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Tuvatu Alkaline Gold Project | Fiji Islands

Investor Presentation, December 2024

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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 NEWMONT VATUKOULA, FIJI ZHONGRUN SSR (ex-NEWMONT)









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

Dr Quinton Hennigh

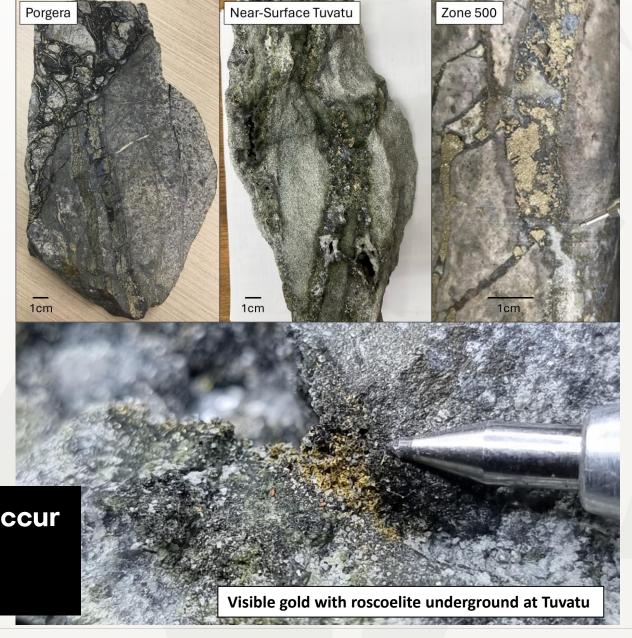


## Roscoelite

- Rare green-black alteration mineral
- Directly related to high grade gold
- Characteristic of large high-grade alkaline gold systems, including Porgera, Lihir, Cripple Creek
- Widely observed at Tuvatu, including in the ultra high-grade Zone 500

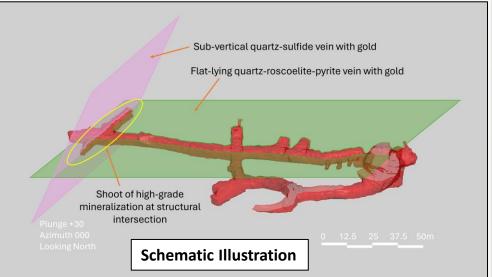
"The highest gold grades... ubiquitously occur with roscoelite, a vanadium-rich mica."

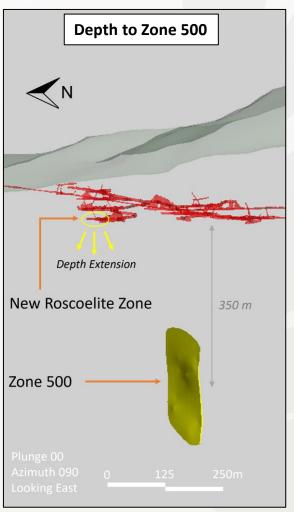
D. Schmidt, 2023 Thesis, Colorado School of Mines





# N Section View N New Roscoelite Zone Plunge 00 Azimuth 045 Looking Northeast Depth Extension 0 50 100 150 200m





# Near Surface Roscoelite Zone

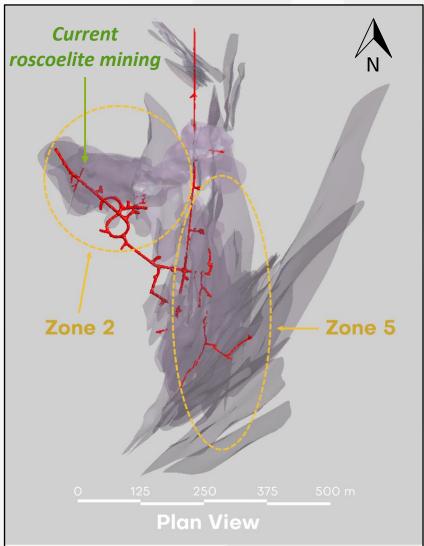
- 65m below surface, >100 m exposed underground
- 11.6 g/t Au from 816 t bulk sample
- Blow-out zones at the intersection of structures
- Already in production

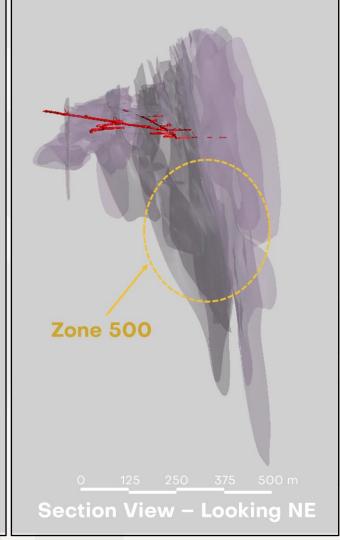
High-grade gold shoots occur at the intersection of sulfide veins with roscoelite veins, as seen at Porgera



# **Tuvatu Deposit**

- 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







#### **EXAMPLE DRILL RESULTS**

INTERVAL

FROM

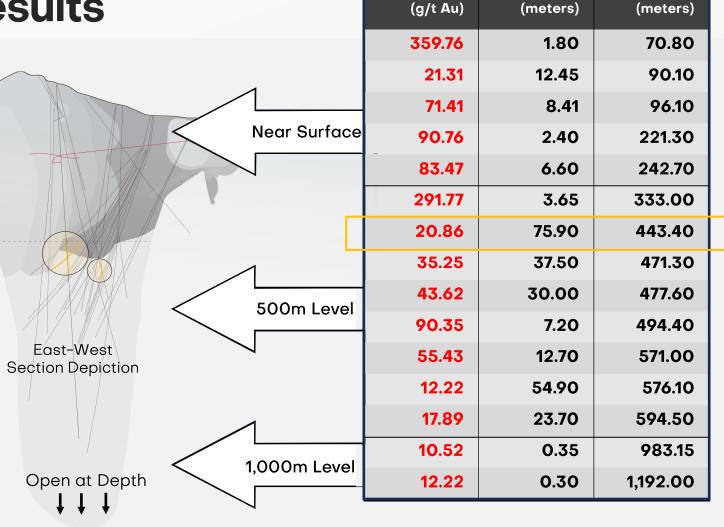
**GRADE** 

**High-Grade Gold Results** 

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

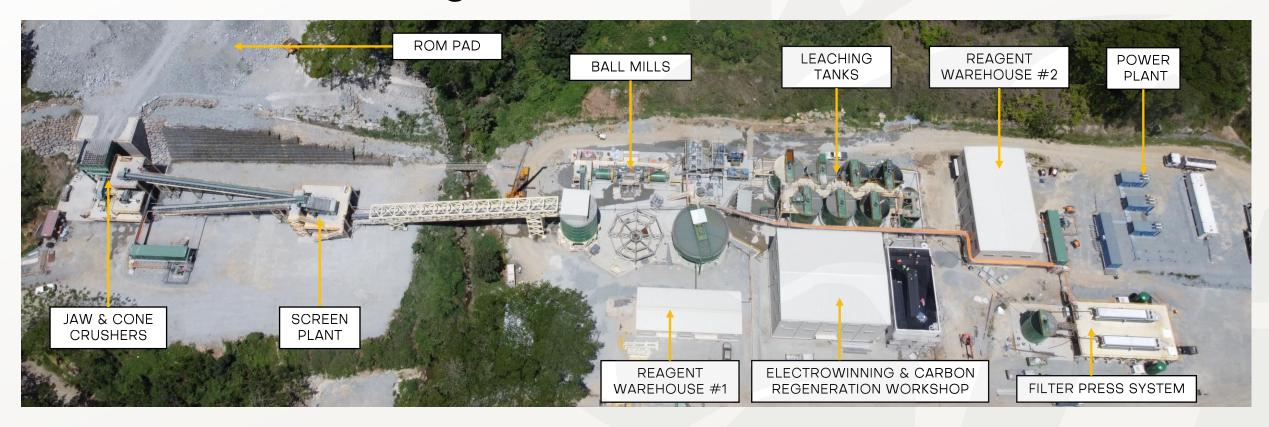
**ZONE 500**EXPECTED PRODUCTION 2026
600 TPD

DEEP FEEDER ZONE EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT DRILLING



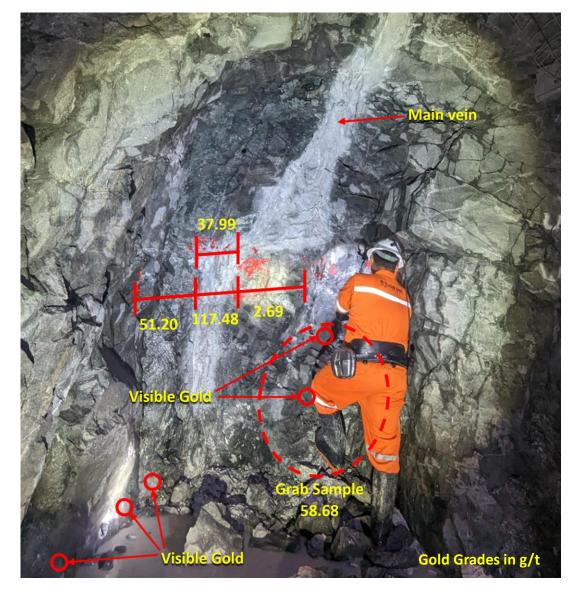


# **Tuvatu Processing Plant**



300 TPD PLANT IN OPERATION; EXPANSION TO 600 TPD TARGETED FOR END 2025 FULLY PERMITTED



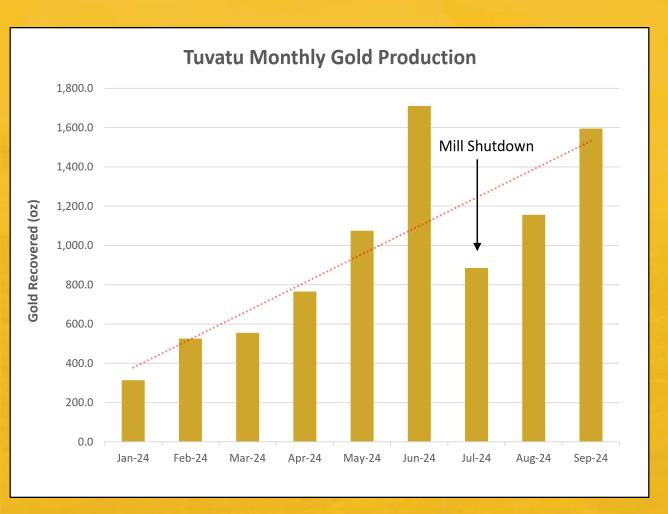


# **Narrow-Vein Mining**

- High-grade narrow vein gold
- Flexible use of airleg mining and long hole stoping to maximize production, minimize dilution
- Adaptable to a range of mining conditions
- >3500 m of development completed in 2024







# **Production Start-up**

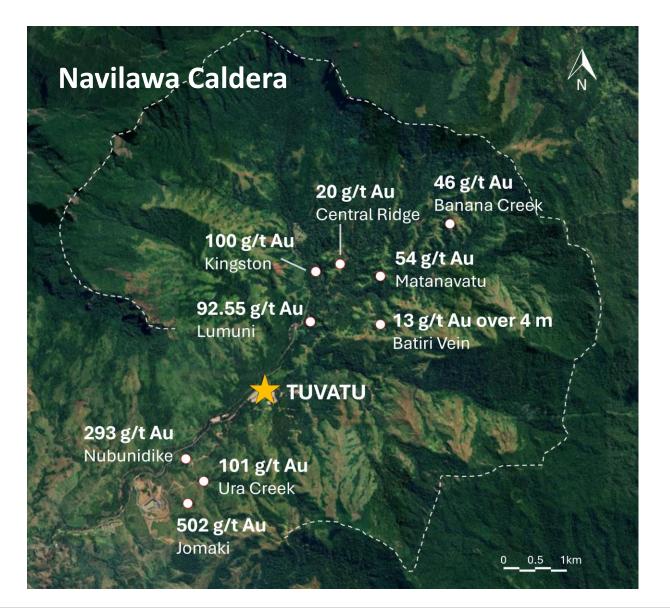
- Plant commissioning complete, January 2024
- Increased mill throughput, March 2024
- Start of mechanized production, May 2024
- Consistent increase in production each quarter





# **Regional Exploration**

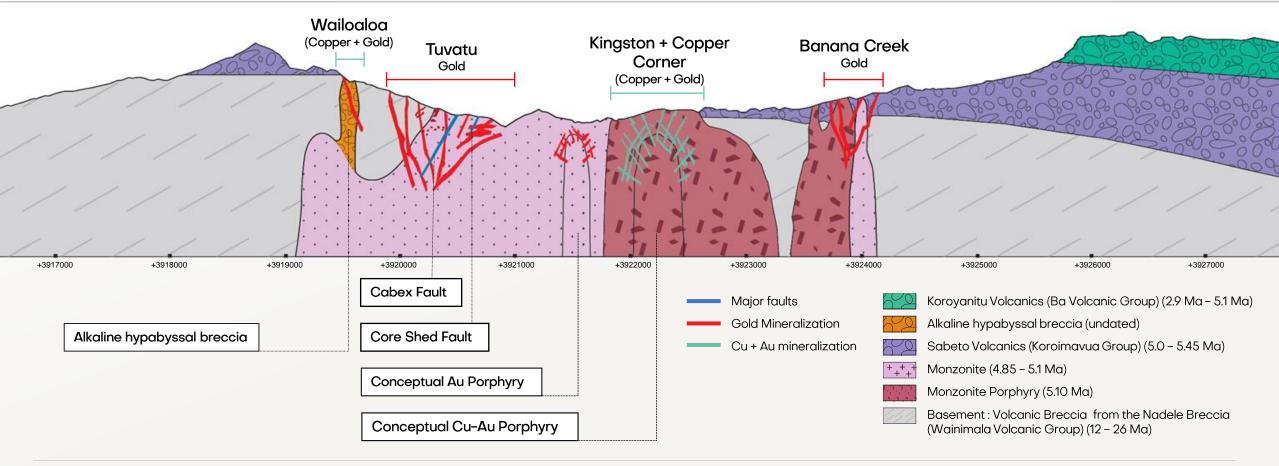
- 7 km wide caldera with very limited modern exploration
- Multiple deep feeder systems possible throughout the caldera
- Numerous bonanza grade gold results from surface sampling
- >30 high-potential untested drill targets already identified
- No modern systematic exploration for copper



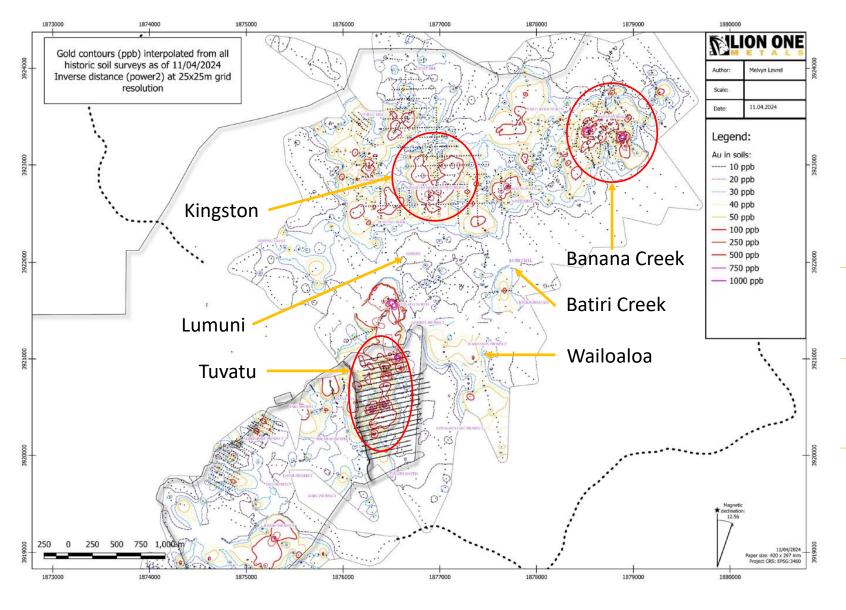


### **Cross-Section of Navilawa Caldera**

### CONCEPTUAL ILLUSTRATION OF DIFFERENT DEPOSIT TARGETS







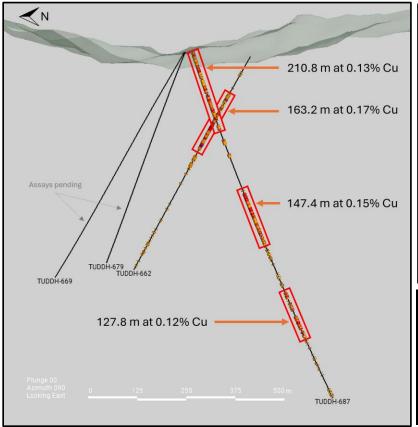
# Historical Gold in Soil Results

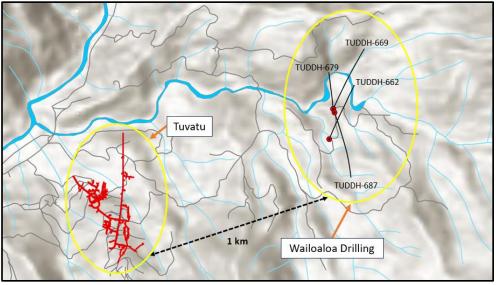
- Extensive gold anomalies from historical soil surveys
- Limited advanced exploration conducted outside Tuvatu
- District scale exploration upside
- Future exploration funded by cash flow from Tuvatu



# **Wailoaloa Discovery**

- Alkalic copper-gold porphyry discovery
- 1 km northeast of Tuvatu
- Strong surface copper anomaly
- Drilled four test holes, the first hole hit 163.2 m of 0.17% copper
- Potassic alteration and veining intensity increasing with depth

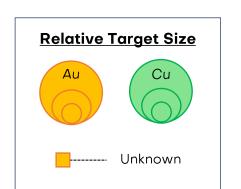


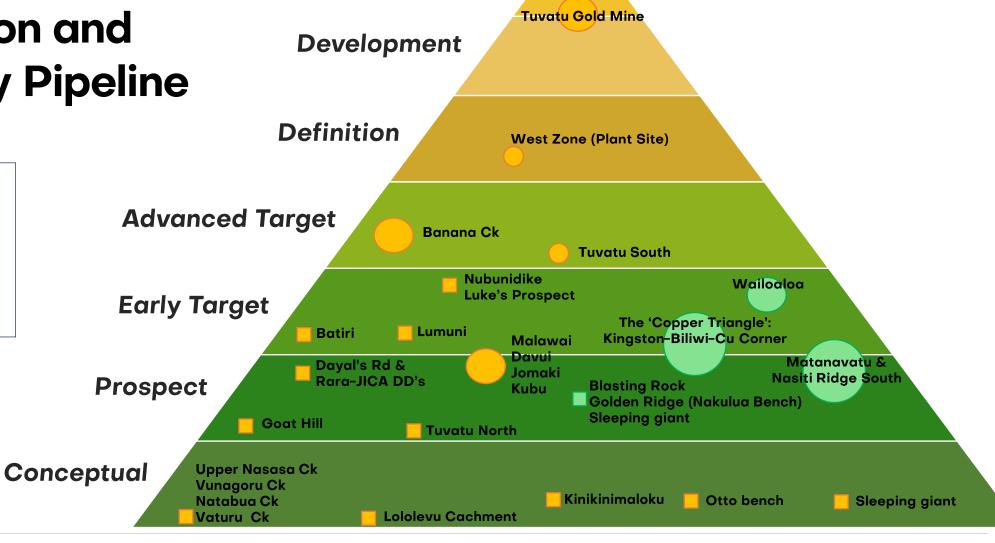


May have intersected the periphery of a large Cu system – significant potential for discovery



# Exploration and Discovery Pipeline



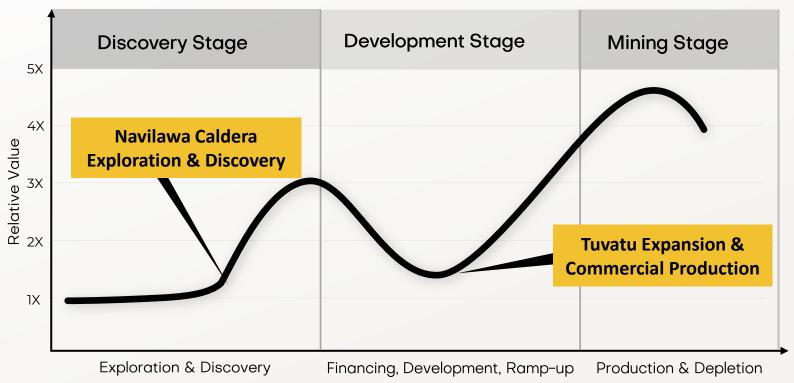


**Operating Mine** 



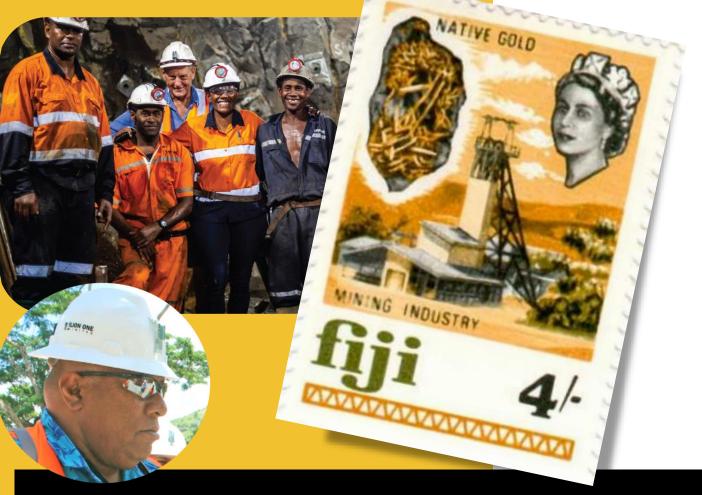
## **Lassonde Curve**

### **Dual Opportunities of Discovery and Production**



- Dual opportunity for re-rating
- Left hand side potential for regional discovery in Navilawa
- Right hand side final development, expansion, and ramp-up at Tuvatu
- Strong catalysts in exploration and production





"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
- Supportive government
- 2023 Fraser Ranking #31, between New South Wales #30, and Colorado #32



### **Location & Infrastructure**



### 20km

NADI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

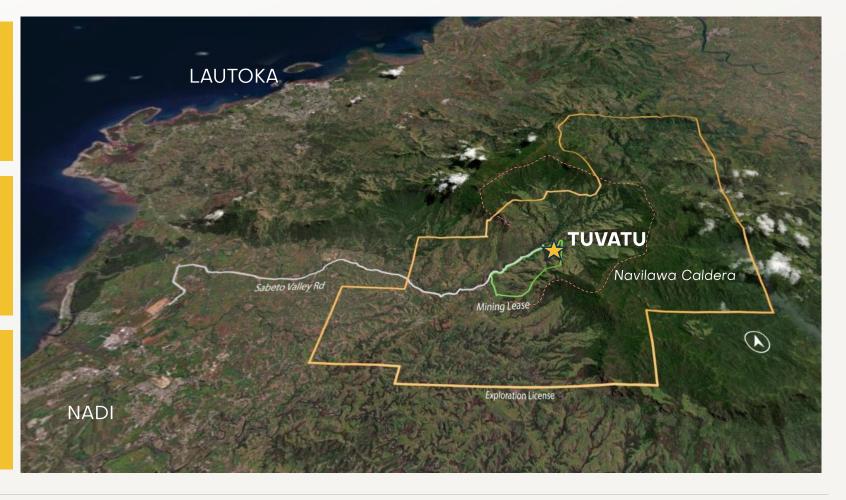


### 35km

LAUTOKA DEEPWATER PORT



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

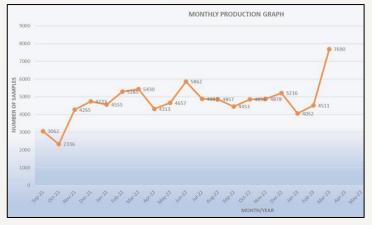




# State of the Art Lab On-Site

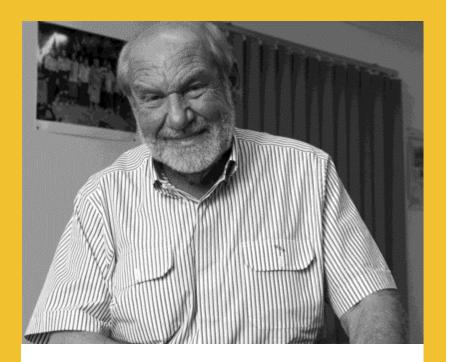
- Provides critical support for 7 company-owned drill rigs
- Rapid assay turnaround
- Fire assay, ICP, and Metallurgical Testing
- Facilitates real-time optimization of mining and drilling activities
- Production capacity of over 10,000 samples per month











## **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
Hamish Greig, VP, Corp. Secretary

### **DIRECTORS**

Walter Berukoff, Chairman Richard Meli Kevin Puil, CFA

### **TECHNICAL TEAM**

Kevin Li, P.Eng Melvyn Levrel, MAIG Darren Holder, P.Geo Sergio Cattalani, P.Geo Ivan Maldonado, P. Geo Dr. Quinton Hennigh, P.Geo







# **Compelling Value Proposition**

- M High-grade gold resource
- Mining-friendly jurisdiction
- Strong proven executive leadership
- Highly experienced operations team
- 300 TPD pilot plant in operation
- № 600-700 TPD plant expansion in 2025
- 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





# **Corporate Snapshot**

### **CAPITALIZATION**

SHARE CAP	ΙΤΔΙ	Λe of	December	11 2024
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262.04 M
13.32 M
6.24 M
94.32 M
369.44 M
CAD \$71 M

**LIO:** \$0.26 | 52wk: \$0.87 **\$0.24** | **Avg. vol:** 380K

### **MAJOR INVESTORS**

Lion One Management (8.78%)

Arbiter Partners

Franklin Precious Metals Fund

Nebari Gold Fund

Delbrook Capital Advisors

US Global Investors

MMCAP

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### **ANALYST COVERAGE**

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