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Todd gold project, timing for permitting and testing at the Concordia and Mt. Todd gold projects, anticipated timing for commencement of construction and production start dates at the Concordia and Mt. Todd gold projects; estimates for life of mine, anticipated production levels, estimates of life of mine production, estimates of capital and operating costs and of future returns on investment and cash flows at the Concordia and Mt. Todd gold projects, estimated completion dates, estimated exploration expenditures, current working capital, cash operating costs, future gold prices, future share price and valuation including valuation relative to other resource companies; risks related to the exploration and PEA results at the Guadalupe de los Reyes gold-silver project; risks related to Inventure Group completing the earn-in rights; the value of the Golden Meadows project, the upside potential at the Golden Meadows project, the completion and results of Midas's drilling program at the Golden Meadows project, the potential to increase and better define current estimated gold mineral resources, the potential to make new discoveries in the Golden Meadows project district, the expected success of Midas' exploration and development of the Golden Meadows project and the potential value of Vista's investment in Midas and other such matters are forward-looking statements and forward-looking information. 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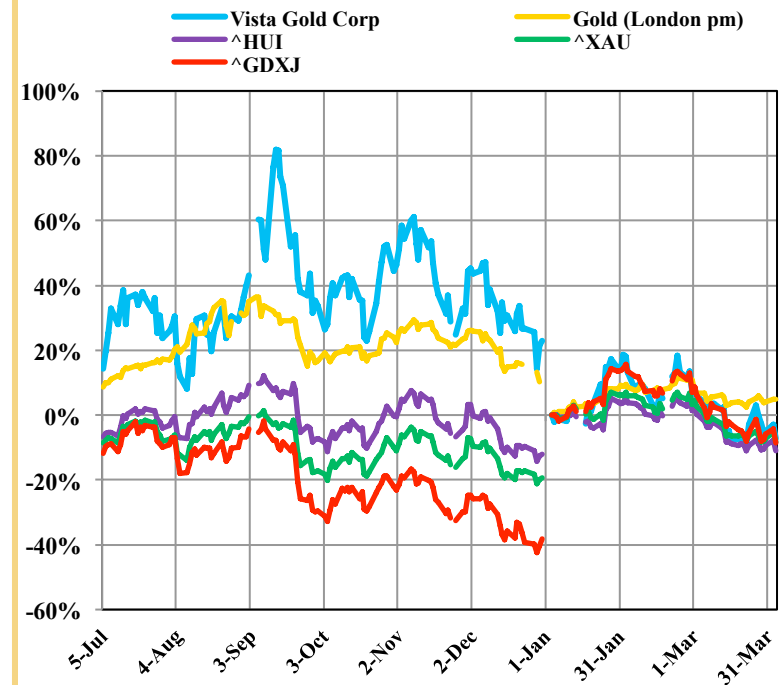
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Corporate Information

Symbol: VGZ	NYSE Amex & TSX
Market Cap:	US\$220 million
Recent Price:	US\$3.07
52 Week H/L:	US\$4.59/\$2.52
Shares O/S:	71.7 million
Avg. Daily Volume:	~455,812 (3 mo. US) ~41,856 (3 mo. TSX)
Cash & Investments	US\$17.9 million¹
Midas Investment	Cdn\$112 million²
Debt	None



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¹ as of 12/31/11, ² Fair market value as of 04/03/12, not including deferred tax liability

Vista – Highlights

- ✓ **2002-2006 Acquired out-of-favor gold properties to hold for development or strategic divestiture at higher gold prices**
- ✓ **2007 Launched Allied Nevada Gold – 65.8% distribution to Vista shareholders**
- ✓ **2008-2011 Completed Exploration & Engineering Studies Resulting in PFS for Mt. Todd (Jan '11)**
 - 4.1 million ounces proven & probable reserves (149.9 million tonnes - 0.85 g/t Au at 0.4 g/t Au cut-off)
- ✓ **2011 Consolidated Stibnite-Yellow Pine District to form Midas Gold Corp.**
 - Vista owns 31.8 million shares (~28%) of Midas Gold Corp.



* Refer to the attached summary of estimated mineral reserves and mineral resources

2012 Objectives

✓ Mt Todd

- Q1/Q2 - Resource conversion drilling program
- Q2 - Feasibility Study results expected
- Q2 - Complete baseline studies, submit EIS and start design of 40-45,000 tpd process facility
- Q3 - Complete new resource estimate
- Q4 - Complete updated feasibility study w/new resource and larger process facility
- Q4 - Receive final EIS approval

✓ Guadalupe de los Reyes

- Q1 - Drilling program to confirm existing resource, obtain core for metallurgical testing and test for high-grade gold & silver potential in low-sulfidation epithermal veins
- Q2 – Extend drilling program focused on existing resource areas a high-grade potential
- Q3 – Complete preliminary economic assessment



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Experienced Management Team

- ✓ **Strong team of mining executives with senior management experience in exploration, evaluation, development, construction and operation of mining projects in similar geopolitical environments:**
 - **Latin America:** Andacollo, El Dorado, El Indio, Tambo, Pascua, San Cristobal, Tintaya, San Bartolome,
 - **Australia - Pacific:** Whyalla, Skardon River
 - **North America:** Atlas Gold Bar, Hycroft, Round Mountain, Marigold, El Sauzal, Mulatos, Phoenix, Kensington, Bingham Canyon

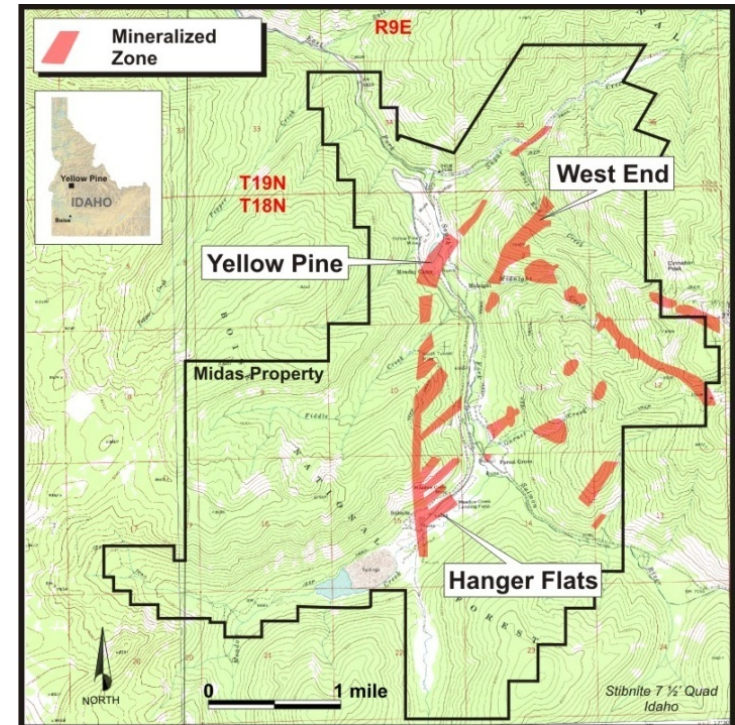
- ✓ **Frederick H. Earnest – *President & CEO, Director***
Mining Engineer 25 years
- ✓ **Terri L. Eggert – *Interim Chief Financial Officer***
Corporate finance and accounting 30 years
- ✓ **John W. Rozelle – *Vice President, Technical Services***
Economic Geologist 30 years
- ✓ **Frank K. Fenne – *Vice President, Exploration***
Professional Geologist 25 years
- ✓ **Hector A. Araya – *Vice President - Mexico***
Mining Engineer 40 years
- ✓ **Tim S. Barnett – *Vice President, Project Development***
Metallurgist 30 years w/10 years project construction

Directors

- ✓ **Michael Richings, Chairman**
- ✓ **Tom Ogryzlo**
- ✓ **John Clark**
- ✓ **Randy Eppler**
- ✓ **Tracy Stevenson**
- ✓ **Nicole Adshead-Bell**
- ✓ **Frederick Earnest**

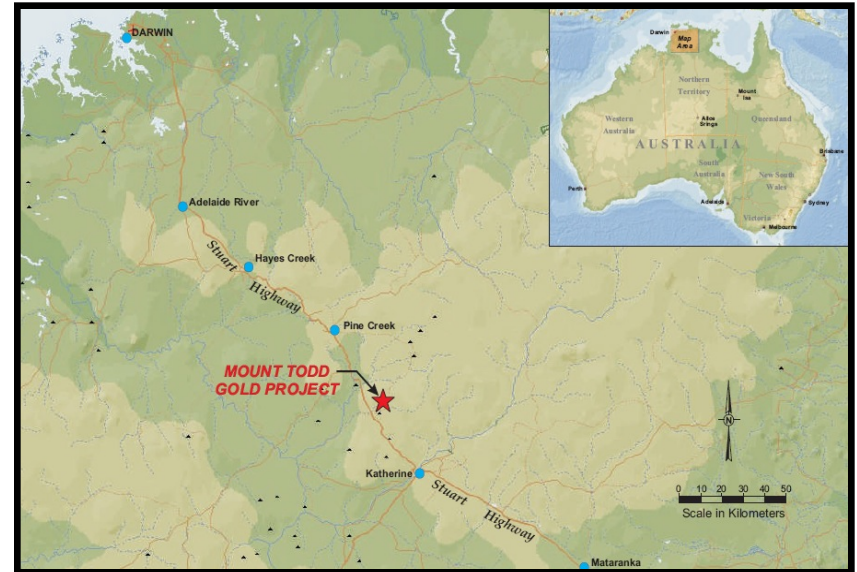
Midas Gold Corp. Investment (Vista owns ~28%)

- ✓ Vista owns 31.8 million shares in Midas Gold Corp. (valued at approx. Cdn\$112 million)
- ✓ Significant district resource growth potential while advancing toward development
- ✓ Expected value drivers for 2012
 - Drilling program results
 - New resource estimate expected in Q2
 - Preliminary Economic Assessment expected in Q3
- ✓ Midas shares tightly held and thinly traded – Vista represents alternative form of capitalizing on Midas growth



Mt. Todd – Northern Territory, Australia

- ✓ Brownfields site acquired in 2006, with a unique agreement with NT - Excellent relationships with all stakeholders
- ✓ Previous operation was gold price and process facility challenged
- ✓ Good location and existing infrastructure
- ✓ 5-year track record of increasing estimated resources*
- ✓ Extensive metallurgical testing has resulted in re-design of process facility
- ✓ Feasibility Study results Q2
- ✓ EIS in progress (baseline studies completed Q1 2012)
- ✓ Large exploration lease package
- ✓ ~\$30 million invested to-date



January 2011 PFS Highlights

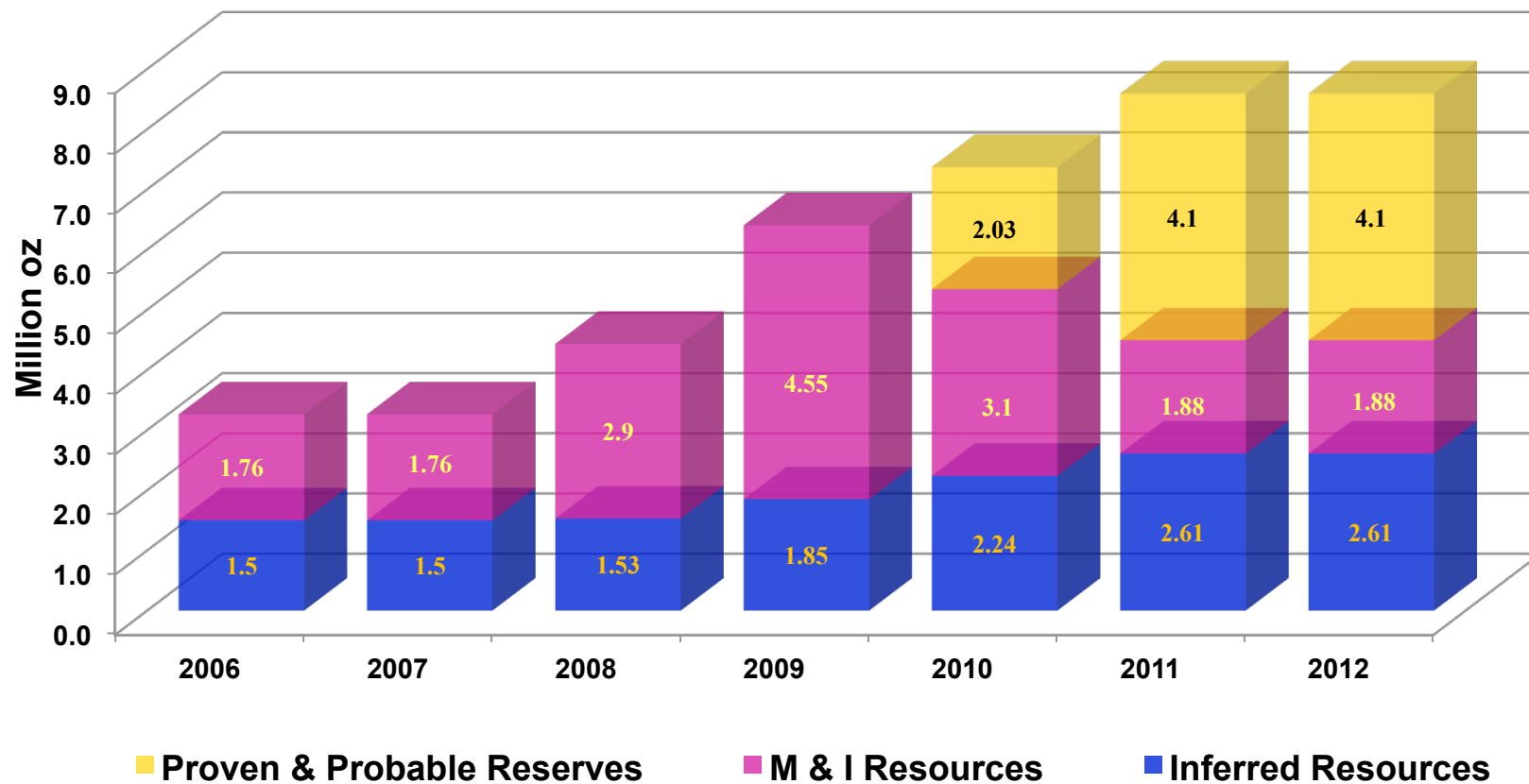
- 4.1 M oz proven & probable reserves* (0.4 g/t cut-off w/\$650 pit)
- 30,000 tpd operation
- 240,000 oz avg. annual production
- Capital cost \$676 million (Fx A\$1:1)
- Cash costs \$600/oz
- Pre-tax IRR 23% at \$1350/oz
- Pre-tax NPV_{5%} \$944 million



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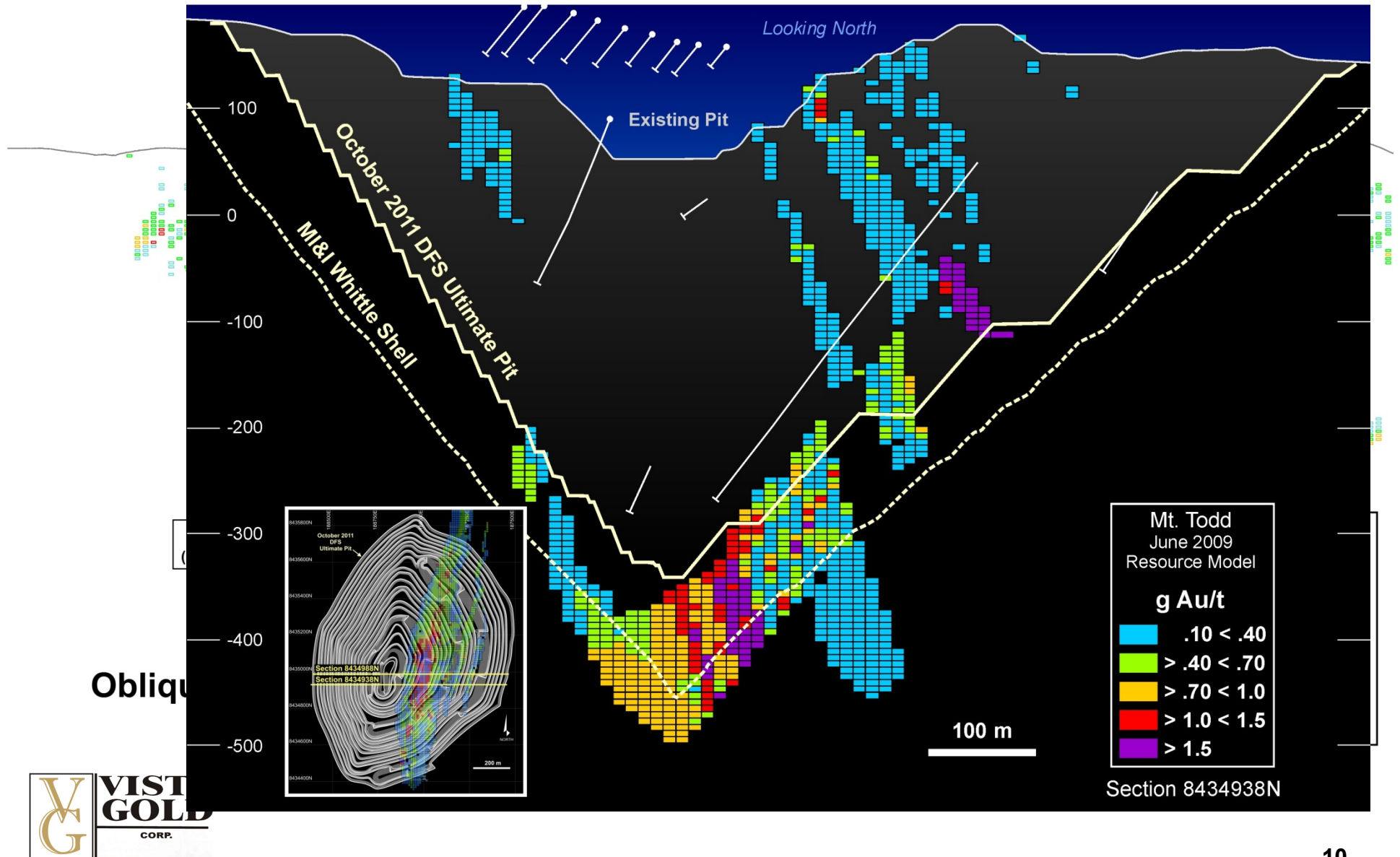
Resource Growth at Mt. Todd

Mt. Todd Resources & Reserves *

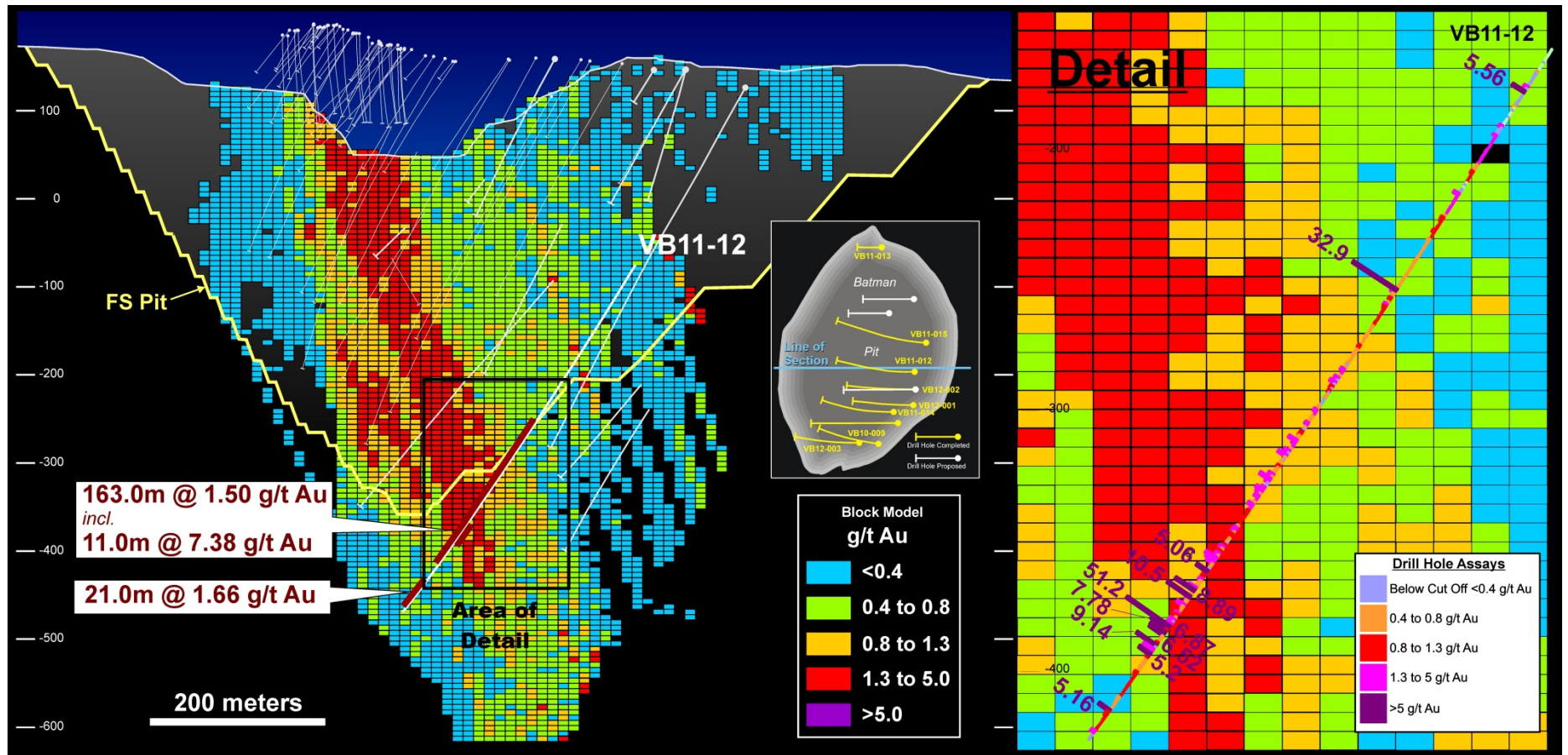


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Mt. Todd – Potential Increase in Reserves After Feasibility Study

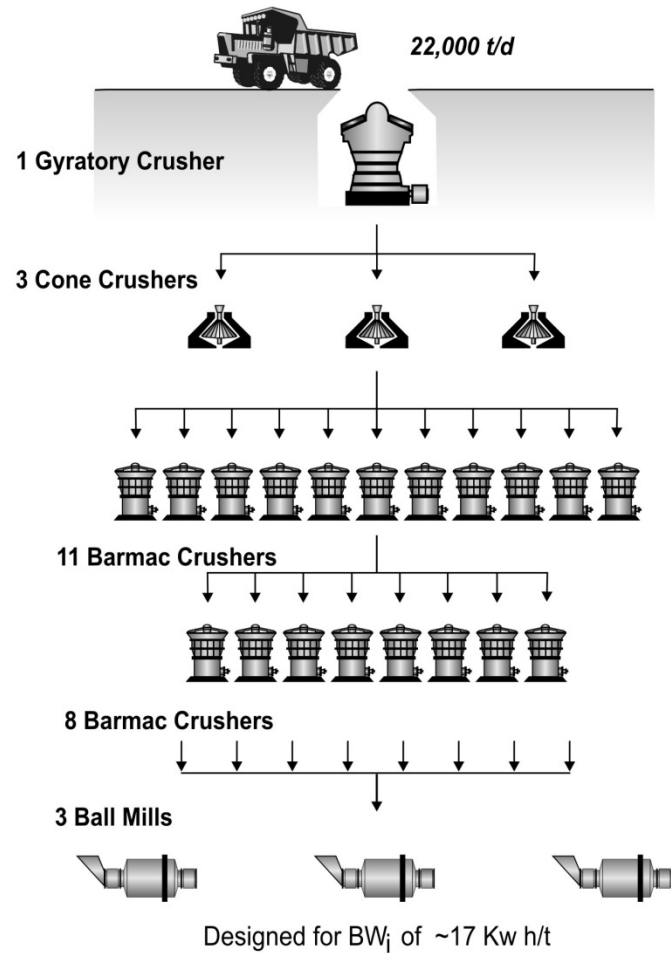


Mt. Todd – New Drilling Results

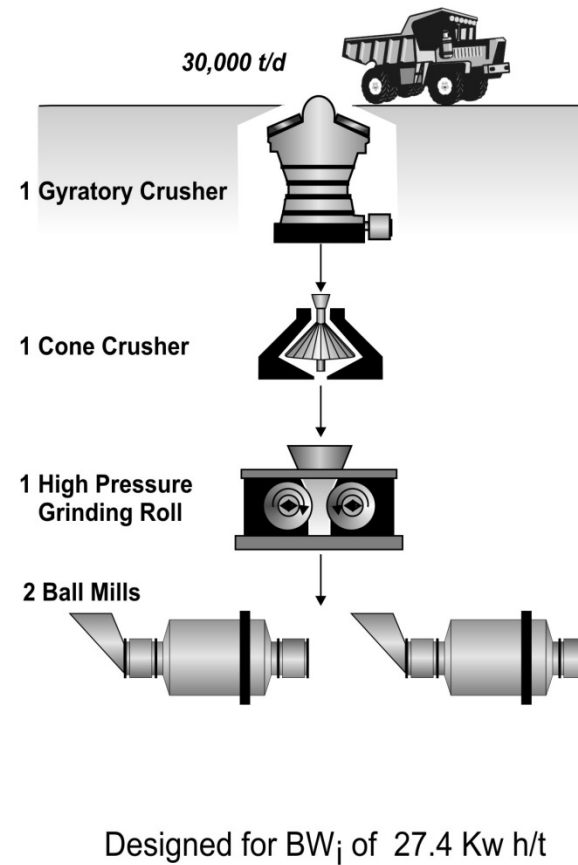


Mt. Todd – Process Area Design Changes

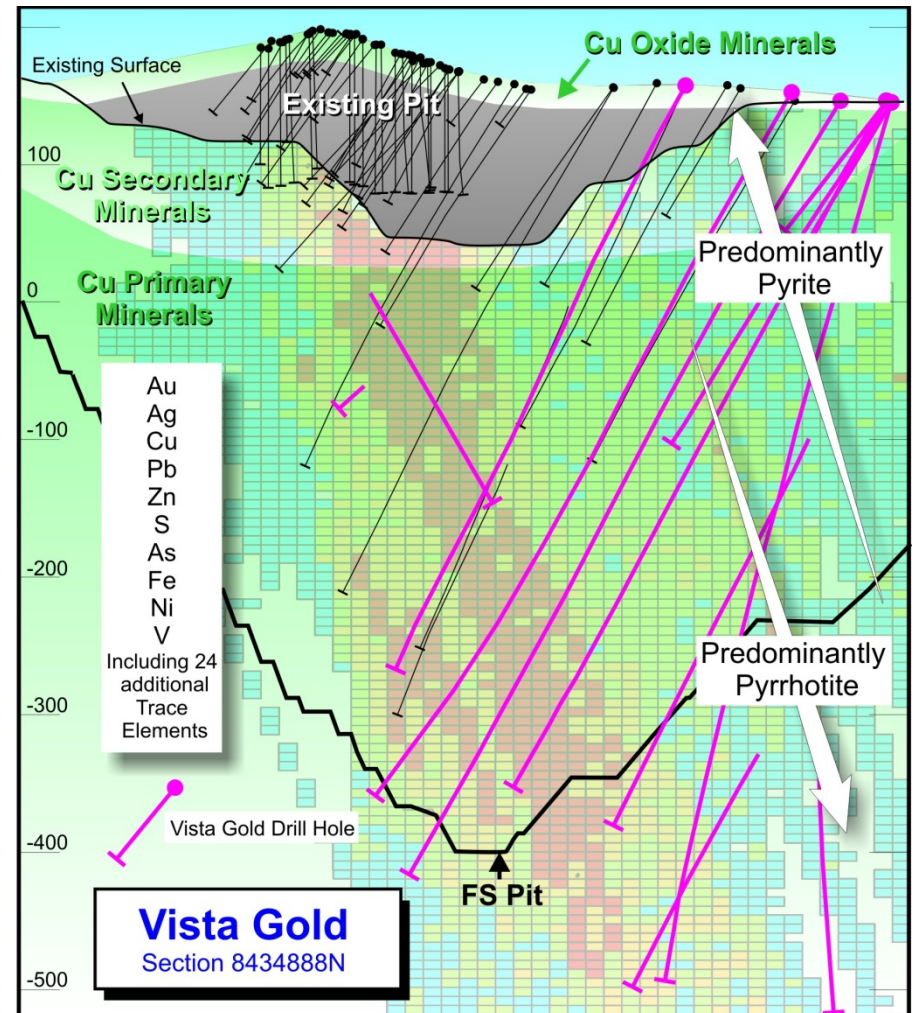
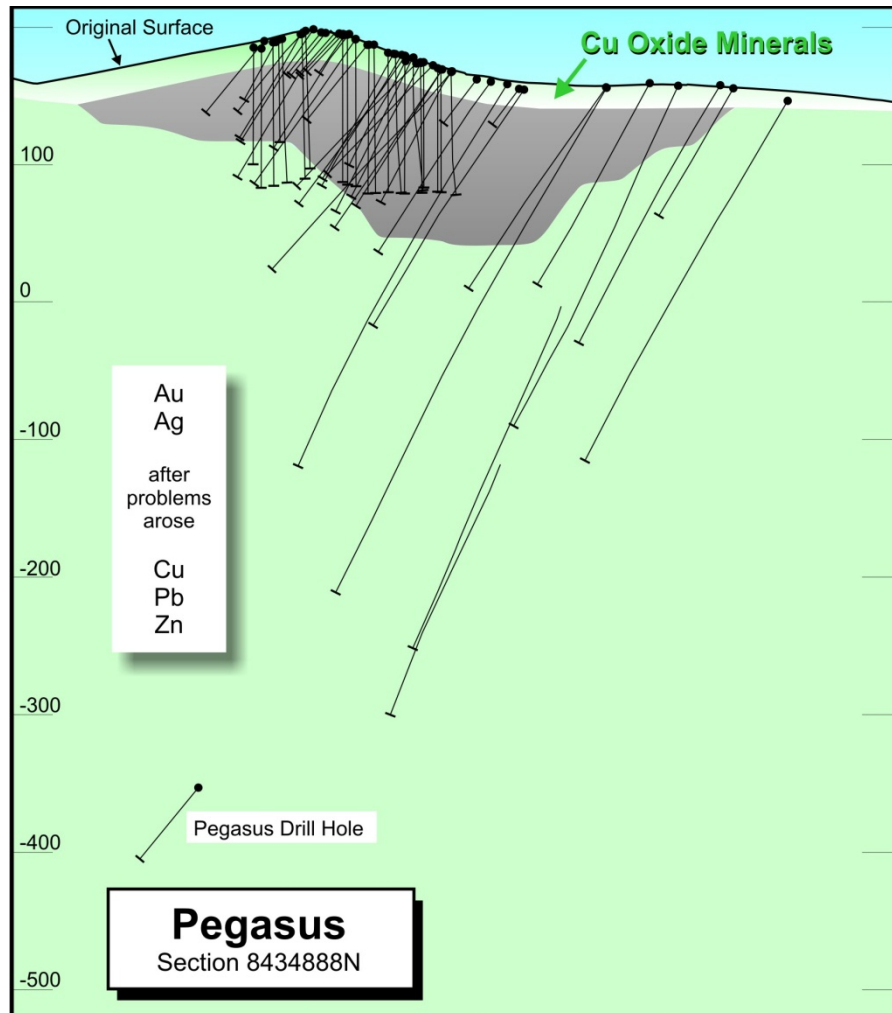
Pegasus



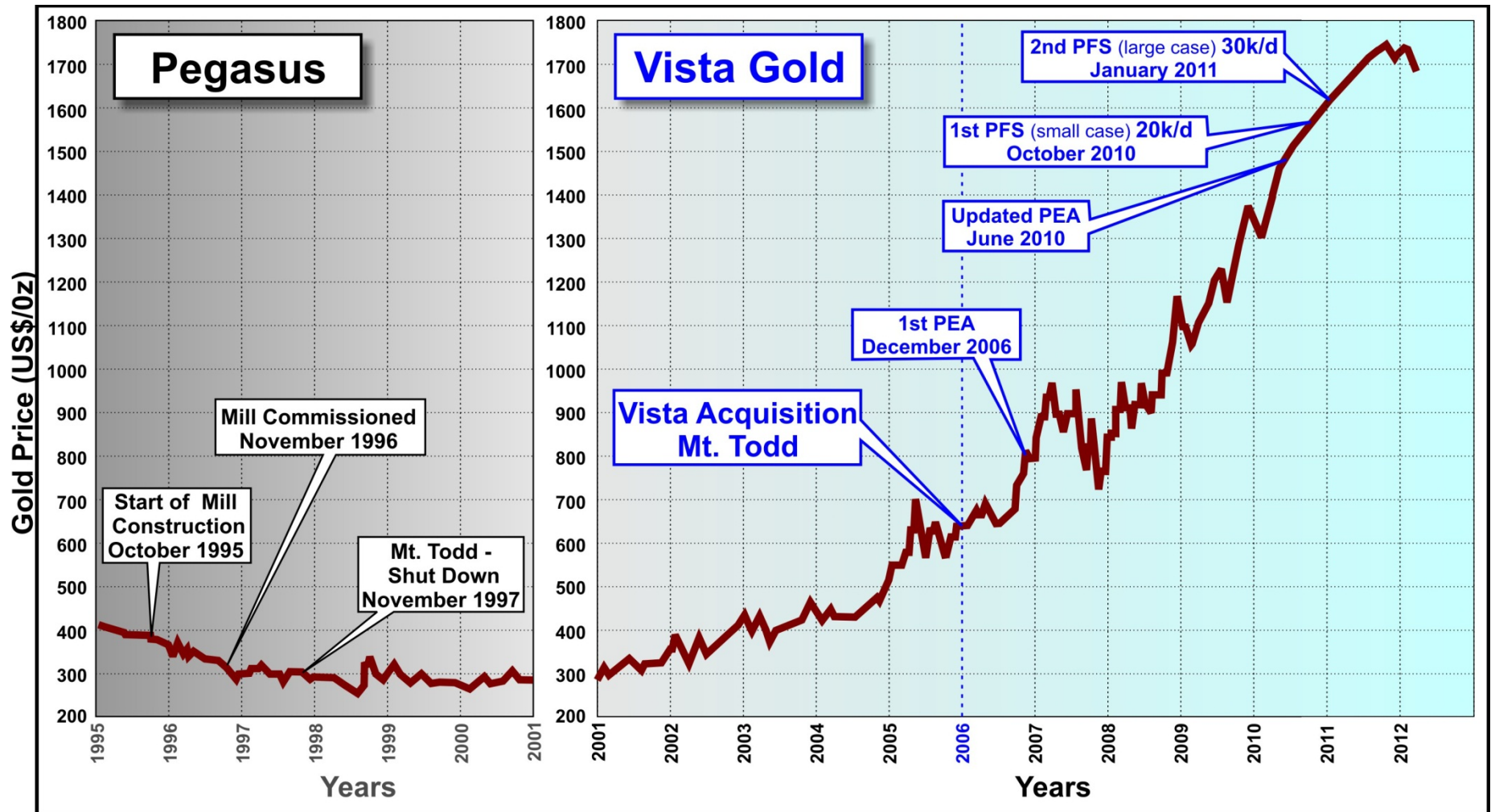
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Mt. Todd – Confidence & Understanding Thru Drilling



Mt. Todd – A New Gold Price Environment



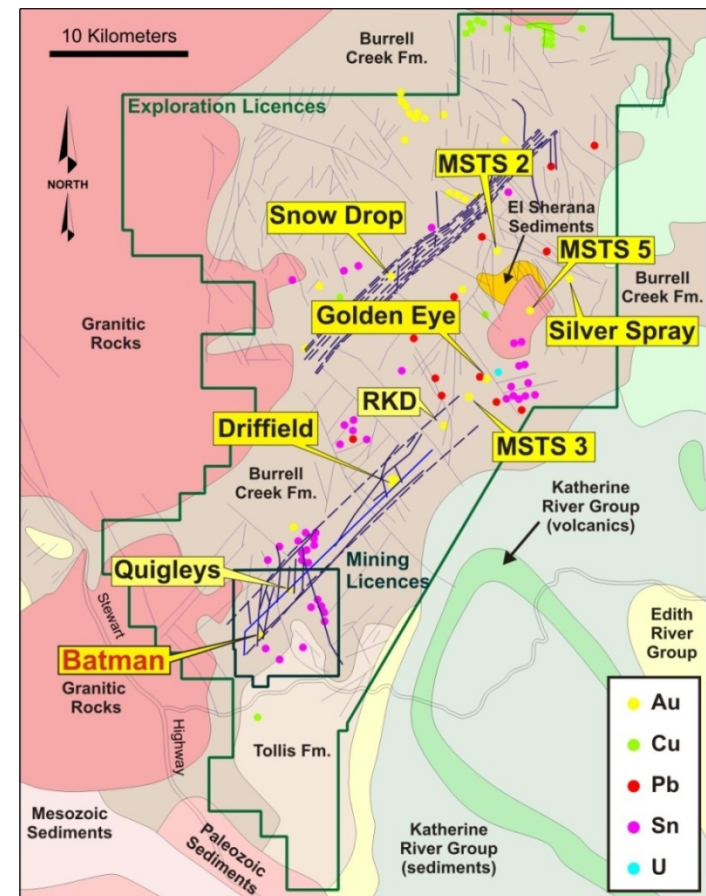
Mt. Todd – 2012 Growing Toward Production

Batman Deposit

- ✓ 8,500 m drilling program targeting conversion of Inferred resources to M&I in progress – 8,000 m drilled – recently authorized additional 5,800 m
- ✓ First drill results announced early March
- ✓ New resource estimate expected early Q3
- ✓ Evaluation of larger process facility (40-45,000 tpd) expected to result in up-dated feasibility study end of Q3 with anticipated results
 - increase in production rate (320-350 oz/yr)
 - 15-16 yr mine life
 - improved project economics
- ✓ Evaluating existing heap leach material

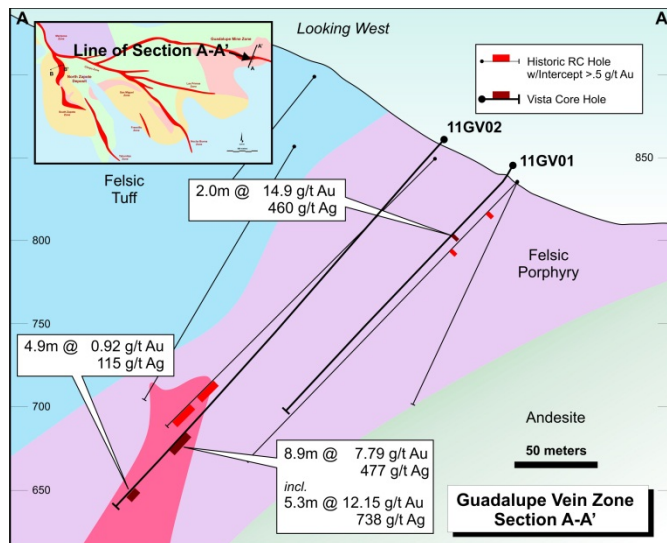
Exploration License Area

- ✓ Exciting district exploration potential -1100 km² with targets identified



Guadalupe de los Reyes – Exploration

- ✓ Historic mining district with estimated production of ~319,000 oz gold and +15,000,000 oz silver
- ✓ Current estimated resources*
 - Indicated 484,000 oz of Au and 8.3 million oz of Ag
 - Inferred 317,000 oz of Au and 9.4 million oz of Ag
- ✓ High in-situ potential value of resources implies multiple processing options



- ✓ Drilling confirming previous RC exploration results
- ✓ Hole 12GV-02 indicates that high-grade gold/silver possible at depth
- ✓ PEA awarded to Tetra Tech Inc.

Investment Opportunity

- ✓ **Mt Todd - Growing & Advancing a World-Class Deposit**
 - Resource growth, feasibility study, EIS & updated feasibility study
- ✓ **Experienced Management Team Focused on Core Assets**
- ✓ **Guadalupe de los Reyes**
 - Drilling leading to preliminary economic assessment – exciting high-grade, underground gold-silver potential
- ✓ **Exposure to Success in other ventures**
 - Exploration success at Golden Meadows (28% interest in Midas Gold Corp.)
 - Project development at Awak Mas (20% project interest and interest in partner)
 - Mexican partner with ability to advance Concordia (40% interest)
- ✓ **Leverage to Gold price**
 - Each \$100 increase in Gold adds significant value
- ✓ **2012 Objectives Designed to De-Risk and Un-Lock Value of Core Assets**
- ✓ **Out-Performed Peers in 2011 – Still Undervalued**



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Foreign Exchange Rates ¹A\$1.00 = US\$1.00 ²12.50 Mexican Pesos = US\$1.00

Additional Information

- ✓ Mt. Todd - Summary of Feasibility Study Metallurgical Testing
- ✓ Mt. Todd - Process Area Design Changes
- ✓ Summary of Vista Gold Corp.'s Estimated Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources
- ✓ Mt. Todd Drilling Program Results
- ✓ Appendix – Independent Consultant Report Information
- ✓ Other Portfolio Assets



Mt. Todd – Feasibility Study Metallurgical Testing

Ore Hardness

- 2-tonne HPGR test results confirm comminution circuit design

Grind Size Optimization

- Extensive testing indicates 90-100 µm grind size is optimal (includes evaluation of HPGR product)

Copper Suppression

- Lead nitrate addition reduces amount of copper leached and reduces cyanide consumption

Leach Cycle

- Testing confirms 24-hour leach

Cyanide Destruction

- SO₂ Air process selected

Variability Testing

- 99 samples representative of deposit have been tested to evaluate variations in recovery

Leach Circuit Pulp Density

- Increased pulp density results in fewer leach tanks

Process Plant Design is Conservative

- Feasibility study contemplates 2 ball mills with conventional drives
- Ball mill sizing does not consider benefits of HPGR product size distribution

Larger Plant Possible

- Expect to evaluate and consider as part of possible updated feasibility study

Mt. Todd – Process Area Design Changes

Previous Process Plant

Comminution Circuit (hard ore)

- Primary & Secondary crushing circuits worked effectively (ROM to 2")
- Inefficient equipment installed in 3rd & 4th stages of crushing (2" to 3/8")
- Grinding Circuit performed acceptably

Flotation Circuit (poor recovery)

- Free cyanide in plant make-up water suppressed flotation – circuit abandoned soon after commissioning

Leaching Circuit (copper minerals)

- Presence of secondary copper minerals resulted in high reagent consumption & poor gold recovery

Re-designed Process Facility

Comminution Circuit

- Designed for harder than actual conditions (Ave BW_i 26.3 - design criteria BW_i 27.4)
- Evaluated alternate technology for 2" to 3/8" reduction (SAG mill vs. HPGR)
- Selected HPGR after extensive testing

Flotation Circuit

- Not contemplated in present design

Leaching Circuit

- Approx. 4% of present reserve is classified as hosting secondary copper minerals
- Mine scheduling includes stockpiling and blending to minimize impact
- Lead nitrate demonstrated to suppress copper/cyanide reaction resulting in reasonable cyanide consumption

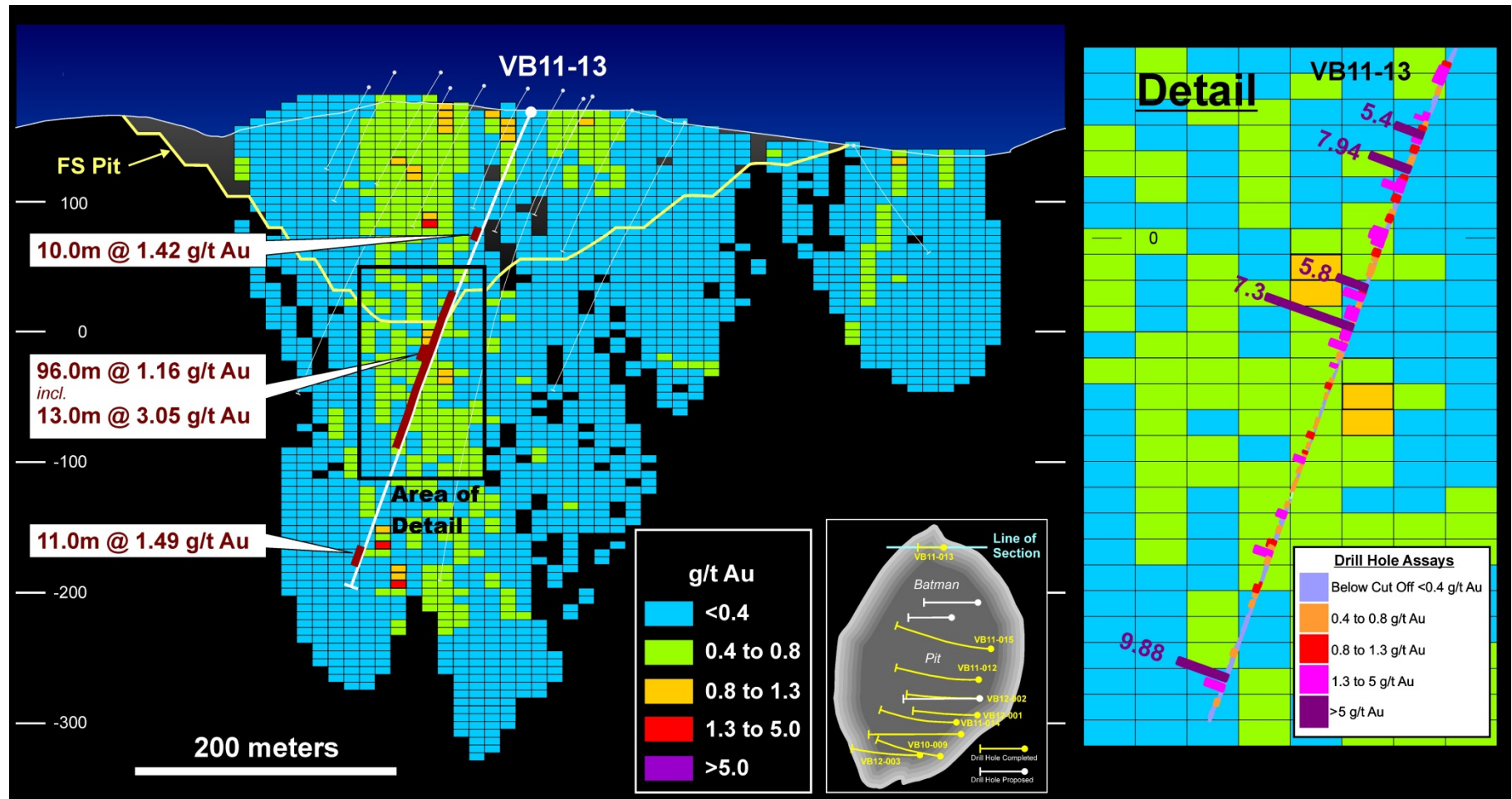
Vista – Reserves and Resources

Gold Reserve Estimates									
	Proven			Probable			Proven & Probable		
	Tonnes (000's)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (000's)	Tonnes (000's)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (000's)	Tonnes (000's)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (000's)
Development Projects									
Mt. Todd – Batman	48,961	0.91	1,431	100,914	0.83	2,681	149,875	0.85	4,112
Concordia	7,147	1.17	268	30,801	1.06	1,047	37,948	1.08	1,315
Totals			1,699			3,728			5,427
Gold Resource Estimates (except as noted)									
	Measured ⁽¹⁾			Indicated ⁽¹⁾			Inferred		
	Tonnes (000's)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (000's)	Tonnes (000's)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (000's)	Tonnes (000's)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (000's)
Development Projects									
Mt. Todd – Batman	67,166	0.88	1,896	154,836	0.82	4,087	103,563	0.78	2,610
Concordia	9,390	1.10	332	61,216	0.91	1,787	7,694	0.64	158
Exploration Projects									
Mt. Todd – Quigleys	511	1.04	17	5,565	0.91	162	9,057	0.95	277
Guadalupe de los Reyes				10,048	1.50	484	4,888	2.02	317
Guadalupe de los Reyes (silver)					25.74	8,314		59.98	9,426
Other Properties									
Long Valley (California)	24,128	0.58	452	37,810	0.62	759	29,858	0.58	572
Awak Mas (Indonesia)	7,084	1.30	296	34,609	1.22	1,360	20,425	0.82	539
Total Gold Resource			2,993			8,639			4,473
Total Silver Resource			0			8,314			9,426
(1) including Proven & Probable Reserves									

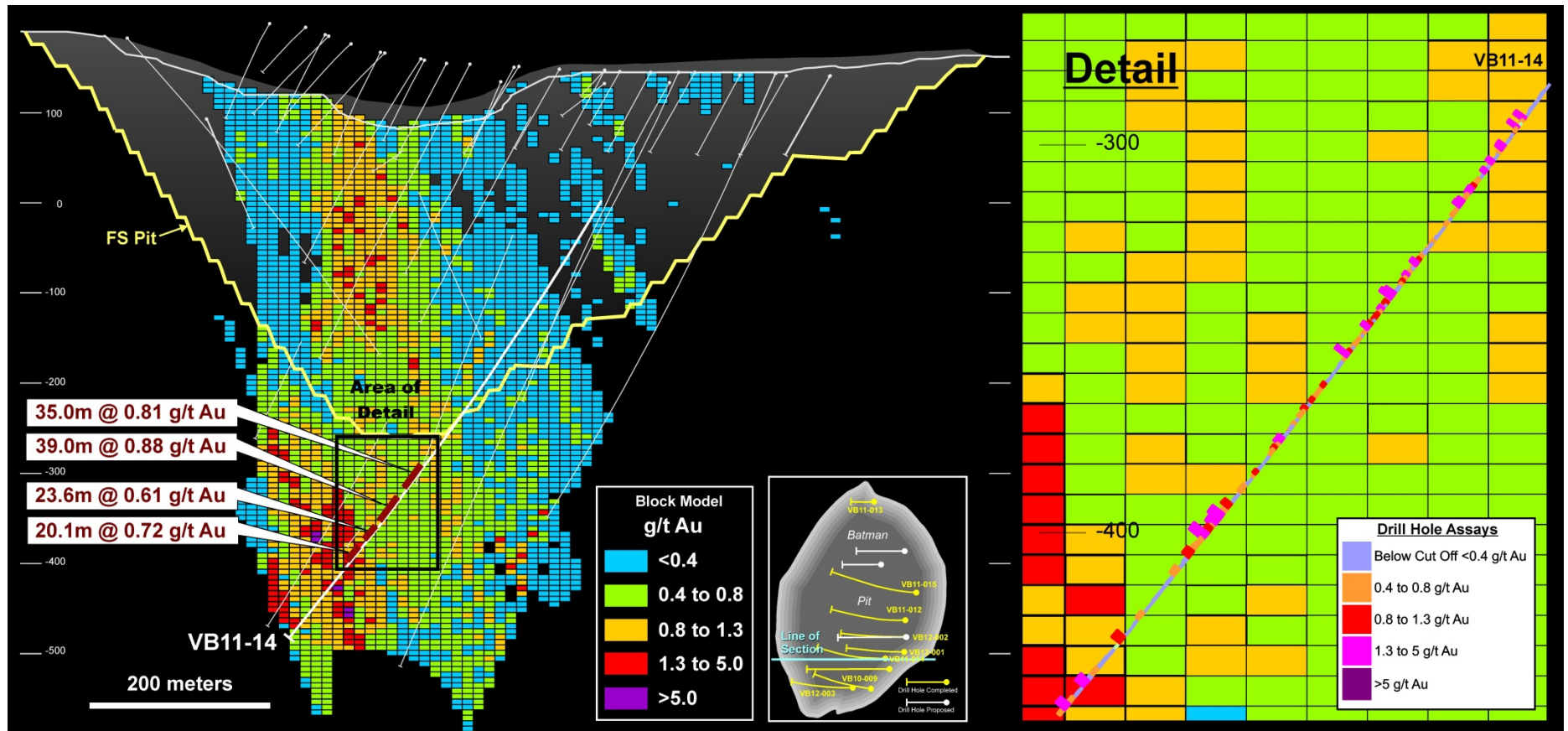


Independent qualified persons prepared or supervised the preparation of these mineral resources and reserves. For details on the name and date of the technical reports and information on the qualified person, see Appendix

Mt. Todd – New Drilling Results



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Appendix – Independent Consultant Report Information

“NI 43-101 Technical Report, Resource Update, Mt. Todd Gold Project, Northern Territory, Australia,” dated September 6, 2011, which was prepared by or under the supervision of Dr. Rex Bryan, SME Registered Member, an independent qualified person.

“10.65 MTPY Preliminary Feasibility Study, NI 43-101 Technical Report, Vista Gold Corp., Mt. Todd Gold Project, Northern Territory, Australia,” dated January 28, 2011, prepared by or under the supervision of John W. Rozelle, D. Erik Spiller, Stephen A. Krajewski, and Edwin C. Lips of Tetra Tech MM, Inc., Thomas L. Dyer, Mine Development Associates and Deepak Malhotra, Resource Development Inc., each an independent qualified person.

“Preliminary Feasibility Study, NI 43-101 Technical Report, Vista Gold Corp., Mt. Todd Gold Project, Northern Territory, Australia,” dated October 1, 2010, prepared by or under the supervision of John W. Rozelle, D. Erik Spiller, Stephen A. Krajewski, and Edwin C. Lips of Tetra Tech MM, Inc., Thomas L. Dyer, Mine Development Associates and Deepak Malhotra, Resource Development Inc., each an independent qualified person.

“Feasibility Study Update, NI 43-101 Technical Report, Vista Gold Corp., Paredones Amarillos Gold Project, Baja California Sur, Mexico,” dated September 1, 2009, prepared by or under the supervision of Terry Braun of SRK Consulting (US), Inc., Steven Ristorcelli and Thomas Dyer of Mine Development Associates, Deepak Malhotra of Resource Development Inc. and David Kidd of Golder Associates Inc., each an independent qualified person.

“Technical Report for the Guadalupe de los Reyes Gold-Silver Project, Sinaloa, Mexico,” dated August 12, 2009, and amended and restated on December 11, 2009, prepared by or under the supervision of Leonel Lopez of Pincock, Allen & Holt, an independent qualified person.

“Technical Report, Preliminary Assessment, Long Valley Project, Mono County, California, USA,” dated January 9, 2008, prepared by or under the supervision of Neil Prenn and Thomas Dyer of Mine Development Associates, and Deepak Malhotra of Resource Development Inc., each an independent qualified person.

“Preliminary Assessment, Awak Mas Gold Project, Sulawesi, Indonesia,” dated January 16, 2008, prepared by or under the supervision of John Rozelle, of Gustavson Associates, LLC, an independent qualified person.



Other Portfolio Assets

Long Valley (California)¹

Resources	<i>Tonnes (000s)</i>	<i>Grade (g/t)</i>	<i>Ounces (000s)</i>
Measured and indicated resources	61,939	0.62	1,211
Inferred resources	29,858	0.58	572

- ✓ Vista completed a preliminary assessment of the project in January 2008
- ✓ Viable heap-leach operation at gold prices above US \$550 per oz
- ✓ NPV of US\$7 million (5% discount and gold price of US\$550 per oz)
- ✓ Capital costs estimated at \$62.0 million
- ✓ \$415 operating cost per oz

Awak Mas (Indonesia)¹

Resources	<i>Tonnes (000s)</i>	<i>Grade (g/t)</i>	<i>Ounces (000s)</i>
Measured and indicated resources	41,693	1.24	1,656
Inferred resources	20,425	0.82	539

- ✓ Acquired for \$1.5 million
- ✓ Over \$40 million invested by previous owners on evaluation and development.
- ✓ Vista reached agreement with private mineral development company to earn 80% interest by making payments to Vista in cash/shares and completing environmental and feasibility studies required under the Contract of Work in Indonesia

Amayapampa (Bolivia)²

Royalty Interest

- ✓ 1.3 million oz gold resource
- ✓ Feasibility Study complete 83,000 oz/year, US\$444/oz and US\$136 million capital
- ✓ Project financing underway
- ✓ Vista to receive \$3 million plus 3.5% NSR royalty on first 720,000 oz of gold production



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² Source: ASX Company information