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# DEVELOPING A MAJOR ASSET WITHIN A JUNIOR COMPANY

Tuvatu Alkaline Gold Project | Fiji Islands

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# Ideally Positioned in the Pacific Ring Of Fire



Prolific geological & tectonic setting



Host to several major gold & copper-gold systems

One of the only large alkaline gold systems not owned by a major



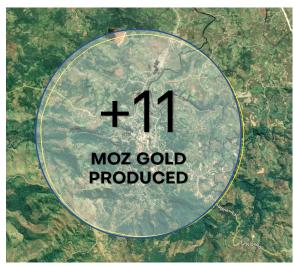


# **Analog Alkaline Gold Systems**

PORGERA, PNG BARRICK LIHIR, PNG NEWCREST VATUKOULA, FIJI ZHONGRUN NEWMONT







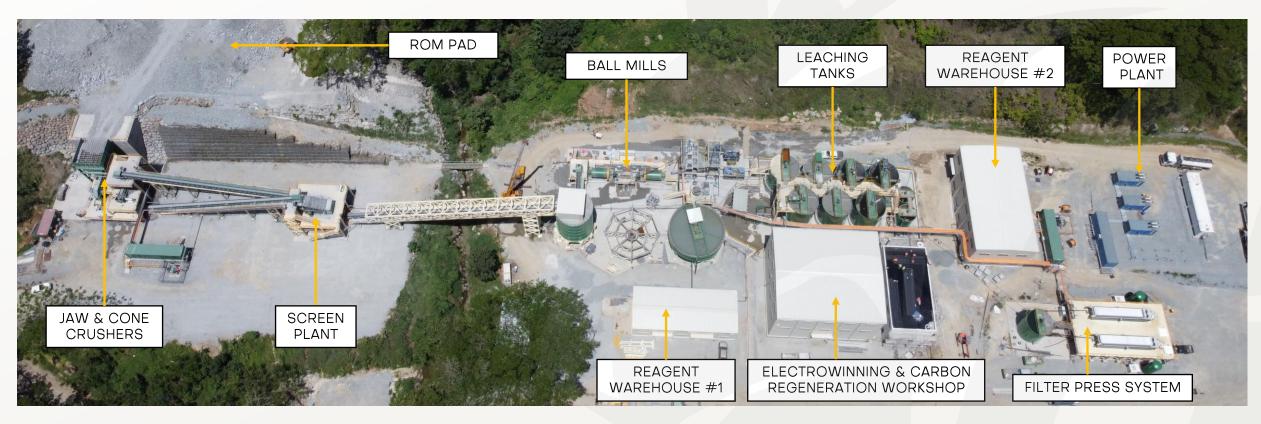


"...alkaline magmas...carry a lot of gold... usually, they turn out to be big."

Quinton Hennigh



# **Tuvatu Plant Construction Complete**



300 TPD PLANT IN OPERATION; EXPANSION TO 500 TPD IN Q3 2024



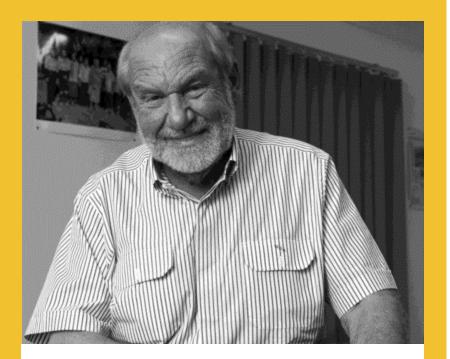


## First Gold Pour at Tuvatu

- First gold pour ceremony held on Fiji Day, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- >1000 attendees from local communities, businesses, employees and government
- Marked Lion One Metals' transition from developer to producer

"The future looks good for Tuvatu ... the best is yet to come"

- Honourable Maciu Nalusima Minister for Mineral Resources Fiji



# **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, CPA, CA, CFO
Patrick Hickey, COO
Sergio Cattalani, SVP Exploration
Hamish Greig, VP, Corp. Secretary

# Patrick Hickey CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Engineer, mine builder, Ex-Newmont, Kinross, BHP



#### **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)

Alex Nichol, MAIG (ex-Porgera, Xstrata)

Darren Holder, P.Geo

# Sergio Cattalani

SENIOR VP, EXPLORATION

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





## **Senior Technical Advisor**

# A GLOBAL EXPERT IN ALKALINE GOLD DEPOSITS

# Dr. Quinton Hennigh

PhD in Geology/Geochemistry Colorado School of Mines



- © Geological and Technical Director of global asset management firm Crescat Capital
- Previous positions with Homestake Mining (now Barrick Gold Corp.), Newcrest Mining, and Newmont Corp.
- © Co-chairman of Novo Resources Corp, taking the company from exploration to production.
- Discovery of the +5 Moz Au Springpole alkaline gold deposit in Ontario
- Discovery of the Rattlesnake Hills alkaline gold deposit in Wyoming
- Acquisition of the Fosterville gold mine in Australia by Kirkland Lake Gold



# **Corporate Snapshot**

#### **CAPITALIZATION**

SHARE CAPITAL As of October. 1, 2023

| Shares Outstanding    | 206.32 M    |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Options               | 11.06 M     |
| Warrants              | 41.48 M     |
| Shares Fully Diluted  | 258.86 M    |
| Market Capitalization | CAD \$175 M |

**LIO:** \$0.85 | 52wk: \$1.07 **\$0.64** | **Avg. vol:** 170K



#### **MAJOR INVESTORS**

Walter Berukoff (CEO) 10.13%
Institutional Investors 15%

#### Institutional investors include:

Franklin Precious Metals Fund
Aegis Value Fund
Nebari Gold Fund
Regal Funds Management
Delbrook Capital Advisors
US Global Investors
Mackenzie Precious Metals

Canada

TSX-V: LIO.WT

USA

**OTCQX: LOMLF** 

Australia

**ASX: LLO** 

#### **ANALYST COVERAGE**

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



### **Access & Infrastructure**



20km FROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



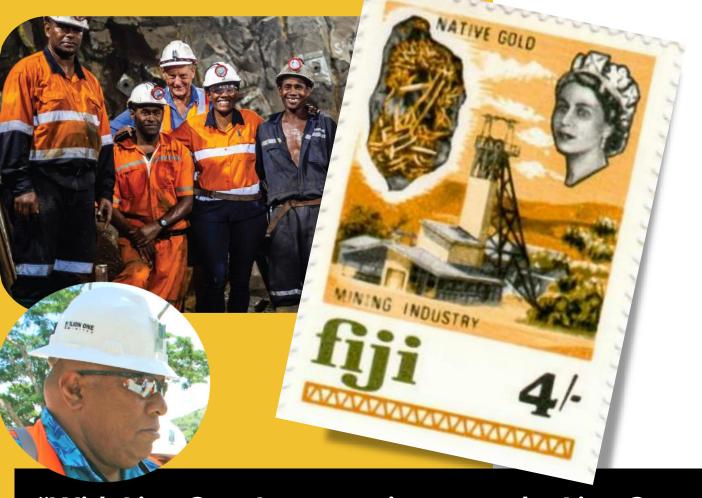
35km FROM DEEPWATER PORT



<1 hour</p>
FROM URBAN CENTERS OF
NADI & LAUTOKA







"With Lion One, I am very impressed ... Lion One sets the bar for those that follow"

- Ratu Wiliame Katonivere, President of Fiji

# Mining-Friendly Jurisdiction

- ★ +100-year gold mining industry
- Stable democracy & regulatory system
- Skilled mining workforce
- Multinational mining ventures
- Incentives for foreign investors



## Navilawa Caldera

LION ONE - 1ST TO CONSOLIDATE THE ENTIRE CALDERA INTO SINGLE PROPERTY



Long term mining license renewable in 2035



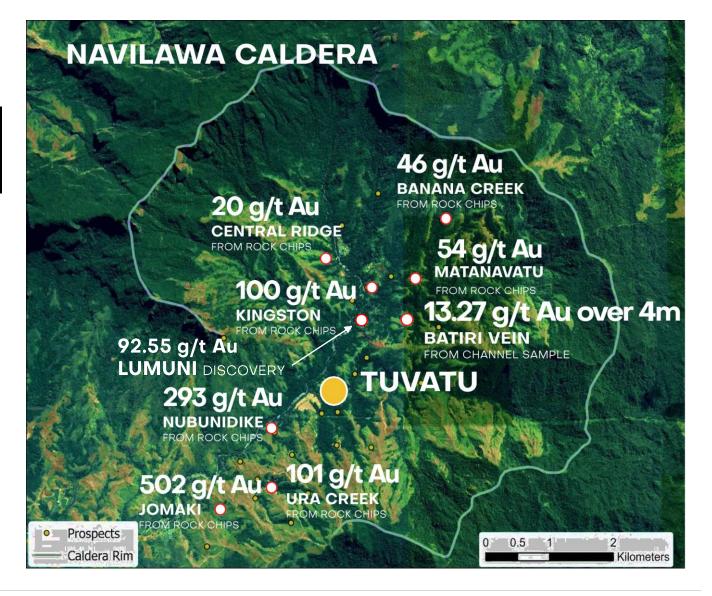
Mining license covers Tuvatu & multiple prospects



Exploration license covers caldera and beyond



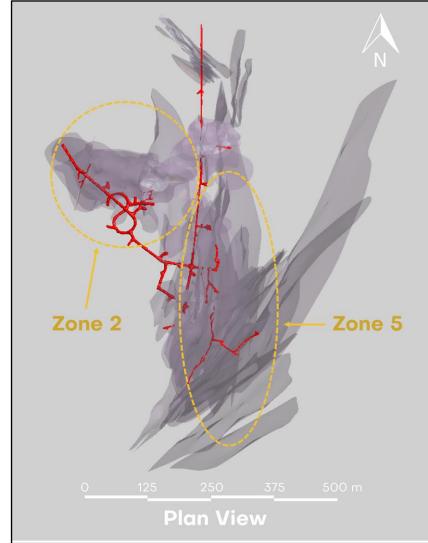
Highly-experienced senior management team on-site

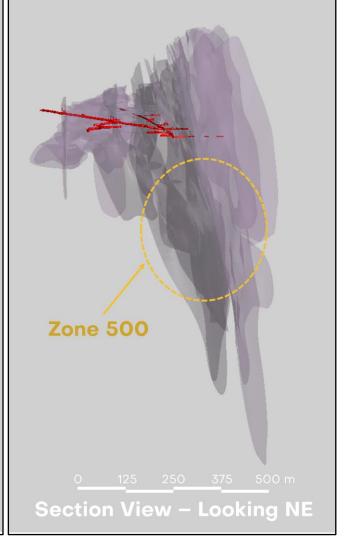




## **Tuvatu Overview**

- Steeply dipping high-grade gold lodes trending N-S and NE-SW
- Surface footprint 500 m x 900 m
- Extends to >1000 m depth
- © Open at depth and along strike
- Zone 2 and Zone 5 near surface
- Zone 500 feeder zone







#### REPRESENTATIVE DRILL RESULTS

INTERVAL

FROM

**GRADE** 

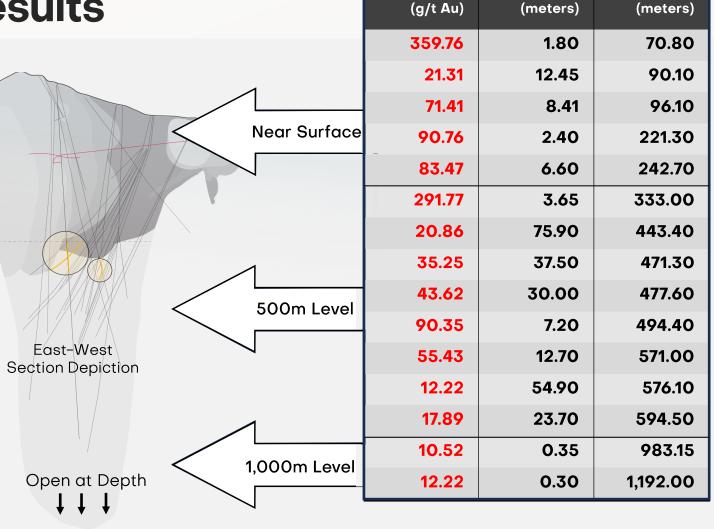
**High-Grade Gold Results** 

**ZONE 2 and ZONE 5**IN PRODUCTION
300 TPD

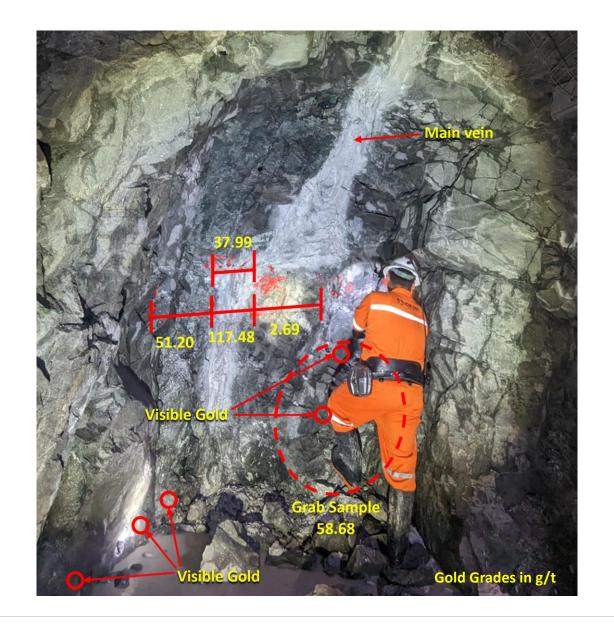
ZONE 500
EXPECTED PRODUCT

**EXPECTED PRODUCTION 2025 500 TPD** 

DEEP FEEDER ZONE EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT DRILLING







# **Airleg Mining**

MINING UNDERWAY IN ZONE 2 AND ZONE 5

#### **ADVANTAGES OF AIRLEG MINING:**

- Access to high-grade veins
- Minimal dilution
- Adaptable to a range of mining conditions
- **Provides optionality**

Early-stage mining is returning higher grades & better widths than expected



# **Stockwork Veining**

ADDITIONAL HIGH-GRADE MINERALIZATION

- Network of gold-bearing veinlets in a halo around the main lode
- Veinlets in multiple orientations, often parallel or sub-parallel to drill axis
- Missed by drilling
- Increased tonnage and width of mining switch to mechanized mining



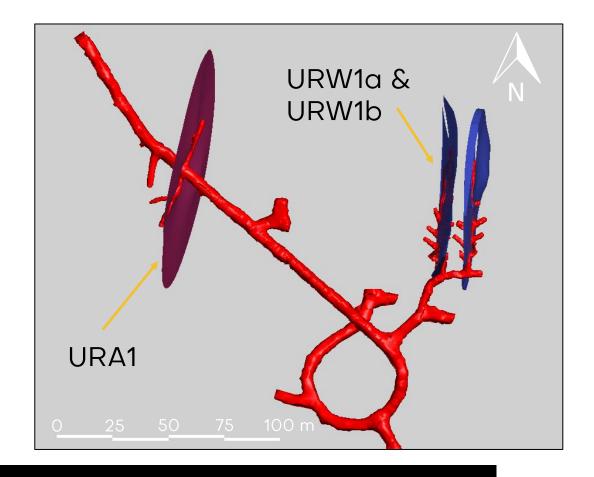






### **Additional Discoveries**

- □ URA1 new discovery 75m into development decline
- □ URW1 single lode revealed to be multiple separate lodes, with stockwork halo
- 20m infill drilling too imprecise to identify every structure
- Additional discoveries to be expected
- Additional mineralization along strike; already mining outside the original PEA

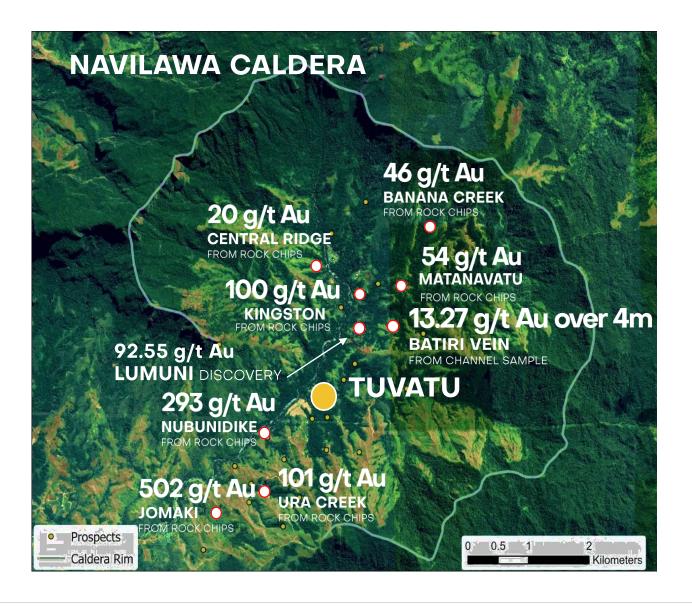


New lode discoveries and expansion expected to increase ounces throughout mining

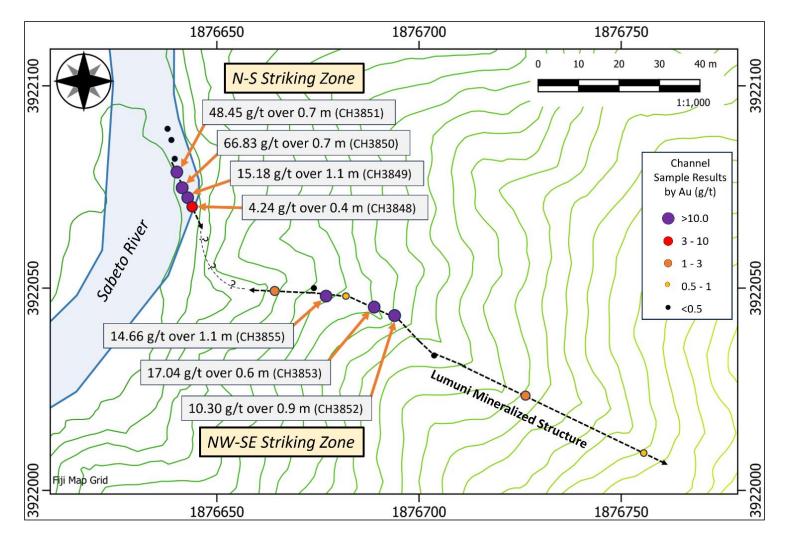


# **Regional Exploration**

- Multiple deep feeder systems possible throughout the caldera
- System extends over several kms, with numerous high and bonanza grade samples at surface
- >30 high-potential drill targets already identified
- M Historic & artisanal workings with high BLEG geochem values
- Confirmatory steep CSAMT gradients throughout







# **Lumuni Discovery**

- Brand new discovery
- 1 km north of Tuvatu
- Very high-grade channel samples
- Drill testing underway
- One of many Tier 1 prospects and discoveries within Navilawa



# State of the Art Lab On-Site

- Provides critical support for 7 company-owned drill rigs
- **N** Rapid assay turnaround
- Fire assay, ICP, and Metallurgical Testing
- Facilitates real-time optimization of mining and drilling activities
- Production capacity of over 10,000 samples per month









# Responsibilities Of Stewardship



#### **GOVERNANCE**

**Uncompromising ethical business practices** 



#### **ENVIRONMENT**

Minimal surface disturbance
Use of solar energy to minimize fossil fuels



#### **COMMUNITY**

Clear alignment with local landowners, communities, and regulatory agencies



#### **OPERATIONS**

Commitment to international best practices for mining, health & safety, & conduct



SMALL SURFACE FOOTPRINT FOR PLANT SITE AREA





# **Economic Multiplier**For Fiji Economy

- **Over 350 direct local jobs & skills training**
- Supporting local services, suppliers, contractors, port, roads, power
- Lease fees to Fijian landowners
- Increased tax base & government revenue



# **Compelling Value Proposition**

- High-grade gold resource
- Mining-friendly jurisdiction
- Strong proven executive leadership
- Highly experienced operations team
- № 300 TPD pilot plant complete
- Near-term positive cash flow
- № 500 TPD plant expansion in 2024
- Multiple near-mine exploration targets
- District-scale high-grade gold exploration upside

One of the only large alkaline gold systems not already owned by a major mining company







# **THANK YOU**

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