

# The Spanish Mountain Gold Project

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- **Note 2.** The "Preliminary Economic Assessment for the Spanish Mountain Project" (the "PEA") referred to herein is preliminary in nature and includes inferred mineral resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic consideration applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves. There is no certainty that the PEA will be realized. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. The PEA effective November 15, 2012 was prepared and completed by TetraTech WEI Inc, ("TT") an internationally recognized engineering firm.
- **Note 3.** The Company's measured and indicated resources estimates are set out in an updated resource calculation (please refer to Technical report dated August 31st, 2012 on SEDAR) prepared by Gary H. Giroux, M.ASc., P.Eng. Of Giroux Consultants ltd.
- **Note 4.** A feasibility study, which can only include or be based on mineral resource estimates in the measured and indicated categories, is a comprehensive study of the selected development option for a mineral project.
- **Note 5.** The Company wishes to clarify that the grade improvement information is conceptual in nature, there are not sufficient reverse circulation drilling data to support a change to the resource estimate and it is uncertain if further drilling will result in a grade increase being achieved. Furthermore, the Company cautions investors against placing undue reliance on those statements contained within the News Release dated March 7, 2013.
- **Note 6.** Except as otherwise indicated, Dr. Morris Beattie, P. Eng, the Company's Chief Operating Officer and a qualified person under NI 43-101, has approved the scientific and technical information contained on this presentation.



## Management

Brian Groves CEO & Director	30 years experience in the mining and exploration industry working with junior exploration, junior producing and senior mining companies including AMAX, Noranda and Placer Dome.
Morris Beattie COO & Director	Metallurgical engineer with 40 years of extensive experience in all aspects of extractive metallurgy and project development. He has served as a Director of Galahad Gold Plc, Northern Dynasty Minerals and more recently, until 2008, he served as Vice President – Project Evaluations with Quadra Mining Ltd.
<b>Larry Yau</b> CFO	Canadian Chartered Accountant and has 20 years of financial and business experience, gained primarily in the mining and resources sectors with companies including Placer Dome and Farallon resources.
<b>Judy Stoeterau</b> VP Geology	Professional geologist with over 30 years of experience in mineral exploration covering gold, base metal, uranium and diamond projects in Canada and South America. She has worked with both junior exploration companies and senior mining firms such as Falconbridge, Getty Minerals, Placer Dome and Cameco.



#### **Board of Directors-Non Executive**

Ian Watson Chairman	Formerly Chairman and Managing Director of Galahad Gold PLC. Previously a Director of Northern Dynasty Minerals and UraMin Inc., he is currently Chairman of Agrifirma Brazil, a company investing in farmland in Brazil.
Jim Rogers	Critically acclaimed author, financial commentator and successful international investor. He is frequently featured in such publications as Time, The New York Times, Barron's, Forbes, The Wall Street Journal, and Financial Times and is a regular guest on television shows around the world. He is also a co-founder of the Quantum Fund, a global investment partnership.
Don Coxe	More than thirty-nine years of institutional investment experience in North America. He has been a strategic consultant to several major gold mining companies over the last decade. He is also Strategy Advisor to BMO Financial Group and Chairman of Coxe Advisors LLP.
James Clare	Lawyer at Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP in Toronto specializing in Mining, Corporate Securities, and Mergers and Acquisitions
Dale Corman	40 years experience as a senior corporate officer of publicly traded mining companies and was formerly Chairman and CEO of Western Silver Corp. He is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of Western Copper Corporation.
Christopher Lattanzzi	Mining engineer and was President of Micon International Limited, mineral industry consultants from its founding in 1988 to mid-2005. Mr. Lattanzi formerly served as Chairman of Meridian Gold.



## Advancing one of Canada's Largest Gold Resources Towards Production

- 3.18 million M&I + 3.65million Inferred gold ounces
- Preliminary Economic Assessment released November 2012\*
- Exceptional location and infrastructure advantages:
  - Location within 15km of operating mines
  - Road access directly through center of deposit
  - Cheap power 4c a kw/hr
- Agreements signed with 3 separate First Nations bands in the area and undergoing the environmental assessment process



#### The BC Advantage- Low Risk

- •Cheap power (Commercial rate 4¢/kWh)
- Pro mining government
- •Mineral exploration tax credit(30% refund)
- Corporate taxes among the lowest in Canada
- •Government revenue sharing with First Nations
- New mine allowance extended until 2016
- •Enjoys highest possible AAA credit rating (Increased 7 times since 2001)
- •Unmatched record of successful mine permits in Canada in recent years

New Afton November 2007Mount Milligan September 2009

Copper Mountain April 2010Red Chris May 2012

•Quinetta June 2013

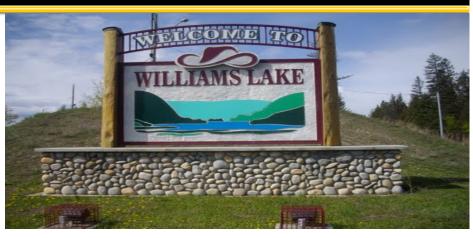




### **Property Location**



•Grid power with 80km using existing rights of way



•Williams lake City less than an hr away



•Paved highway within 2km of the property



•Imperial Metals Mount Polley 15km away



### **Share Structure-** As of June 30, 2013

Capital Structure					
Shares Outstanding	~188m				
Warrants \$0.45	~4m				
Working Capital	~\$3m				
Market Capital (August 31st, 2013)	~\$22m				
Ownership / Distribu	ution				
Management and Insiders	25%				
Institutional	20%				
Retail	55%				



#### Resource Table

#### Spanish Mountain Gold Resource (at a 0.20 g/t gold cut-off)\*

Classification	Tonnes	Gold grade (g/t)	Silver grade (g/t)	Gold (ounces)	Silver (ounces)
Measured	29,360,000	0.60	0.67	560,000	630,000
Indicated	186,870,000	0.44	0.69	2,620,000	4,150,000
Measured and Indicated	216,220,000	0.46	0.68	3,180,000	4,780,000
Inferred	316,740,000	0.36	0.65	3,650,000	6,620,000

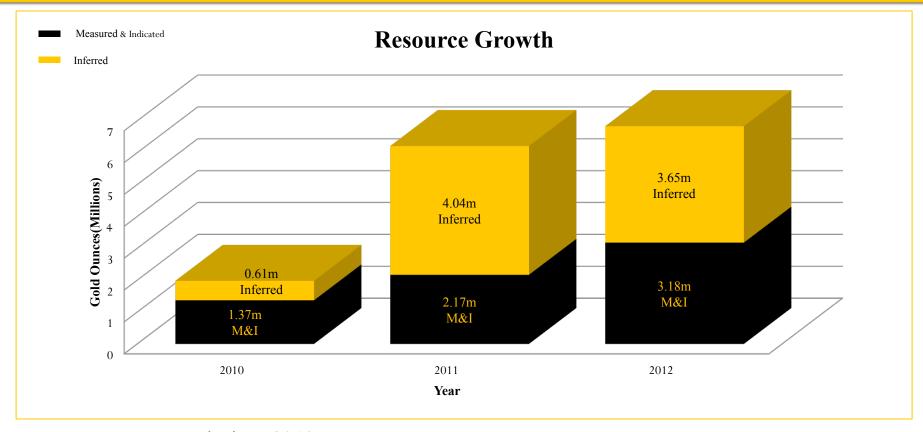
PEA pit shell based on \$1,350 gold price

<sup>\*</sup>Contained ounces; Approximately 80% Measured & Indicated and 20% inferred

Infill program designed to reclassify inferred ounces for 15 year mine life



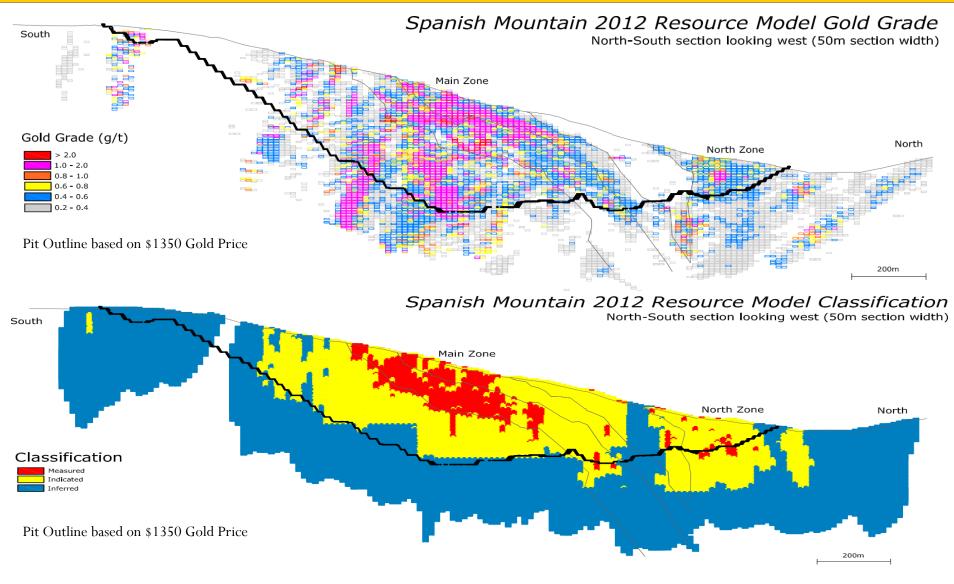
#### **Resource Growth**



- •Year on year growth since 2010
- •Measured and Indicated resources have grown by 232% since 2010
- •Inferred resources have grown by almost 600%



#### Resource Block Model





## Financial Analysis

Price	NPV	IRR %	Payback	Avg Cashflow 1-3yr
\$1,300	\$142m	8.3%	8.8 years	\$170m
\$1,400	\$322m	12.2%	5.8 years	\$196m
\$1,462 (Base Case*)	\$454m	15%	4.4 years	\$213m
\$1,500	\$502m	15.9%	4.1 years	\$221m
\$1,600	\$682m	19.3%	3.2 years	\$247m
\$1,700	\$862m	22.6%	2.8 years	\$273m
\$1,800	\$1042m	25.8%	2.5 years	\$299m

US\$1=CAN\$1, Ag=\$28 throughout LOM \*US\$1=C\$.99(Base case in PEA)



#### **Cost Breakdown**

Pre-Production Capital	US\$ (millions)
Overall Site	19.9
Open Pit Mining	127.7
Handling	54.3
Process	168.1
Tailings and Water Management	69.7
Environmental	11.9
On-site Infrastructures	56.5
Off-site Infrastructures	16.1
Project Indirects	129.0
Owner's Costs	16.6
Total	669.8
Contingencies	86.1
Total including contingencies	755.9

Operating Cost	US\$/tonne milled
Mining	5.19
Process	4.45
Tailings	0.04
G&A	0.58
Offsite costs (incl royalty)	0.42
Total	10.68



## Capital Expenditure Comparison

	Size Tpd	Initial (M)	Sustaining (M)	Total (M)
BC Operations				
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Red Chris <sup>1</sup>	30,000	\$500	\$238	\$728
Blackwater <sup>2</sup>	60,000	\$1,800	\$537	\$2,337
Ajax <sup>3</sup>	60,000	\$795	\$604	\$1,399
Other				
Midas Gold <sup>4</sup>	20,000	\$879	\$302	\$1,182
Rainy River <sup>5</sup>	20,000	\$713	\$322	\$1,035
Detour <sup>6</sup>	55,000	\$1,450	\$1,156	\$2,606
Spanish Mountain Gold	40,000	\$756	\$179	\$935

<sup>1</sup> Technical Report February 2012

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary Economic Assessment September 2012

<sup>3</sup> Feasibility Study January 2012

<sup>4</sup> Preliminary Economic Assessment September 2012

<sup>5</sup> Feasibility Study April 2013

<sup>6</sup> Technical Report September 2012



## **Operating Cost Comparison**

	Size Tpd	Mining	Processing	G&A &other	Total	Cost p/oz
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Blackwater <sup>1</sup>	60,000	\$6.21	\$7.59	\$1.36	\$15.16	\$633
Midas Gold <sup>2</sup>	20,000	\$7.78	\$13.94	\$4.14	\$25.86	\$578
Rainy River <sup>3</sup>	20,000	\$7.19	\$8.65	\$1.79	\$17.73	\$560
Detour <sup>4</sup>	55,000	\$11.65	\$7.83	\$1.86	\$21.34	\$749
Vista Gold <sup>5</sup>	50,000	\$6.95	\$8.78	\$0.95	\$16.68	\$773
Volta Gold <sup>6</sup>	33,000	\$6.40	\$10.90	\$1.00	\$18.30	\$671
Spanish Mountain Gold	40,000	\$5.19	\$4.45	\$1.04	\$10.68	\$774

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary Economic Assessment September 2012

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<sup>3</sup> Feasibility Study April 2013

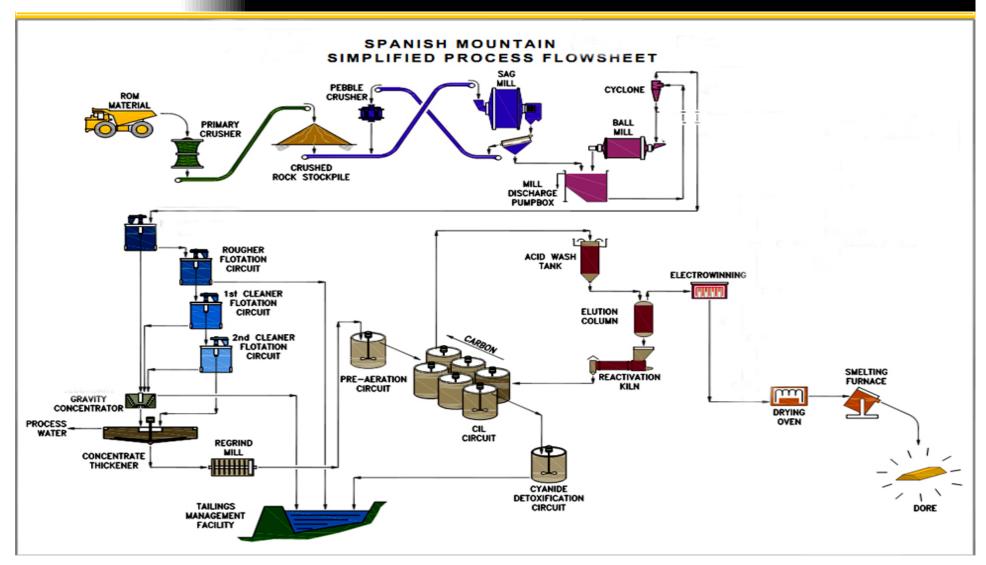
<sup>4</sup> Preliminary Economic Assessment September 2012

<sup>5</sup> Pre-Feasibility Study May 2012

<sup>6</sup> Pre-Feasibility Study May 2013

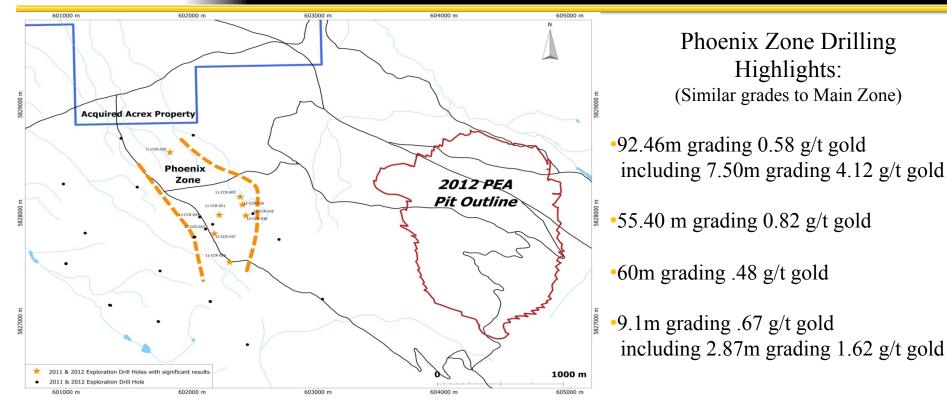


#### **Simplified Process Flowsheet**





#### **Exploration Potential**



- •Phoenix Zone has a strike length just over 2.5km in length approximately 2km from the Main Zone.
- •Preliminary Metallurgy suggests material is amenable to same processing flowsheet as Main Zone
- •Further drilling planned to evaluate the potential of the area.



#### The Way Forward

#### Focus on;

- •Refinement/reduction of Capex assumptions for the project
  - In house trade off studies in preparation for future Feasibility Study
- •Potential Grade Improvement through 10,000m RC drill program *Possible impacts on;* 
  - Project economics
  - Robustness of project in dynamic gold price environment
- •Continue to advance community and First Nations relationships
- Continue environmental and permitting activities



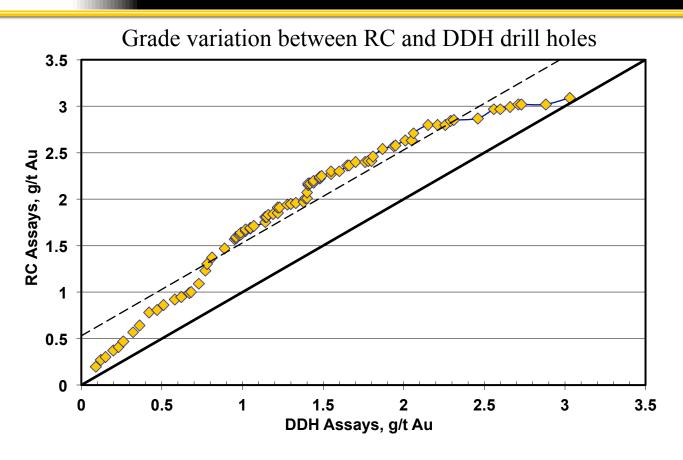
#### Potential for Grade Improvement. Why RC?

- •Average to poor recovery from core holes in argillite mineralized zones
- •4 inch RC holes produce larger sample size compared to typical 2 ½ inch core holes
- •Less fines lost through water run off resulting in more consistent samples.





#### Potential Grade Improvement\*



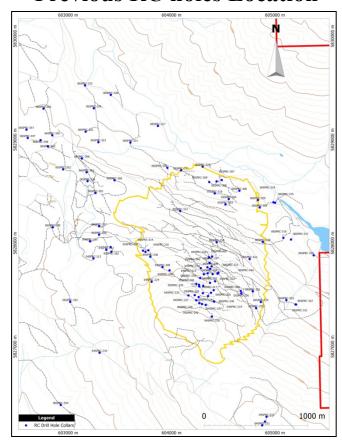
- •Variation based on pairs of holes averaging 5.5meters apart within initial pit as defined in the PEA
- •Reverse Circulation holes show consistently higher grades than Diamond Drill holes
- •12,000 meter drill program planned to further evaluate a potential grade improvement.

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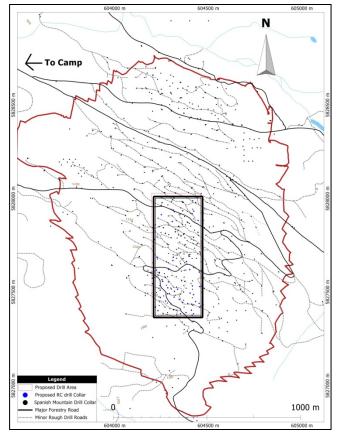
#### **Test Block Area**

#### **Previous RC holes Location**



- •113 existing RC holes
- •31 holes within test block

#### **Test Block Location**



- •Approx 60m tonnes within test block
- •Test block represents first few years of production



#### **Investment Highlights**

- Growing resource of 3.18Moz measured & indicated and 3.65Moz inferred gold ounces
- ~200k oz/y production for 14+ years and payback in 4.4 years (on current grade profile)
- 268k Oz/y for first 3 years of project
- Politically stable and mining friendly jurisdiction
- Experienced management and recognizable board of directors
- Positive community relations; signed agreements with 3 separate First Nations bands



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