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# TUVATU ALKALINE GOLD PROJECT FIJI ISLANDS

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### **Investment Highlights**

25km from Nadi International Airport in Fiji \$31M working capital (CAD)

(Oct. 1, 2022)

136km<sup>2</sup> exploration license area

12,000 assay lab monthly sampling capacity

8/30,000m

8 rigs /annual drilling capacity



updated Mine Lease renewal

### Recent Drilling Highlights: Globally Significant Intercepts

July 2020: 55.4 g/t Au over 12.7m from 571m (TUDDH 500)

June 2022: 20.9 g/t Au over 75.9m from 443m (TUG 141)

August 2022: 12.22 g/tAu over 54.9m from 576m (TUDDH 601)



\$13.35 million bought deal financing completed in September 2022



## **Corporate Snapshot**

#### CAPITALIZATION

SHARE CAPITAL As of Dec 14, 2022

Shares Outstanding	173,769,893
Options	13,015,000
Warrants	9,714,880
Shares Fully Diluted	196,499,773
Market Capitalization	\$147M

LIO: \$0.85 | 52wk: \$1.66 \$0.59 | Avg. vol: 372k

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#### **ANALYST COVERAGE**

Roth Capital Partners, LLC Eight Capital Partners Mike Niehuser Felix Shafigullin

#### LARGEST INVESTORS

Walter Berukoff (CEO)	12.03%
Donald Smith & Co.	6.76%
Franklin Precious Metals	6.38%

#### **INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS**

RBC Global Precious Metals Aegis Value Fund Cl Precious Metals Gabelli Gold Fund Mackenzie Precious Metals





## Walter Berukoff

CHAIRMAN & CEO

#### **Success Stories**

Northern Orion sold to Yamana in 2007 for \$1.1B Miramar Mining sold to Newmont in 2008 for \$1.5B La Mancha sold in 2012 for \$600M

**Emperor Gold Mines** Fiji Gold Assets (Vatukoula & Tuvatu) purchased in 2008. Lion One Metals Limited created in 2011

# **Leadership Team**

#### THE LION ONE METALS TEAM

**OFFICERS** Walter Berukoff, CEO Tony Young, CA, CFO Patrick Hickey, COO Sergio Cattalani, SVP Exploration Hamish Greig, VP, Corp. Secretary

DIRECTORS Walter Berukoff, Chairman Richard Meli (ex-Rio Tinto SVP) Kevin Puil, CFA (RIVI Advisors) David Tretbar, P.Geo (ex-Sumitomo)

#### **TECHNICAL TEAM**

Kevin Li, P.Eng (ex-Fluor, Pretium) Dr. Quinton Hennigh, P.Geo (ex-Newmont) Will Ostrenga, P,Geo (ex-Sumitomo) Darren Holden, P.Geo

### **Patrick Hickey**

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER Engineer, mine builder, Ex-Newmont/Kinross



### Sergio Cattalani

SENIOR VP, EXPLORATION

Economic geologist, Ex-Osisko Mining, Inco-Vale, Equinox Gold, EMX Royalties, Cominco







### Key Assets: Lion One Fiji Team - Drilling Fleet - Assay Laboratory





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## 2022-23 Mine Development Progress

#### **MINE DEVELOPMENT**



Permits are in place for underground mining operations



Development of no. 2 underground access portal @ rate of 2m per day; currently at +150m



Mobile mining equipment fleet has been purchased or delivered

#### MILL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION



Detailed engineering & procurement underway



Design process completed for scalable mill facility



Installation & initial production planned for Q3 & Q4 2023







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# Mine Site Infrastructure: Set Up For Success



Contracts are complete or in final negotiation for all mine infrastructure including:

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#### **ERP SYSTEMS IMPLEMENTATION**

Lion One is Implementing a fully integrated HRIS and Enterprise Resource Platforms (ERP) for Accounting, Supply Chain, Maintenance, Inventory, Cost Control and Personnel tracking.



# Fiji: A Stable And Supportive Mining Jurisdiction



Mining key to national economy – gold is one of the key exports



Long mining history including the Vatukoula / Emperor Gold Mine



Mining Act and Administration was founded on British Law



Reasonable royalty and taxation structures, as well as negotiable taxation concessions



Low sovereign, political and social risk



Skilled domestic workforce and low operating costs



# **Prime Location & Setting**

TECTONIC SETTING IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC RING OF FIRE





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# **The Next World Class Alkaline Gold Deposit**







## **Project Overview**

HIGH GRADE RESOURCE PERMITTED FOR PRODUCTION PRIME GEOLOGICAL SETTING PROXIMITY TO INFRASTRUCTURE PRO-MINING COUNTRY



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# **Exploration Strategy**







### 2022 infill drilling refining grade and continuity ahead of mining planned for Q4 2023

+1,100m deep high-grade Au system coming into view; targeting +1m oz. resource +10 g/t Au

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TUDDH 563 52.5m 63.3

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Interval of best mineralization

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- 35.25 g/t Au over 37.5m
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### TUG-141: drilled from underground along the Tuvatu exploration decline

### TUDDH-601:

confirmed mineralization in TUG-141 with **12.22 g/t Au over 54.9m** vertical, including **29.24 g/t Au over 15.6m** 

Follow-up drilling from multiple locations currently underway



# TUG 141: 20.86 g/t Au over 75.9m

#### HIGH GRADE DISCOVERY – JUNE 2022



- (E) Vuggy hydrothermal breccia with coarse pyrite and silicified-sulfidized ground mass. Breccia clasts are a ngular to sub-rounded.
- (F) Coarse pyrite breccia with silicified-sulfidized ground mass.
- (G) Network fracture stockwork ~1-5mm veins with two generations of pyrite. The clasts are highly altered silicified andesite, with the veins containing quartz-pyrite.
- (H) Network fracture stockwork veins at multiple angles, with intense silicification, quartz-carbonate infill and pyrite.
- (I) 0.5mm wide veinlet of VG from sample that assayed 282.5 g/t Au



# TUDDH 601: 12.22 g/t Au over 54.9m

### HIGH GRADE DISCOVERY -**AUGUST 2022**



Hydrothermal breccia

580.2m 140.9 g/t Au

230.4 g/t Au



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# **Regional Discoveries: Batiri Creek Vein**

13.27 g/t Au over 4m CHANNEL SAMPLE 2KM N-E OF TUVATU





# **Regional - BLEG Geochemical Survey**

#### **HIGH GRADE** GOLD ACROSS 7KM WIDE NAVILAWA CALDERA

DRILLED RESOURCE AREA COVERS LESS THAN 5% OF LICENSE AREA

TARGET-RICH ENVIRONMENT





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# Regional – Geology & Target Generation





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# **Regional Upside**

HIGH GRADE GOLD ANOMALIES ACROSS 7KM STRIKE IN NAVILAWA ALKALINE GOLD SYSTEM

TUVATU DRILLING CONFIRMS VERTICAL PROFILE OF AT LEAST 1,200 METERS, OPEN TO DEPTH

CSAMT REVEALS STEEP STRUCTURAL GRADIENTS OVER 1.KM DEEP ACROSS ENTIRE 7KM STRIKE

NEW OCCURRENCES BEING DISCOVERED





# **Alkaline Gold Systems**



TUVATU Current Resource (3.0 g/t cutoff) 1,007,000t at 8.48 g/t Au for 274,600 oz indicated 1,325,000t at 9.00 g/t Au for 384,000 oz inferred

• Small in Number

- Unusually Large
- Economically Significant
- Unusually High Grade



## **Exploration Model**

### **Alkaline Gold Systems**



1-5 kilometer depth: alkalic porphyry stock (syenite to phonolite) with possible Cu-Au-Pt mineralization

Generalized early model of an alkalic-type epithermal gold deposit (from Bonham, 1986). Note the depiction of possible alkalic-type porphyry deposits. (Ag, silver; As, Arsenic; Au, gold; Cu, copper; Hg, mercury; Pt, platinum; Sb, antimony)



#### **UNIQUE ATTRIBUTES**

Deep, high grade gold endowments

Rare but economically significant

Favored by major mining companies

## **Similarities to Porgera**



#### RON STEWART, former CHIEF GEOLOGIST @ PORGERA GOLD MINE for PLACER DOME

**CONCLUSION**: "All of the geologic lines of evidence suggests Tuvatu and Porgera are related gold systems with remarkable geologic similarities "

"LIO's recent announcement of the discovery hole TUG-141: 20.86 g/t over 75.90m from 443.4m downhole into the 500 Zone is a major breakthrough and suggests a high likelihood that there is more to come based on the conclusive evidence in the geologic data".

#### PORGERA HIGH GRADE AU-TE-PY







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