



# **WEST AFRICAN RESOURCES LTD**

## **WEST AFRICA'S EMERGING GOLD PRODUCER**

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# WEST AFRICAN RESOURCES 4 YEARS SINCE DISCOVERY

**March 2016**

Discovery  
M1 South

**TAN16-RC122 12m  
at 53.1g/t Au**

**June 2018**

1<sup>st</sup> DFS for CIL,  
Open-pit and  
underground mining

**WAF to be a  
+200,000oz pa  
gold producer!**

**November 2018**

Ordered mills, awarded  
engineering contract to  
Lycopodium,  
underground mining  
contract to Byrnes

**December 2018**

WAF raises  
A\$365m debt and  
equity to fully  
fund development

**January 2019**

Kicked off major  
construction  
works

**April 2019**

First debt drawdown  
  
Updated DFS

**WAF to produce  
300,000oz in Year 1!**

**December 2019**

Ausdrill mines first  
open pit ore, Build  
80% complete on  
schedule

**March 2020**

Build complete ahead of  
schedule and under  
budget, commissioning  
well under way



# WEST AFRICA'S EMERGING NEW GOLD PRODUCER

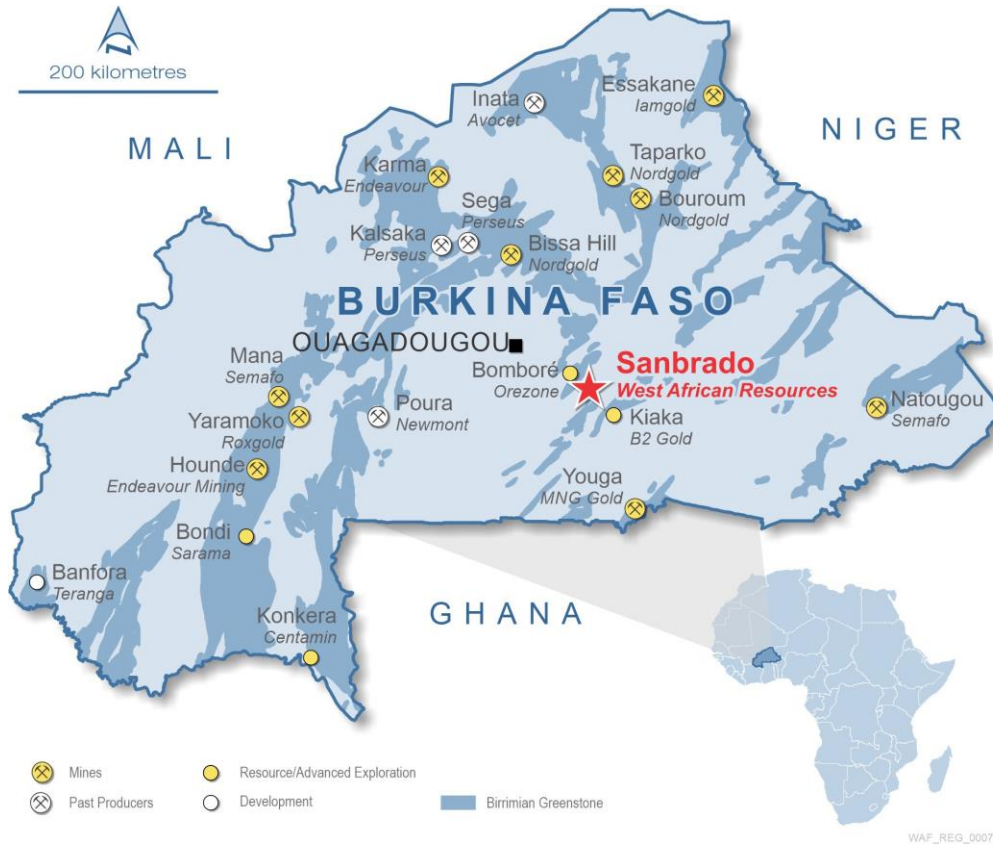
- Build complete and commissioning underway
- On target for +300,000 ounces gold in first 12 months of production at lowest quartile AISC <US\$500/oz
- Fully-funded, unhedged on track for Q2 2020 production from open-pit oxide and free-milling underground gold ores
- Average annual production 217,000oz gold over first five years at lowest quartile AISC <US\$600/oz
- Growing 3.1 Million ounce gold Mineral Resource
  - Underground: 0.8 Moz at 19.5 g/t gold
  - Open-pits: 2.3 Moz at 1.3 g/t gold
- Open at depth 1.7 Million ounce gold Probable Reserve
  - Underground: 0.65 Moz at 10.2 g/t gold
  - Open-pits: 1.0 Moz at 1.6 g/t gold



Source: ASX Feasibility Study release dated 16 April 2019.

ASX:	WAF
OTC US:	WFRSF
Shares:	870.5 Million
Market Cap:	A\$540 Million

# WHY BURKINA FASO?



- Underlain by Birimian gold bearing rocks
- 1.7 Moz gold production in 2018
- Sanbrado the 14th commercial gold mine in 14 years
- Historically stable government and community support for gold mining
- Sanbrado located in relatively secure south-central Burkina Faso, away from troubled border regions
- Updated mining code 2015:
  - 27.5% corporate tax rate
  - 10% free carry
  - 5% royalty
  - 1% community dividend
- Total WAF Burkina land package 990km<sup>2</sup>

# CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND ANALYST COVERAGE

## ASX: WAF

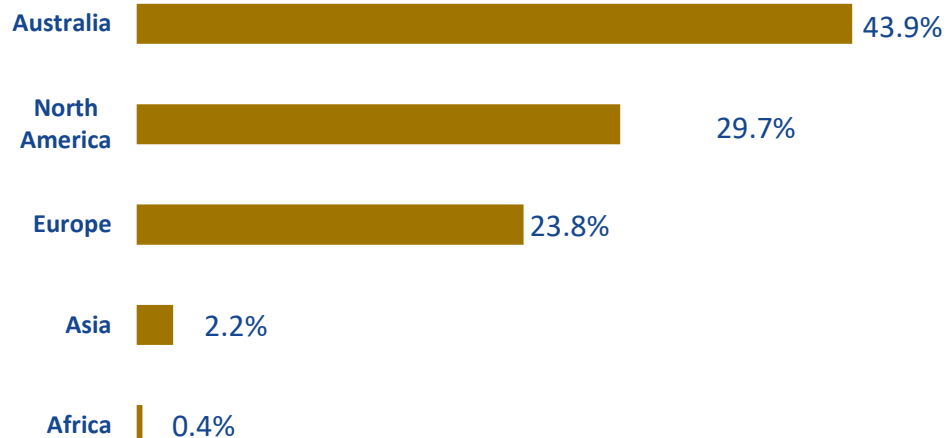
Total Ordinary Shares on Issue	870.5m
Options and performance rights on issue	15.7m
Top 20 Shareholders	58%
Cash at 29 February 2020	US\$41m

US\$175m drawn on US\$200m debt facility, US\$20m in mining contractor deferred payment facilities

Build 100% complete, Spend 83% complete, US\$81m in cash, debt and contract facilities

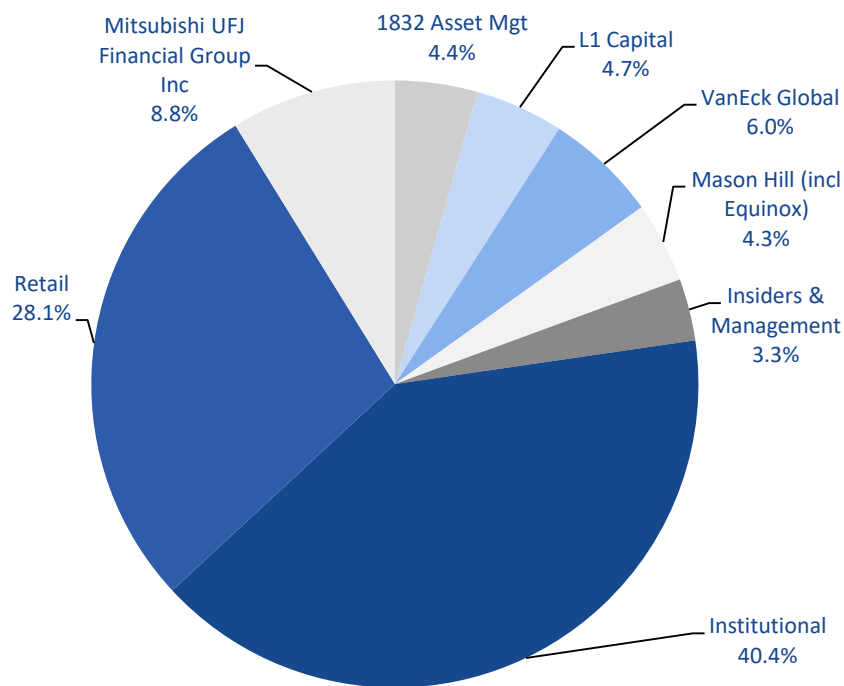
Market Capitalisation (at A\$0.60/share) A\$540m

## INVESTOR BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION<sup>1</sup>



## Analyst Coverage<sup>2</sup>

Argonaut	James Wilson
Euroz	Andrew Clayton
Hartleys	Mike Millikan
Macquarie	Andrew Bowler
Sprott	Brock Salier



1. For top 81% of investors
2. Further information at <http://www.westafricanresources.com/investor-centre>

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **RICHARD HYDE**

Executive Chairman &  
Chief Executive Officer  
Founder, Geologist  
20 years' experience

### **LYNDON HOPKINS**

Executive Director &  
Chief Operating Officer  
Geologist  
30 years' experience

### **MARK CONNELLY**

Non-Executive Director  
Mining Executive,  
Accountant  
30 years' experience

### **SIMON STORM**

Non-Executive  
Director & Co-Sec  
Chartered Accountant  
30 years' experience

### **ROD LEONARD**

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Director  
Metallurgical Engineer  
40 years' experience

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Non-Executive  
Director  
Mining Engineer  
40 years' experience

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Chief Development  
Officer  
Process Engineer  
20 years' experience

### **PADRAIG O'DONOGHUE**

Chief Financial Officer  
Chartered Accountant  
30 years' experience

### **JEAN-BERTRAND REINLE**

GM Administration  
Security Specialist  
30 years' experience

### **LUKE HOLDEN**

GM Sanbrado Operations  
Process Manager  
15 years' experience

### **VINCENT MOREL**

GM Exploration and  
New Projects  
30 years' experience

### **TODD GILTAY**

GM Finance  
Accountant CPA  
15 years' experience

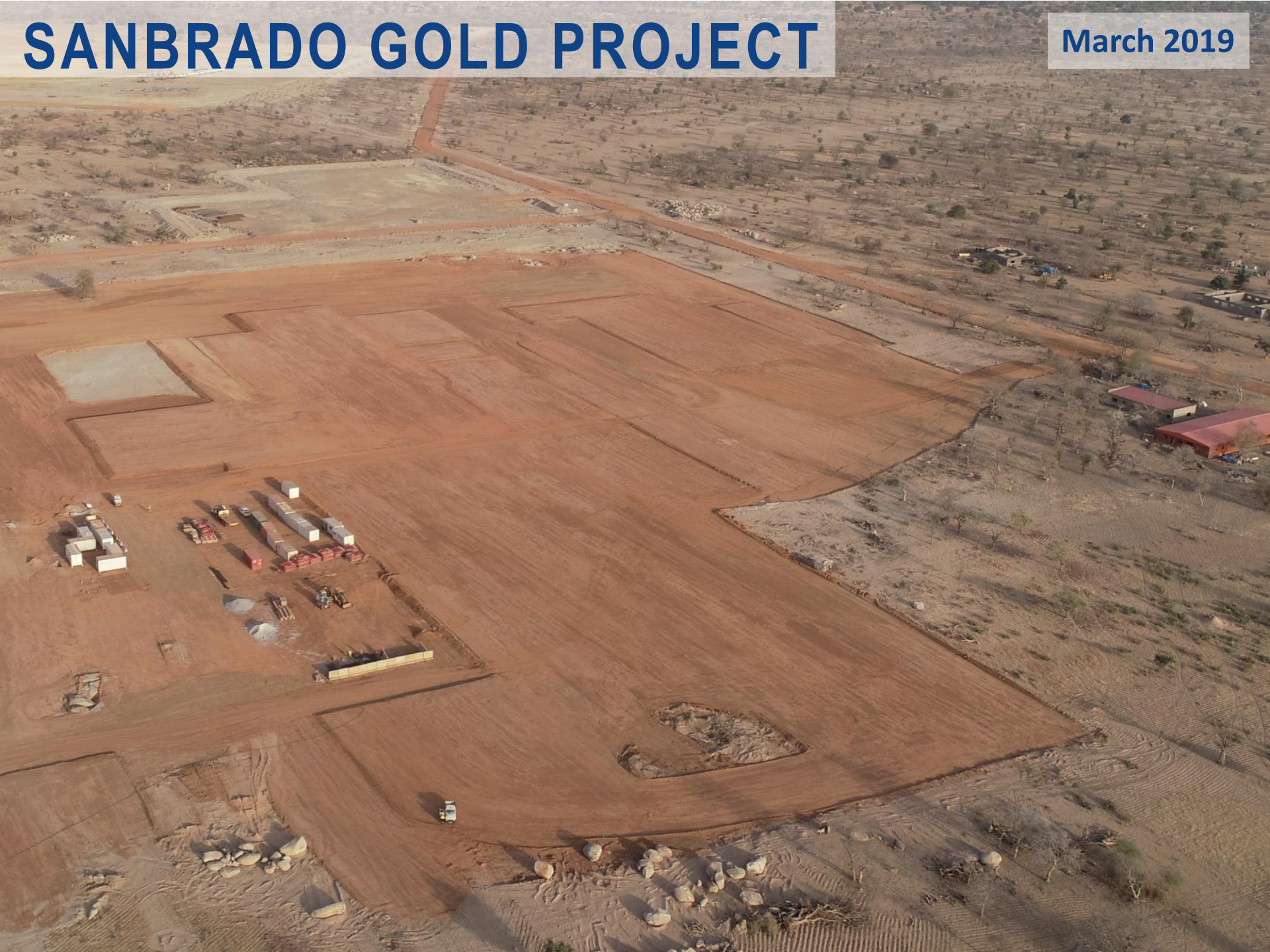
### **STUART CRUICKSHANKS**

GM Technical Services  
Mining Engineer  
25 years' experience



# SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT

March 2019





# SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT

March 2020

## Project Status

100%  
COMPLETE

Build complete, commissioning underway  
on schedule for Q2 2020 gold production



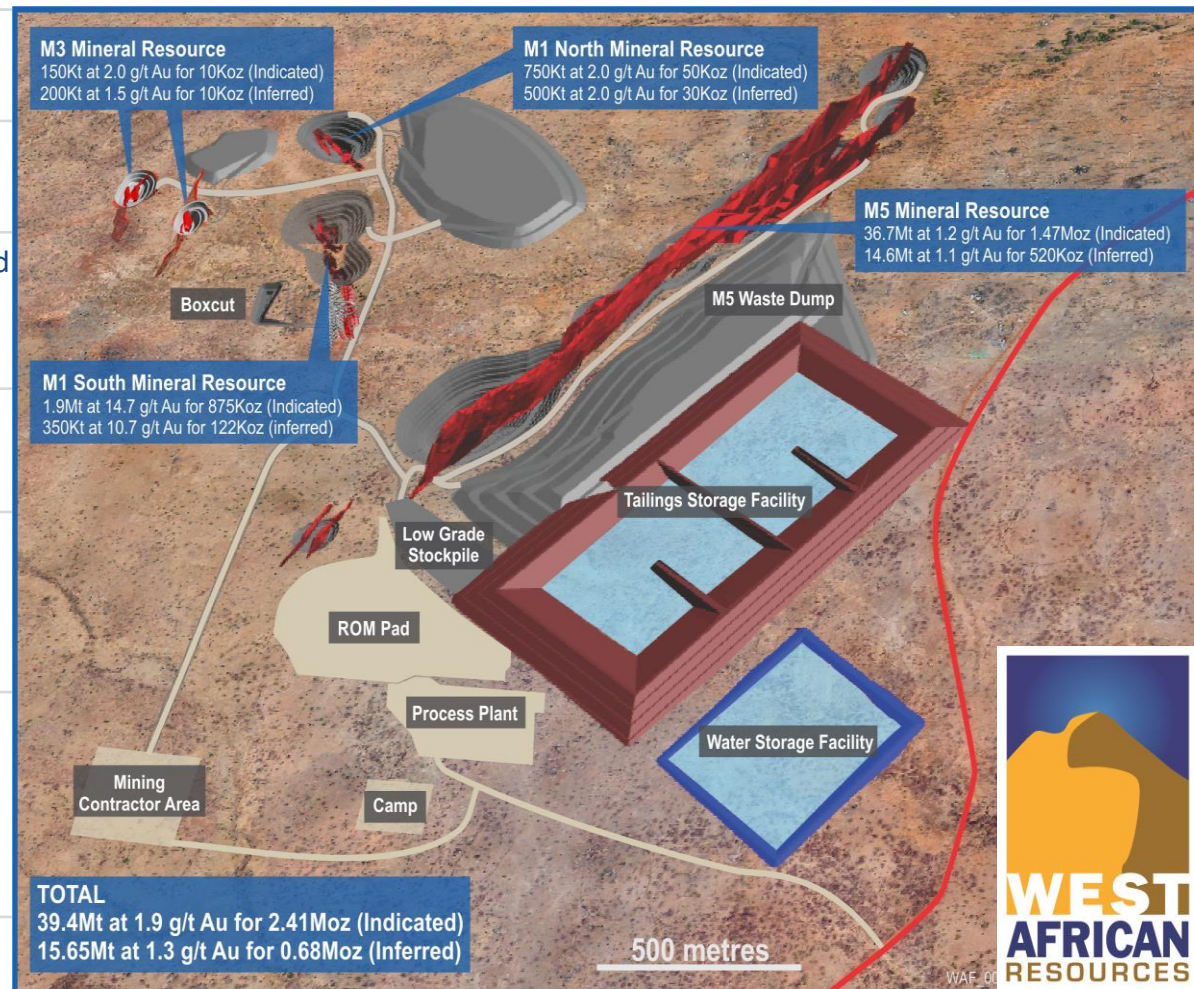
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## KEY PROJECT METRICS

- High-grade UG and open-pit operation with conventional 2.2Mtpa SABC CIL plant
- MRE of 3.1 Moz Au  
2.4 Moz Au (Indicated) & 0.7 Moz Au (Inferred)
- 1.7 Million ounce Probable Reserve Underground  
0.65 Moz at 10.2 g/t gold  
Open-pits: 1.0 Moz at 1.6 g/t gold
- Average 217koz per year for first 5 years
- Average 153koz per year over 10 year LOM
- Low pre-production CAPEX of US\$186M
- Y1-5 AISC of ~US\$590/oz
- ~US\$650/oz over life of mine

### 2019 DFS at US\$1500/oz gold price

- Pre-tax NPV5% of US\$825m and IRR of 105%
- After-tax NPV5% of US\$599m and IRR of 78.8%
- 12-month post-tax payback on US\$186m capex



# SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT

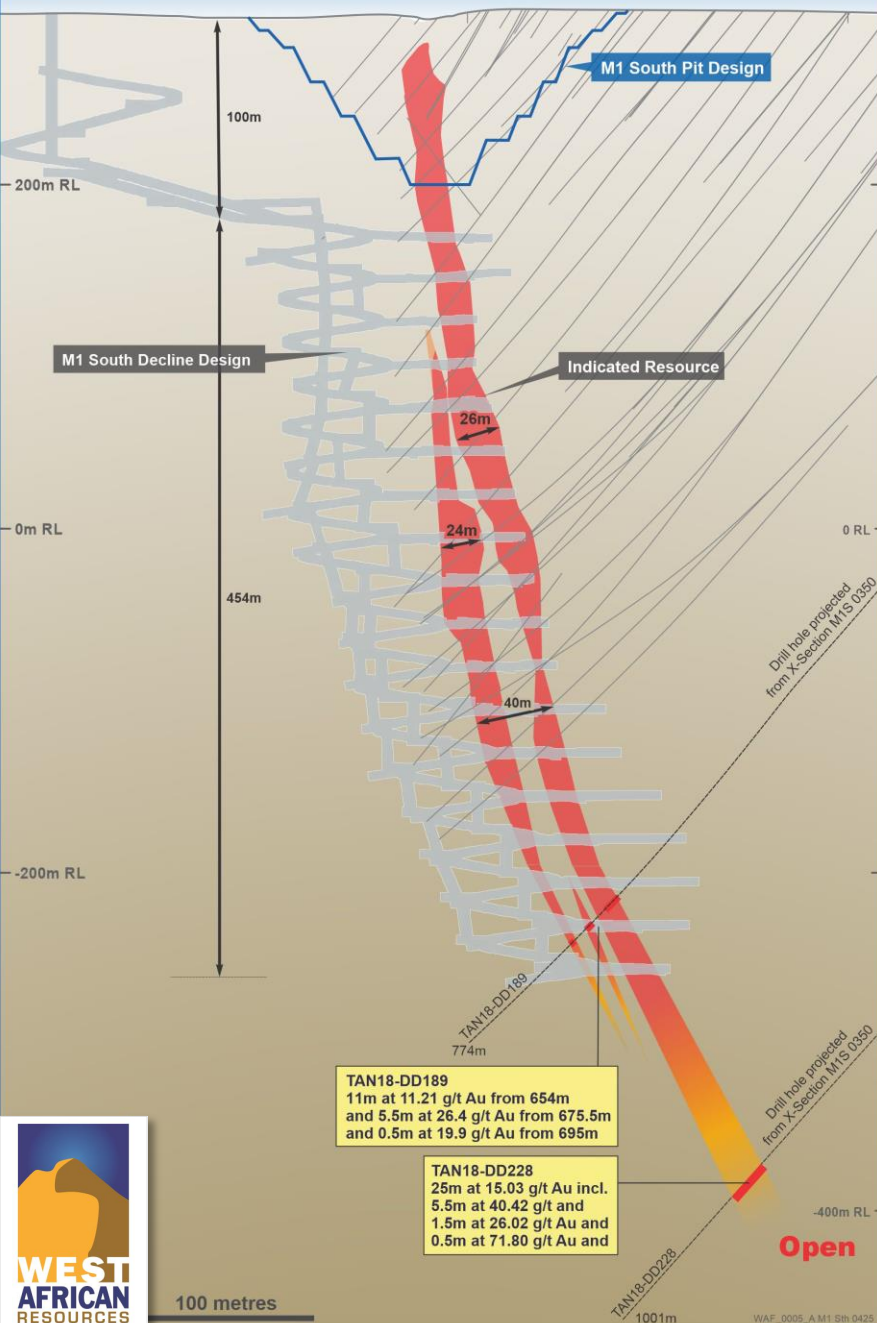
## M1 SOUTH DEPOSIT

### April 2019 MRE

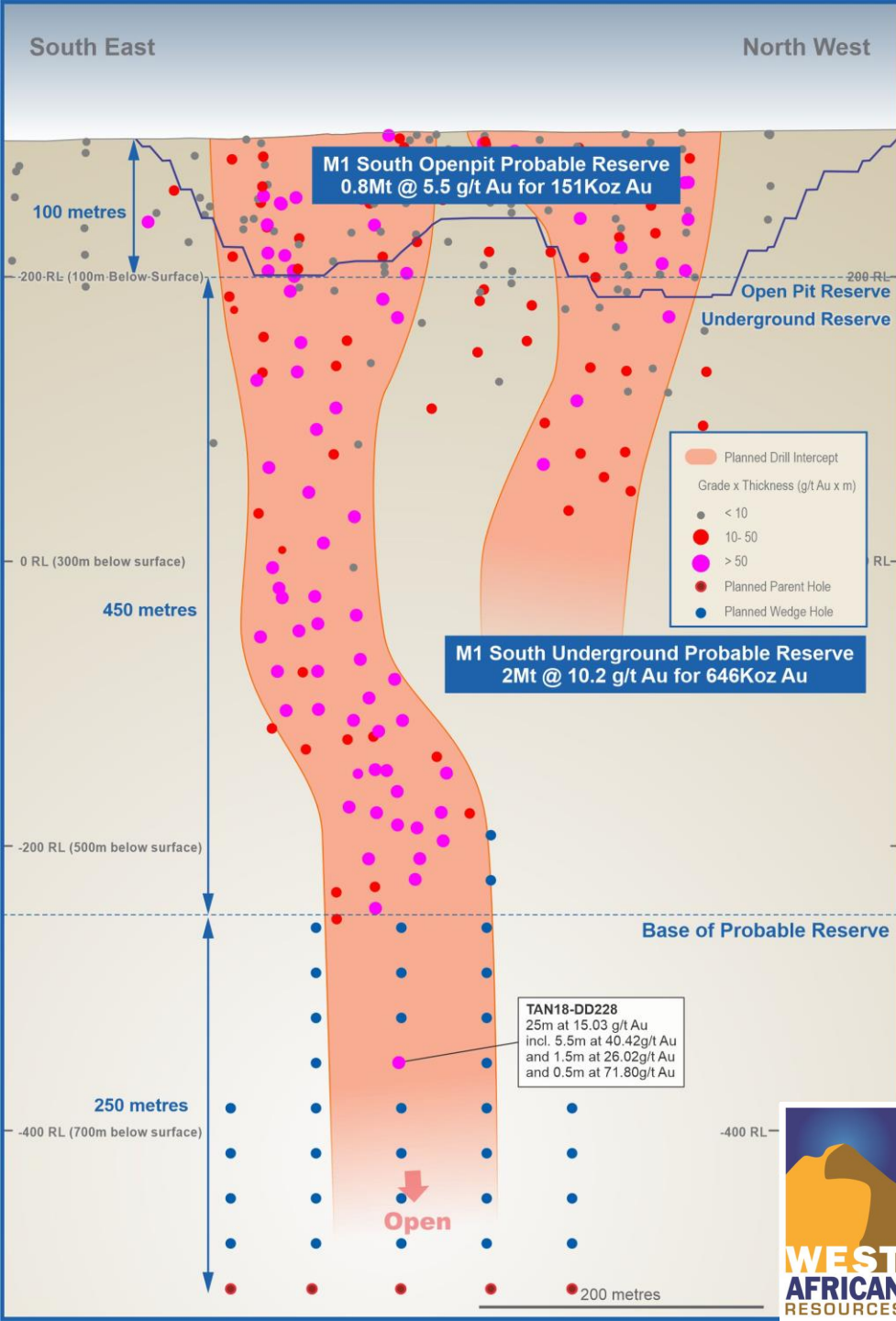
- **Open Pit 0-100m – 183koz at 6.3 g/t Au**  
178koz at 6.4 g/t gold (Indicated)  
5koz at 5.2 g/t gold (Inferred)
- **Underground 100-700m – 814koz at 19.5 g/t Au**  
697koz at 21.9 g/t gold (Indicated)  
117koz at 11.2 g/t gold (Inferred)

### April 2019 Probable Reserves

- **OP 0-100m** - 157koz at 5.5 g/t gold
- **UG 100-550m** - 646koz at 10.2 g/t gold
- 80% conversion resource to reserve
- Uphole retreat bench stoping, cemented rock and aggregate fill
- 300-350kt per annum average production
- 6.5 year UG current mine life
- Open at depth past 700m vertical







# SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT

## M1 SOUTH DEPOSIT

### +700m and still going strong

- Recent drilling beneath reserves include:
  - TAN18-DD228:** 25m at 15 g/t Au from 862m including 5.5m at 40.4 g/t Au
  - Step-down drilling to commence in March 2020



**TAN18-DD228 670m bsl**

# SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT

## M5 DEPOSIT

### April 2019 Mineral Resource Estimate

- 51.3Mt at 1.2 g/t Au for 2.0 Moz Au
- 36.6Mt at 1.2 g/t Au for 1.47Moz Au (Ind)
- 14.6Mt at 1.1 g/t Au for 0.52Moz Au (Inf)

### April 2019 Probable Reserves at US\$1200/oz

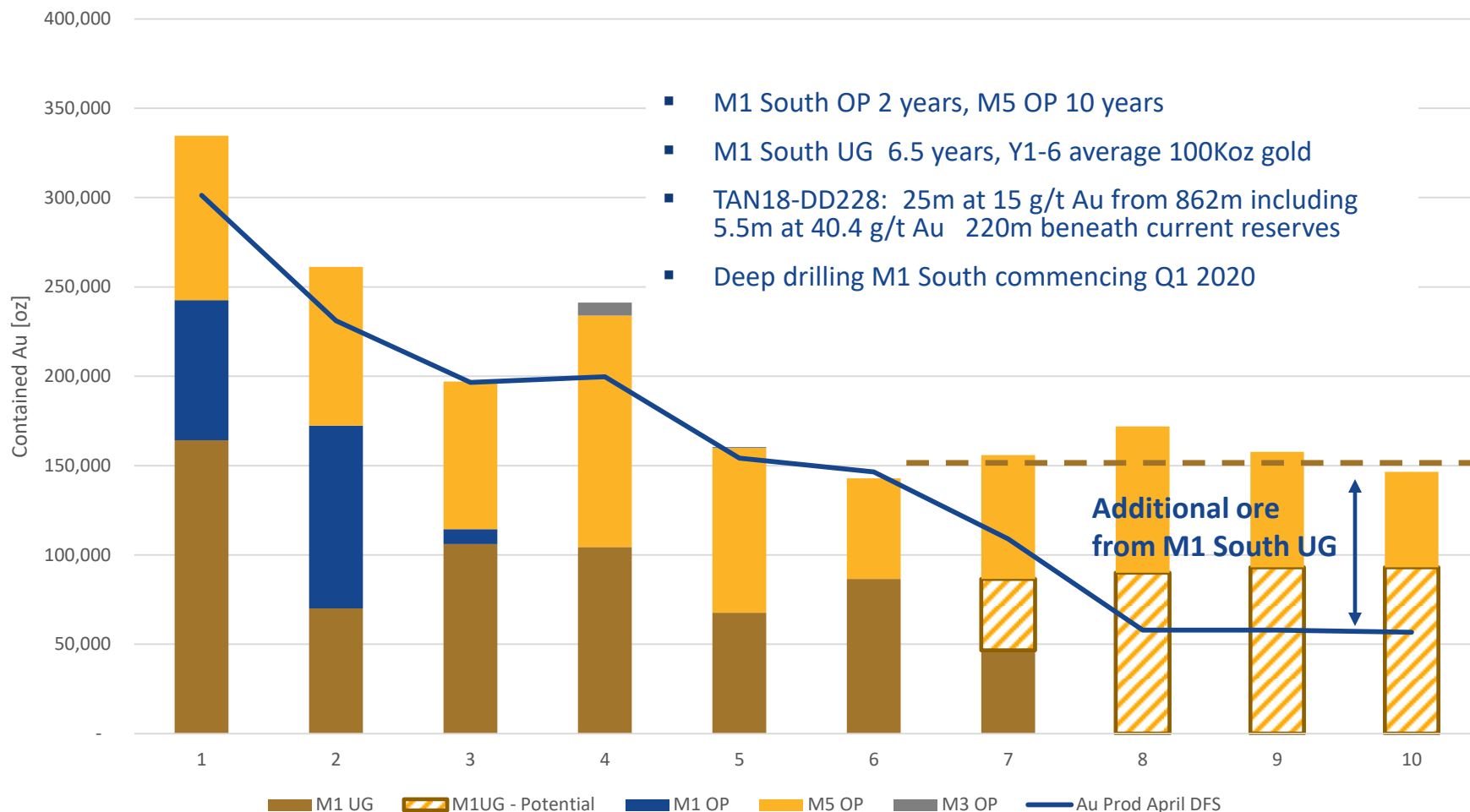
- 18.1Mt at 1.4 g/t Au for 0.8Moz Au
- Main pit 2km long, up to 400m wide and 200m deep
- Ore from surface, over 50% oxide feed
- 3.4 : 1 LOM strip ratio, 10 year mine life

### Open-pit Mining Underway

- ✓ 6 months of production grade control completed
- ✓ Contractor African Mining Services mobilised in December 2019
- ✓ Mining commenced 23rd December 2019
- ✓ Current fleet of seven 777 caterpillar trucks and two 150t diggers
- ✓ 300,000t at 1.5 g/t Au already on the ROM ready for commissioning

# SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT

## ANNUAL PRODUCTION – APRIL 2019 DFS + UG POTENTIAL AFTER Y6





## Project Status

100%  
COMPLETE

# SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT





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# M1 SOUTH UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS



- ✓ Decline +180m below surface level
- ✓ Total development +1,500m
- ✓ First development ore expected March 2020
- ✓ First stoping ore expected September 2020



# SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT

## E & S COMMITMENTS

### Environmental and Social

- ✓ Baseline studies for the ESIA and RAP were undertaken from 2015 to 2018. Environmental and RAP approvals were granted in 2018.
- ✓ Environmental permit was granted in 2018 covering mining and process plant, Sanbrado exploitation and mining and surface infrastructure.
- ✓ E & S currently undergoing upgrade to satisfy IFC Performance Standards

### Positive Social Impact from Sanbrado

- ✓ Employment for local workforce
- ✓ Contributing to community development fund 1% of revenue
- ✓ Infrastructure, community facilities and social services
- ✓ Training, employment and local partnerships
- ✓ Local governance, gender and human rights



WAF management meeting local stakeholders post handover of new homes December 2019



**290**

NEW HOMES BUILT  
OR UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION

**<700**

RESETTLED LOCAL  
PEOPLE

**25% Female**

**75% Male**



**95% Burkinabé**

**5% Expatriate**



**99%**

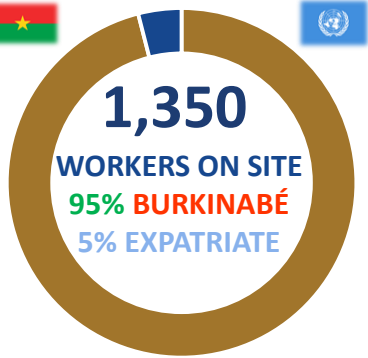
COMPENSATION  
PAID TO AFFECTED  
LOCALS



New homes under construction for affected stakeholders



# EQUIPÉ SANBRADO



Clockwise from top left: Underground team, CSR dept, Construction team, construction contractors.



# NEAR-TERM CATALYSTS

## ON BUDGET AND ON SCHEDULE FOR GOLD PRODUCTION EARLY Q2 2020

Commence major earthworks and civils	Q1 2019	✓
Complete pipeline and 2M <sup>3</sup> water storage facility	Q2 2019	✓
First draw from US\$200m Taurus Debt Facility	Q2 2019	✓
Award open-pit mining contract	Q3 2019	✓
Open pit mining contractor mobilisation and commence mining	Q4 2019	✓
Completed build and commenced commissioning	Q1 2020	✓
Commence underground ore development	Q1 2020	
Commence deep resource definition drilling at M1 South	Q1 2020	
Complete commissioning and first gold pour	Q2 2020	
Commercial gold production	Q3 2020	
Resource and reserve update	Q4 2020	

# MINERAL RESOURCES AND RESERVES

SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT MINERAL RESOURCES April 2019	Cutoff	Indicated Resource			Inferred Resource			Total		
	(Au g/t)	Tonnes	Grade	Au Oz	Tonnes	Grade	Au Oz	Tonnes	Grade	Au Oz
			(Au g/t)			(Au g/t)			(Au g/t)	
M1 South U/G >180mRL	3	1,000,000	21.9	697,000	300,000	11.2	117,000	1,300,000	19.48	814,000
M1 South O/P <180mRL	0.5	850,000	6.4	178,000	50,000	5.2	5,000	900,000	6.32	183,000
M5 O/P	0.5	36,650,000	1.2	1,470,000	14,600,000	1.1	520,000	51,250,000	1.21	1,990,000
M1 North O/P	0.5	750,000	2.0	49,000	500,000	2.0	32,000	1,250,000	2.02	81,000
M3 O/P	0.5	150,000	2.0	11,000	200,000	1.5	9,000	350,000	1.78	20,000
Sub-total O/P	0.5	38,400,000	1.4	1,708,000	15,350,000	1.1	566,000	53,750,000	1.32	2,274,000
<b>Total O/P + U/G</b>	<b>0.5 + 3.0</b>	<b>39,400,000</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2,405,000</b>	<b>15,650,000</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>683,000</b>	<b>55,050,000</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>3,088,000</b>

SANBRADO GOLD PROJECT   April 2019 PROBABLE MINERAL RESERVE	Tonnes	Gold	Contained Gold
	Mt	(Au g/t)	koz
M1 South Underground	2.0	10.2	646
M1 South Open Pit	0.8	5.5	151
M1 North Open Pit	0.6	2.1	38
M5 Open Pit	18.1	1.4	811
M3 Open Pit	0.1	1.7	8
<b>Total Probable Mineral Reserve</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1,653</b>



Note: Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout this document may not add up precisely to the totals provided and percentages may not precisely reflect the absolute figures. The Sanbrado Gold Project Mineral Resources estimates have an effective date of 16 April 2019. For further details, please refer to the ASX announcement released by West African on 16 April 2019 entitled "West African to produce +300,000 ounces gold in first year at Sanbrado". Mineral Resources are reported inclusive of those Mineral Resources that have been modified to Mineral Ore Reserves. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Ore Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. All tonnage, grade and contained metal content estimates have been rounded; rounding may result in apparent summation differences between tonnes, grade, and contained metal content.





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