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### GREAT BASIN GOLD INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES



GBG OFFERS A UNIQUE BLEND

### LIFE OF MINE SUSTAINABILITY (WITS AU +19 YEARS) , AND CASH FLOW (NEVADA BONANZA EPITHERMAL +40 IN-SITU G/T AU EQV.)

- gold producer rapidly advancing to mid-tier production levels
- two low-cost advanced-stage development projects with robust economics
- substantial resource base of 12,4 million in M&I and excellent exploration potential

# Transforming from developer to an emerging producer with excellent project economics

### **CORPORATE INFORMATION**



Listings:	GBG (TSX, NYSE Amex, JSE)			
• Shares:	Basic Fully Diluted	337M 497M (Incl. 56 million Convertible Debenture)		
<ul> <li>Share Price (April 7, 2010)</li> </ul>		C\$1.74		
• Market Cap (April 7, 20	10) Basic Fully Diluted	C\$586 million C\$865 million		
• <u>Avg. Daily Volume</u> : (Last 12 Months)	TSX NYSE JSE Total	1,192,649 1,473,478 <u>6,007</u> 2,672,134		

- Registered Office: Vancouver (Canada)
- Operational Offices: Winnemucca (Nevada, USA) and Johannesburg (Gauteng, SA)

Source: February 16, 2009 Burnstone Technical Report by D. van der Heever, J. Oelofse and P. Bentley; and February 18, 2009 Hollister Technical Report by J. Oelofse, P. Bentley, and D. van der Heever

As at December 31, 2009, Great Basin Gold had CDN\$89 million in cash

# **COMMITTED TO RESPONSIBLE DELIVERY**

### **IT IS A PROCESS OF BALANCING:**

- the impact of our operations on the environment
- the influence we can have on improving the communities where we operate, thereby
- balancing the interests of all stakeholders whilst ensuring that shareholders' returns are optimised

#### Rock Creek, Nevada, USA











### **OUR STRATEGY FOR RESPONSIBLE GROWTH**





<sup>1</sup> Hollister Development Block

Current focus is production build-up at Hollister and the delivery of Burnstone by end June 2010

# **GBG PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS**





### **BURNSTONE MINE PROGRESS**



### TRANSITION UNDERWAY - FROM CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO PRODUCING MINE



As at March 31, 2010 a total of 1,500m of on-reef development was completed

### **BURNSTONE MINE, SOUTH AFRICA**



- 100% ownership and all licences granted
- pre-production development commenced
- P&P Au reserves of 4.1 Moz, M&I Au resources of 11.6 Moz<sup>1</sup>
- Phase 1 Life of Mine average annual Au production of 254 000oz<sup>2</sup> at cash costs of US\$319/oz over 19 year L.O.M.
- Capex of US\$235 million with US\$147 million spent to December 31, 2009 and US\$88 million to be spent by June 2010

Source: October 20, 2009 Burnstone Technical Report by D. van der Heever, J. Oelofse and P. Bentley; and February 18, 2009 Hollister Technical Report by J. Oelofse, P. Bentley, And D. van der Heever

1. Based on a cut-off of 4g/t 2. In situ ounces







# **BURNSTONE MINE LAYOUT AS AT MARCH 31, 2010**





In excess of 80,000 ore tons on surface stockpile

# BURNSTONE MINE – DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS AS AT MARCH 31, 2010





### PROGRESS

 planned expenditure - R271m; actual to date -R183m; estimate to completion - R88m

### **KEY ACTIVITIES**

- winder house completion Feb 2010
- service winder commissioning Apr 2010
- rock winder commissioning Apr 2010
- start with shaft equipping Apr 2010
- general shaft infrastructure July 2010



### VIEW OF METALLURGICAL PLANT FROM TOP OF HEADGEAR – MID MARCH 2010





### BALL AND SAG MILL FOUNDATIONS, CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED, HANDED OVER TO CONTRACTOR





ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	DATE	IN PROGRESS	COMPLETED
Silo cast/slide	Mid-February		
Mill foundations	Mid-March		
SAG and Ball delivery	Mid-March	1	
Leach tanks construction	Mid-March	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	
Thickener construction	Mid-April	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	
Thickener - water commissioning	Early June		
Main substation completed	Mid-March		1
ESKOM connection due	End May	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	
Construction of piping and cable racks	Start Feb		

### **OTHER PROJECTS**



- ESKOM power supply
  - budget quote accepted and signed
  - ESKOM completed tender process
  - ESKOM contractor on site
  - estimated early supply 25 MVA
  - estimated completion 52 MVA
- emergency power supply
  - independent from ESKOM
  - 12 MVA on site
- electrical reticulation
  - designs finalized
  - tender process underway
- water reticulation
  - designs finalized
  - tender process to commence

Jun 2009 Oct 2009 March 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010 Following completion of ESKOM infrastructure (4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2010)



### LIFE OF MINE PROJECTED CASH COST PER OUNCE – BASELINED TO 2010



	US\$	%	
Labour	\$123	31%	
Consumables	\$135	34%	
Milling	\$43	11%	
Royalty	\$40	10%	
Power	\$25	7%	
Other	\$26	7%	
TOTAL	\$392	100%	

After 3 years will increase to US\$48/ oz or 11% of cash costs

2008 Technical Report adjusted with industry inflations @ US\$/ZAR 9.0

The 25% increase in power costs, per year, over three years is estimated to increase Life of Mine cash costs by US\$23 per ounce or 11% using 2010 as a baseline

# CAPITAL EXPENDITURE UPDATE



	Total spent till Dec 31 2009	Capital spent H1 2010	Capital spent H2 2010	Capital spent 2011	Capital spent 2012
Process Plant	20	37	12	5	0
Mining equipment	13	7	4	12	10
Vertical shaft	36	8	5	-	0
Mine development	56	15	10	15	10
Tailings dam	-	5	2		_
Total capital costs	126	72	33	32	20
Pre-production operating costs	21	16			
Total capital requirements	147	88	33	32	20

Exchange rate of US\$1 – ZAR8

# HOLLISTER PROJECT PROGRESS





### COMPANY OVERVIEW HOLLISTER PROJECT, NEVADA, USA



- 100% ownership, EIS process underway
- 80k Au Eq oz produced in 2008 and 81 k Au eqv ozs in 2009
- P&P Au Eq reserves of 1.2 Moz<sup>3</sup>, M&I Au Eq resources of 1.5 Moz<sup>4</sup>
- average annual production of 120,000 Au Eq oz and cash costs of US\$426/oz over a 10 year L.O.M.
- total capex of US\$110 million of which US\$95 million has been spent by December 31, 2009

Source: February 16, 2009 Burnstone Technical Report by D. van der Heever, J. Oelofse and P. Bentley; and February 18, 2009 Hollister Technical Report by J. Oelofse, P. Bentley, and D. van der Heever 2. In situ ounces
3. Based on a cut-off of 0.33oz/ton 4. Based on a cut-off of 0.25oz/ton



# HOLLISTER – PROJECT TRIAL MINING RESULTS TO DATE



	Qtr 1 2010	Qtr 4 2009	Year 2009	Project to Date
Ore extracted (tons)	25,777	16,785	70,563	120,724
Extracted equivalent ounces	27,707	20,660	81,211	161,518
Average grade extracted (Au eqv oz./ton)	1.07	1.23	1.15	1.34
Average grade extracted (Au eqv g/ton)	36.67	42.12	39.4	45.9
Ore treated (tons)	16,016	-	35,916	70,971
Recovered Au Eq. oz	12,533	-	44,706	83,171
Average grade recovered (Au eqv oz./ton)	0.78	-	1.2	1.2
Average grade recovered (Au eqv g./ton)	26.79	-	41.0	41.0
Cash cost (excl. milling & haulage charges) (US\$/Au Eq.)		467	367	-
Cash cost (excl. milling & haulage charges) (US\$/t)		575	423	-

48,000 Au eqv. ozs on stockpile and another 12,000 in metallurgical process

### HOLLISTER - QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE





### ESMERALDA MILL OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE – AU OUNCES RECOVERED





### March 2010 - an average of approximately 210 tons/day

### ESMERALDA MILL OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE – SILVER OUNCES RECOVERED





Lead nitrate addition system will improve Au and Ag recoveries significantly

# **ESMERALDA MILL PROGRESS**



- both crushing and grinding circuits have been brought up to full 350 tpd throughput rates
- work in progress, for completion end March 2010:
  - complete conversion of leach/CIP plant to CIL plant, increasing leach time from 24 to 48 hours, a total of 42 tons carbon in circuit
  - after completion of CIL conversion, lead nitrate addition commenced for enhanced metal recovery, primarily silver
  - completed conversion from electrowinning to Merrill-Crowe for metals recovery
  - refinery furnace (permitted) and currently being refurbished, installed and operational
  - existing tailings line replaced and tails discharge pumps upgraded  $\checkmark$
  - second 2.5 ton carbon stripping vessel delivered on site. Installation underway taking carbon stripping capacity to 5 tons per day. Fully operational by mid May 2010

Current capacity is 250 tons/day set to progressively increase to 350 short tons per day at 1.0 opt Au and 6.5 opt Ag with 90% Au recovery and 85% Ag recovery by mid May 2010

### **2010 GUIDANCE**



	HOLLISTER	BURNSTONE	TOTAL
Tons mined	103,000	662,000	765,000
Contained ounces (Au eqv.)	120,000	82,000	202,000
Tons milled	130,000	650,000	780,000
Recovered ounces	135,000	60,000	195,000
Cash costs (US\$) Au rec oz	470	490	480
Capital (US\$ Million)	21	128	149

\* Exchange rate of US\$/ZAR 8,00



### **GOLD PRICE PERFORMANCE – LAST 5 YEARS**



Source: RBC Capital Markets

### **INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**



- Burnstone Project on schedule and within budget for delivery by end June 2010, production of 82 000 ozs for year
- Burnstone transition from capital development project to operating mine is well underway
- Hollister Mine development on track for increased production in 2010
- Capital expenditure demands on balance sheet will decrease as production increases from both operations



Completes repositioning of GBG as junior producer with quality assets in both Nevada, USA and South Africa



# QUESTIONS