## Developing the Valentine Gold Project in Newfoundland

# MARATHON GOLD

#### Precious Metals Summit, September 11, 2019 Matt Manson, President & CEO



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# Marathon Gold: 100% Ownership of the Valentine Gold Project in Central Newfoundland

#### Large and Growing Mineral Resource

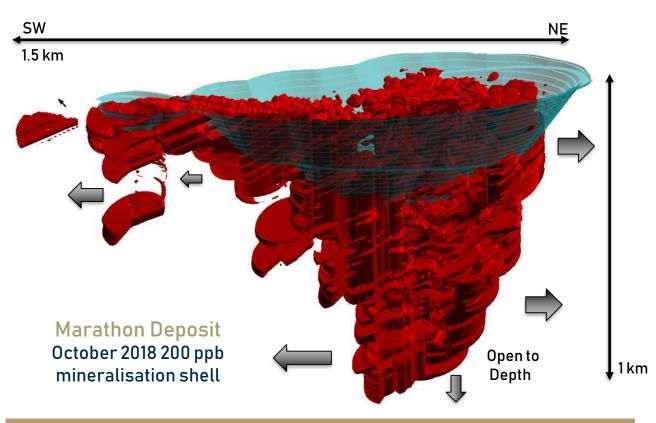
- 2,69 Moz. M&I (45.1 Mtonnes at 1.85 g/t)
- 1.53 Moz. Inferred (26.9 Mtonnes at 1.77g/t)
- Multiple deposits delineated on >20km trend

#### Robust PEA completed in October 2018

- 225,100 oz. Average Annual Production for 12 years
- 2.7 million oz. of recovered gold
- AISC US\$666 per oz.
- After-tax NPV US\$493M
- After-tax IRR 30%

#### **Development Milestones**

- Mineral Resource Update expected Q4 2019
- Preliminary Feasibility Study expected Q2 2020
- 24 month environmental assessment period begun

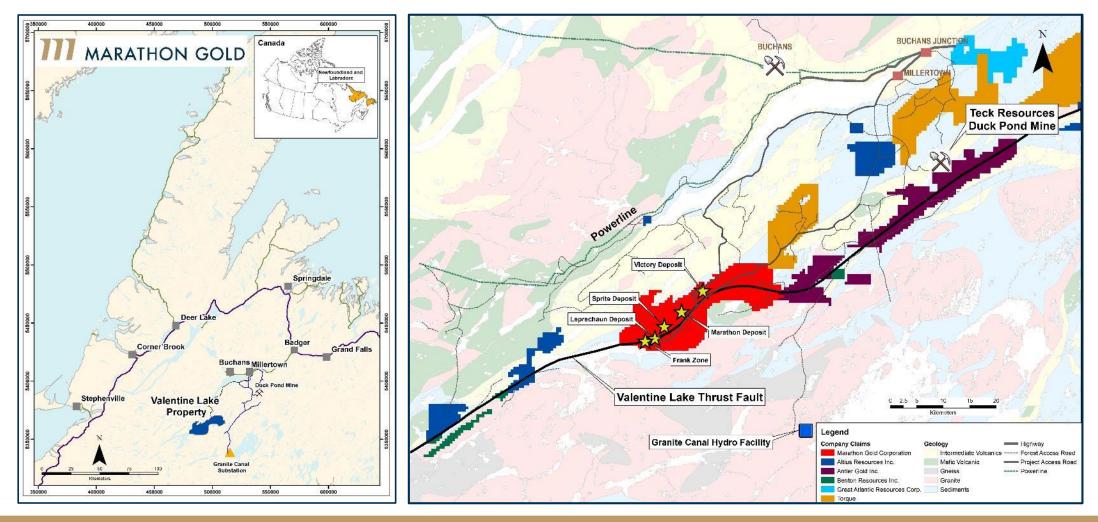


## Valentine is a large and high quality gold deposit in one of the world's leading mining jurisdictions

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### Location

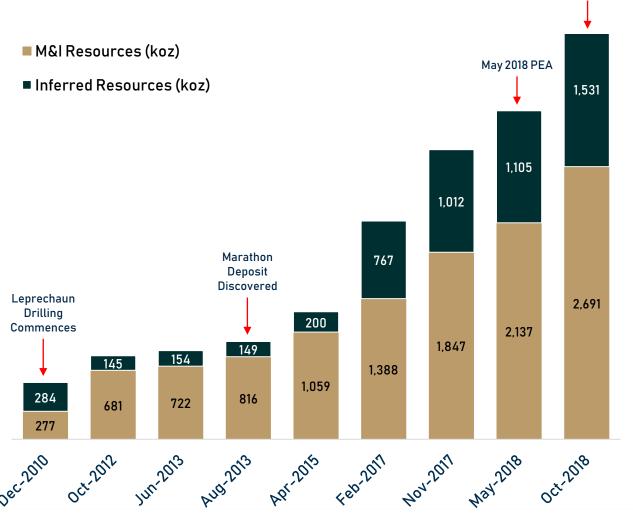
Central Newfoundland; Road Accessible; Close to Power; Mining District





# Growth of the Valentine Gold Project Mineral Resource, 2010-2018 note slide 19

- The Mineral Resource Estimate at the valentine Gold Project has grown consistently since drilling began in 2010.
- The current October 2018 Mineral Resource incorporates the results of more than 220,000 meters of drilling.
- The average cost of discovery is \$10/oz. (open pit Mineral Resources)
- 63% of the October 2018 Mineral Resource Estimate is in the Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources categories
- More than 55,000 meters of new in-fill and exploration drilling has been completed since October 2018.
- An updated Mineral Resource Estimate is expected in the fourth quarter 2019.





Readers are cautioned that the Preliminary Economic Assessment is preliminary in nature and includes Inferred Mineral Resources that are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as Mineral Reserves, and there is no certainty that the Preliminary Economic Assessment will be realized. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability

Oct 2018 PEA

# October 2018 PEA

- Open-Pit Mining at the Leprechaun and Marathon Deposits Only
- Combined CIL Mill & Plant and Heap Leach at 18,000 tpd

Production	Throughput (Mill and Heap Leach)	9,000 tpd and 9,000 tpd
	Recovered Gold Ounces	2,723,300
	Average Annual Potential Production	225,100 ounces
	Mill Grade & Recovery	2.2 g/t / 95%
	Heap Leach Grade & Recovery	0.5 g/t / 59%
	Assumed Date of Initial Production for Valuation	2023
	Mine Life	13 years

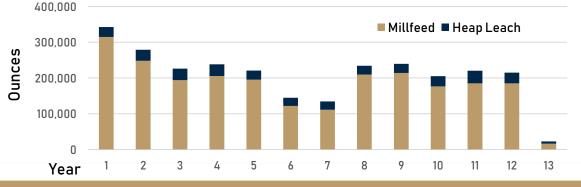
Cost	Preproduction Capital	\$355 Million (USD)
Cost	LOM Average Cash Cost	\$603 per ounce (USD)
	LOM Average AISC – All in Sustaining Costs	\$666 per ounce (USD)

	Pre-Tax NPV (5%)	\$834 Million (USD)	
	Pre-Tax IRR	44%	
	Pre-Tax Payback Period	1.7 years	
Valuation Af	After-Tax NPV (5%)	\$493 Million (USD)	
	After-Tax IRR	30%	
	After-Tax Payback Period	2.5 years	
	Gold Price	\$1,250 / oz Au	





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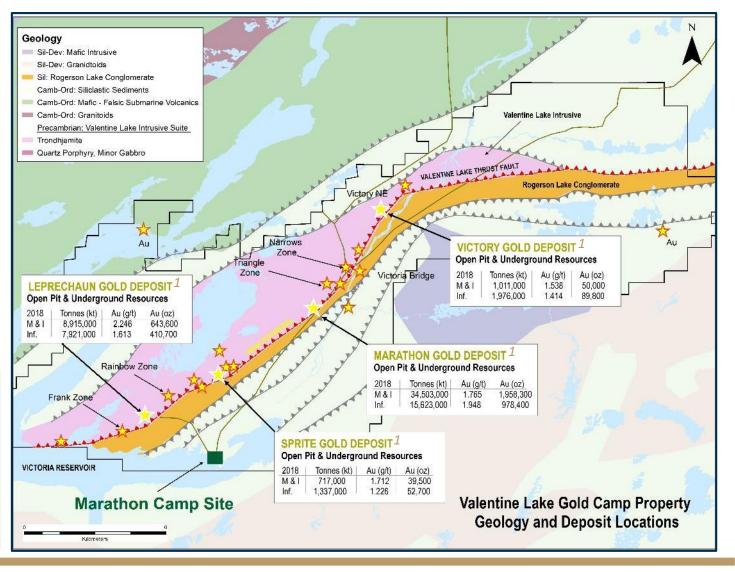
- System of Quartz-Tourmaline-Pyrite-Gold veins hosted in trondhjemite structurally emplaced against conglomerates at Victoria Lake Thrust fault.
- Consistent, sheeted vein complex drill intersected over >20km trend. Stacked, shallowly dipping veins and sheer parallel veins both present.
- Coarse and visible gold common

Exposed QTP veining at Leprechaun

*QTP-VG extension veining with tourmaline bleeding along shear fractures. Marathon Deposit discovery outcrop September 2014* 







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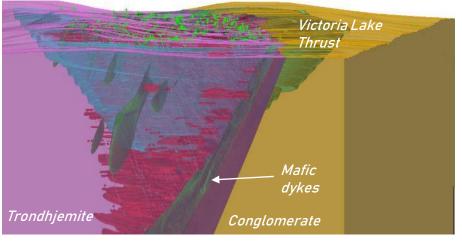
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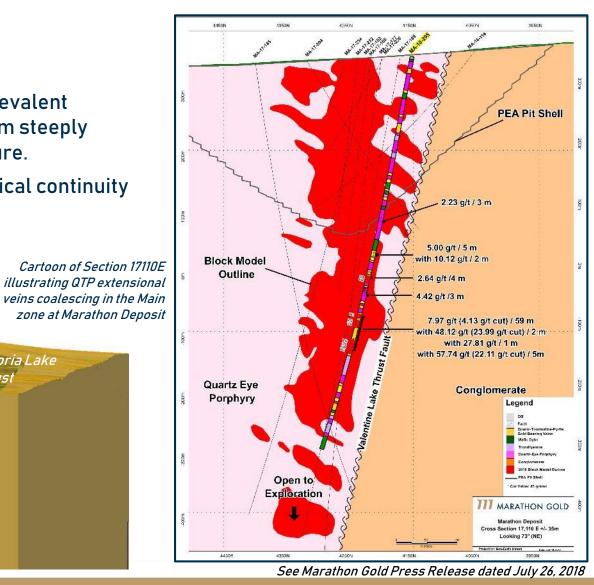
- Shallowly dipping extensional QTP vein sheet complexes are the prevalent mineralising style at Marathon and Leprechaun and coalesce to form steeply envelops ("main zones") adjacent to the controlling regional structure.
- Main zones are 30-120m true thickness and show grade and geological continuity
- Separate mineralised zones in both footwall and hangingwall
- Mineralisation is open to depth and along strike

Visible Gold in extensional QTP veining, Frank Zone



Marathon Deposit Geological Model, October 2018, with 200ppb mineralization shell in geological context

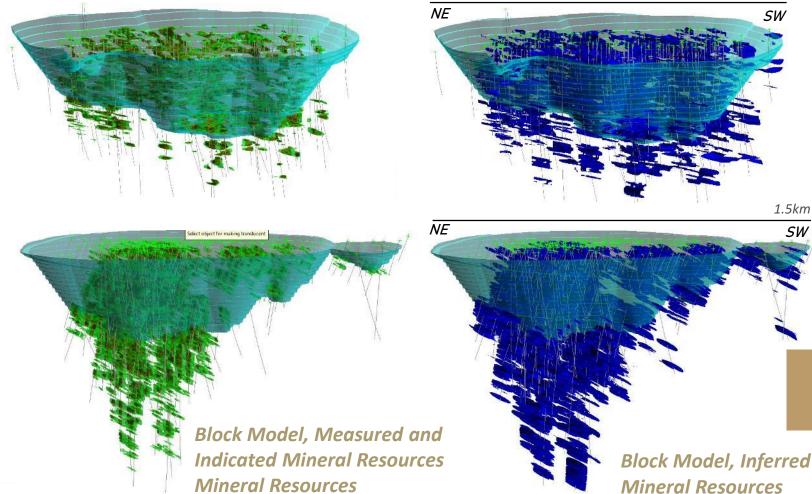




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### **October 2018 Mineral Resource Models**



#### *Leprechaun Deposit (total resource)*

- M&I of 8.9 Mt at 2.2 g/t for 0.64 Moz
- Inferred of 7.9 Mt at 1.6 g/t for 0.42 Moz
- Final pit stripping ratio of 8:1

#### Marathon Deposit (total resource)

- M&I of 34.5 Mt at 1.77 g/t for 1.96 Moz
- Inferred of 15.6 Mt at 1.9 g/t for 0.98 Moz
- Final pit stripping ratio of 5:1

More than 55,000 meters of new drilling completed since Oct 2018

# Block Model, Inferred

1km

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# **Upcoming Milestones**

#### Drilling

- Infill Drilling at Leprechaun is now complete. Infill and Exploration drilling at Marathon will continue through September
- Thereafter, two rigs will move to the Sprite Zone gap area

#### Resource

• Q4: Updated Leprechaun and Marathon Resource Update

#### **Pre-Feasibility**

- Full team, including Lead Consultant, expected to be in place by end-September
- Pre-Feasibility Study expected to take 6 months, with release early Q2 2020

#### Permitting and the Environment

- Project description filed with provincial and federal regulatory authorities in April
- Federal Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Guidelines issued in July
- Provincial Review Committee established and EIS guidelines expected by October
- EIS scheduled for completion mid-2020.
- Overall Environmental Assessment period expected to last 24 months

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## Why Marathon?

One of the Leading Gold Development Projects in North America

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- US\$493M NPV (5%), 30% IRR (post Tax)

#### **Under Development**

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- 24 month Environmental Assessment period begun Setting
- Central Newfoundland; road and power; Strong institutional support



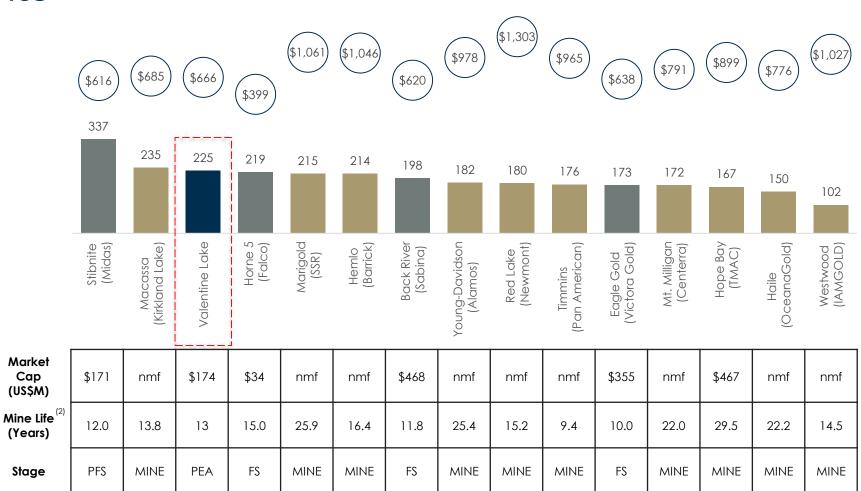
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# **Comparative Project Metrics**

**Production Profile** 

The Valentine Gold Project compares favourably with top performing gold mines and development projects in North America for potential production profile and AISC

Producing Mine (koz)<sup>(1)</sup>
 Development Project (koz)<sup>(1)</sup>
 AISC – By-Product (US\$/oz)<sup>(1)</sup>



Source: RBC Research, Company Disclosure, and S&P Capital IQ as at August 23, 2019

(1) 2019E metrics per RBC research for producing mines; LOM average metrics per most recent technical report for development projects

(2) For producing mines, mine life = M&I Resources / 2019E production; for development projects, mine life per most recent technical report



#### **Comparative Project Metrics** *Valuation*

At an enterprise value of \$38/oz versus a sector average of \$53/oz, Marathon Gold is undervalued relative to its peers based on the current Mineral Resource.



Source: Company Reports, Capital IQ as of August 23, 2019

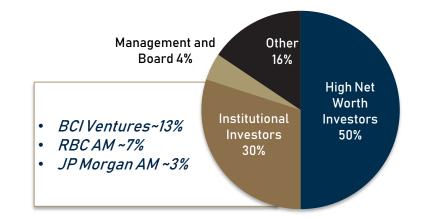


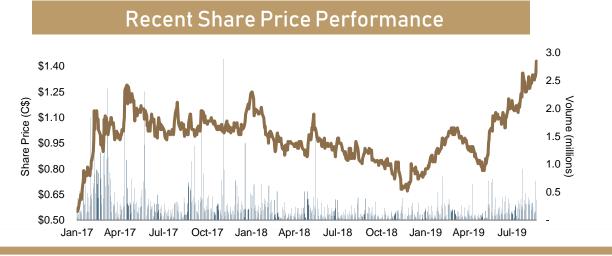
## **Balance Sheet and Capital Markets**

Balance Sheet and Share Capitalization				
\$1.43/share				
C\$1.50/C\$0.65				
161,891,202				
12,615,500				
174,506,202				
C\$232 million				
\$16 million				

Analyst Coverage					
Haywood	Mick Carew	Buy	\$2.00		
RBC	Mark Mihaljevic	Outperform	\$1.80		
Laurentian	Barry Allan	Buy	\$2.50		
NBF	John Sclodnick	Outperform	\$1.90		
Canaccord- Genuity	Erc Zaunscherb	Spec Buy	\$2.00		

**Ownership Summary** 







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