

# **Desert Gold Ventures Inc.**

### Form 51-102F1

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022

#### BACKGROUND

Desert Gold Ventures Inc. (the "Company") is an exploration stage company and is engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral resource properties. The principal business of the Company is conducting mineral property exploration in Mali and Rwanda. The Company's shares are traded on the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSX-V") under the symbol DAU. Commencing March 30, 2021, the Company's shares began trading on the OTC market of the USA(OTCQB) under the symbol DAUGF

The following management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") is dated May 30, 2022 to provide an analysis of the Company's business and operating results for three months ended March 31, 2022. All the amounts presented within this MD&A are in US dollars unless specified otherwise. Readers are encouraged to review the Company's statutory filings including financial statements and other disclosure documents through Internet on the Canadian System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at <u>www.sedar.com</u>, or to review general information, including maps, on the Company's website at <u>www.desertgold.ca</u>.

#### FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

This MD&A contains "forward-looking information" which may include, but is not limited to, statements with respect to the future financial or operating performance of the Company, its projects, exploration expenditures, costs and timing of the development of new deposits, costs and timing of future exploration, requirements for additional capital, government regulation of mining exploration, environmental risks, title disputes or claims and limitations of insurance coverage.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward looking statements, which speak only to management's views as of the date the statements were made. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by words and phrases about the future, such as: anticipate, expect, plan, intend, predict, goal, target, project, potential, strategy and outlook.

There are a number of factors which may cause results to vary considerably from these predictions, involving known and unknown risks, and uncertainties. Such factors include, among others, general business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties; the actual cost of conducting our exploration program may differ significantly from estimates; we may be adversely affected by foreign currency exchange rates or taxes including fluctuations in the relative value of US and Canadian currency; we are subject to the risk inherent in variations in ore grade or recovery rates and commodity prices, equipment may fail, we may experience labour unrest, accidents and other risks inherent in mining; we may be subject to political risks in developing countries, insurrection or war; delays in obtaining required permits. licenses, and approvals. More specifically, although Desert Gold primarily operates in African countries with stable democratic governments with mining regulations in place, these countries may still be subject to political upheaval such as military coups or rebel insurrection by factions within the country; we discuss geopolitical, economic and other such factors in more depth in the section entitled "Risk and Uncertainties" in this MD&A. Although Desert Gold has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results to differ from those anticipated, estimated or intended. The Company does not undertake or assume any obligation to release publicly any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by securities law.

The following table outlines certain significant forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A and provides the material assumptions used to develop such forward-looking statements and material risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements	Assumptions	Risk factors	
The Company will need to raise additional	The Company will continue	Unexpected downturn of	
funds to meet its long-term business objectives.	its exploration activities in 2022	the price of precious metal and the capital markets	

#### Corporate update

#### Common shares

The Company did not issue common shares during three months ended March 31, 2022.

In April 2022, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement for the issuance of 11,742,334 security unit ("Unit') at a price of CAD \$0.12 per Unit for gross proceeds of CAD\$1,409,080. Each Unit consists of one common share and one common share purchase warrant. Each Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of CAD \$0.18 per share for a period of two years from issuance.

#### **Exploration Update**

This exploration update contains certain scientific and technical information. Don Dudek, P.Geo a director of Desert Gold and a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information contained in this MD&A.

Current exploration permits held by the company are focused around key areas of interest in Mali and in Rwanda (Fig. 1).



Figure 1. Map of Africa – General Project Locations

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#### MALI

In Mali, the Company is operating two projects. The projects are referred to as, Senegal Mali Shear Zone ("SMSZ") and Djimbala.

SMSZ is in the Kenieba, Birimian-formation geological inlier along Mali's western border (see Figure 2). Djimbala is located in the southern part of Mali close to the Guinea border (Figure 2).

During 2020, the Company completed two exploration programs on the SMSZ Project. The first program, which commenced in December 2019, was completed in March 2020, with drilling completed in January. The second exploration program commenced in late June and was completed in late July. Results from the drilling were released on August 31, 2020 with highlight drill intercepts of 3.09 g/t gold over 25 metres and 2.54 g/t gold over 15 metres (~65% true width) from a hole at the Gourbassi East Zone.

In late 2020, the Company commenced it largest ever exploration program at the SMSZ. During 2021 the company completed 21,051 metres of drilling (air core, reverse circulation and core), 21,111 metres of auger drilling, 90.8-line kilometres of IP geophysical surveys, the collection of 7,703 soil samples and mapping/prospecting. The goal of the program comprised drilling to advance known gold zones and soil, auger and IP surveys to identify new targets, with real-time follow-up with drill testing of newly developed targets. The first phase of the program was competed by the end of July, 2021.

Drilling resumed over the Gourbassi West North target on the Project in late December 2021 with 72 air core holes totaling 2,890 metres completed before year-end.

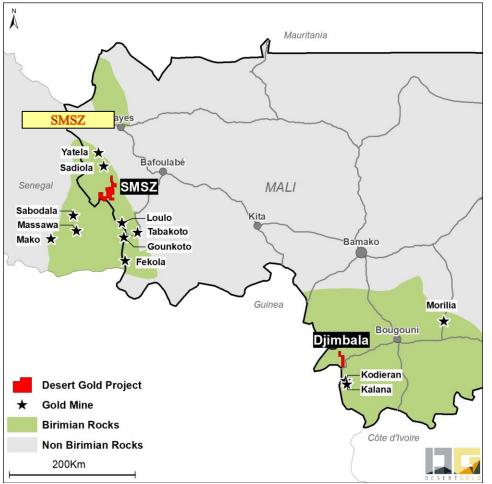


Figure 2. Location Map of the Mali projects.

#### SMSZ Project

The SMSZ project is centered 50 km south of the Sadiola Mine and spans both sides of the Senegal-Mali Shear Zone, which, regionally, is related to the Loulo, Sadiola, Yatela, Loulo, Gounkoto and Fekola Mines (Figure 3). The property was previously explored by other companies, whose work delineated more than 18 zones of gold mineralisation within the project area (Figure 4). Additional exploration opportunities included a significant amount of gold-in-soil anomalies that needed to be evaluated, and large, laterite-covered areas, associated with the Senegal Mali Shear Zone, which, in management's opinion, could hide a significant gold deposit. Exploration work has been carried out to test many of these exploration target areas.

As of March 31, 2022, the Project consists of a total of ten contiguous tenements (including a small-scale mining license over the Barani East Zone) totalling 440km<sup>2</sup> (see Table 1, Figure 4). All tenements are governed by a standard Convention Minière detailing the fiscal and legal regime under which the exploration permits are granted. The Project consists of the original 100% owned Faranbatourou Concession area (now the Farabantourou West (Quest) permit and the Petit Mine permits) In Q3, 2019, Desert Gold closed the acquisition of Ashanti Gold Corp. and the acquisition of two concessions, Kousilli West and Keniebandi East) from Mineral Management Consulting ("MMC"). Option deals for a two-concession block (Djelimangara and Sebessounkoto) from Altus and the Linguekoto and Sola West concessions, were also

completed in late 2019 and 2020 and in September 2021, the Company was granted the rights to the Kolomba Concession from the government.

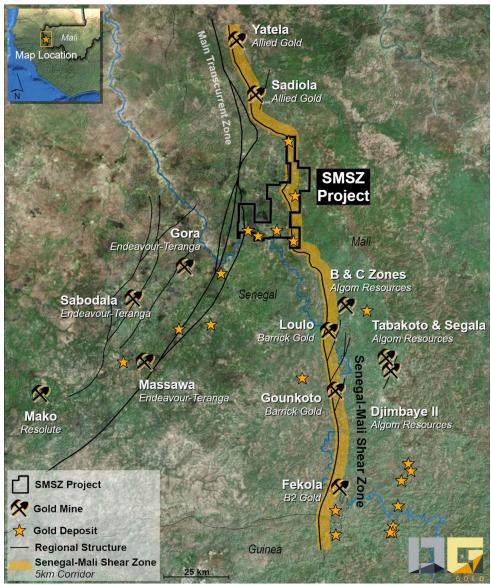


Figure 3. Regional setting of SMSZ Project

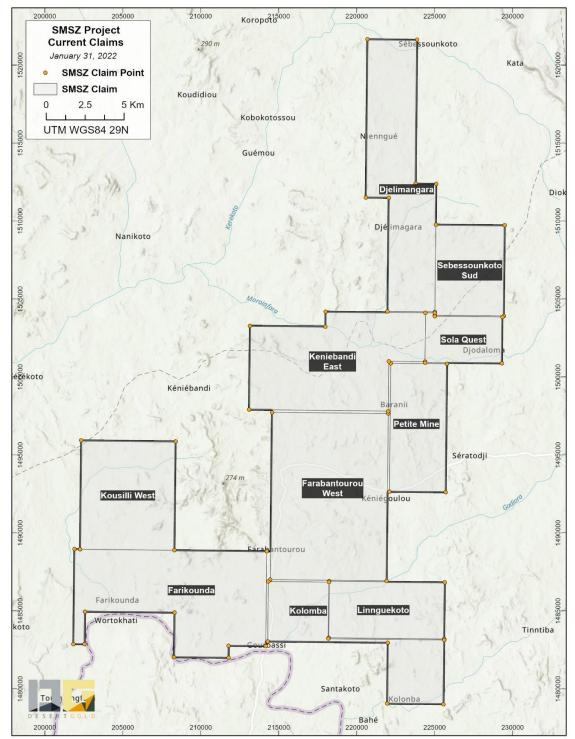


Figure 4. Concession Plan map

Concession	Concession Granted	Size km <sup>2</sup>	Ownership	Royalties/Other Ownership
Djelimangara (expired in 2021) (i)	2020-12-31	55	100%	2.5% NSR to Altus with 1.5% buyable
Sebessounkoto Sud	2018-07-31	28	100%	2.5% NSR to Altus with 1.5% buyable
Keniebandi Est	2019-07-16	60	100%	2% NSR to MMC
Kousilli West	2018-11-07	44	100%	2% NSR to MMC
Petit Mine	2018-10-10	28	100%	-
Farabantourou West (Ouest)	2018-11-27	82.3	100%	-
Linnguekoto	2019-09-26	30	95%*	5% carried interest by Sud Mining SARL
Farikounda	2019-11-25	66.41	100%	
Sola Ouest	2020-12-31	15	100%*	2% to Harmattan with 1% buyable
Kolomba	2021-11-21	32	100%	-

#### Table 1. SMSZ concessions

(i) A new exploration permit, Kamana, was applied for to replace the Djelimangara Permit. The required convention and arete fees have been paid with the final arete publication still outstanding. DAU has no reason not to expect issuance of the new arete.

In 2015 an initial pit-constrained indicated mineral resource of 69.9 koz Au (cut-off grade, 0.5g /t Au) and inferred mineral resource of 23.3 koz Au was estimated at Barani East by Minxcon Consulting (Table 2). The resource estimate envisioned a heap leach mine of the oxidized portion of the deposit, with estimated average gold recoveries of 75%.

	Mineralised Zone	Mineral Resource	Tonnage	Average Au Grade	Au Content	Au Ounces	
		Category	t	g/t	Kg	Koz	
Main			541,822	2.23	1,208	38.9	
HW FW1 FW2		Indicated	61,467	2.18	134	4.3	
		<ul> <li>Mineral</li> <li>Resources</li> </ul>	39,176	2.54	100	3.2	
		Resources	9,615	0.80	8	0.2	
Total In	ndicated Mineral Resources		652,080	2.22	1,450	46.6	
Main	HW		280,007	2.23	625	20.1	
HW			5,887	2.33	14	0.4	
FW1	FW1	<ul> <li>Mineral</li> <li>Resources</li> </ul>	29,641	2.87	85	2.7	
FW2		Resources	1,486	0.57	1	0.0	
Total In	nferred Mineral Resources		317,021	2.29	724	23.3	
Notes: 1.	The Inferred Mineral Resources ha economically. It cannot be assume category	ed that all or any					
2.	Gold content conversion: 1 kg = 32						
<ol> <li>Columns may not add up due to rounding.</li> <li>Cut affe 0.5 c/m</li> </ol>							
5.	<ol> <li>Cut-off: 0.5 g/t.</li> <li>RD: 1.6 t/m<sup>3</sup> from 0 m -78 m below surface.</li> </ol>						
6. 7.	RD: 1.7 t/m <sup>3</sup> from 78 m -190 m be All figures are in metric tonnes.						

Table 2. 2015 Mineral resource estimate for the	Barani East Deposit
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. This resource statement was made in compliance with the specifications set out by the Canadian Code for reporting of resources and reserves as prescribed in the National Instrument 43-101 using a gold price of \$1,320/oz.

**Table 2.** Barani-East mineral resource statement made by Minxcon Consulting, November 2015. This resource statement was made in compliance with the specifications set out by the Canadian Code for reporting of resources and reserves as prescribed in the National Instrument 43-101 using a gold price of \$1,320/oz.

#### SMSZ 2021 Exploration Program

Exploration over the SMSZ Project was completed in two stages with the first commencing in December 2020 and completed in July, 2021 with the 2<sup>nd</sup> program commencing in December and completed in December, 2021. During that period, the Company collected 7,701 soil samples, completed 90.8-line km of gradient IP surveys, drilled 21,111 metres of auger drilling and 21,051 metres of AC/RC/DD drilling (see Figure 5 for work program summary). Highlights of this work included the delineation of new gold-in-soil anomalies in the westernmost portion of the Project, identification of numerous gold-in-auger anomalies, some of which were drill tested during the 2021 program, extensions to known zones and the discovery of new zones of gold mineralization via drilling, with the discovery of the Gourbassi West North Zone, the most noteworthy.

Building on the new exploration data, Desert Gold updated the interpretation of the mineralized zones and prepared a NI 43-101 compliant resource report, the results of which were released in early January 2022.

A total of 7,703 soils samples were collect in three areas where no soil samples had not been previously collected, to the Company's knowledge, especially along the western edge of the Property. This work resulted in the delineation of a 6.5 km long, northerly-trending gold anomaly zone that aligns along the projected trend of the Main Transcurrent Fault Zone or a splay of it (see Figure 6). Figure 6 also displays additional areas containing anomalous soil values that require follow-up in the western part of the Property.

During 2021, 21,111 metres of auger drilling in 2,498 holes were completed. Two samples were collected in each hole (basal laterite and upper metre of saprolite) for a total of 4,996 samples collected. Of these samples, 195 returned gold values greater than 50 ppb gold including 48 samples returning greater than 200 ppb gold with a high value of 4,179 ppb gold. Most, but not all, of the gold-in-auger anomalies from 2021 auger drilling have been tested with an air core hole.

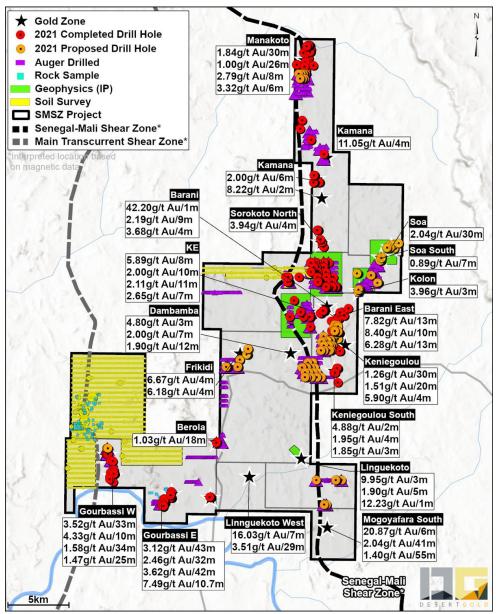


Figure 5. 2021 Exploration Program Summary Plan Map

\*All gold grades over width, with the exception of the Soa, Berola and Gourbassi prospects, represent drill holes with the true widths, for most holes, ranging from 65 to 95%. Estimated true widths for the Soa and Berola prospects are unknown. Estimated true widths at the Gourbassi Zones are estimated to range from 60% to 90%.

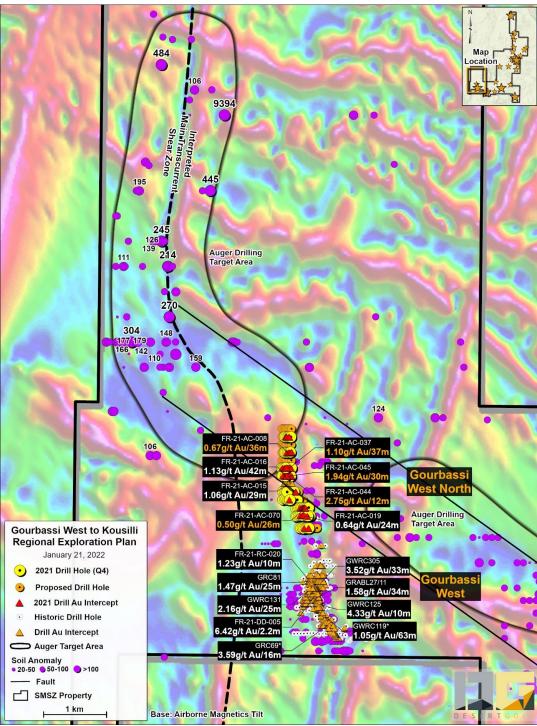


Figure 6. Drill and soil anomaly summary Gourbassi West area

IP data was collected over 5 grid areas, with 4 of the five grid areas north to northeast of the Barani East Zone (see Figure 5 for the location of the 2021 IP grids). A summary historic IP chargeability data and the four 2021 grid areas is presented in Figure 7. IP chargeability highs indicate potential sulphide enrichment associated with gold zones and provides geological trend insight in laterite-covered areas.

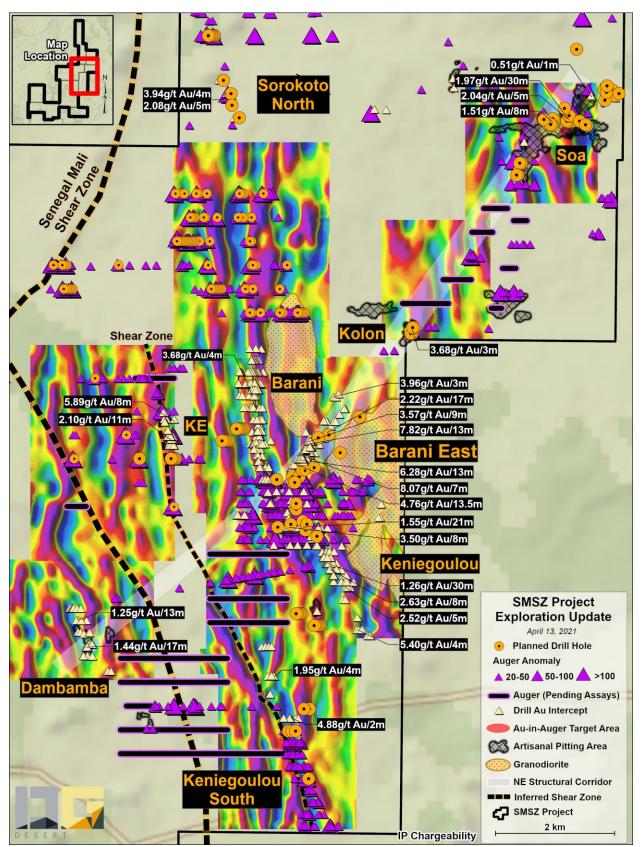
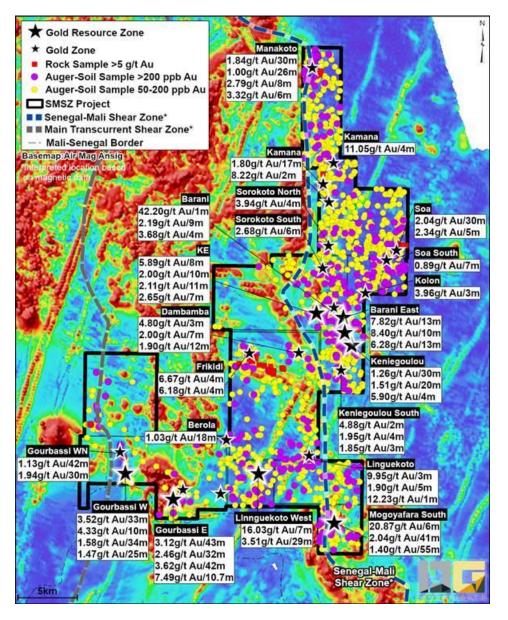
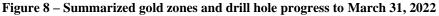


Figure 7. Color-contoured IP chargeability compilation for Barani Area





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A total of 21,051 metres of drilling in 329 holes were completed on the Project in 2021. This far-ranging program tested targets in numerous areas on the property from the Gourbassi West area in the southwest to Manakoto in the north. Drilling was dominantly focused on testing new exploration targets like the gold in auger anomalies with air core drilling, and to follow-up on existing gold mineralization at the Gourbassi West, Gourbassi East, Gourbassi Northeast, Gourbassi Southeast, Berola, Barani East, Kamana and Manakoto zones. Extensions to the gold zones were noted at all of the zones that were tested with the exception of Berola. Testing of gold-in-auger anomalies resulted in the discovery of new mineralization in the Gourbassi West North, Kamana, Manakoto and Sorokoto areas with the discovery in the Gourbassi West North area returning the widest gold zones intersected on the property to date.

A summary of 2021 intercepts, by zone and target area, are presented below. Please see Figure 8 for property scale locations of the gold target areas that returned significant drill results.

- Manakoto
  - 0 1.68 g/t gold over 6.0 metres in hole DJ-21-AC-042 Zone MZ1
  - 1.65 g/t gold over 21 metres in hole DJ-21-AC-058 Zone MZ2
  - 0.91 g/t gold over 11 metres in hole DJ-21-AC-059 Zone MZ2
  - 0 1.98 and 1.72 g/t gold over 5 and 3 metres respectively, in hole DJ-21-RC-005 Zone MZ3
  - 5.68 g/t gold over 2 metres in hole DJ-21-AC-051 Zone MZ4
  - 2.12 g/t gold over 2 metres in hole DJ-21-RC-006 Zone MZ5
  - 0.45 g/t gold over 20 metres (including 0.8 g/t over 6 metres) in hole DJ-21-AC-054 New Discovery MZ5
  - 0 0.5 g/t gold over 11 metres in hole DJ-21-AC Zone MZ-1 New Discovery MZ6
  - 0.34 g/t gold over 45 metres in hole DJ-21-AC-043 Zone MZ7
- Kamana Area
  - 0 1.8 g/t gold over 17 metres including 2.54 g/t gold over 10 metres New Discovery
- Sorokoto North
  - $\circ$  0.91 g/t gold over 22 metres **New Discovery**
- Sorokoto South
  - 2.80 g/t gold over 5 metres New Discovery
  - 2.68 g/t gold over 6 metres New Discovery
- Barani East
  - o 12.1 g/t gold over 1.0 metre in hole BERCD0017
  - 0.82 g/t gold over 2.5 metres in hole BERCD008
  - o 10.5 g/t gold over 1.4 metres in hole BERCD009
- Barani Gap
  - 0 0.54 g/t gold over 6 metres in hole FA-21-RC-002 Barani East Zone extension
  - 0 0.62 g/t gold over 6 metres in hole FA-21-RC-003 Barani East Zone extension
  - $\circ$  0.86 g/t gold over 4 metres in hole FA-21-RC-004 Barani East Zone extension
  - 0 0.93 g/t gold over 5 metres in hole FA-21-RC-013 Barani East Zone extension
  - $\circ$  0.55 g/t gold over 5 metres in hole FA-21-AC-020 Barani East Zone extension
- Barani West
  - 0 1.51 g/t gold over 5 metres in hole FA-21-AC-031 New Discovery
    - Includes 7 g/t Au over 1 metre
- Keniegoulou South
  - 0 1.05 g/t gold over 7 metres in hole FA-21-RC-012 New Discovery
- Gourbassi East
  - 1.98 g/t gold over 9 metres Zone Extension south
  - 2.23 g/t gold over 9 metres Zone Extension north
- Gourbassi NE
  - 0.98 g/t gold over 8 metres Zone Extension
  - $\circ$  0.67 g/t gold over 14 metres Zone Extension
- Gourbassi SE
  - 1.04 g/t gold over 15 metres Zone validation
  - 0
  - Gourbassi West North Extension (New Discovery)
    - Drilling intersected 3 closely spaced gold zones totaling an estimated 90 metres true thickness (across a 125-metre-wide area) (see Figure 2)
    - $\circ$  Lens 1: 0.64 g/t gold over 23 metres 16 metres estimated true width
    - Lens 2: 1.06 g/t gold over 29 metres (incl 1.62 g/t gold over 13 metres)\* and 0.67 g/t gold over 28 metres (incl 1.26 g/t gold over 7 metres)\* 33 metre estimated true width
    - Lens 3: 1.13 g/t gold over 42 metres (incl 1.65 g/t gold over 19 metres)\* and 1.12 g/t over 33 metres (incl 1.62 g/t gold over 16 metres)\* 45 metre estimated true width
    - o 600 metre south step-out from above holes: 0.64 g/t gold over 24 metres\*

#### Gourbassi West (Zone Expansion)

• 1.23 g/t gold over 10 metres\* in hole FR-21-RC-20

- 0.30 g/t gold over 31 metres\* in hole FR-21-RC-2 (incl 1.13 g/t gold over 7 metres)
- 1.62 g/t gold over 8 metres\* in hole FR-21-RC-22
- 6.42 g/t gold over 2.2 metres\* in hole FR-21-DD-005
- 1.48 g/t gold over 15.55 metres\* in hole FR-21-DD-006

#### Progress during the quarter ended March 31, 2022

A resource estimate, that included the Gourbassi West, Gourbassi East, Gourbassi NE, Linnguekoto West, Mogoyafara South and Barani East Zones was completed and released on January 17 with a 43-101 compliant technical resource report filed on SEDAR on March 3, 2022.

Desert Gold's initial Mineral Resource comprised pit constrained gold mineralization from five deposit areas all lying within a 12km radius of each other (Figure 8). A summary of the initial resources is presented below.

<b>Resource Category</b>	Tonnes	g/t Gold	Ounces
Measured	2,380,000	1.28	97,800
Indicated	6,090,000	1.08	212,600
Measured and Indicated	8,470,000	1.14	310,300
Inferred	20,700,000	1.16	769,200

#### Table 3. Mineral Estimate Resource Summary

1. The effective date of the Mineral Resource Estimate is January 12, 2022.

2. Mineral Resources are reported in accordance with the CIM guidelines.

3. A marginal COG of 0.40 g/t Au for all material is applied.

4. Mineral Resources were estimated at a gold price of US\$1,800/oz, mining cost including G&A at \$11/t, mining costs ranging from \$2.25 to \$2,75/tonne, process recoveries of 92% and slope angles from 45 to 50 degrees

5. Figures have been rounded to an appropriate level of precision for the reporting of Mineral Resources

6. Due to rounding, some columns or rows might not add up exactly as shown.

7. The Mineral Resources are stated as dry tonnes. All figures are in metric tonnes.

8. The in-situ ounces are in troy ounces.

#### Mineral Resource Technical Details

The Mineral Resources are derived from five deposit areas, all in the southern half of the property, including, in order of size, Mogoyafara South, Barani East, Gourbassi West, Gourbassi East and Linneguekoto West (see Figure 1 for locations). These combined resources comprise Measured Mineral Resources of 2.38 million tonnes at 1.28 g/t gold totalling 97,800 ounces at Gourbassi West and Barani, Indicated Mineral Resources of 6.09 million tonnes at 1.08 g/t gold totalling 212,600 ounces at Gourbassi East, Gourbassi West and Barani and Inferred Mineral Resources of 20.7 million tonnes at 1.16 g/t gold totalling 769,200 ounces. The deposit areas containing Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources have been subject to confirmatory drilling by the Company to validate the interpreted zone interpretations. A detailed summary of the deposit areas is presented in the Table 4.

Mineral		Project Sub Division	Tonnes (In Situ)	Gold Grade	Gold C	Content
Resource P Category	Project		Mt	g/t	kg	OZ
	Gourbassi	Gourbassi West	1.77	0.96	1,700	54,600
Measured	Barani East	Barani East	0.61	2.20	1,340	43,200
	Total Measured		2.38	1.28	3,040	97,800
		Gourbassi East	2.24	1.22	2,730	87,900
<b>T 1 1</b>	Gourbassi	Gourbassi West	2.97	0.80	2,390	76,700
Indicated	Barani East	Barani East	0.88	1.70	1,490	48,000
	Total Indicated		6.09	1.08	6,600	212,600
Total M&I			8.47	1.14	9,650	310,300

#### Table 4. Mineral Resource Estimate Summary by Deposit

Mineral		Project Sub	Tonnes (In Situ)	Gold Grade	Gold C	Content
Resource Category	Project	Project Sub Division1Mogoyafara South1Mogoyafara South1Linnguekoto 	Mt	g/t	kg	OZ
_	Mogoyafara		12.29	1.05	12,840	412,800
	Linnguekoto	U	1.39	1.48	2,060	66,200
	C. I.	Gourbassi East	1.88	1.37	2,570	82,800
Inferred	Gourbassi	Gourbassi West	2.44	0.94	2,280	73,400
		Barani East	1.01	1.62	1,650	52,900
	Barani East	Barani Gap	0.85	1.03	870	28,100
	Daram East	Keniegoulou	0.42	2.58	1,080	34,800
		KE	0.42	1.35	560	18,100
	<b>Total Inferred</b>		20.70	1.16	23,920	769,200

Minanal Decompose Cotto com	Tonnes (In Situ)	Gold Grade	Gold C	Content
Mineral Resource Category	Mt	g/t	kg	OZ
Total M&I	8.47	1.14	9,650	310,330
Total Inferred	20.70	1.16	23,920	769,160

1. The effective date of the Mineral Resource Estimate is January 12, 2022.

2. Mineral Resources are reported in accordance with the CIM guidelines.

*3. A marginal COG of 0.40 g/t Au for all material is applied.* 

4. Mineral Resources were estimated at a gold price of US\$1,800/oz, mining cost including G&A at \$11/t, mining costs ranging from \$2.25 to \$2,75/tonne, process recoveries of 92% and slope angles from 45 to 50 degrees

5. Figures have been rounded to an appropriate level of precision for the reporting of Mineral Resources

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7. The Mineral Resources are stated as dry tonnes. All figures are in metric tonnes.

8. The in-situ ounces are in troy ounces.

These resource numbers have been further subdivided into oxide, transition and fresh, with the bulk of the gold mineralization hosted in fresh rocks as per Table 5. Resource sensitivity to various grade cut-offs is presented below in Table 6.

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Inferred

Weathering Zone	Resource	Tonnes (In Situ)	Gold Grade	Gold	Content
Zone	Category	Mt	g/t	kg	oz
	Measured	1.99	1.32	2,630	84,700
Ovida	Indicated	0.68	1.23	840	27,100
Oxide	M&I	2.67	1.30	3,480	111,800
	Inferred	2.15	1.20	2,590	83,300
	Measured	0.32	0.90	290	9,200
Transition	Indicated	0.75	0.92	690	22,100
Transition	M&I	1.06	0.91	970	31,300
	Inferred	2.24	1.26	2,830	90,900
	Measured	0.07	1.79	120	3,900
Frach	Indicated	4.67	1.09	5,080	163,400
Fresh	M8.I	/ 72	1 10	E 200	167 200

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5,200

18,500

167,300

595,000

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Table 5. Mineral Resource Estimate Summary by Weathering Category

	Cut-off grade	Tonnes	Grade Au		
Category	(g/t)	(million)	(g/t)	Au (kg)	Au (oz)
Measured & Indicated	0.30	10.01	1.02	10,200	327,800
Measured & Indicated	0.40	8.47	1.14	9,650	310,300
Measured & Indicated	0.50	6.98	1.29	8,990	288,900
Measured & Indicated	0.75	4.62	1.64	7,570	243,400
Measured & Indicated	1.00	3.30	1.95	6,420	206,400

#### Table 6. Mineral Resource Summary Sensitivity Table

Category	Cut-off grade (g/t)	Tonnes (million)	Grade Au (g/t)	Au (kg)	Au (oz)
Inferred	0.30	22.63	1.09	24,610	791,300
Inferred	0.40	20.70	1.16	23,920	769,200
Inferred	0.50	18.28	1.25	22,830	734,100
Inferred	0.75	12.96	1.51	19,520	627,500
Inferred	1.00	8.68	1.82	15,800	508,100

#### Mogoyafara South

This deposit was acquired in 2021 as part of the Kolomba concession application, a contiguous claim at the south end of the SMSZ property package. The Company's database included most of the work completed over this zone by Hyundai, which was carried out in the early 2000's. Multiple gold-bearing lenses have been discovered within an open-ended 1,900 metre by 1,300 metre area (see Figure 9). The modelled deposit, based on 24,362 metres of drilling in 329 drill holes comprises 34, generally shallow dipping, northeast- and northwest-trending, gold mineralized wire frames. Individual lenses returned highlight intercepts of 2.15 g/t Au over 29 metres (estimated true width 25 metres), 2.04 g/t Au over 41 metres (estimated true width of 35 metres) and 1.40 g/t Au over 55 metres (estimated true width of 40 metres). Higher grade intercepts include 20.87 g/t Au over 6 metres (true width is unknown due to lack of data).

The inferred Mineral Resource totals 12.29 million tonnes grading 1.05 g/t gold for 412,800 ounces of gold. Modelling indicates that the zone is likely open to depth with additional lenses possible to the east and west.

This deposit, is hosted by, in order of abundance, quartzite, siltstone, conglomerate, felsic intrusions and mafic intrusions. Desert Gold has validated the location of 54 of the drill collars. The Mogoyafara South Zone lies just west of the interpreted location of the Senegal Mali Shear Zone. Anomalous rock samples and gold-in termite samples show potential to extend the zone to the south for another 1,200 metres. As well, gold-in-auger values shows the potential to extend the target area another 800 metres to the north.

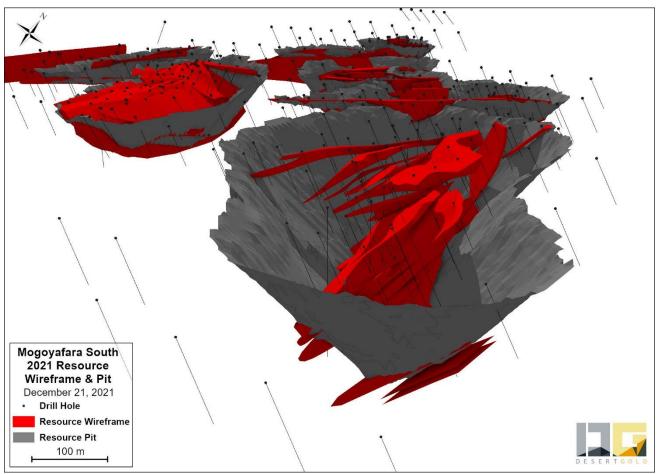


Figure 9. Mogoyafara South modelled wire frames and resource pits

#### Barani

The Barani East zones comprise the Barani East, Barani Gap and Keniegoulou (as a group, referred to as Barani), which are all deemed to be part of one structural zone and the KE Zone, which lies to the northwest of the Barani East Zone. The Barani Zone, shown below in Figure 10, which was wire framed, was not added to the resource model due to uncertainties with the interpretation.

Resources for the Barani East Zone group comprise 0.61 million tonnes Measured Mineral Resources grading 2.20 g/t gold totalling 43,200 ounces of gold, 0.88 million tonnes Indicated Mineral Resources grading 1.70 g/t gold totalling 48,000 ounces of gold and 2.70 million tonnes Inferred Mineral Resources grading 1.54 g/t gold totalling 133,900 ounces of gold.

The Barani East lenses are interpreted as a curved mineralized structural feature, which varies from aligned semi-parallel to the Senegal Mali Shear Zone to parallel to a northeast-trending cross-structure. Mineralization along this structure can be traced for approximately 2,500 metres along strike and appears to be open both along strike and to depth. This group of deposits are hosted by a mixture of sandstone, siltstone, limestone and locally dolerite. Some of the best mineralized intercepts on the property, occur in the cross-cutting portion of the Barani East zone with intercepts to 6.28 g/t Au over 13 metres and 7.82 g/t Au over 13 metres.

The KE Zone lies on the western edge to the Barani area. It is a flat-lying, northerly-trending mineralized series of gold-bearing lenses with a best drill intercept of 5.89 g/t gold over 6 metres (approximately 5.5 metres true width). The zone has been intersected for 450 metres along strike, from 20 to 70 metres vertical depth and is locally 100 metres wide. It is open to both the north and the south. All drilling on this gold system was carried out by Hyundai.

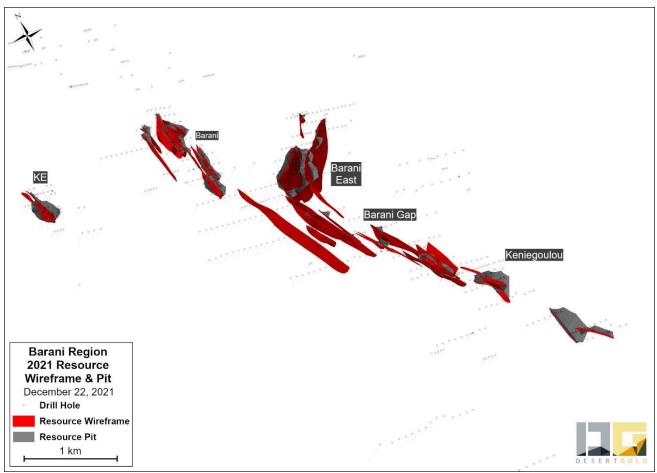


Figure 10. Barani East Area modelled wire frames and resource pits

#### Gourbassi West

The Gourbassi West Deposit lies in the southwest corner of the SMSZ Property, just north of the Senegal-Mali border, which is marked by the Faleme river. The concession that hosts this and the Gourbassi East deposits was acquired in 2019 through the acquisition of Ashanti Gold. Since acquisition, Desert Gold has developed a new mineralization model and tested the revised model with a drill. The Gourbassi West deposit is a north-northwest trending to northly trending series of gold-bearing lenses. The Gourbassi West Zone consists of 36, interpreted, lenses of gold mineralization that have been traced for approximately 1,100 metres along strike (see Figure 11) and to 185 metres depth. It is locally open along strike and is open to depth. It consists of Measured Mineral Resources of 1.77 million tonnes grading 0.96 g/t gold totalling 54,600 ounces, Indicated Mineral Resources of 2.97 million tonnes grading 0.94 g/t gold totalling 76,700 ounces of gold and Inferred Mineral Resources of 2.44 million tonnes grading 0.94 g/t gold totalling 73,400 ounces of gold.

Drill holes have returned intercepts to 3.52 g/t gold over 33 metres (approximately 28 metres true width). Thicker mineralized zones appear to plunge shallowly to the north. The mineralized lenses are hosted by intermediate volcanic rocks, silicified hydrothermal breccias and quartz-rich sediments, immediately to the east of a major, north-northeast trending, likely structural, geological contact. Hydrothermal breccias are common in the Gourbassi West area and are often gold bearing. The hydrothermal breccias and siliceous, chert-like units continue intermittently for at least 1,100 metres to the north of the Gourbassi West Zone, where weak to moderate strength, gold-in-soil anomalies to 170 ppb gold, have been noted. Induced polarization (IP) resistivity high anomalies correlate quite well with the mineralized zones, which are generally silicified, sericitic and pyritic.

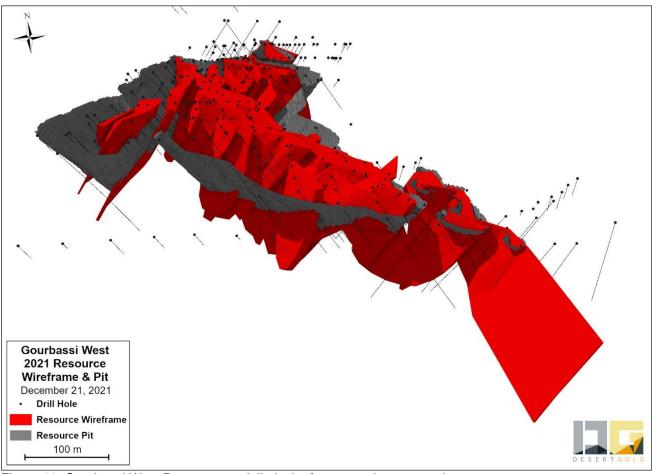


Figure 11. Gourbassi West Resource modelled wire frames and resource pit

#### Gourbassi East Zone

The Gourbassi East Zone (see Figure 1 for location) consists of at least seven, north-northwest trending lenses of gold mineralization up to 37 metres wide, that have been traced for approximately 800 metres along strike to 250 metres depth (see Figure 12). One of the deeper holes returned 7.49 g/t gold over 11 metres (true width approximately 6 metres). This zone is dominantly hosted by pyritic, quartz-veined, sericitic, high titanium, intermediate composition volcanic rocks. It consists of Indicated Mineral Resources of 2.24 million tonnes grading 1.22 g/t gold totalling 87,900 ounces of gold and Inferred Mineral Resources of 1.88 million tonnes grading 1.37 g/t gold totalling 82,800 ounces of gold.

Felsic volcanics have been noted in the area, but, their relationship with the mineralized zones is uncertain. Magnetic and mapping data, indicates that the thickest part of the gold zone lies near a northerly-trending, shear zone contact with a northwesterly-trending magnetic volcanic unit that locally contains banded iron formation. Induced polarization resistivity high anomalies, correlate quite well with the trend of the gold mineralized lenses.

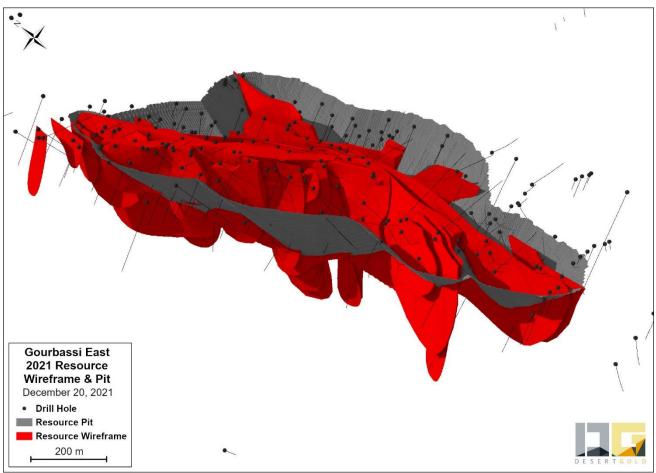


Figure 12. Gourbassi East modelled wire frames and resource pit

#### Linnguekoto West

The Linnguekoto West Deposit lies on the Kolomba concession near the southern part of the SMSZ property.

The northwest-trending Linnguekoto West Zone lies immediately east of a northeast-trending mafic dyke that is related to the Barani East gold zone. This dyke is believed to occupy a shear zone that is locally gold-bearing that can be traced for approximately 25 kilometres as it passes through the property. Previous exploration at Linnguekoto West comprised 78 holes totalling 6,532 metres. This northeast-trending zone can be traced for 500 metres along strike (see Figure 13) with the deepest holes intersecting gold mineralization to approximately 140 metres vertical. Gold mineralization remains open to depth and along strike. Best fit modelling suggests a steep west dipping, generally higher grade, 1.5 to 7 metre wide gold bearing lens, that is both cut by and related to, up to six, shallow-east-dipping subordinate gold-bearing lenses with grades to 2.62 over 15 metres (estimated 14 metres true width). The steeply dipping lens has returned highlighted grades to 16.07 g/t Au over 7 metres (estimated true width of 4.0 metres), 7.78 g/t Au over 19 metres (estimated true width 4.9 metres) and 3.51 g/t Au over 29 metres (estimated true width of 8 metres).

While the Company has a complete drill database and have validated the location of several drill holes in the field, the location of the core/RC chips and original assay certificates is unknown. However, from the Company's follow-up of other exploration prospects that Hyundai has worked on such as Barani East, the Company has high confidence in the quality and accuracy of the drill dataset. That said, drilling to validate the grades and interpretation of the interpreted gold-bearing lenses will still be required.

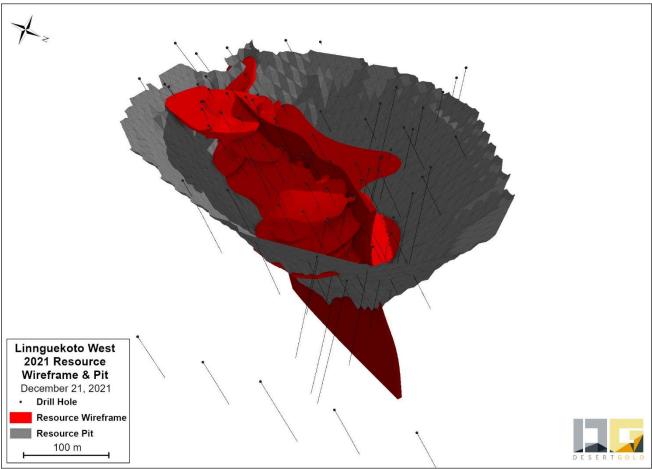


Figure 13. Linnguekoto West modelled wire frames and resource pit

#### **QAQC**

All auger and drill samples were delivered to SGS in Bamako, Mali where they are prepped. The prepped samples, are both shipped by truck to SGS's facility in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, or remain at SGS's laboratory in Bamako, for Au determination by fire assay. Standards, assay blanks and sample duplicates, are inserted into the assay stream every 22 to 30 samples, respectively equaling one control sample for every approximately every 8 assay samples. All assay batches are reviewed for quality with re-assays requested 20 samples on either side of standards that assay more than 2 to 3 SD from an excepted value and for blanks that contain more than 10 ppb gold.

#### Ashanti Gold drill results QAQC procedures for the Gourbassi Zones

Certified Reference Materials and Blanks were inserted into the sample stream at the rate of 1:20 samples. Field duplicates are collected at the rate of 1:50 samples. All samples have been analyzed by SGS Laboratories in Bamako with standard preparation methods and 50g fire assay with atomic absorption finish. SGS does their own introduction of QA/QC samples into the sample stream and reports them to Ashanti for double checking. Higher grade samples are reanalyzed from pulp or reject material or both.

#### Hyundai QAQC Procedures

Desert Gold does not have any information regarding Hyundai's QAQC procedures. However, based on follow-up of historic drill results in the Barani Area indicates an acceptable level of accuracy.

This press release contains certain scientific and technical information. The Company is solely responsible for the contents and accuracy of any scientific and technical information related to it. Uwe Englemann, Director Geology & Exploration of Minxcon and Don Dudek, P.Geo. a director of Desert Gold both Qualified Persons under National Instrument 43-101, have reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information contained in this press release.

#### Next Steps

At the end of the quarter planning for a 2022 exploration program was mostly completed with a goal, finance pending, of completing approximately 20,000 metres of drillinging. The drill program will focus on the new Gourbassi West North and Mogoyafara South Zones, bothof which appear to be the largest gold systems on the Property.

#### Djimbala Project

The tenement, which is 100% owned by the Company, is governed by a standard Convention Minière that describes the fiscal and legal regime under which the exploration permits are granted. This Project has been optioned to Indigo Resources, who have the right to earn 100% interest in the property subject to work and cash commitments. The Company will retain a 2% net smelter royalty ("NSR") in favour of Desert Gold, where a 1% NSR could be bought out at any time for \$1 million by Indigo.

The expiry date of the Djimbala permit was December 30, 2018. Desert Gold paid the concession renewal Convention fees on May 28, 2019 and on October 28, 2019, the Company received the Djimbala Arete. As soon as the arete is issued, the company can assume that that they have the right to the property for an initial 3 years, followed by two, 2-year renewals.

Djimbala is located 220 km south of Bamako and covers an area approximately 100 km2. The permit is situated in the Yanfolila gold belt and is surrounded by a significant number of active gold prospecting permits including Hummingbird's Komana gold project (Figure 14) and lies north, along strike of the Kodieran Mine and Endeavour's high-grade Kalana Project.

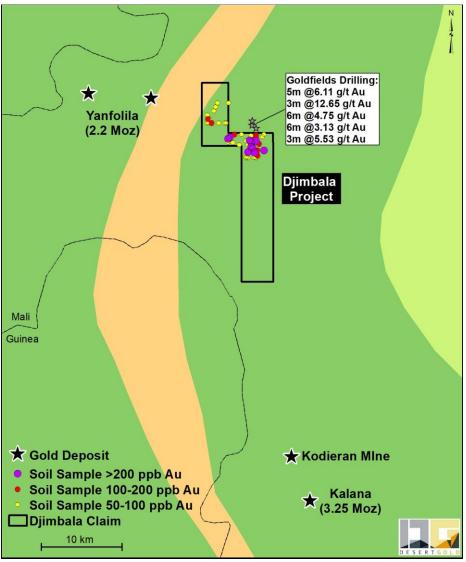


Figure 14: Location Plan of Djimbala Project

A small soil sampling program was completed over part of the permit with positive Au anomalies coinciding with possible favourable mineralised structures. Four northerly trending, gold in soil anomalous zones have been defined mimicking the regional structural trend. Also, several active artisanal workings are located within the permit confirming Au mineralisation. The anomalies, regionally, correlate well with the extension of Faliko Fodela mineralised structures drilled by Gold Fields, immediately to the north of the property. Additional soil samples had been collected over the northwest corner of the project, and, returned some anomalies that should be followed up in the field.

In early 2021, a 602 hole, approximate 4,700 metre auger drill program was carried out by Indigo. This work, as per the Indigo news release dated March 8, 2021, further defined the anomalous gold trends in the Property (see Figure 15).

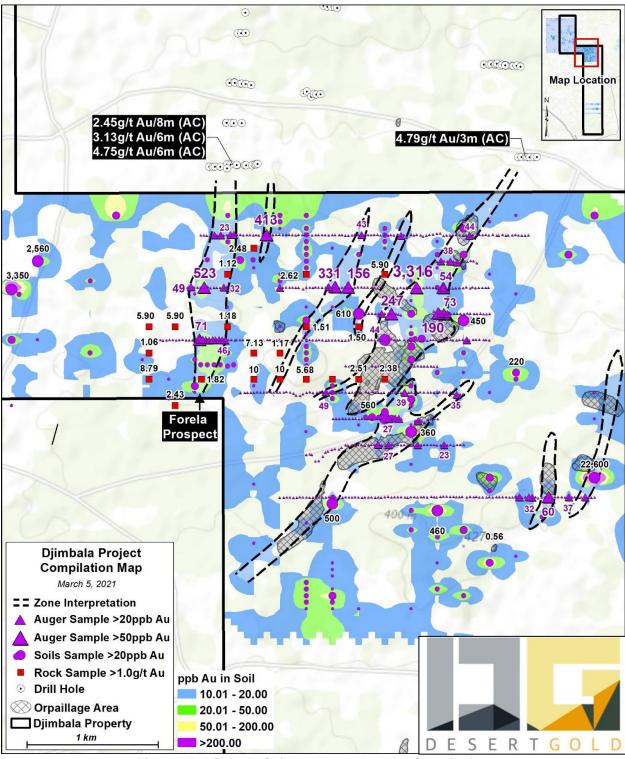


Figure 15: Djimbala Soil and Auger Results Compilation

On October 26, 2021 Indigo released the resulted if its 2021 4,584 metre, 99-hole aircore drilling program. The program comprised roughly 50m deep, angled drill holes that crossed the Forela, Djilefing and Nounssamna gold trends and five subparallel smaller trends. These trends are between 50-460 metres wide, clustered within a 3.5km wide by 2km long area.

The area drilled by aircore is substantially anomalous in gold with 50 individual intercepts greater than 0.1 g/t Au over 1 metre or more. Over 44% of all drill samples were over 10 ppb Au. Highlighted intercepts over 0.4 g/t Au are shown on Figure 16. The best intercept encountered was 8.78 g/t Au across 1 metre in the main Djilefing trend which is the largest artisanal working trend and projects from proximal neighbouring drill intercepts of 4.79g/t Au across 3 metres. The Forela trend was apparently more mineralized with more anomalous intercepts and aligns with intercepts from a competitor project to the north that exhibits intercepts of 2.45g/t Au across 8 metres, 3.13g/t Au across 6 metres and 4.75g/t Au across 6 metres. Our very limited drilling along the Nounssamna trend in the southeast corner of the drill area which projects from a proximal neighbouring grab sample of 43.3g/t Au and includes a 22.6g/t Au soil site on the property did not return any significant drill intercepts.

Additional gold exploration opportunities are present on Djimbala. Competitors to the north and east of Djimbala permit exhibit significant prospects and resources along structures that trend directly onto the Dijmbala. Of particular note is the Gonka deposit estimated at 2 million tonnes grading 3.39 g/t Au owned by Hummingbird, just east of the Djimbala permit. This deposit is open-ended and trends to the west potentially onto the Djimbala permit. These areas remain unexplored on the Djimbala ground to this point.

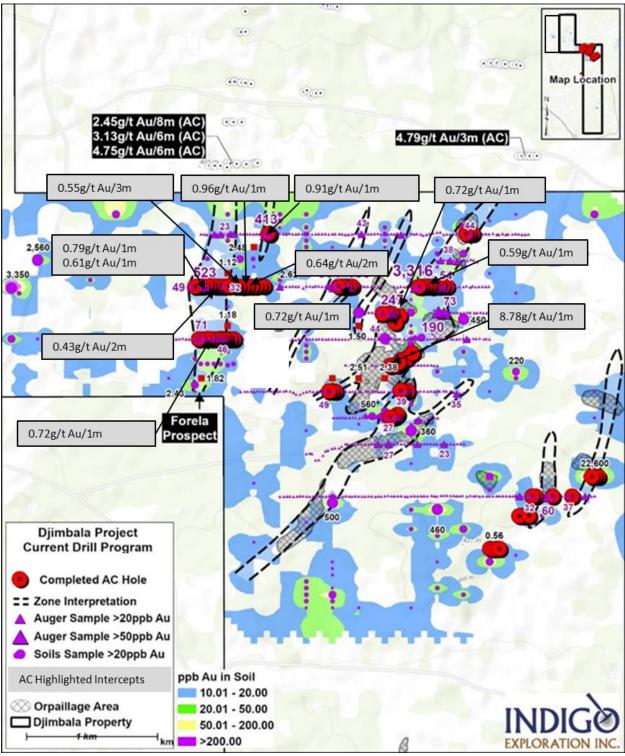


Figure 16: Forela, Djilefing and Nounssamna Gold Trends and Completed AC Drill Holes

#### Next Steps

Indigo is still planning the next steps for this concession.

#### RWANDA

The company originally had 100% ownership of Exploration Permit No 107/16.03/05 issued on November 13, 2007, referred to as the Byumba prospect. Byumba had a surface extent of approximately 90,119 ha. In 2016, the concession was reduced to a 375Ha mining permit, Rutare. Rutare its located 20 km north of the capital city of Kigali, easily accessible by road. The prospect lies in the Central African Kibaran Orogen, which hosts gold resources of more than 10 million ounces of gold in the nearby South Kivu Province of the DRC. Exploration started in 2007, comprising a grass root exploration programme over both the Rutare area and the relinquished Rusizi prospect. Following initial soil geochemistry, a 3.5 km linear north-northwest trending gold anomaly was discovered over the Rutare Zone (Figure 17).

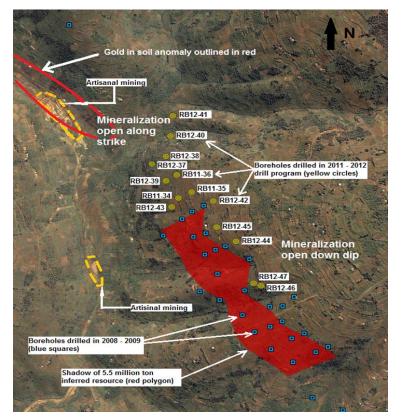


Figure 17: Drill Plan showing drilling completed to date over the Rutare Zone. Red polygon and blue squares outline the initial resource and drilling. Yellow circles show the location of the second phase of drilling. Areas of artisanal mining activities are shown by the yellow dashed lines.

Diamond drilling on this geochemical anomaly led to the discovery of a significant resource. Drilling continued over the initial discovery to define a non-constrained, NI 43-101 compliant inferred resource estimate of 265,000 oz Au contained in 5,551,000 tonnes at an average grade of 1.48 g/t Au (February 6, 2012). A second phase of exploration tested the gold mineralisation along strike to the north and down dip extent. This drilling programme confirms the mineralisation to be continuous northward and to depth.

On December 13, 2016 the Rwandan government issued Desert Gold a commercial gold mining license. Below are the main points regarding the license.

- The new title under the exploitation license will be named Rutare
- The mining license is valid for a period of 10 years with an option to renew
- The Rutare permit covers an area of 375 ha, encompassing the known gold mineralisation
- The mining permit is located a two-hour drive from the capital Kigali accessible by paved highway

Under the Rwanda Mining Code, Desert Gold was to commence production within 3 years of the grant. However, Desert Gold has decided not to advance the project as currently defined and, has requested, in writing on July 1, 2020, for a significant enlargement of the mining concession. A response is pending . Due to the lack of response from the Rwandan government, Desert Gold does not plan any additional work over the concession.

#### SUMMARY OF EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES

Exploration expenditures incurred during the year ended March 31, 2022 are as follow:

	SMSZ Project	Djimbala Project	Rwanda Project	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Permit renewal and maintenance	118,815	-	-	118,815
Drilling	39,292	-	-	39,292
Geo-analysis	75,813	-	-	75,813
Camp supplies, exploration, and office	95,509	-	9,580	105,089
Salaries	108,661	-	-	108,661
Total	438,090	-	9,580	447,670

#### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

Following are the Company's quarterly information of the Company's most recent eight quarters ended on:

	31-Mar-22	31-Dec-21	30-Sept-21	30-Jun-21
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	-	-	-	-
Net loss	(715,698)	(849,661)	(785,310)	(1,177,679)
Loss per share, basic and diluted	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.01)
	31-Mar-21	31-Dec-20	30-Sept-20	30-Jun-20
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	-	-	-	-
Net loss	(1,370,588)	(845,004)	(768,571)	(764,094)
Loss per share, basic and diluted	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)

The Company is in the business of exploration and development of resource properties; thus, the income and loss are not subject to seasonal fluctuations. The fluctuation of the Company's loss is directly related to the amount of exploration work done in each quarter as well as the occurrence of incidental events such as disposition of the Company's assets or issuance of stock options to employees and consultants. Management expects the Company's quarterly results may fluctuate in the future with the amount of actual exploration done and with the occurrence of any incidental events (eg. acquisition of mineral interests) that may happen in the future.

#### DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS

Three months ended March 31,	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Amortization	690	2,791
Investors and shareholders relationship	73,345	31,966
Office, occupancy, and administration	16,838	13,334
Professional and consulting fees (i)	140,109	97,212
Prospecting rights and exploration (ii)	447,670	1,072,234
Share-based compensation(iii)	292	146,982
Transfer agent and listing fees	31,911	28,018
Loss before the following:	(710,855)	(1,392,537)
Change in fair value of marketable securities	-	24,000
Foreign exchange	(4,843)	(2,051)
Net loss	(715,698)	(1,370,588)

(i) The Company has engaged an additional consultant to oversee its operations in Mali since November 2022. In addition, management and consultants visited the field in Mali during the first quarter of 2022. As a result, professional and consulting fees increased in the first quarter of 2022.

(ii) The exploration activities conducted during the first quarter of 2021 was higher than those in 2022.

(iii) Share-based compensation has changed from time to time depends on the timing of options granted and vested.

With respect to the assets and liabilities on the balance sheet, the major movement from the last year end is the use of \$803,017 to finance the operations of the Company.

The Company expects to incur more exploration expenditure and other operating expenses in 2022 for resource properties in Mali.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

On March 31, 2022, the Company had a working capital of \$0.31 million. In order to increase the Company's liquidity, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement for the issuance of 11,742,334 security unit for gross proceeds of CAD\$1,409,080 in April 2022.

The Company is not subject to external capital commitments but may still need to raise addition capital to meet its long-term business objectives.

Even though the Company has a history of raising the funds when needed in the past, there is no guarantee that the Company can do so in the future.

#### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company does not utilize off-balance sheet transactions.

#### TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

a) Transactions with key management personnel:

Key management personnel include those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Company as a whole. The Company has determined that key management personnel consist of executive and non-executive members of the Board of Directors and corporate officers. The aggregate values of transactions relating to key management and companies related to key management are as follows:

Three months ended March 31,	2022	2021	
	\$	\$	
Consulting fees	103,338	84,890	
Rent	4,738	4,800	
Share-based compensation	_	100,697	

b) Balances due to related parties:

Amounts due to related parties are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment. The Company's accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 3) included the following balances owing to related parties.

Due to Related parties	Nature	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
A company related to a director	Rent	-	8,835
Chief financial officer	Consulting fees	2,200	1,972
Directors	Consulting fees	1,670	3,546
		\$ 3,870	\$ 14,353

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

#### Risk management

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. The Company's risk management policies are established to identify and analyze the risks faced by the Company to set appropriate risk limits and controls and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Company's activities. The Company has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure as far as possible that it will always have sufficient cash on demand to meet its liabilities when they fall due under both normal and stressed conditions without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation.

Historically, the Company's primary source of funding has been the issuance of equity securities for cash, primarily through private placements and loans from related and other parties. The Company's access to financing is always uncertain. There can be no assurance of continued access to significant equity funding. The Company is subject to liquidity risk.

#### Interest rate risk

As at March 31, 2022, the Company did not have any significant exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates as the Company did not have any financial instruments that are exposed to changes in interest rates.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Company's receivables from optionees and investment securities

The potential concentration of credit risk consists mainly of cash and other receivables. The Company limits its counterparty exposures from its cash by only dealing with well-established financial institutions of a high quality credit standing. Receivables comprise mainly subscription receivable, receivable from optionee, and GST receivable from the government. The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset on the statement of financial position.

At the reporting date the majority of the Company's cash resources were deposited with reputable established financial institutions. As a result, management believes the Company is not exposed to significant credit risk due to the credit worthiness of these counterparties.

#### Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk arises from holdings of financial assets and liabilities in currencies other than the function currency to which they relate. The Company has not hedged the foreign currency risk.

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2021
Cash	CAD\$ 443,000	CAD\$ 1,472,130
US dollar equivalent	\$ 349,800	\$ 1,161,169

As of March 31, 2022, a 10% change in the foreign exchange rate between the US\$ and CAD\$ would have an impact of \$35,000 to the Company's other comprehensive loss (December 31, 2021 - \$116,000)

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments included in the statement of financial position are as follows:

		March 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
Cash	Amortized cost	\$	406,013	\$	1,216,664
Marketable securities	FVTPL	\$	96,941	\$	96,941
Other receivables	Amortized cost	\$	95,572	\$	192,701
Trade payables	Amortized cost	\$	213,404	\$	331,669

#### Fair value

At the respective reporting dates, all of the Company's financial instruments had maturities less than one year. As a result, the carrying amount of cash and accounts payable approximated their fair values due to their short-term maturities.

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company has not adopted new accounting policies since its recent year ended December 31, 2021. Details of the Company's accounting policies are disclosed in the Note 2 of the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

#### SHARE DATA

As of the date of this MD&A, the Company has 162,174,202 common shares outstanding.

#### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Company's principal activity is mineral exploration and development. Companies in this industry are subject to many and varied kinds of risks, including, but not limited to, environmental, political, financing, and economic risks.

The Company has no significant source of operating cash flow and no revenues from operations. The Company has not yet determined whether its mineral properties contain mineral reserves that are economically recoverable. The Company has limited financial resources. Substantial expenditures are required to be made by the Company to establish reserves. There is no guarantee that the Company will be able to contribute or obtain all necessary resources and funds for the exploration and exploitation of its permits, and may fail to meet its exploration commitments.

The Company has options to earn an interest in multiple properties, however, all are in the exploration stage, are without known bodies of commercial mineralization, and have no on-going mining operations. Mineral exploration involves a high degree of risk and few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines.

Exploration of the Company's mineral properties may not result in any discoveries of commercial bodies of mineralization. If the Company's efforts do not result in any discovery of commercial mineralization, the Company will be forced to look for other exploration projects or cease operations.

The Company is subject to the laws and regulations relating to environmental matters in all jurisdictions in which it operates, including provisions relating to property reclamation, discharge of hazardous material and other matters. The Company faces a number of risks in its efforts to conduct its exploration activities and to conduct business, including those described below.

#### Mining Industry

The mineral exploration business is risky, and most exploration projects will not become mines. The Company may offer an opportunity to a mining company to acquire an interest in a property in return for funding all or part of the exploration and development of the property. Major expenses may be required to establish ore reserves, to develop metallurgical processes and to construct mining and processing facilities at a site. For the funding of property acquisitions and exploration that the Company conducts, the Company depends on the issue of shares from treasury to investors. These stock issues depend on numerous factors including a positive mineral exploration environment, positive stock market conditions, a company's track record, and the experience of management.

It is impossible to ensure that the current exploration programs planned by the Company will result in a profitable commercial mining operation. Whether a mineral deposit will be commercially viable depends on many factors, some of which are the attributes of the deposit, such as size, grade and proximity to infrastructure, as well as

metal prices which are highly cyclical and government regulations, including regulations relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection.

The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of these factors may result in the Company not receiving an adequate return on invested capital. Mining operations generally involve a high degree of risk. The Company's operations are subject to all the hazards and risks normally encountered in the exploration, development and production of ore, including unusual and unexpected geology formations, rock bursts, cave-ins, flooding and other conditions involved in the drilling and removal of material, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of, mines and other producing facilities,

damage to life or property, environmental damage and possible legal liability. Although adequate precautions to minimize risk will be taken, milling operations are subject to hazards such as equipment failure or failure of retaining dams around tailings disposal areas, which may result in environmental pollution and consequent liability.

#### Government Regulation

The exploration activities of the Company are subject to various federal, provincial and local laws governing prospecting, development, production, taxes, labour standards and occupational health, mine safety, toxic substance, and other matters. Exploration activities are also subject to various federal, provincial and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. These laws mandate, among other things, the maintenance of air and water quality standards, and land reclamation. These laws also set forth limitations on the generation, transportation, storage and disposal of solid and hazardous waste.

Although the Company's exploration activities are currently carried out in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, no assurance can be given that new rules and regulations will not be enacted or that existing rules and regulations will not be applied in a manner which could limit or curtail production or development. Whenever possible, agreements are signed directly with governments and periodic assessment of the political situation in countries where we operate keeps management up to date on factors that may affect our operations.

The Company may operate in foreign countries where government regulation is subject to change without notice which could have an adverse effect on operations, if the government were to impose taxes or duties that were excessive or unexpected the Company may be unable to meet the obligation to pay such costs and it could result in a slow down or ceasing of operations either temporarily or permanently.

#### Title, Permits, Licenses and Mineral Rights

The exploitation and development of mineral properties may require the Company to obtain regulatory or other permits and licenses from various governmental licensing bodies. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain and retain all necessary permits and licenses that may be required to carry out exploration, development and mining operations on its properties.

To increase the security of mining tenures where we operate, we have engaged a mineral rights lawyer to ensure compliance with mining laws and regulations in Rwanda, Mali. He looks after Desert Gold's interests and compliance is reviewed monthly by executive management and legal opinions have been obtain regarding security of tenure and compliance for all material permits of the group. Continuous interaction with the relevant departments in countries of operation in regard to permit compliance and administration further reduces risk of loss of tenure.

Although the Company has obtained title opinions with respect to certain of its properties, there may still be undetected title defects affecting such properties. Accordingly, such properties may be subject to prior unregistered liens, agreements, transfers or claims, and title may be affected by, among other things, undetected defects which could have a material adverse impact on the Company's operations.

#### Environmental Risks and Hazards

All phases of the Company's mineral exploration operations are subject to environmental regulation in the various jurisdictions in which it operates. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which will require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees.

There is no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect the Company's operations. Environmental hazards may exist on the properties on which the Company holds interests which are unknown to the Company at present, which have been caused, by previous or existing owners or operators of the properties. The Company may become liable for such environmental hazards caused by previous owners and operators of the properties even where it has attempted to contractually limit its liability. Government approvals and permits are currently, and may in the future be, required relating to the Company's operations. To the extent such approvals are required and not obtained; the Company may be curtailed or prohibited from proceeding with planned exploration or development of mineral properties.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions thereunder, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. Parties engaged in mining operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage because of the mining activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

Amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of mining companies, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on the Company and cause increases in exploration expenses, capital expenditures or production costs or reduction in levels of production at producing properties or require abandonment or delays in development of new mining properties.

Production of mineral properties may involve the use of dangerous and hazardous substances such as sodium cyanide. While all steps will be taken to prevent discharges of pollutants into the ground water the environment, the Company may become subject to liability for hazards that cannot be insured against. However, the potential for environmental damage is limited during the exploration phase, and a policy of minimal environmental damage has been adopted; consultants have been appointed in Rwanda to conduct detailed environmental impact studies and assessments with no concerns having been identified thus far, and local environmental management programs will ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

#### Social & Security

Our reputation and credibility may be damaged if we fail to manage social responsibility expectations and commitments to local, governmental and media stakeholders. Factors influencing the risk are population density, level of education and the security situation in the operating countries.

We take a proactive approach to managing social develop and engage in government and community relations in the areas in which we operate, and we provide for social responsibility projects in our budgeting.

#### **Commodity Prices**

The profitability of mining operations is significantly affected by changes in the market price of gold and other minerals. The level of interest rates, the rate of inflation, world supply of these minerals and stability of exchange rates can all cause significant fluctuations in base metal prices. Such external economic factors are in turn influenced by changes in international investment patterns and monetary systems and political developments. The price of gold and other minerals has fluctuated widely in recent years, and future serious price declines could cause continued commercial production to be impracticable.

Depending on the price of gold and other minerals, cash flow from mining operations may not be sufficient. Any figures for reserves presented by the Company will be estimates and no assurance can be given that the anticipated tonnages and grades will be achieved or that the indicated level of recovery will be realized.

Market fluctuations and the price of gold and other minerals may render reserves uneconomical. Moreover, short-term operating factors relating to the reserves, such as the need for orderly development of the ore bodies or the processing of new or different grades of ore, may cause a mining operation to be unprofitable in any accounting period.

#### Foreign Currency Risk

The Company operates in foreign countries and is subject to foreign currency exchange rates and fluctuations which may have an impact on our future costs or on future cash flows. The economies of some of the countries in which we have operations may be subject to high rates of inflation which could adversely affect our financial situation. Funds will be invested in currencies to match the currency profile of forecast expenditure, considering currency and interest rate movements and we maintain excess funds in Canadian banking institutions.

#### Event and Uninsured Risks

The Company may carry insurance to protect against certain risks in such amounts as it considers adequate. Risks not insured against include environmental pollution or other hazards against which such corporations cannot insure or against which they may elect not to insure. The occurrence of an abnormal event resulting in damage to assets may occur, however, the potential for environmental damage is limited during the exploration phase and local environmental management programs will ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

#### Internal Control (Fraud)

The Company may be subject to internal risk of financial loss due to fraud or theft; the risk is limited by stringent treasury control over the funds available in each jurisdiction, and the adoption of policies, compliance monitoring by management, and low staff complement reduces the risk of collusion.

#### Reliance on Key Personnel

The Company does not carry insurance on its key personnel and the loss of any one of its directors or officers could have an adverse effect on the Company's operations. The Company has only one qualified person on its team, as that term is defined in NI43-101, on whom they rely to review and oversee the exploration program and as such, the loss of such person could result in a setback from which the Company may not be able to recover. The Company has a nominating and governance committee whose role includes maintaining lists of suitable candidates to fill such vacancies should they arise.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

Certain of the directors of the Company also serve as directors and/or officers of other companies involved in natural resource exploration and development. Consequently, there exists the possibility for such directors to be in a position of conflict. Any decision made by such directors involving the Company will be made in accordance with their duties and obligations to deal fairly and in good faith with the Company and such other companies. In addition, such directors will declare, and refrain from voting on, any matter in which such directors may have a conflict of interest.

#### **Operational Performance**

While the Company strives to execute its program as planned, execution may not comply, incurring delays and additional cost due to productivity and climatic factors. We monitor productivity of operations through weekly and monthly reporting from country offices and contractors to evaluate progress and ensure programs are on track, experienced geologists are appointed to head exploration programs, and countries with extreme weather conditions are recognized as a risk to operational performance and planning acknowledges the risk.

#### Safety & Health in the Workplace

The Company operates in jurisdictions where health risks may exist and may operate in remote camps with limited access to emergency services. The mining industry has inherent risks and injuries or disease to personnel in operational jurisdictions may lead to liabilities for the Company. We conduct risk assessments and promote safe practices on site through instruction, written safety management systems where applicable, and contractual obligations to comply with health and safety regulations. As activity increases there is provision to put in place a group health and safety manager to lead and monitor compliance.

#### FINANCIAL AND DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate information systems, procedures and controls to ensure that information used internally and disclosed externally is complete, reliable and timely. Management is also responsible for establishing adequate internal controls over financial reporting to provide sufficient knowledge to support the representations made in this MD&A and the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

The management of the Company has filed the Venture Issuer Basic Certificate on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. In contrast to the certificate required for non-venture issuers under National Instrument 52-109 Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings ("NI 52-109"), the venture issuer basic certificate does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P") and internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR"), as defined in NI 52-109. Investors should be aware that inherent limitations on the ability of certifying officers of a venture issuer to design and implement on a cost-effective basis DC&P and ICFR as defined in NI 52-109 may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency, and timeliness of interim and annual filings and other reports provided under securities legislation.