36c/share)	A\$194m

Substantial Shareholders

Board and Management	4.4%
1832 Asset Mgt (Dynamic Funds)	8.1%
Sprott Asset Mgt and Associates	6.1%
CQS	4.5%

Share Price (ASX)



EXPERIENCED BOARD & MANAGEMENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RICHARD HYDE Founder, Managing Director & CEO

Geologist with 20 years of experience in the minerals industry and more than 15 years of experience in West Africa. Founding shareholder and Director of WAF.

MARK CONNELLY Non-Exec Chairman

Executive with more than 27 years experience in the mining industry, former MD and CEO of Papillon Resources Limited, a Mali-based gold developer which merged with B2Gold Corp in a US\$570 million deal.

Simon Storm Non-Exec Director

Chartered accountant with more than 25 years of Australian and international experience in the accounting profession and commerce.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

LYNDON HOPKINS Chief Operating Officer

More than 20 years of experience in gold exploration, development and production. Former COO of Equigold NL's Ivory Coast operations and Mine Manager for the construction of Regis Resources Ltd's Rosemont Gold Mine.

NICK HARCH Advisor – Project Finance

More than 15 years with Macquarie Bank, experienced in initiating and leading equity, quasi-equity, project finance and structured hedging transactions for a broad range of resource projects, across many countries.

VINCENT MOREL Exploration Manager

Geologist with 25 years of experience in mining, over 20 years of experience in Africa. Involved with discovery of Randgold's +10Moz gold Morila gold mine in Mali.

PIERRE TAPSOBA National Director

Dr Tapsoba is a Burkina Faso national. PhD trained geologist with over 40 years of experience. Former government minister, with strong local relationships.

JOANNE THOMPSON Sustainability Manager

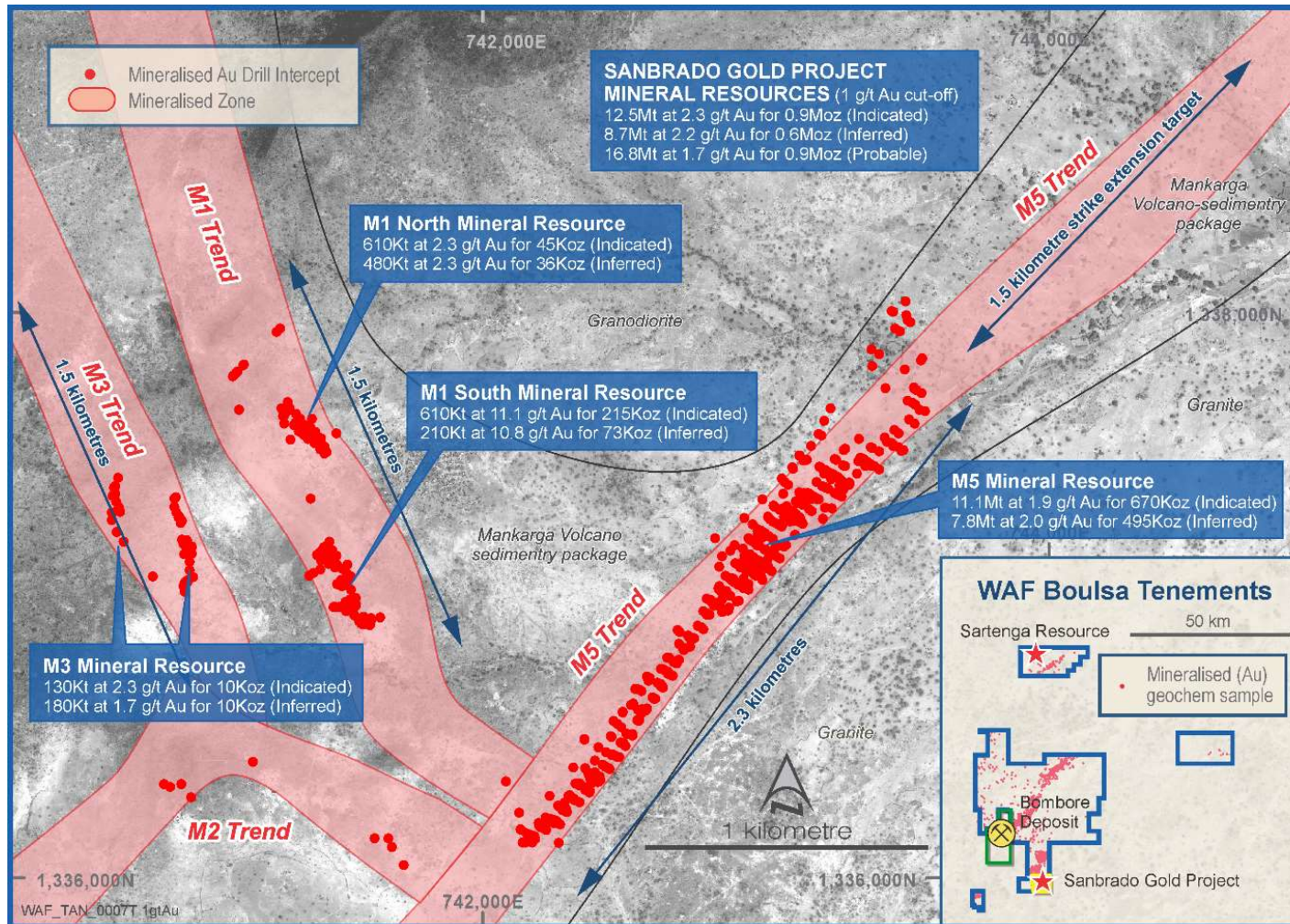
More than 10 years of experience in mining. Has held positions including Senior Closure and Reclamation Planner, Mine Operations Environmental Officer, and Environmental Officer with Newmont, SRK and Knight Piésold.



SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT



SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT OVERVIEW



- Over 2Moz in gold resources: 1.3Moz (Ind) & 0.8Moz (Inf)
- Resources include over 150,000m of DD & RC
- All deposits within 3km
- Conventional open-pit and underground mining
- Conventional CIL processing methods – >91% recovery at 90 µm grind
- Still adding ounces - all zones open at depth, along strike
- Granted mining licence and environmental approval



Mineral Resource estimate by International Resource Solutions Pty Ltd, Perth, reported at 0.5g/t Au cutoff grade as per press release 20th February 2017.

M1 SOUTH HIGH GRADE DISCOVERY

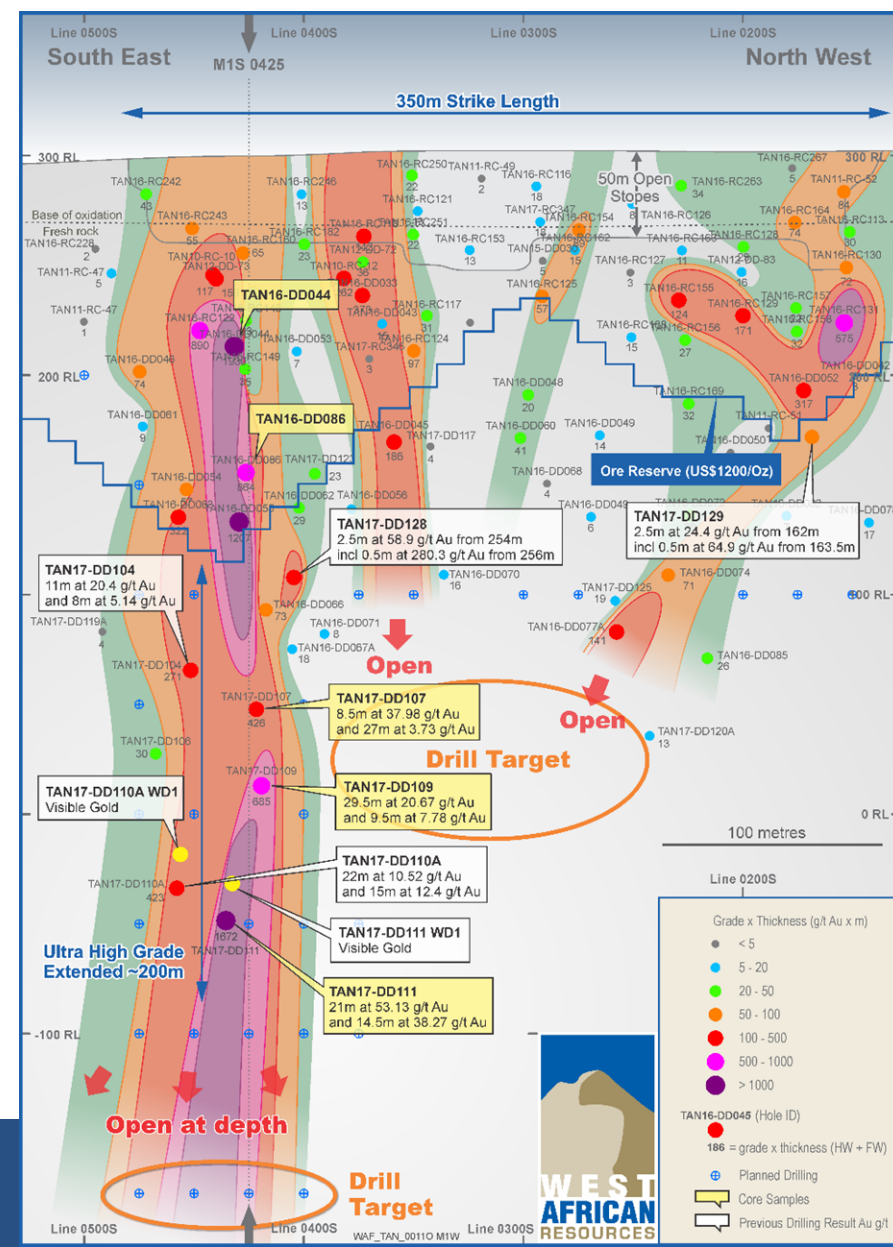


- At least 3 high grade shoots across 350m strike
- Southern shoot best developed, up to 100m strike, 45m true width, drilled to 400m vertical, open at depth
- Extreme grades up to 1.6kg per tonne
- >1,500oz per vertical metre
- Abundant visible gold, high recoveries >96%
- Pyrrhotite dominant sulphide
- 2 contract rigs on site drilling through the wet season - new drill holes targeting mineralisation at 700m down hole
- Resource update in Q3 2017

M1 SOUTH 2017 DRILLING RESULTS

RECENT 2017 DRILLING TO 400M VERTICAL:

TAN17-DD104	11m at 20.4g/t Au from 286m, including 2m at 101.71g/t Au
TAN17-DD107	8.5m at 37.98g/t Au from 296.5m including 1m at 260.93g/t Au
TAN17-DD109	29.5m at 20.67g/t Au from 349.5m including 1.5m at 250.3g/t Au
TAN17-DD110A	22m at 10.52g/t Au from 373.5m including 1.5m at 61.71g/t Au 15m at 12.4g/t Au from 431.5m including 2.5m at 57.6g/t Au
TAN17-DD111	21m at 53.1 g/t Au from 408.5m including 0.5m at 1,613.41 g/t Au 14.5m at 38.27 g/t Au from 459m including 4.5m at 104.16 g/t Au





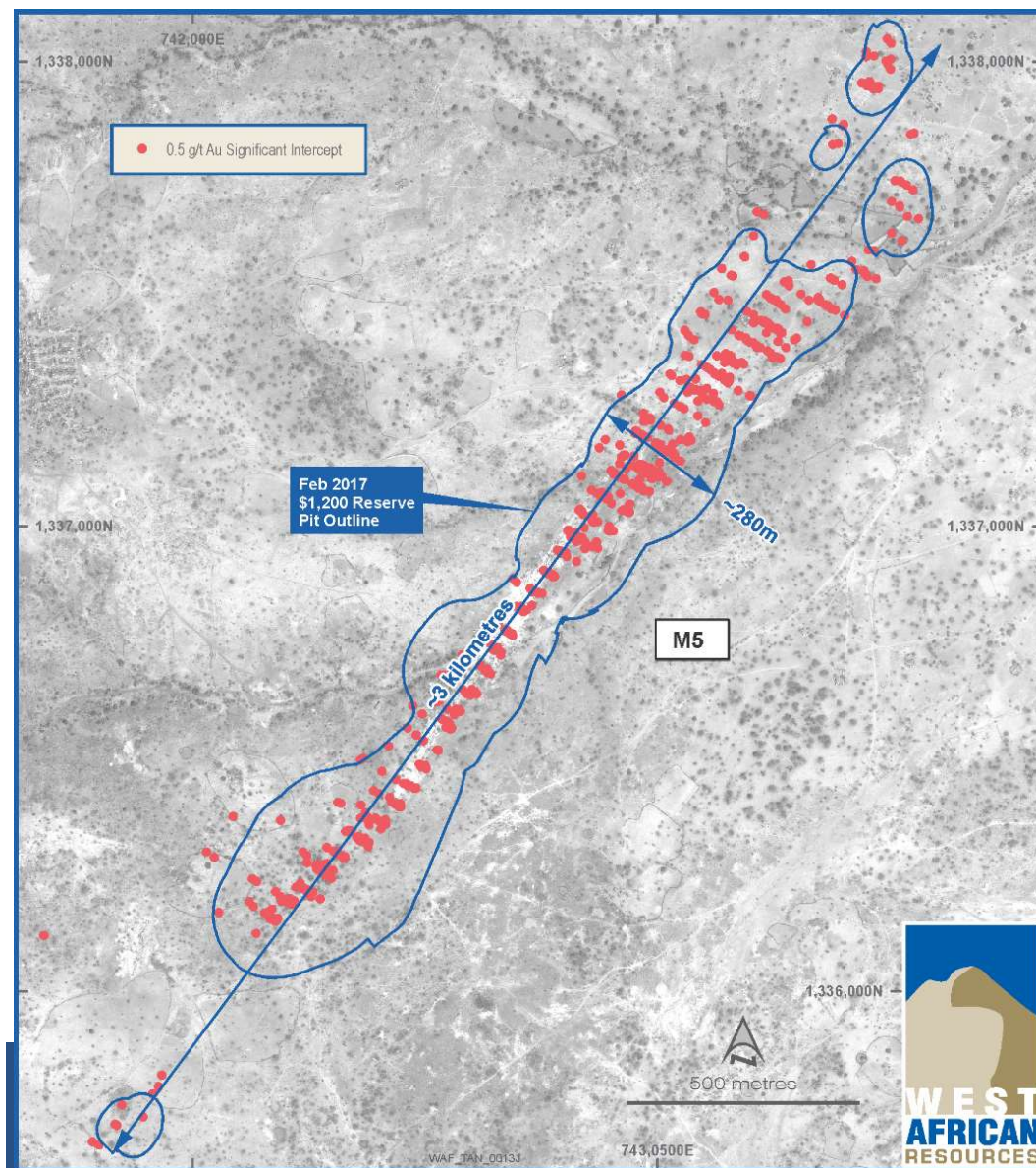
- | | INDICATED RESOURCES | | | | INFERRED RESOURCES | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| | Cutoff g/t Au | Tonnes | Au g/t | Oz Au | Cutoff g/t Au | Tonnes | Au g/t | Oz Au |
| MIK - Low Grade | 0.5 | 789,000 | 1.5 | 38,000 | 0.5 | 214,000 | 2.0 | 14,000 |
| OK - High Grade | 0.5 | 172,000 | 33.5 | 185,000 | 0.5 | 55,000 | 34.4 | 61,000 |
| Total | 0.5 | 961,000 | 7.2 | 224,000 | 0.5 | 269,000 | 8.6 | 74,000 |

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M1 SOUTH HIGH GRADE

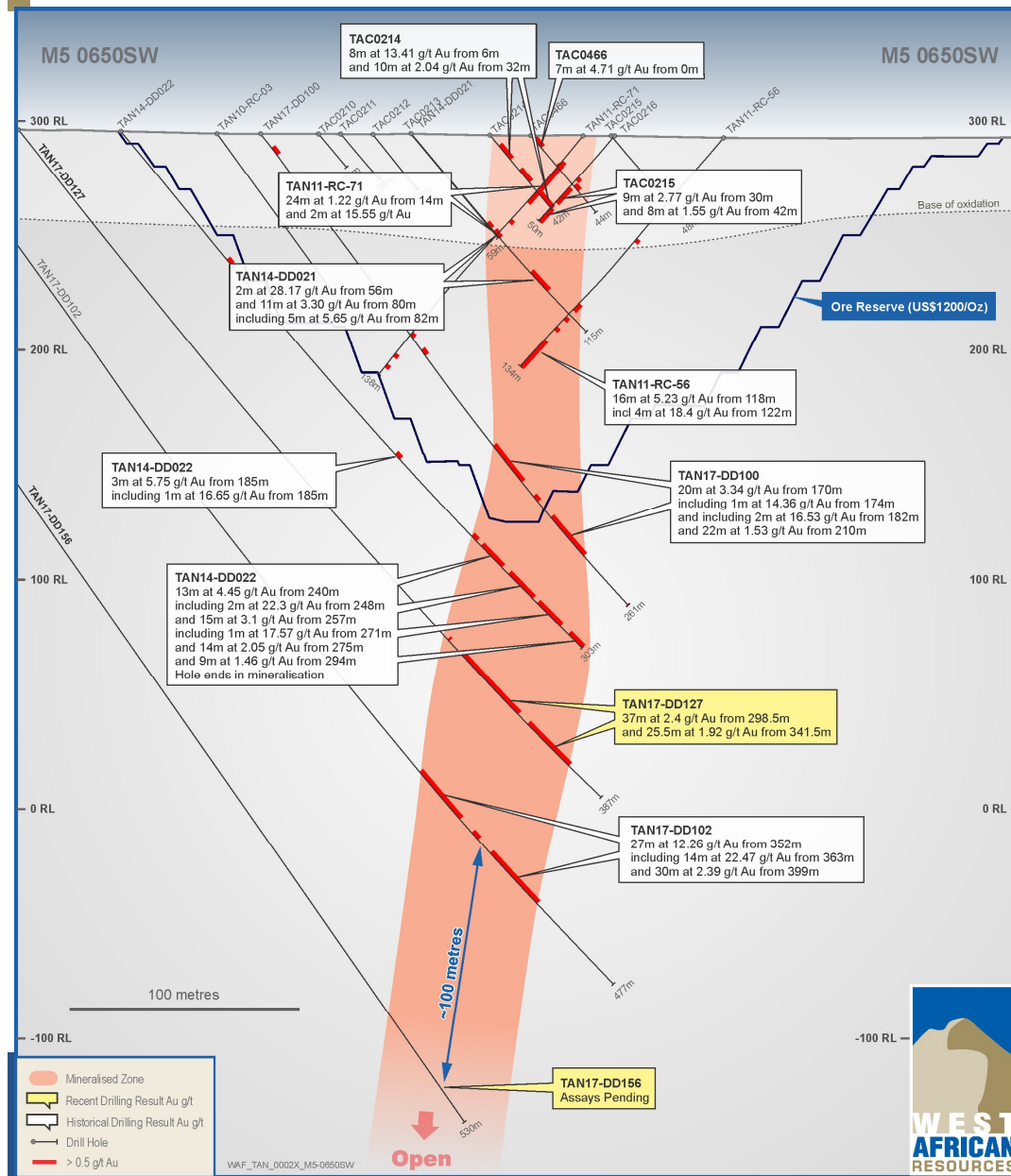
TAN17-DD111: 414-414.5M
1.6 kg/t gold

M5 TONNES OF OPTIONS, OPEN AT DEPTH



- 3km strike, up to 300m true width, open at more than 300m depth, low strip ratio
- 27.6Mt at 1.2g/t Au for 1.0Moz Au (Ind) and 17.4Mt at 1.3g/t Au 0.7Moz Au (Inf)
- Over 10Mt oxide and transitional material
- Ore shoots open at depth plunge steeply to northeast
- Southwestern 1km of deposit higher grade at depth
- Free milling ore at depth
- Open at depth and along strike
- 1 rig on site targeting mineralisation at more than 500m vertical
- Resource update Q3 2017

M5 2017 DRILLING



RECENT 2017 DRILLING RESULTS INCLUDE:

TAN17-DD094

29m at 4.96g/t Au from 128m, including 9m at 10.6g/t Au

TAN17-DD097A

15m at 5.03g/t Au from 256m, including 2m at 27.3g/t Au

TAN17-DD100

20m at 3.34g/t Au from 170m, including 2m at 16.5g/t Au

TAN17-DD101

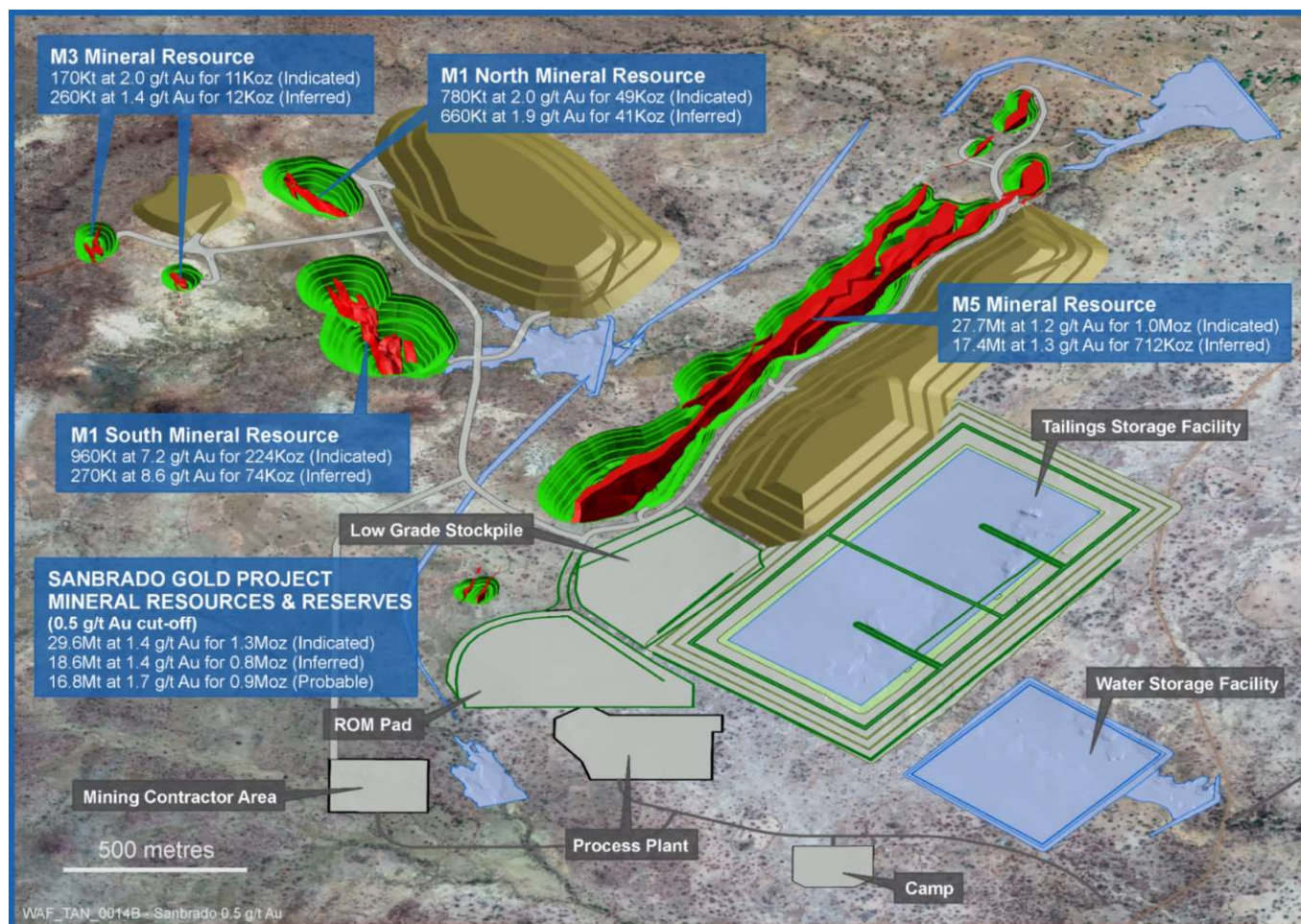
42m at 3.89g/t Au from 176m, including 14m at 5.41g/t Au

TAN17-DD102

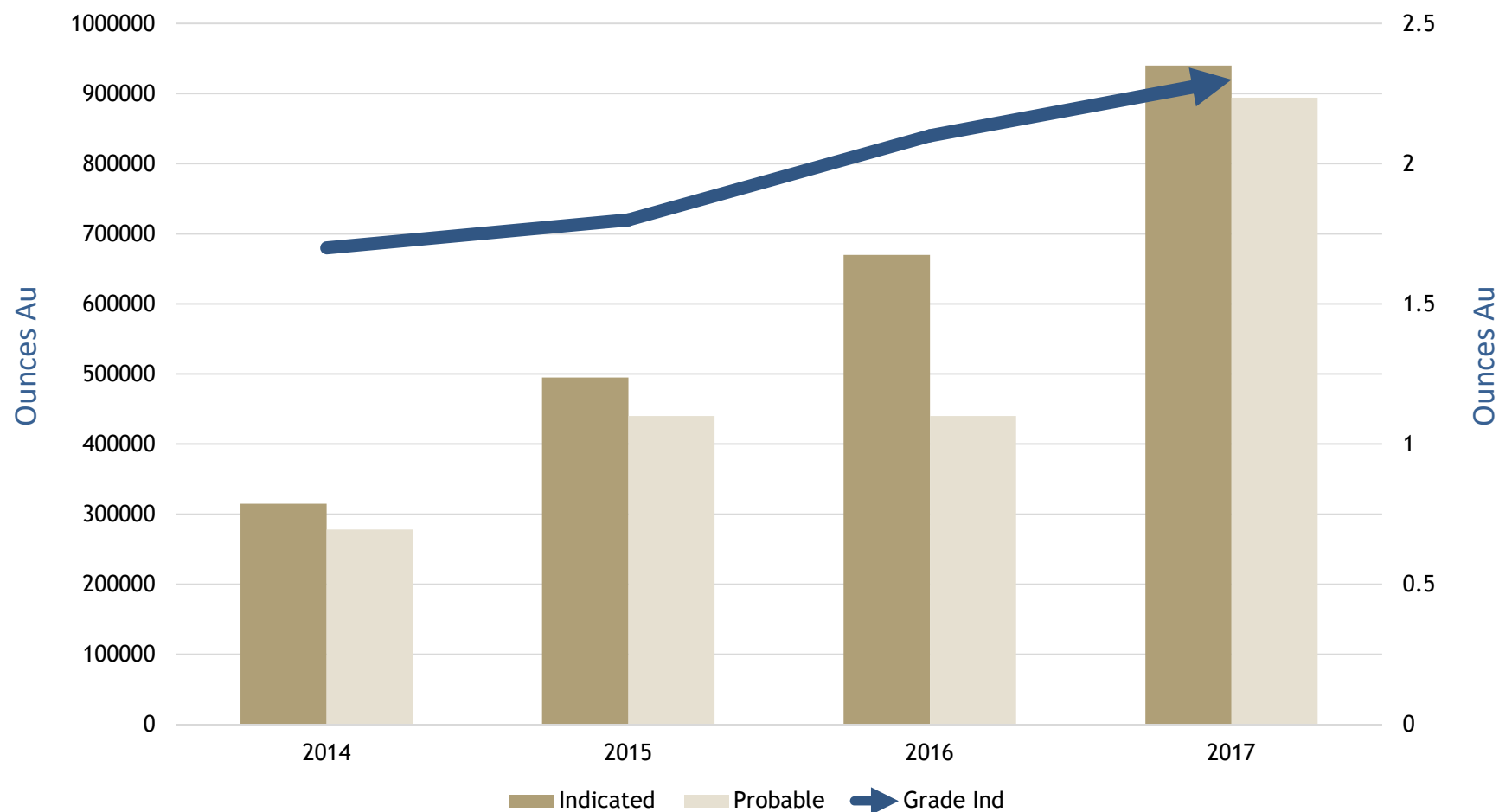
77m at 5.3g/t Au from 352m, including 27m at 12.3g/t Au

OPEN PIT FEASIBILITY STUDY OVERVIEW

- +150Kozpa over first 3yrs
- US\$131 million capex (including pre-production mining and contingency)
- Two year pay back at US\$1200
- All-In Sustaining Costs (AISC) of US\$708/oz first 3 years and US\$759 over LOM
- Conventional CIL and gravity processing – single stage SAG milling
- 91% LOM recovery



GROWTH OF RESOURCES, RESERVES AND GRADE



MILESTONES

Rest of 2017

- ✓ Current drilling program for next resource update nearing completion - results pending
- ✓ Resource update for M1 and M5 - late Q3 2017
- ✓ Ground geophysical survey - IP and detailed mag over M1 and M5 Q3 2017
- ✓ Commence +700m holes at M1 and M5 – results Q4 2017
- ✓ Design and commence 2017-18 field season drilling program – new exploration targets

2018 and beyond

- ✓ Continue aggressive drilling programs - +60,000m RC and diamond per annum
- ✓ Enhance metallurgy - review mill design and further test work to improve current +90% recoveries
- ✓ Update permitting - mining and environmental permits to CIL
- ✓ Feasibility update H1 2018 - underground mining and additional inventory from M1 and M5
- ✓ Maximise project value before decision to mine
- ✓ Well-funded - existing cash of A\$26 million plus A\$7.5 million 'in-the-money' options



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APPENDIX: ADDITIONAL SLIDES



MINERAL RESOURCES & ORE RESERVES

SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT MINERAL RESOURCES | 20TH FEBRUARY 2017

	Cutoff (Au g/t)	INDICATED RESOURCES			INFERRED RESOURCES		
		Tonnes	Grade (Au g/t)	Au Oz	Tonnes	Grade (Au g/t)	Au Oz
M5	0.5	27,660,000	1.2	1,049,000	17,360,000	1.3	712,000
	1	11,100,000	1.9	670,000	7,810,000	2.0	495,000
M1 South	0.5	960,000	7.2	224,000	270,000	8.6	74,000
	1	610,000	11.0	215,000	210,000	10.8	73,000
M1 North	0.5	780,000	1.9	49,000	660,000	1.9	41,000
	1	610,000	2.3	45,000	480,000	2.3	36,000
M3	0.5	170,000	2.0	11,000	260,000	1.4	12,000
	1	130,000	2.3	10,000	180,000	1.7	10,000
Total	0.5	29,570,000	1.4	1,332,000	18,550,000	1.4	839,000
	1	12,450,000	2.3	940,000	8,680,000	2.2	614,000

SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT PROBABLE ORE RESERVES | 20TH FEBRUARY 2017

Tonnes (Mt)	Gold Grade (Au g/t)	Contained Gold (koz)
16.8	1.7	894

Mineral Resources and Reserves reported with an effective date of 20th February 2017. Full details reported in ASX/TSXV announcement on 20th February 2017 and can be viewed on www.asx.com.au, www.sedar.com and www.westafricanresources.com



OVERVIEW OF THE OPEN PIT FEASIBILITY STUDY

SANBRADO OPEN PIT FEASIBILITY STUDY – PRODUCTION AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Base case is stated on a 100% basis and a gold price of \$1,200/oz (all amounts in US\$)

Production Y1-3	Average of 150,000oz/yr
Production LOM	Average of 93,000oz/yr
Production Costs¹ Y1-3	Average Cash Costs of \$672/oz (including royalties) Average All-in Sustaining Costs (AISC) of \$708/oz
Production Costs LOM	Average Cash Costs of \$717/oz (including royalties) Average All-in Sustaining Costs (AISC) of \$759/oz
IRR	Pre-tax IRR of 27% and 2.1 year payback on initial capital After-tax IRR of 21% and 2.3 year payback on initial capital
NPV	Pre-tax NPV (5%) of \$143M After-tax NPV (5%) of \$100M
Capex	Pre-Production capital of \$131 million (including pre-production mining and contingency)
Study Mine Life	8.75 years
Probable Mineral Reserves^{2,3}	16.8Mt at 1.7g/t gold containing 894,000 ounces of gold (strip ratio of 5:1)
LOM Recoveries	90.7% for 810,000 ounces of gold recovered

1 Cash costs include all mining and processing costs, site administration, royalties, refining and site rehabilitation costs. AISC includes Cash costs, sustaining capital, closure costs but excludes head office corporate costs.

2 Based on Indicated Resources only, in-pit Inferred Resources treated as waste in the study mining schedule.

3 The average strip ratio of 5.0:1 is inclusive of a strip ratio of 35.6:1 for the M1 South pit.



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