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Toroparu Gold Project

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#### **Sandspring Resources**

Investment Highlights





- 1,000 km² concession in favourable mining jurisdiction
- Experienced Board of Directors and Management Team
- Property-wide exploration by experienced geologists
- Mineral Agreement signed with Government
- Developing district-scale regional exploration potential
- 2012 drill program targeting new surface gold anomalies

<sup>\* 6.0</sup> M oz. Measured and Indicated Gold Resource (241 MT at 0.78 g/t with a cut off grade of 0.28 g/t) and 4.0 M oz. Inferred Gold Resource (179 MT at 0.69 g/t with a cut off grade of 0.28 g/t), with 420 M lb. Measured & Indicated by product copper resource at an average grade of 0.18% The quantity and grade of reported Inferred resources in this estimation are uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these Inferred resources as an Indicated or Measured mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading them to an Indicated or Measured mineral resource category. Sandspring Resources Ltd. (the Company) acknowledges that an inferred resource cannot be used to suggest an economic value in the content of a feasibility study, even when discussing upside potential. See "Technical Report Updated Resource Estimate and Preliminary Economic Assessment of the Toroparu Gold-Copper Deposit, Upper Puruni Property Upper Puruni River Area, Guyana" (the "2012 Technical Report") dated March 12, 2012 under our profile at www.sedar.com.

#### **Project Location**

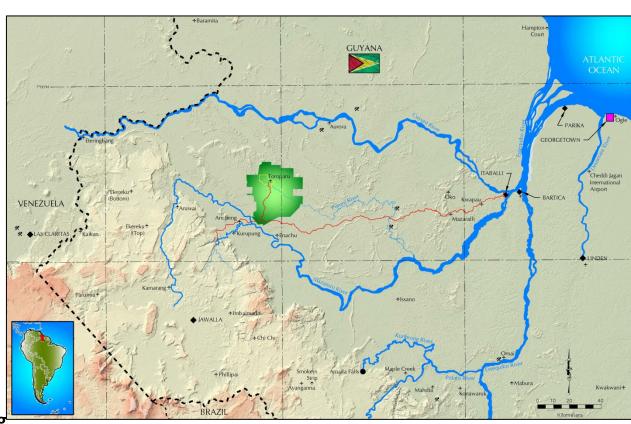
Upper Puruni Region of Guyana



#### **GUYANA**

- English Speaking Country
- Parliamentary Democracy
- Commonwealth Member
- Small population ~ 750,000
   Toroparu Project Overview
- 1,000 km² concession
- Bedrock discovery at Toroparu in2007
- 240 km road access to tidewater
- Authorization to continue working

on long-term hydro potential



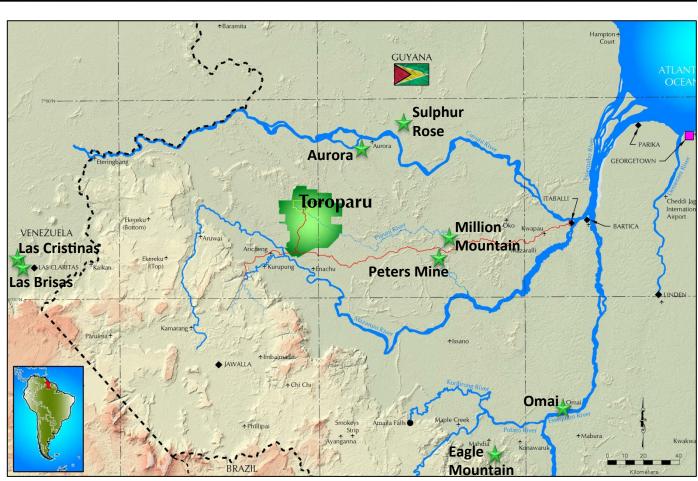
#### **Exploration Potential**

#### **Emerging Gold Development District**



#### **CUYUNI-MAZARUNI MINERAL BELT**

- Extension of Bolivar Mineral
   District, Venezuela
   (Las Cristinas, Las Brisas, Choco)
- Nine Canadian junior explorers currently exploring in country
- ~ 50% of Guyana's alluvial gold production from Cuyuni – Mazaruni District\*
- 2 development stage projects (Toroparu and Aurora)



<sup>\*</sup> Guyana Geology and Mines Commission

## **Experienced Board and Management Team**



#### **DIRECTORS**

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#### **Directors & Managers Experience**

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#### **MANAGEMENT**

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#### **EXPLORATION TEAM**

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Exploration Manager

#### **OPERATIONS TEAM**

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## **Corporate Snapshot**



Symbol	SSP: TSX-V
Shares Issued	108,749,772
Options	9,927,184
Warrants	5,486,517
Diluted	147,313,473
52 week: Hi/Lo	\$3.00/\$0.88
3-month average volume	300,722*
Market Cap	~\$135 million*
Cash	~\$30

Top Shareholders*	Shares	%
Crescent Global Gold Ltd. (Insiders)	27,658,241	25.43
Mercedario Ltd. (Local Partner)	7,631,258	7.02
Sentry Investments	6,502,700	5.98
RBC Global Assets Managements Inc	5,430,500	4.99
Libra Advisors	5,250,000	4.83
AGF Investments Inc.	2,456,332	2.26
Alphonso (Local Partner)	1,722,268	1.58
Sprott Asset Management LP	1,561,500	1.44
Picton Mahoney Asset Management	1,429,900	1.31

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<sup>\*</sup> As of April 4th, 2012, source: Thomson Reuters

## Toroparu Gold Deposit An Asset with Strong Potential SANDSPRING RESOURCES LTD. **Significant Growth in mineral** resources **Strong production** potential highlighted in 2012 PEA **Recent identification of 7** new surface gold anomalies **Active exploration on** 1,000 sq. Km land package strong potential for new discoveries

#### **Toroparu Mineral Resources**

110,000 m of Deposit Specific Drilling



#### Toroparu Mineral Resource Estimate (As at Jan 30, 2012) \*cut-off grade of .28 g/t Au

Resource Classification (All rock types)	Tonnes (000's)	Au (g/t)	Au oz (000's)	Cu %	Cu (M lbs)
Measured	43,993	0.91	1,288	0.103	100
Indicated	196,897	0.75	4,746	0.074	320
Measured & Indicated	240,891	0.78	6,034	0.079	420
Inferred	179,183	0.69	3,972	0.043	169

#### Cut-off Sensitivity of Measured & Indicated Resources

Cut-off (Au g/t)	Tonnes (000's)	Grade (Au g/t)	Au Oz. (000's)	Grade (Cu %)	Cu ( M Lbs)
0.20	295,971	0.68	6,456	0.073	476
0.28	240,891	0,78	6,034	0.079	420
0.50	142,101	1.06	4,833	0.095	297
1.00	51,629	1.68	2,797	0.121	138
1.50	22,712	2.29	1,674	0.136	68
2.00	11,345	2.87	1,046	0.144	36

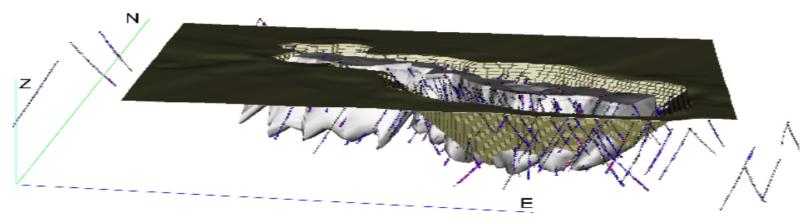
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## Potentially Economic Resource at Toroparu

Conceptual Mine Plan





Preliminary Mine Plan <sup>1</sup>	Starter Pit	Life of Mine	Life of Project	
Operating Life	5	14	22	
Tonnes Milled (Fresh + Saprolite)	32 M	121 M	209 M	
Average Gold Grade – Fresh rock	1.17 g/t	1.06 g/t	0.75 g/t	
Average Gold Grade- Saprolite	0.7g/t	0.68 g/t	0.65 g/t	
Processing Rate	18,000 t/d	26,115 t/d	28,030 t/d	
Total Gold Mined	1.3 M oz.	4.0 M oz.	5.0 M oz.	
Avg. Annual Gold Production	213,350 oz.	255,370 oz.	197,250 oz.	
Avg . Production Cost (\$/tonne milled) <sup>2</sup>	\$16/t	\$17/t	\$14/t	
Avg. Production Cost (\$/oz. recovered net of by-products)	\$450/oz.	\$600/oz.	\$643/oz.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on P&E analysis contained in January 30, 2012 Press Release

Royalties of \$2.13/t. Costs were estimated

using a \$0.13/kWh electricity price generated using locally available heavy fuel oil priced at \$100/bbl and diesel at \$1.14/litre (\$4.31/US gal)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Avg. annual production cost (Life of Project) is based on mining costs of \$0.69/t for Saprolite, \$1.71/t Fresh Rock, \$1.62/t Waste Rock, and \$0.86/t Stockpile Reclaim over a Life of Mine waste-ore ratio of 4.1:1. Processing cost s are estimated at \$7.21/t, G&A \$1.43/t,.

#### **Toroparu Project Valuations**

Updated Preliminary Economic Assessment<sup>1</sup>



#### **Base Case Financial Metrics**

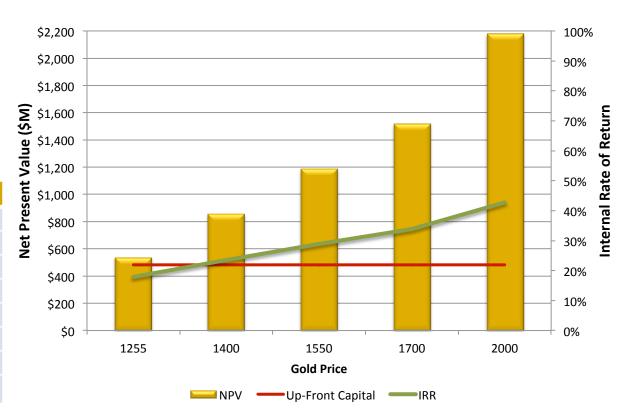
(\$1,255/oz. Au | \$3.25/lb. Cu\*)

Financial Metric	Pre-Tax	After Tax	
Free Cash Flow (\$M)	\$1,743	\$1,220	
Net Present Value <sub>5%</sub> (\$M)	\$805	\$540	
IRR (%)	21 %	18%	

#### **Capital & Operating Costs**

Project	Life of Open Pit
Avg Production Cost (\$/t <sub>ore</sub> )	\$14/tonne
Avg Production Cost (\$/oz. Au)	\$600/oz.
Royalties (\$/oz. Produced)	\$100/oz.
Pre-Prod. Capex – Direct Costs <sup>2</sup>	\$446 m
Pre-Prod Capex – Indirect & Owner's	\$36 m
Expansion Capex <sup>3</sup>	\$225 m
Sustaining Capex	\$146 m
Life of Project Capital   Upfront	\$853 M   \$482*

## **Net Asset Value Sensitivity to Gold Price**



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes 15% contingency capital on all pre-production capex, owners' costs, and indirect costs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Expansion capital of \$225 million expended during production years 4-6 resulting in expansion of production to 33,000 t/d in year 7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> All sensitivities values utilize \$3.25/lb. copper price

<sup>\*</sup> See Capital expenditure parameters on page 22 of this presentation. See the 2012 Technical Report dated March 12, 2012 under our profile at www.sedar.com.

#### Advanced Development Timeline

Mineral Agreement with Government of Guyana In Place









#### Highlights include

- 5% royalty on gold below \$1000/oz.; 8% royalty on gold above \$1000/oz.
- 1.5% royalty on copper and other valuable minerals
- Corporate income tax rate of 30% and no withholding tax on interest payments to lenders
- Duty and Value Added Tax exemptions on all imports of equipment and materials for all continuing operations at Toroparu
- Authorization to continue working on hydro-electric alternatives for long-term power supply
- Pre-conditions to issuance of mining license under the mineral agreement:\*
  - Issuance of environmental authorization by Guyana Environmental Protection Agency
  - Delivery of feasibility study to Government of Guyana

<sup>\*</sup> Additional requirements may exist, these are only the pre-conditions established by the Mineral Agreement.

#### 2012 Exploration Program

Toroparu Satellite Deposit Potential



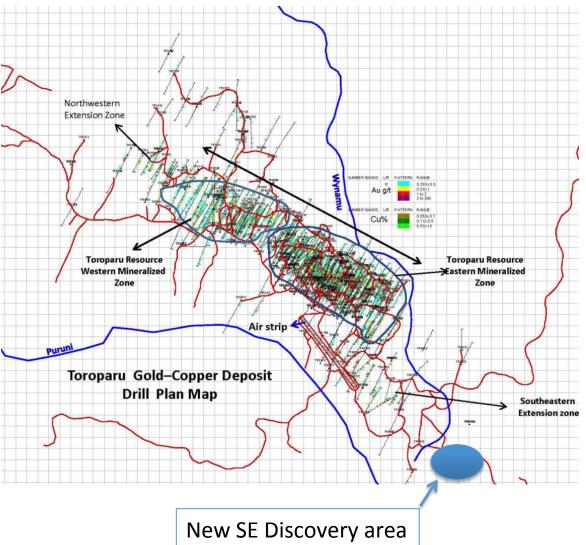
 Potential mineralized extension to NW and SE of Toroparu Deposit Area

 New Discovery in March 2012, 1.2 km SE of Toroparu, which is mineralized from surface

SE discovery zone intercepts include
 TPD 363: 87 m at 1.6 g/t Au (139.5 to 226.50m)
 TPD 365: 22.5 m at 1.74 g/t Au (63 to 88.5 m)
 TPD 366: 52.5 m at 1.23 g/t Au (82.5 m to 135
 TPD 313: 107 m at 0.97 g/t Au from surface

 Currently drilling SE discovery for definition of resources

- Exploration drilling ongoing in 2012, budget of \$5 M USD approved by management
- Regional Geochemical Survey ongoing; 7 new gold anomalies discovered

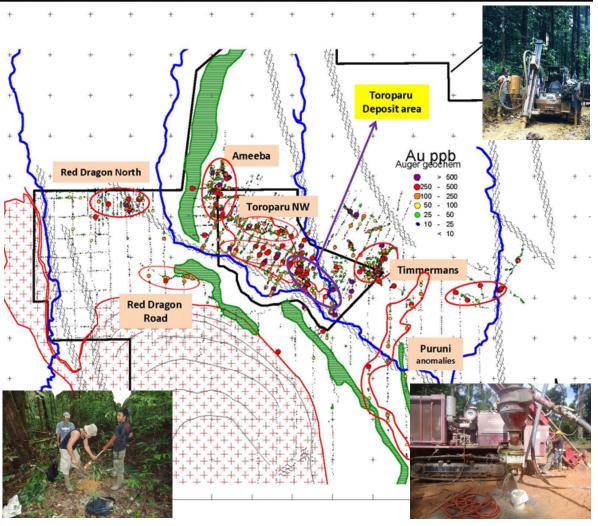


#### 2012 Exploration Program

#### **Exploration of Surface Gold Anomalies**



- 275 km² regional geochem sampling program; in excess of 4000 km multielement ICP analyses completed in 2011
- Semi-Regional and in-fill confirmation sampling on several anomalies ongoing
- R/C drilling of three top priority anomalies in 2012
  - Toroparu NW (started)
  - Ameeba Hills
  - Red Dragon North
- Drill access roads constructed
- 4 rigs on-site | 3 diamond core + 1 R/C
- Additional R/C and RAB rigs expected
- Regional exploration is ongoing in 2012

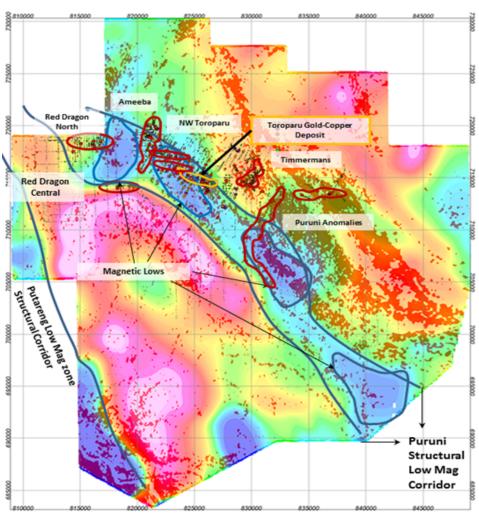


#### **Exploration Model**

#### Correlation of Surface Gold Anomalies and Airborne Magnetic Features



- The correlation of Au, Cu, Ag, Sb, Mo and Hg elements within these anomalies are similar to those at Toroparu
- Several surface gold anomalies situated above apparent contact of low mag features and surrounding rock
- Low magnetic corridor traces Puruni shear lineament, a regional feature extending several hundreds of kilometers
- Toroparu, Eagle Mountain, West Omai (Hicks),
   Omai gold resources possibly related to Puruni shear corridor
- Low magnetic features identified within low mag corridor by airborne geophysics (2006)
- Possibly small acid plutons analogous to granodiorite intrusive at Toroparu Gold Deposit area



## **Additional Growth Opportunities**

Canadian Gold Company with Senior Executives Living In-Country



- Sandpring is de-risking Toroparu toward potential production in 2015
- Sandspring is developing required infrastructure to support Toroparu production
- Systematic exploration program for Sandspring's Upper Puruni Property in place
- Oxide Resource development may give project optionality to phase CapEx
- Strong governmental and community relations established in Georgetown
- Several Corporate & Social Responsibility programs are now running



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#### **Near-Term Goals**

- Environmental Authorization
- Pre-Feasibility Report
- Mining License
- Hiring of Mine Operations & Development Team

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## Cost and CapEx Parameters Used In Updated PEA

Potentially Economic Resource Table

Infrastructure for exploration and mine development

**Project Photos** 

#### Cost and CapEx Parameters Used In Updated PEA



#### Operating cost parameters

Project Parameters (M = Million)	Life of Mine
Heavy Fuel Oil Price (Thermal Generation)	\$100.00 / Bbl
Generated Electricity Price	\$0.132 / kWhr
Diesel Fuel Price	\$1.14/Litre
Mining Costs - Saprolite	\$0.69/t
Mining Costs – Fresh Rock	\$1.71/t
Mining Costs - Reclaim	\$0.86/t
Milling & Processing	\$7.21/t
General & Administrative	\$1.43/t

#### Capital expenditure parameters

Project Parameters (M = Million)	
Pre-Production Project Capital (Direct Costs)	\$446 M
Pre-Production Project Capital (Indirect and Owner's Costs)	\$36 M
Mine / Mill Expansion Capital	\$225 M
Sustaining Capital Life of Mine	\$146 M

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#### Potentially Economic Resource Table



Potentially Economic Portion of the Mineral Resource as at January 30, 2012 at an average cut-off grade of 0.54 g/t Au<sup>1</sup>

Potentially Mineable Classification	Tonnes	Au	Au oz	Cu	Cu
	(000's)	g/t	(000's)	%	(M lbs)
Saprolite Measured	2,213	0.73	52	0.05	2
Saprolite Indicated	5,008	0.67	108	0.04	4
Saprolite Measured & Indicated	7,221	0.69	160	0.04	6
Saprolite Inferred	5,240	0.56	94	0.04	5
Fresh Rock Measured	20,567	1.24	820	0.14	64
Fresh Rock Indicated	75,213	1.03	2,491	0.10	166
Fresh Rock Measured & Indicated	95,780	1.07	3,311	0.11	230
Fresh Rock Inferred	13,125	0.97	409	0.07	20
Fresh Rock Stockpile Measured & Indicated	69,899	0.39	876	0.07	108
Fresh Rock Stockpile Inferred	17,537	0.37	209	0.05	19
Total Measured & Indicated	172,900	0.78	4,347	0.09	344
Total Inferred	35,902	0.80	712	0.05	44

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The potentially economic mineral resources are reported at an average cut-off grade of 0.54 g/t gold which is intentionally elevated above an optimized cut-off grade of 0.28 g/t Au)used to determine the in-pit optimized resource estimate for the Property to enhance the economics of production.

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#### Infrastructure in Place for Both Exploration and Mine Development



- **√**300 KVa Caterpillar power plant
- √2500' lighted airstrip
- √120 person camp
- ✓ Large workshop
- √ Road access to tidewater port
- √ Mobile road construction team
- ✓ Exploration access trails cut in 2011
- **✓** Caterpillar Heavy Equipment Fleet
- **✓** Onsite Prep Lab
- ✓ In-house Construction Team









## 300 Kva Powerplant







## Camp at Toroparu: 120 Person Capacity





## Geology Headquarters at Toroparu





## Large Heavy Equipment Maintenance Centre





## Mobile Road Construction Team





## Orbit-Forage Drillers Preparing New DD Hole





## High Grade Core From Main East Zone at Toroparu





## Heavy Equipment Transport on Tidewater Accessible Essequibo River



