



Advancing the Relief Canyon Mine

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- **Q1 2016**

- Positive metallurgical test results published
- \$14.15 million gross proceeds raised

- **Q2 2016**

- Pre-feasibility level slope study initiated
- BLM Preliminary Environmental Assessment published

- **Q3 2016**

- Preliminary Economic Assessment on Relief Canyon published
- Upgraded 43-101 resource estimate and technical report published
- 2016 Drilling Program started
- Mining permit received to expand/deepen pit
- 2016 Drilling Program phase 1 results announced

- **Upcoming Catalysts**

- Consider TSX listing
- Self mining vs. contract mining decision
- Financing to positive cash flow
- Startup decision
- 2016 Drilling Program results
- Pre-feasibility study on Relief Canyon

Robust Economics¹

- Self Mining Option: Cash Cost of \$677/oz Au, AISC of \$709/oz Au, \$22MM Initial CAPEX, \$15.8MM Sustaining CAPEX, Pre-tax Net Cash Flow of \$247.6MM
- Contract Mining Option: Cash Cost of \$772/oz Au, AISC of \$804/oz Au, \$12.2MM Initial CAPEX, \$16.6MM Sustaining CAPEX, Pre-tax Net Cash Flow of \$206MM
- Average LOM production of 88,500 oz Au/year

Fully Permitted Processing Facility

- State-of-the-art ~14,000 tpd heap-leach production rated facility
- ADR plant size can accommodate future growth and process discoveries from satellite deposits
 - 3,000 gpm capacity and permitted leach pad capacity of 21 million tons

Growing Resource Base and Significant Exploration Potential

- 2016 Resource Estimate: Measured and Indicated, 778,000 oz Au, Inferred 47,500 oz Au
- Large and prospective land position with significant exploration potential
 - Over 25,000 acres of claims with only ~10% that has been explored to date
 - Located in the Pershing Gold & Silver Trend which has produced over 3.5 Moz of gold historically
- Strong potential for resource expansion, deposit geologically open to the west, east and south
- 2016 Drilling Program now underway

Low Risk, Proven Mining Jurisdiction

- Relief Canyon is located in Nevada, one of the lowest risk mining jurisdictions in the world
- Excellent access to infrastructure with processing facilities in place, and electricity and water available

Attractively Valued

- Potential for multiple re-rating as Relief Canyon approaches production
- \$230MM NPV at \$1,350/oz Au on Relief Canyon alone, PGLC trading at ~\$130MM market capitalization*
- Exploration optionality and resource growth upside not fully factored

- **Near term production from Relief Canyon**
 - Re-rating of stock as Relief Canyon moves to production
 - Leverage to gold price
- **Resource expansion**
 - Deposit is open to west, east and south
 - Drilling results indicate expansion potential
- **New discovery potential through exploration of 25,000 acre land package**
- **Strategic acquisitions and M&A activity**



ADR Plant & Carbon Columns

| Relief Canyon PEA Highlights

	Self Mining	Contract Mining
Life of Mine (“LOM”)	5.8 years	5.8 years
Average LOM production	88,500 oz Au/year	88,500 oz Au/year
Cash Cost	\$677/oz Au	\$772/oz Au
All in Sustaining Cost (“AISC”)	\$709/oz Au	\$804/oz Au
Initial Capital Expenditure (“CAPEX”)	\$22 million	\$12.2 million
Sustaining CAPEX	\$15.8 million	\$16.6 million
Pre-tax Net Present Value (“NPV”), 5%	\$189 million	\$159 million
Pre-tax Internal Rate of Return (“IRR”)	98%	125%
Pre-tax Net Cash Flow	\$247.6 million	\$206 million
LOM Strip Ratio	3.45	3.45
LOM Crush and Agglomerate	80%	80%

Decreased Risk

- Low CAPEX
- Low Cash Cost
- Low AISC
- Low Strip Ratio

Increased Upside

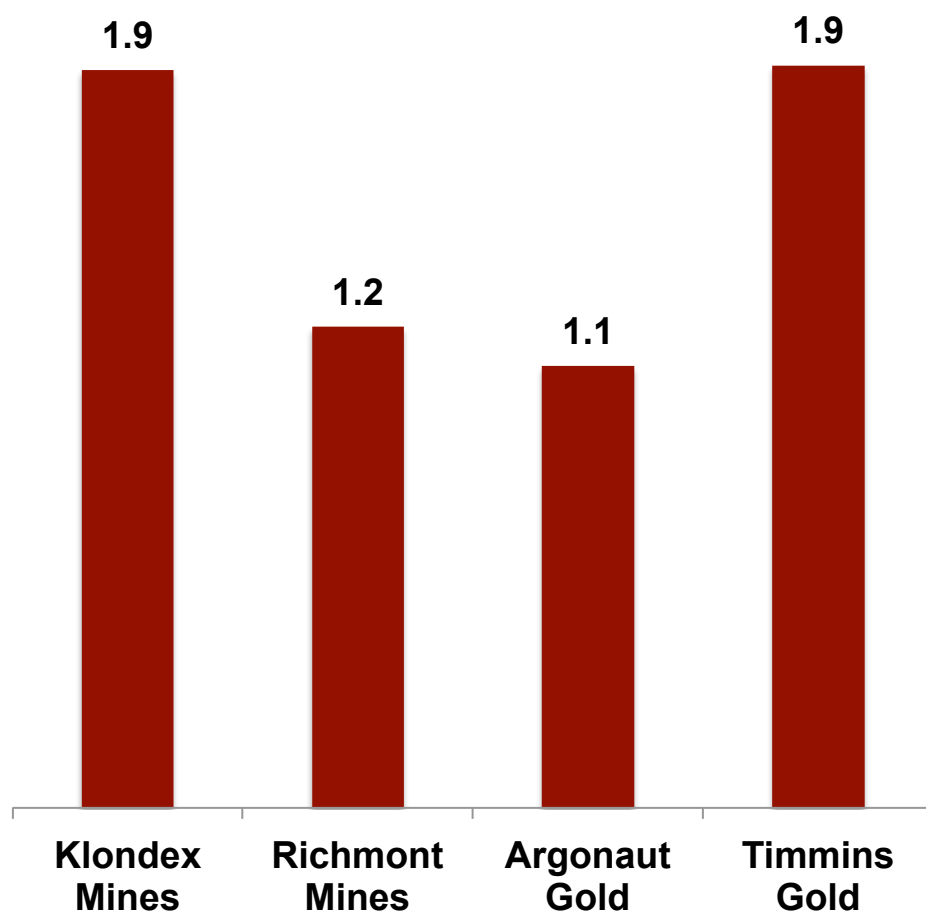
- High Leverage to Gold Price
- High NPV
- High Net Cash Flow
- High Recoveries

Gold Price / oz	Self Mining NPV, 5%	Self Mining IRR	Contract Mining NPV, 5%	Contract Mining IRR
\$1,100	\$128 million	67%	\$98 million	76%
\$1,150	\$148 million	77%	\$118 million	91%
\$1,200	\$169 million	88%	\$138 million	108%
\$1,250	\$189 million	98%	\$159 million	125%
\$1,300	\$209 million	109%	\$179 million	143%
\$1,350	\$230 million	120%	\$199 million	162%
\$1,400	\$249 million	131%	\$219 million	181%
\$1,450	\$270 million	143%	\$239 million	201%

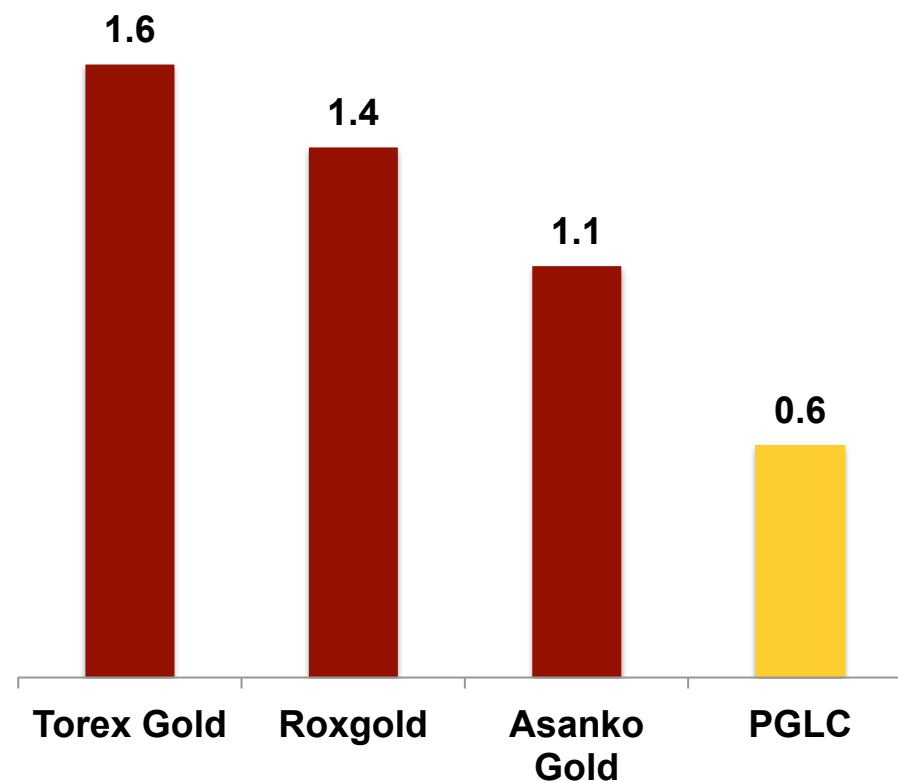
Leverage to gold price:

- Each \$50 increase in gold price creates ~\$20 million in Net Asset Value

**Producers: Ratio of
Share Price to NPV/Share**

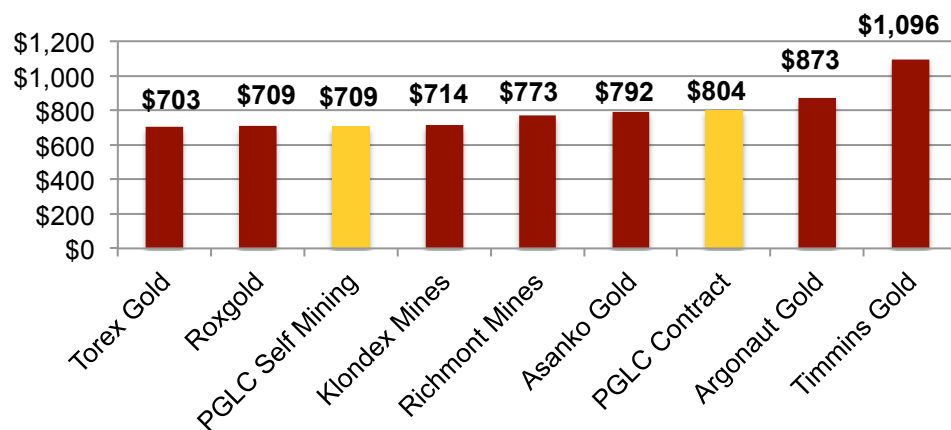


**Developers: Ratio of
Share Price to NPV/Share**

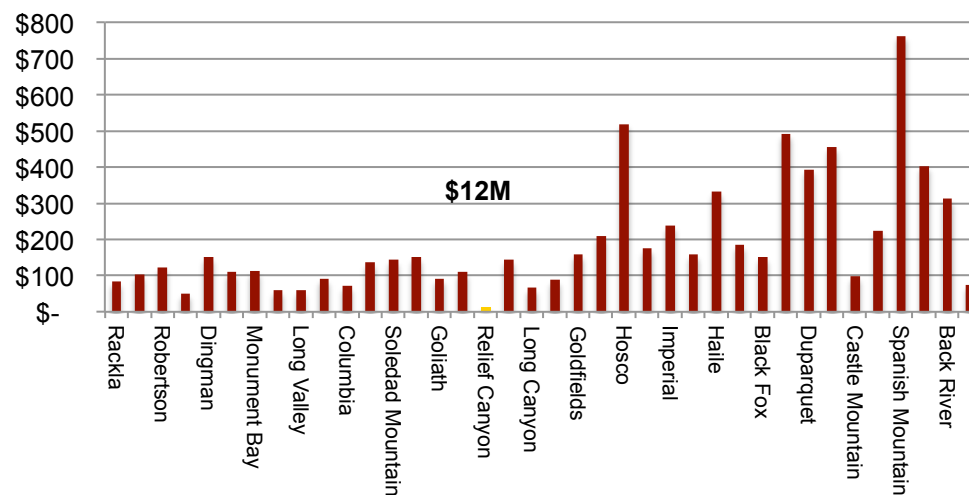


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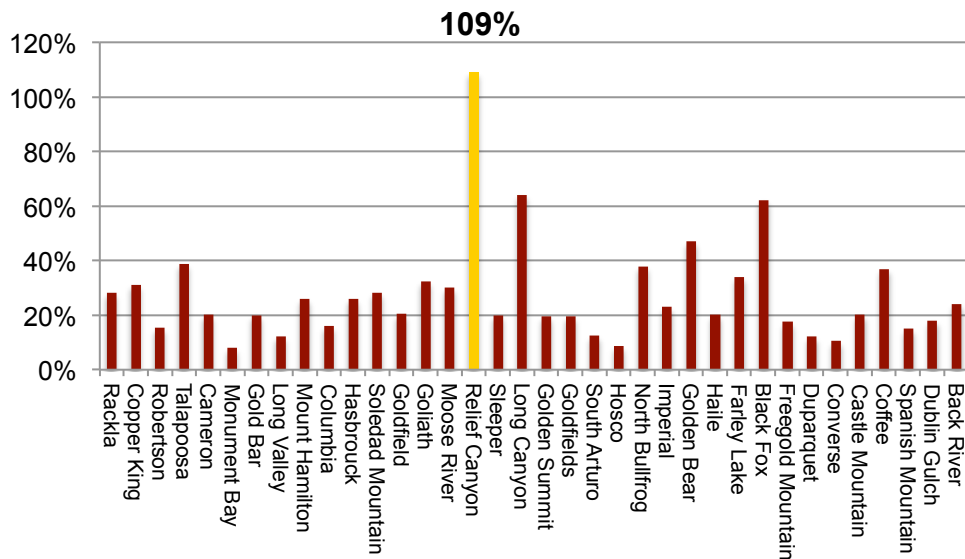
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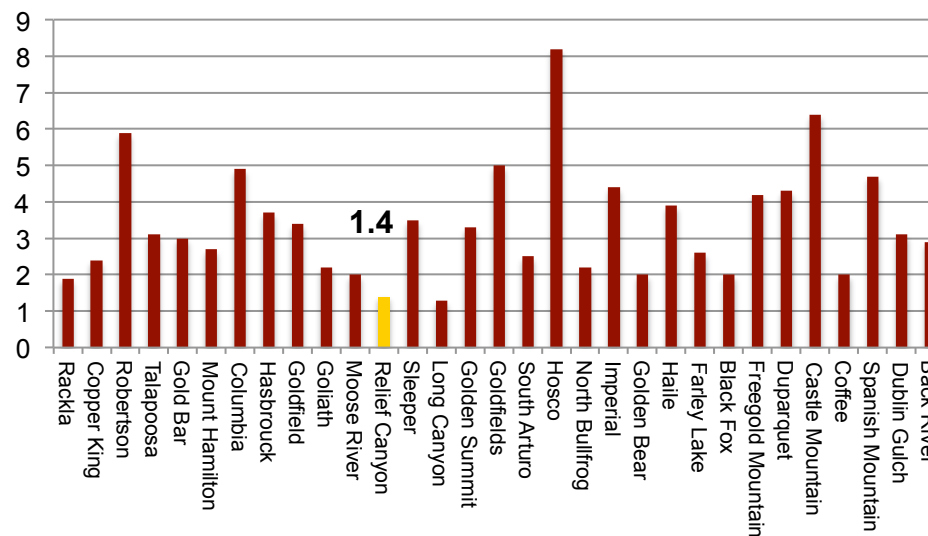
Initial Capital Expense (\$M)



Post-Tax IRR %



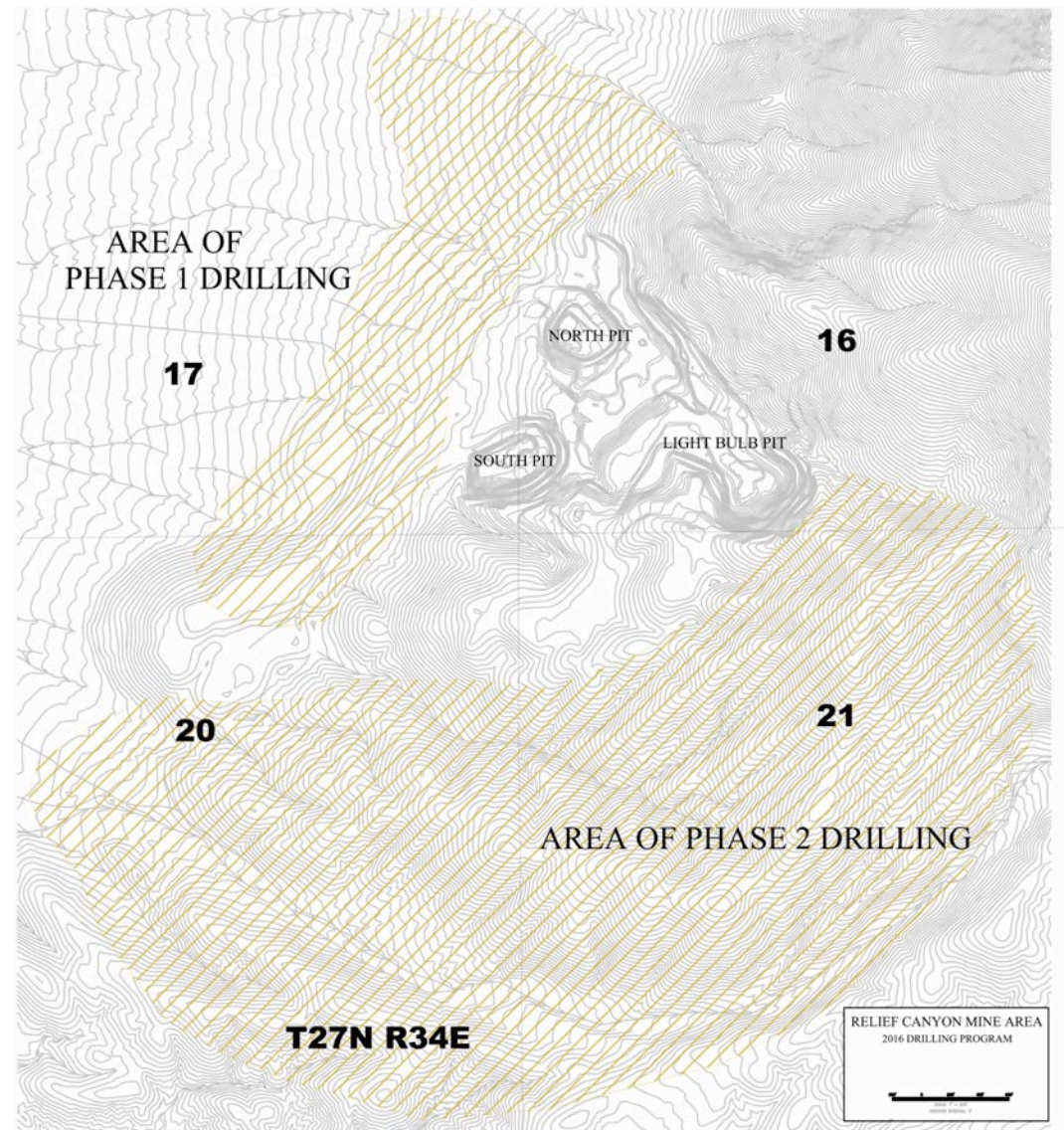
Payback Period (Years)



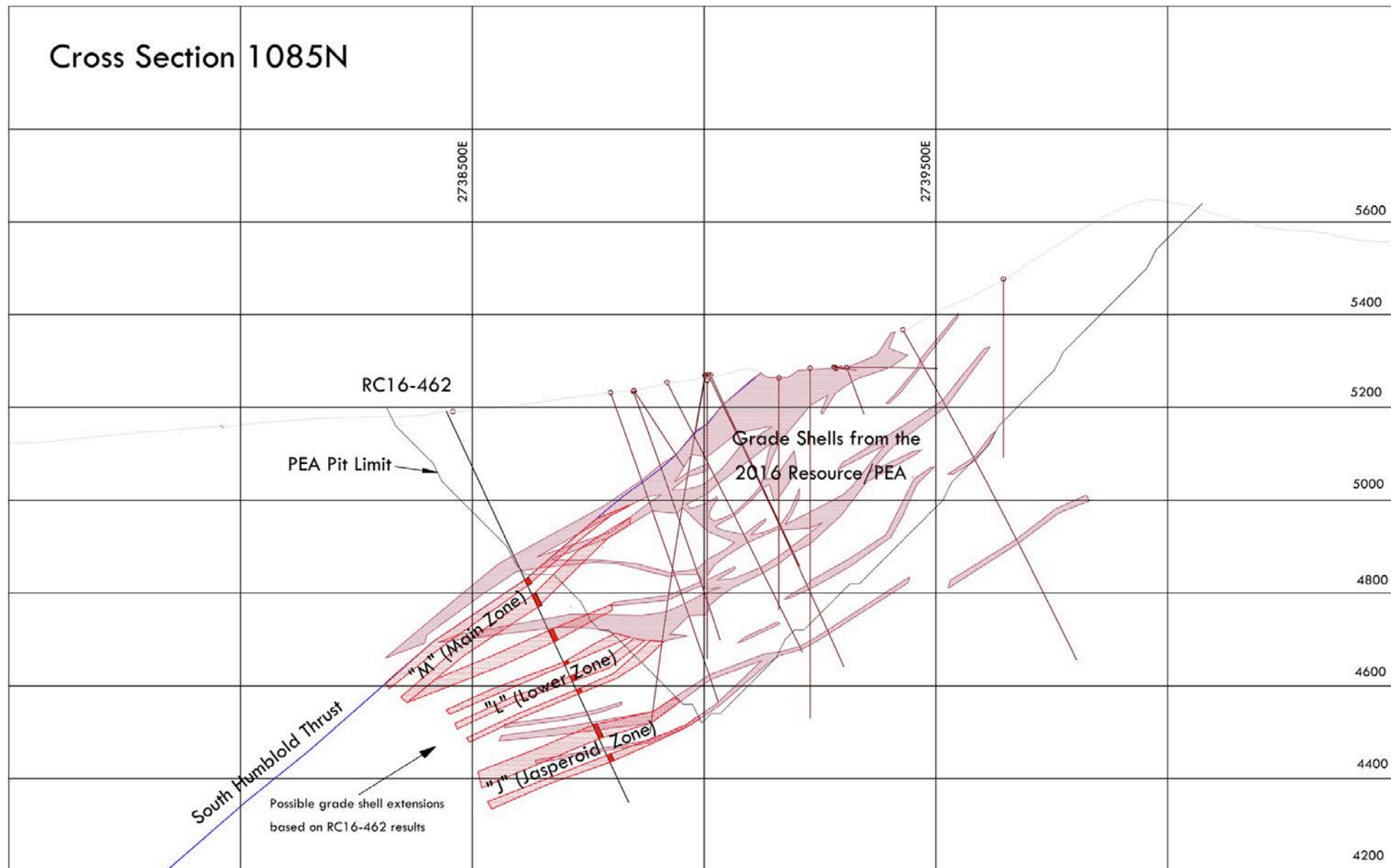
Source: BMO Gold Pages, Small Producers and Project Developers, July 15, 2016 and Relief Canyon PEA, June 2, 2016
Torex, Roxgold, Klondex, Richmond, Asanko Argonaut, Timmis assume \$1329/oz Au and \$20/oz Ag
PGLC Self Mining and Contract Mining assume \$1,250/oz Au and \$17/oz Ag
SNL US and Canadian open pit, heap leach operations with 50,000-200,000 estimated LOM average production
Relief Canyon PEA, June 2, 2016 assumes contract mining

Resource geologically open to the west, east and south

- Phase 1
 - Start mid-July
 - Focus on increasing resource and upgrading pit economics
 - Extend mineralization to west
 - ~\$1MM budget
- Phase 2
 - Start Q3 2016
 - Second core drill rig added
 - 25 holes
 - 15,000 feet
 - Test targets to the south and east of the pits
 - ~\$1MM budget



Continued Resource Expansion Expected through Additional Drilling



Capital Structure¹	
Common Shares Outstanding	26,206,570
Series E Convertible Preferred Stock²	2,725,092
Warrants	4,311,166
Warrant Terms:	
796,787 warrants - \$8.10 strike price/expire Jan 2017	
137,126 warrants - \$6.12 strike price/expire Jan 2017	
194,445 warrants - \$7.10 strike price/expire Feb 2017	
785,045 warrants - \$7.92 strike price/expire Apr 2017	
120,187 warrants - \$5.85 strike price/expire Oct 2017	
1,322,019 warrants - \$5.06 strike price/expire Aug 2018	
925,000 warrants - \$4.35 strike price/expire Sept 2018	
8,334 warrants - \$5.40 strike price/expire Nov 2018	
22,223 warrants - \$8.10 strike price/expire Mar 2022	
Restricted Stock Units³	848,765
Stock Options	1,794,453
Debt⁴	\$0MM
Cash as of 6/30/16	\$12.5MM
Insiders & Significant Shareholders⁵	52.5%
NASDAQ	PGLC

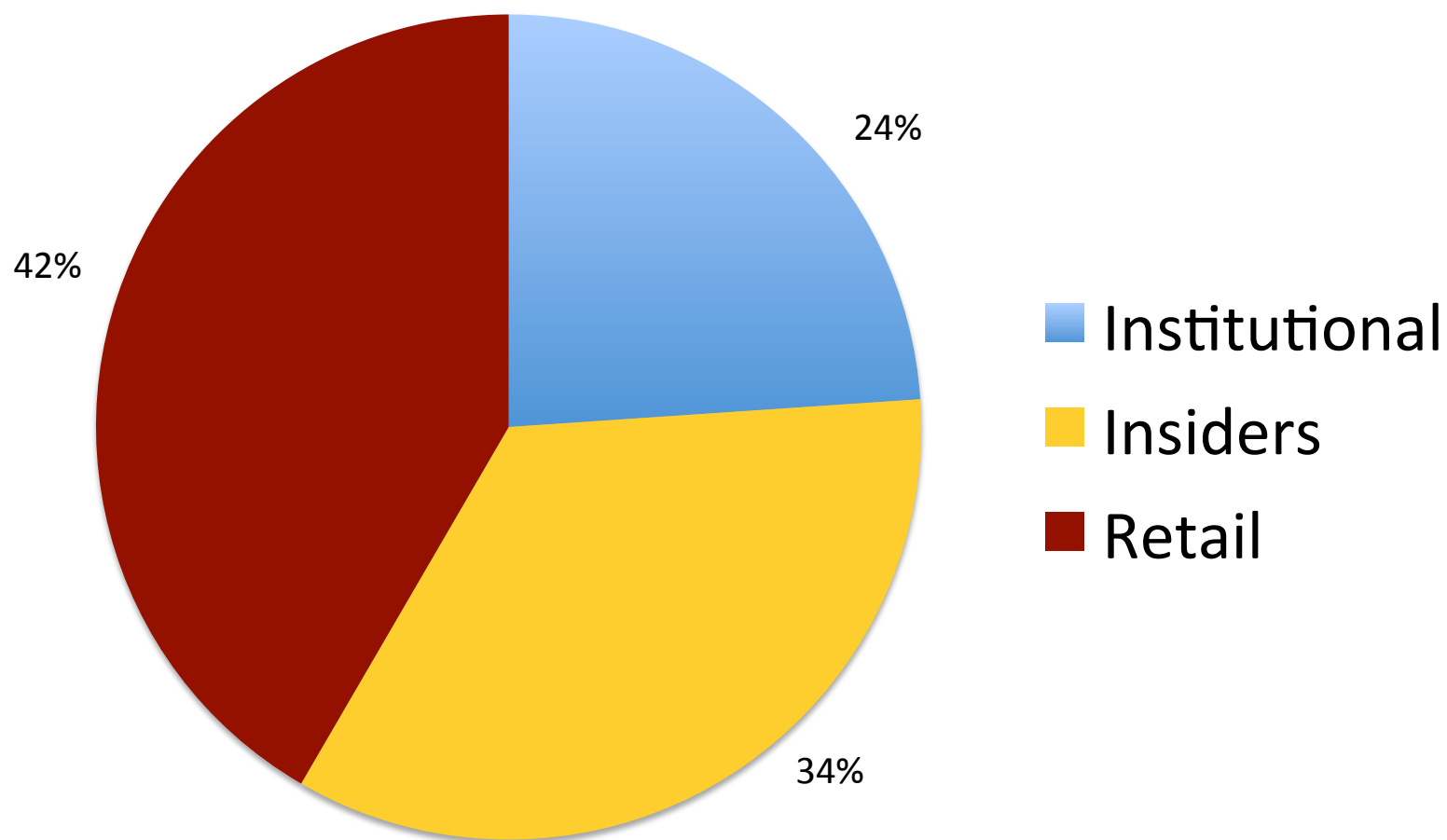
1. As of 8/23/16. Warrants have an avg. strike price of \$6.16 and avg. remaining life of 1.4 years. Options have an avg. exercise price of \$7.21.

2. Common stock resulting from conversion of Series E Preferred Stock. Series E shares pay no interest or dividends.

3. Includes 280,000 units subject to vesting upon the attainment of certain performance-based milestones.

4. As of 6/30/16.

5. Includes Barry Honig, Director, 30.5%; Donald Smith & Co., 11.2%; Levon Resources Ltd., 6.8%; Steve Alfors, CEO, 2.7%; and all other directors and officers, 1.3%. Based on total voting securities, including 2,325,129 shares of Common Stock issuable upon the conversion of Series E preferred stock.





Fully permitted processing facility with key infrastructure in place and short timeline to production

- >96% of resource is oxide
 - Amenable to heap leach processing
- Anticipating 78% crushed and agglomerated, 22% run-of-mine
 - 80% average recovery for crushed and agglomerated material
 - 60% recovery for run-of-mine processing
- Single-stage-crushing to 80% minus three inch
- Crushing plant annual capacity of 5.4 million tons



Heap leach barren solution
return tank (right)
Carbon acid wash system (left)

pershing gold | 2016 Resource Estimate

Category	Cutoff (opt Au)	Tons	Gold Grade (opt)	Gold Grade (gpt)	Total Gold (Ounces)
Measured- Oxide	0.005	13,201,000	0.024	0.82	315,000
Indicated – Oxide	0.005	24,654,000	0.017	0.58	428,000
Indicated - Sulfide	0.020	613,000	0.057	1.95	35,000
Indicated Total	<i>Variable</i>	25,267,000	0.018	0.62	463,000
Measured & Indicated Total	<i>Variable</i>	38,468,000	0.020	0.68	778,000
Inferred - Oxide	0.005	5,267,000	0.009	0.31	47,000
Inferred - Sulfide	0.020	16,000	0.029	0.99	500
Inferred Total	<i>Variable</i>	5,283,000	0.009	0.31	47,500

1. Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum definitions were used to categorize the Mineral Resource.
2. Mine Development Associates Geologist, Paul Tietz, is the qualified person responsible for this resource estimate.
3. This updated resource estimate includes the results from the ~160 core hole drilling program (~95,000 feet, ~24,000 meters) completed in 2015.
4. Rounding may cause apparent inconsistencies.
5. See Cautionary Notes on page 1.

Business Model

- Advance Relief Canyon to commercial production
- Expand and upgrade deposit through development drilling
- Explore land position to discover and develop additional gold deposits
- Create value through strategic acquisitions

Investment Highlights

- Opportunity for re-rating
- Low AISC
- Fast payback period
- Lowest Initial CAPEX among peers
- Highest Post-tax IRR among peers
- Resource expansion through drilling

Carbon Column Drawings



North Pit of Relief Canyon Mine





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