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## who is **NOVAGOLD?**

DEVELOPMENT-STAGE COMPANY WITH PROJECTS OF EXCEPTIONAL SCALE, QUALITY, AND JURISDICTIONAL SAFETY

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## DONLIN GOLD

50% with Barrick

poised to become one of the largest producers in the gold industry

## GALORE CREEK

50% with Teck

expected to be the largest and lowest cost copper mine in Canada

## **NOVAGOLD's** strategy

### CONTINUE TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON OUR BUSINESS PLAN



- Committed to gold through various market cycles
- Advance Donlin Gold through permitting and up to a construction decision
- Safeguard our cash position
- Monetize our 50% share of Galore Creek
- Maintain strong relationships with all stakeholders

## focused on donlin gold



ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT GOLD ASSETS IN DEVELOPMENT TODAY

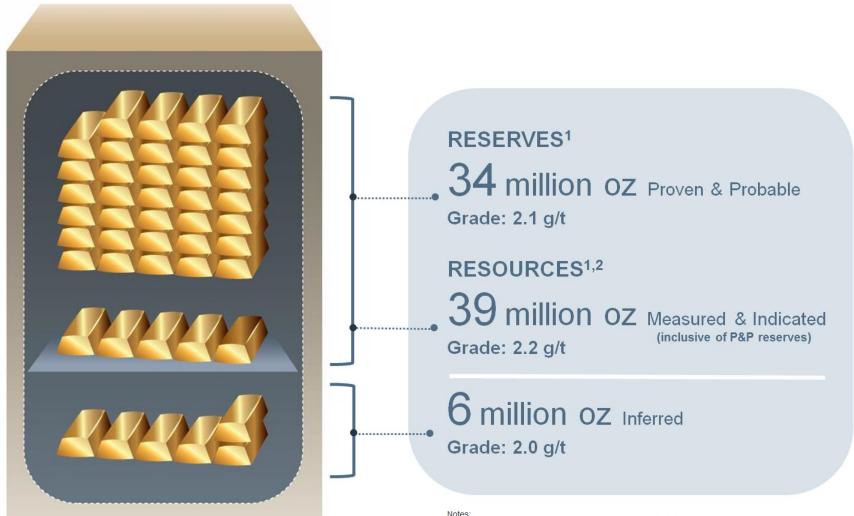
### **Donlin Gold offers:**

- ► TOP TIER, high-grade deposit with excellent exploration upside
- SECURE, supportive, loyal, and engaged stakeholders
- PROLIFIC gold production projected for decades to come
- ▶ LEVERAGE to a massive endowment with a low operating cost structure

## donlin gold a large high-grade gold project

ATTRIBUTES POSITION IT AMONG THE WORLD'S MOST SIGNIFICANT GOLD **DEPOSITS** 

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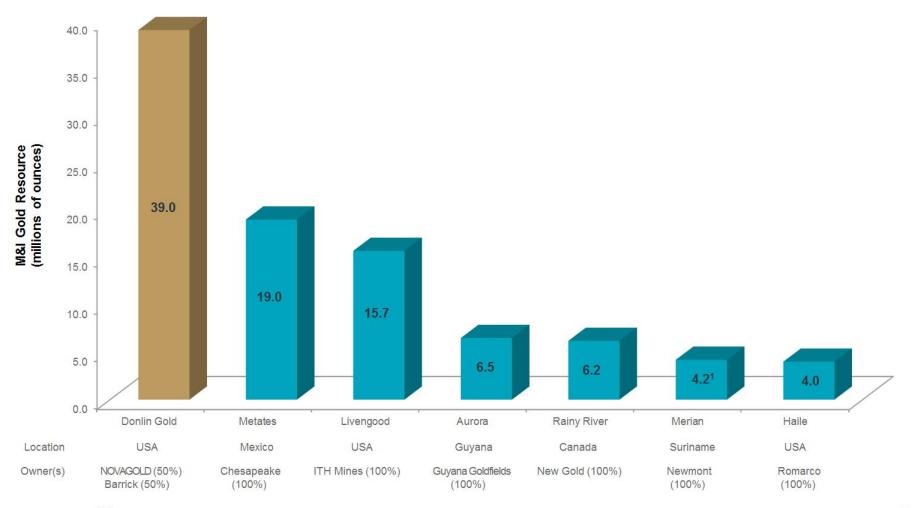


- Shown on 100% project basis, of which NOVAGOLD holds a 50% interest
- Measured and indicated resources inclusive of proven and probable reserves. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" and "Reserve & Resource Base" with footnotes in the appendix.

## donlin gold largest resource of its peer group

### A REMARKABLE RESOURCE AMONG EMERGING OPEN-PIT GOLD DEPOSITS

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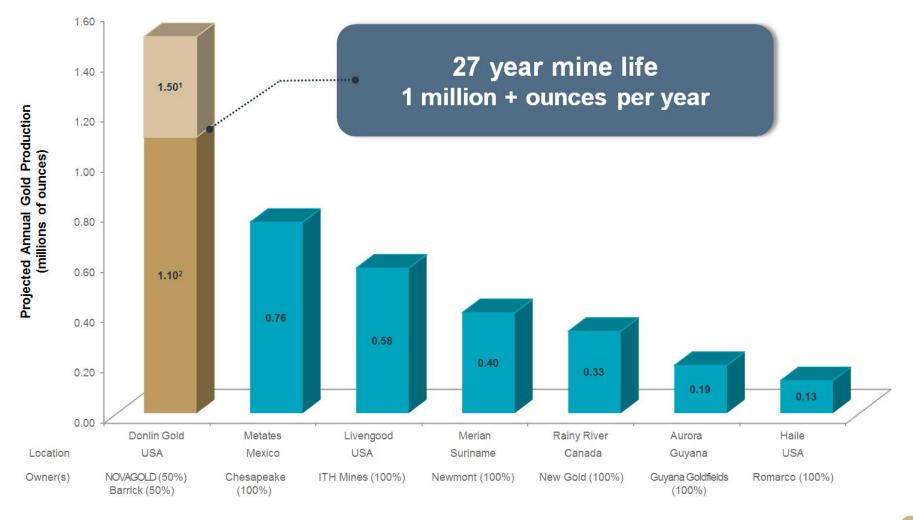
Donlin Gold data as per the second updated feasibility study effective November 18, 2011, as amended January 20, 2012. Peer group resource data from RBC Capital Markets Research, focusing on large, open pit, gold focused development projects. Measured and indicated resources are inclusive of proven and probable reserves. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" and "Reserve & Resource Base" with footnotes in the appendix.

<sup>1)</sup> Newmont reports "Mineralized Material" as defined by SEC Industry Guide 7 for its Merian gold project as opposed to an "M&I Gold Resource" as defined by NI 43-101.

# donlin gold emerging top-tier producer in safe jurisdiction

THE LARGEST PROJECTED GOLD PRODUCER AMONG DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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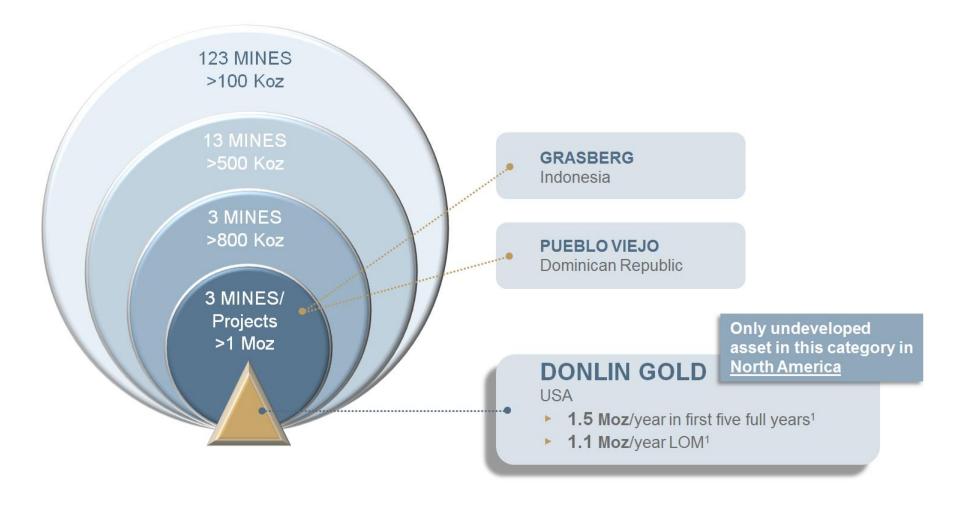


Notes:
Donlin Gold data as per Donlin Creek Gold Project Alaska, USA, NI 43-101 Technical Report on "Updated Feasibility Study", effective November 18, 2011, as amended January 20, 2012 (the "second updated feasibility study"). Represents 100% of measured and indicated resources of which NOVAGOLD's share represents 50%. Measured and indicated resources inclusive of proven and probable reserves. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" and "Reserve & Resource Base" with footnotes in the appendix. Peer group data as per latest company documents, public filings and websites.
Comparison group based on large, open-pit, gold-focused development projects. 1) Projected annual gold production during first five full years of mine life; 2) Projected annual gold production during full life of mine

## mines the size of donlin gold are scarce

ONLY THREE PROJECTS IN THE WORLD ARE SLATED TO PRODUCE >1MOZ/YEAR

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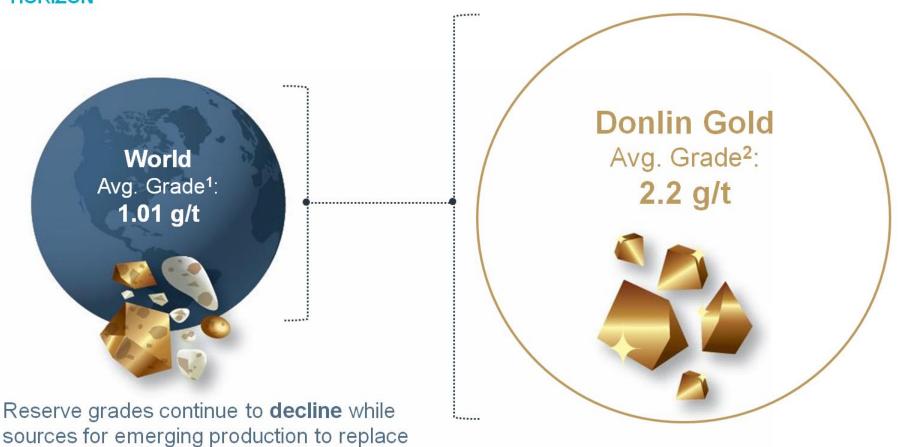
Donlin Gold projected annual production represents 100% of which NOVAGOLD's share is 50%. All other production estimates, with the exception of Grasberg, are based on published 2014 average gold annual production guidance sourced from SNL Metals & Mining. Grasberg represents the published 2014 gold sales guidance. Excludes Newmont's Nevada operations that consist of multiple mines. Analysis includes life of mine data for Donlin Gold.

<sup>1)</sup> If put into production as contemplated by the second updated feasibility study effective November 18, 2011, as amended January 20, 2012.

## donlin gold more than double the grade of the average gold deposit in the world

AMONG VERY FEW LARGE HIGH-GRADE OPEN-PIT GOLD PROJECTS ON THE **HORIZON** 

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scarce

mined-out capacity become increasingly

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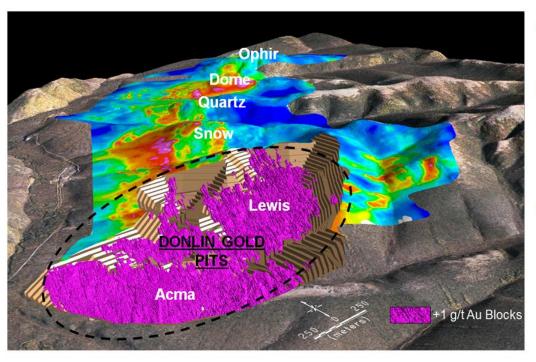
1) Average grade of all deposits globally over 1 million ounces in size, sourced from "2013 Global Gold Mine and Deposit Rankings" – Natural Resource Holdings and

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## donlin gold substantial exploration potential

MULTIPLE DRILL PROSPECTS AND TARGETS EXIST ALONG 8KM TREND

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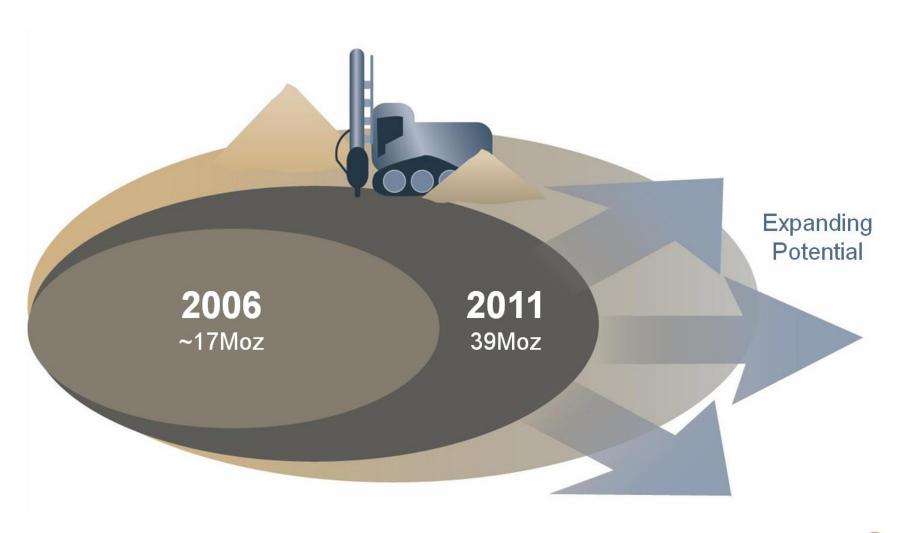


- Potential to expand current open-pit resources along strike and at depth
- Good potential to discover meaningful deposits outside current mine footprint
  - Reserves and resources are contained within just 3 km of an 8 km long district
- Inferred mineral resource: 6 million ounces of gold mainly within the resource pit shell
  - Upside potential to project economics

# donlin gold reserve & resource growth

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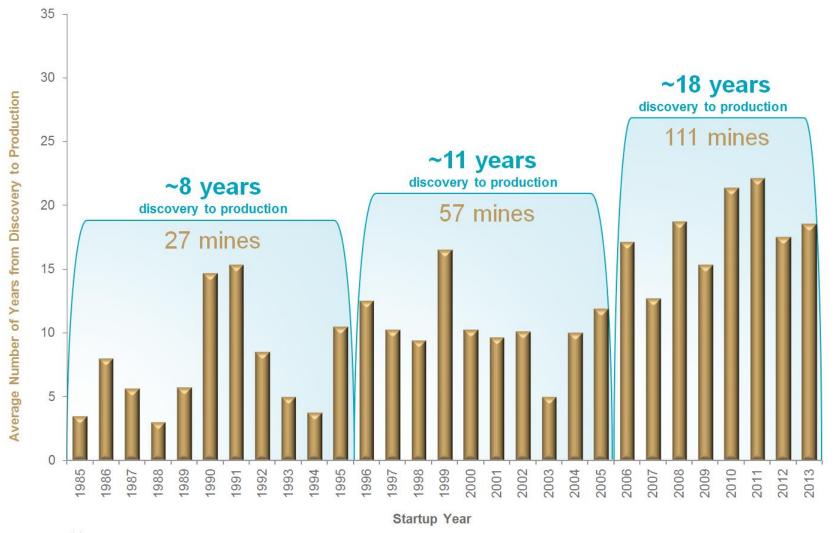
### **OVER FIVE YEARS RESOURCES INCREASED 135%**



## why donlin gold? project progressing as planned

DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE OF NEW GOLD PROJECTS HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED

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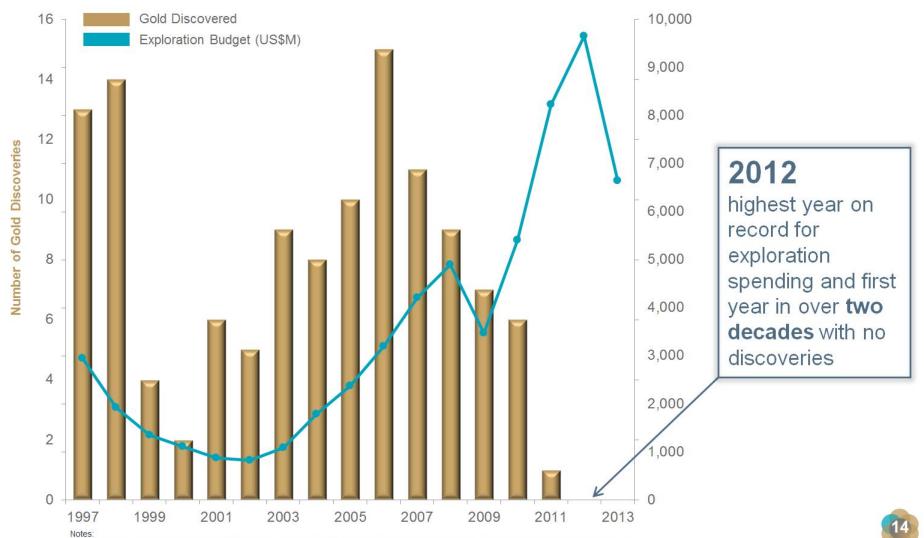
Data sourced from SNL Metals & Mining.

<sup>1)</sup> Based on announced mining startup dates. Expansions and mine redevelopments are not included as they are not comparable with new mine developments.

## why gold? no new and substantial discoveries

DESPITE RECORD HIGH EXPLORATION SPENDING LEVELS THE GOLD INDUSTRY HAS EXPERIENCED A RECENT DROP IN DISCOVERIES

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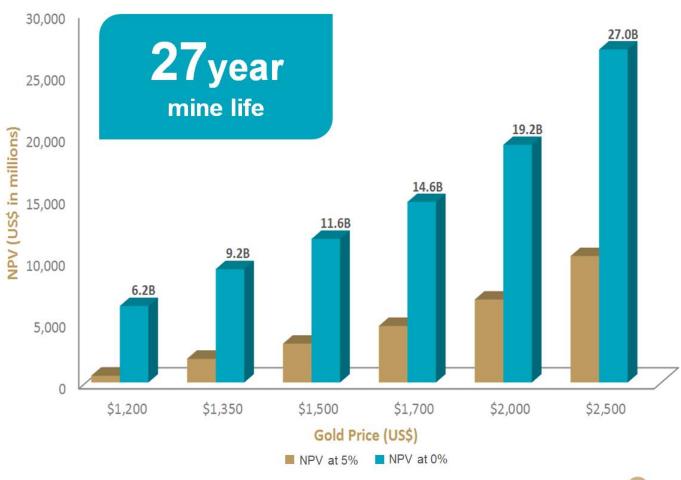
Data as per SNL MEG's MineSearch database, Company reports, SNL MEG estimates. Thomson Reuters. A gold discovery of 5 million ounces or more is considered significant. Number of discoveries data not yet available for 2013 and 2014.

## donlin gold has exceptional leverage to gold

### NPV INCREASES ~20X WITH ~2X INCREASE IN GOLD PRICE

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- Project has a positive return that increases substantially with higher gold prices
- Good payback at a broad range of gold prices
- Significant exploration upside on the mineralized trend



#### Notes

Donlin Gold estimates as per the second updated feasibility study effective November 18, 2011, as amended January 20, 2012. All dollar figures are in USD and reflect after-tax net present value (at a 0% and 5% discount rates) of the Donlin Gold project as of 1/1/2014. At a 5% discount rate, the net present value is: \$547 m @ \$1,200 gold; \$1,350 gold; \$3,147m @ \$1,500 gold; \$4,581 m @ \$1,700 gold; \$6,722 m @ \$2,000 gold; and \$10,243 m @ \$2,500 gold. Project development costs prior to 1/1/2014 are treated as sunk costs.

## donlin gold located in a favorable jurisdiction

### ALASKA A RESOURCE-RICH STATE WITH AN ESTABLISHED RULE OF LAW

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**Donlin Gold** located in Alaska, one of the safest jurisdictions in the world with history of successful mine development

- Alaska is the second largest U.S. gold-producing State
- Well-defined permitting process
- Natural resource projects integral to the State's economy
- Strong and time-tested community support



## donlin gold mining an integral part of communities

ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS: LEADERS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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- ANCSA established 40 years ago; resolved legal issues related to Native title claims
- Lands valuable for resource potential selected by Regional Corporations under ANCSA
- Native corporations have an owner's interest in the development of the selected lands to support the economic prosperity of their shareholders
- Mining is compatible and consistent with subsistence lifestyles
- Donlin Gold is located on private land selected for its resource development potential





# donlin gold durable, long-term agreements with native corporations

### STRONG AND TIME-HONORED RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

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"Calista and TKC are not only stakeholders, but are the legislatively mandated landowners charged with the responsibility of seeing the project to fruition in an environmentally responsible manner."

 June MacAtee, Vice President of Calista Corporation (mineral owner) "Since 1995, Donlin Gold has worked constructively in our region and I know our partnership will benefit our shareholders for many generations. Today's agreement sets the basis for a long and productive relationship that with construction of the mine will provide jobs and financial value to the shareholders in our 10 villages."

 Maver Carey, President & CEO of The Kuskokwim Corporation (surface owner)

### Donlin Gold has the support of the land owners through a 20+ year relationship



## NFWF partnership

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### PROTECT, RESTORE AND CONSERVE ALASKA FISH AND WILDLIFE

"We, the Board members of NOVAGOLD, are truly proud of the fact that our company and NFWF have come together to create an extraordinary partnership that can serve as a model for the sustainable development of natural resources."

Thomas Kaplan, Chairman

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"The lands and waters of Alaska provide a home for an incredible number of fish and wildlife species. We applaud this commitment from NOVAGOLD and Donlin Gold as a significant contribution toward conserving the wetlands, streams and wild places of Alaska for future generations."

Jeff Trandahl, Executive Director & CEO



# The partnership supports regional solutions driven by locals to:

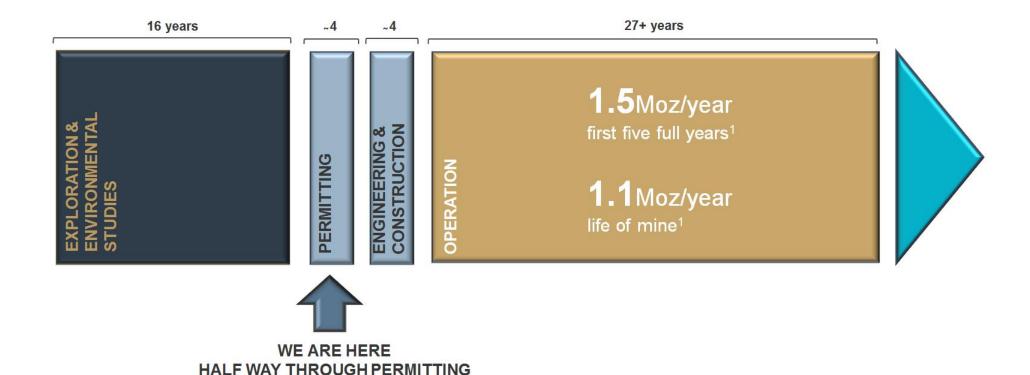
- Promote healthy watersheds
- ► Enhance and protect wildlife habitat
- Advance sustainable fisheries



## donlin gold project permitting is on track

DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE - ADVANCING TOWARD A CONSTRUCTION DECISION

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Federal and State agencies are working cooperatively, with day-to-day support from Donlin Gold, to efficiently move the project through the EIS and permitting processes.

## donlin gold permitting milestones

PAST HALFWAY MARK IN THE EIS PROCESS

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2013-2015 2015-2016 2012-2013 **Notice of Intent** Final EIS **Draft EIS** to Prepare EIS **Record of Decision** Scoping summary document Prepare draft final EIS Initial permit applications Submitted: 08/12 Completed: 08/13 Agency review Notice of intent Development of alternatives Publish final EIS Issued: 12/14/12 Completed: Q2/14 Record of decision Public scoping period Complete preliminary draft EIS Ended: 03/29/13 Agency review Prepare draft EIS Public comment period

# galore creek a significant copper-gold-silver asset in canada

### THE KIND OF ASSET YOU CAN BUILD A COMPANY AROUND

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M&I Resources<sup>1</sup>

Value of Contained Metal<sup>2</sup>

9 billion lbs

Grade: 0.5%

\$27 billion

gold

copper

8 million oz

Grade: 0.3 g/t

\$9.9 billion

silver

136 million oz \$2.3 billion

Grade: 5.2 g/t

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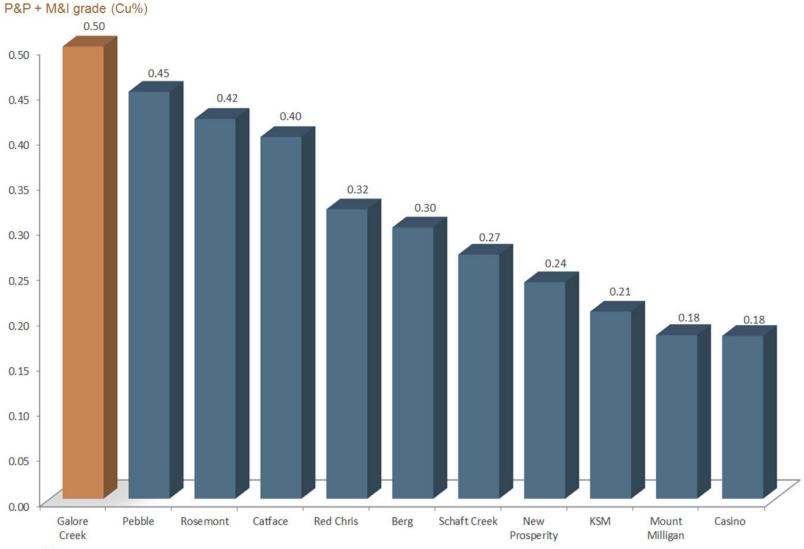
- Represents 100% of measured and indicated resources of which NOVAGOLD's share is 50%.
   Measured and indicated resources inclusive of proven and probable reserves.
- Value of contained metal in \$USD, based on metal prices as of Oct. 17, 2014 (\$3.00/lbs Cu; \$1,238.20/oz Au; \$17.27/oz Ag).

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## galore creek grade peer comparison

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### AMONG HIGHEST COPPER GRADE COMPARED TO NORTH AMERICAN ASSETS



Notes:

Data as per SNL MEG's MineSearch database, Company reports, SNL MEG estimates.

## strong balance sheet

CLEAR FOCUS BEGINS WITH STRONG FUNDING TO EXECUTE ON ALL FRONTS

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# \$171M

cash and term deposits1

sufficient cash to meet the company's financial obligations and advance the Donlin Gold project through the remaining permitting process

~\$30M

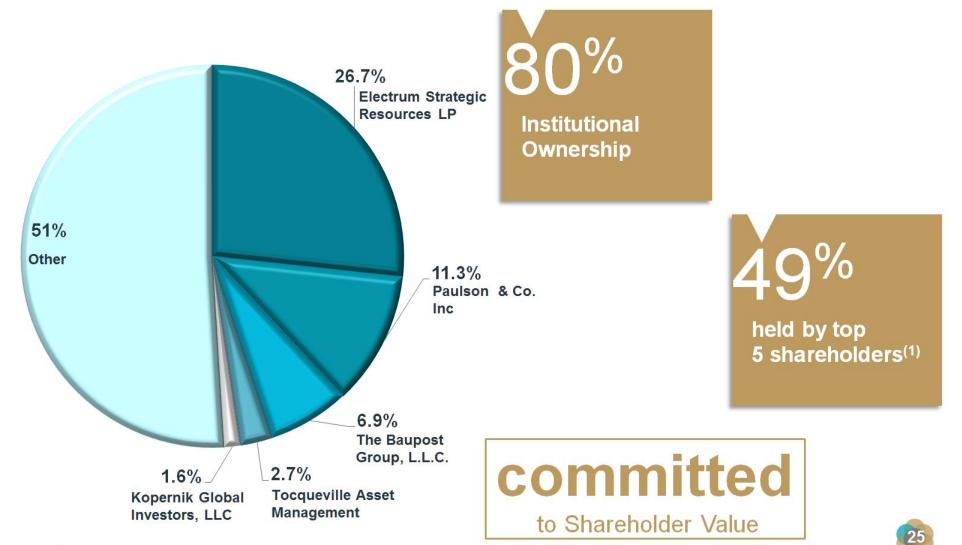
2014 budget<sup>2</sup>

- \$12M donlin gold
  - permitting, community engagement & development
- \$2.5M galore creek
  - technical studies, community-related activities
- \$15M g&a expenses, interest & working capital

# why NOVAGOLD? excellent and committed shareholder base

### BLUE CHIP INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY INVESTMENT

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## **NOVAGOLD** highlights

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Alaska and British Columbia, top-rated mining jurisdictions



### **Strong Balance Sheet:**

\$171m cash + term deposits



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focused on execution and delivery of our business plan



### **Top Tier Assets:**

Industry's leading mineral endowments



185 years experience



### **Prolific Production Profile:**

Donlin Gold expected to be one of industry's top producing assets

### **Supportive Stakeholders:**

Long standing shareholders and engaged local partners

