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Mr. Erich Marques, B.Sc., MAIG, Chief Geologist of Meridian Mining and a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed, and verified the technical information in this news release.



#### MERIDIAN'S PORTFOLIO OF COPPER / GOLD ASSETS

















## CABAÇAL

### Preliminary Economic Assessment:

- NPV<sub>5</sub> USD 573 M & IRR 58.4%
- Capex USD 180 M
- Payback 10.6 months
- Base Case After Tax Au \$1,650/oz, Cu \$3.59/lbs

#### PEA superior economics, driven by:

- High-grade starter pit & low Strip Ratio
- Simple processing & high metallurgical recoveries
- Sustainable low-cost hydroelectric power
- Brazil's low-cost operating environment

Preparation for next phase of permitting, engineering, and economic studies

## SANTA HELENA & 50KM VMS BELT

Low risk resource delimitation and potential for exploration upside

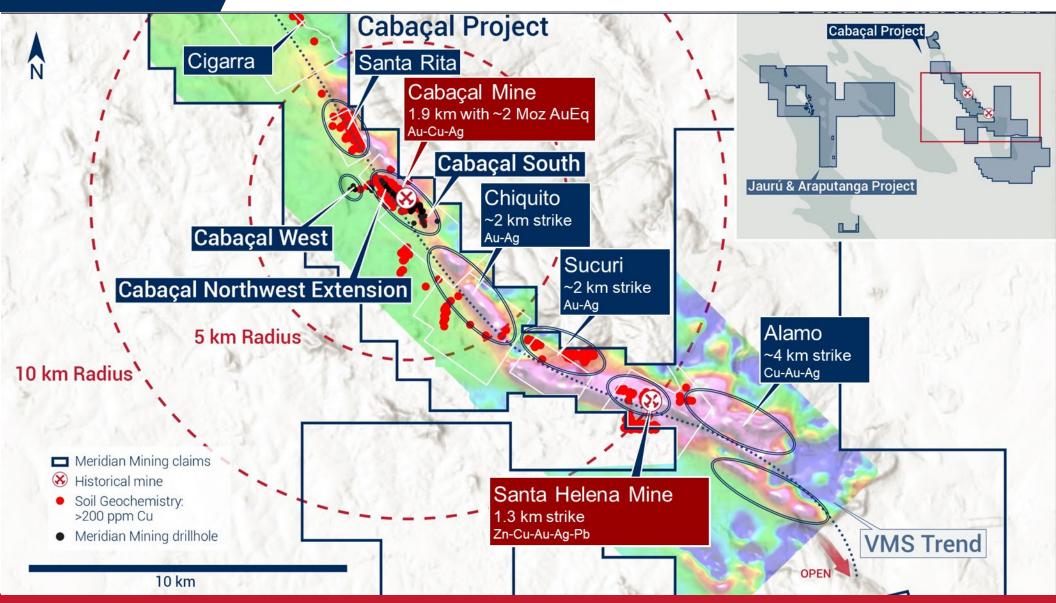
## **ESPIGÃO**

Large IOCG exploration target Comparable to Carajás and Olympic Dam



#### SYSTEMATICALLY UNLOCKING 50KM BELT SCALE POTENTIAL





#### CABAÇAL MINE PEA HIGHLIGHTS



#### PEA demonstrates an exceptional potential open-pit mining operation

|       |        |       | Copper Price |       |         |       |         |       |         |       |         |       |         |       |  |
|-------|--------|-------|--------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|--|
|       |        |       | Downside     |       | Base    |       |         |       | Spot    |       |         |       | Upside  |       |  |
|       |        |       | 3.           | 3.50  |         | 3.59  |         | 4.00  |         | 4.13  |         | 4.50  |         | 5.00  |  |
|       |        |       | NPV          | IRR   | NPV     | IRR   | NPV     | IRR   | NPV     | IRR   | NPV     | IRR   | NPV     | IRR   |  |
| Price |        | 1,550 | \$510 m      | 53.5% | \$523 m | 54.2% | \$582 m | 57.0% | \$600 m | 57.9% | \$654 m | 60.3% | \$726 m | 63.5% |  |
|       | Base   | 1,650 | \$560 m      | 57.8% | \$573 m | 58.4% | \$632 m | 61.1% | \$650 m | 62.0% | \$704 m | 64.4% | \$776 m | 67.4% |  |
|       |        | 1,750 | \$609 m      | 62.0% | \$622 m | 62.6% | \$681 m | 65.2% | \$700 m | 66.0% | \$753 m | 68.3% | \$825 m | 71.3% |  |
| Gold  | Spot   | 1,841 | \$655 m      | 65.7% | \$668 m | 66.3% | \$727 m | 68.9% | \$745 m | 69.7% | \$799 m | 71.9% | \$871 m | 74.8% |  |
| 9     |        | 1,850 | \$659 m      | 66.1% | \$672 m | 66.7% | \$731 m | 69.2% | \$750 m | 70.0% | \$803 m | 72.2% | \$875 m | 75.1% |  |
|       | Upside | 1,950 | \$709 m      | 70.1% | \$722 m | 70.7% | \$781 m | 73.1% | \$799 m | 73.9% | \$853 m | 76.0% | \$925 m | 78.9% |  |

## BASE CASE AFTER TAX NPV<sub>5</sub>- Au \$1,650 / Cu \$3.59 / Ag \$21.35

**USD 180 M** 

**Low Initial Capex** 

10.6 months
Payback After-Tax

2.5 Mtpa
Throughput Rate

USD 108 M LOM Sustaining Capex

> USD 2.9 Bn LOM Revenue

131 koz AuEq Ave. Y1-5 Production USD 671 / oz AISC (Y1-5)

**3.2** X NPV₅ to Capex Ratio

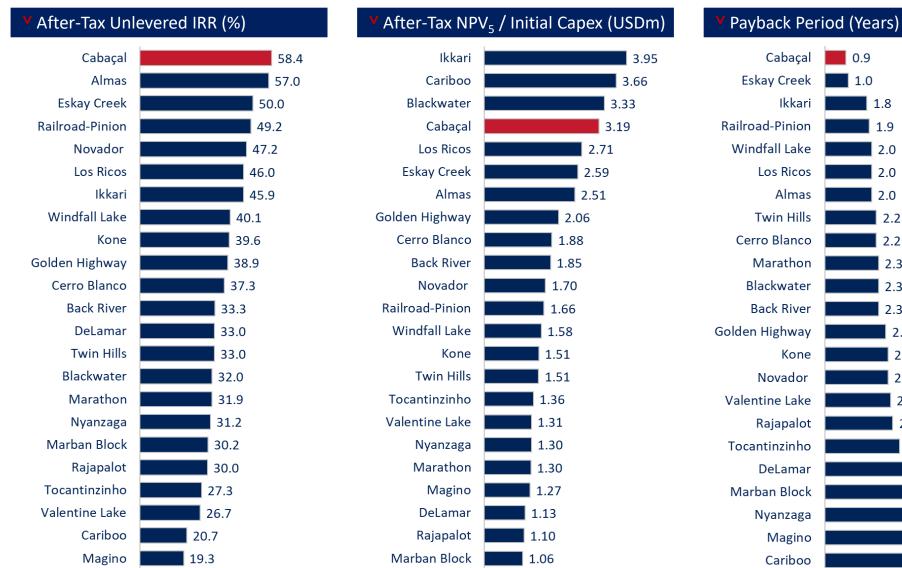
1.8 Moz AuEq
Total Production

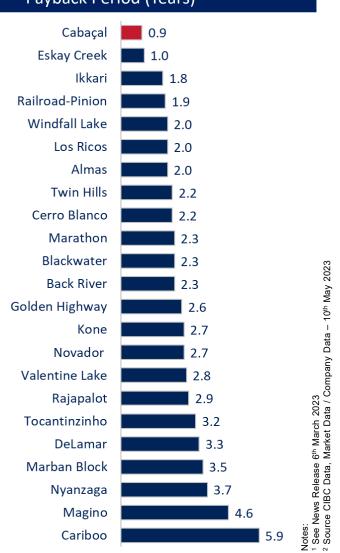
<sup>1</sup> See News Release 6<sup>th</sup> Marc

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#### CABAÇAL MINE VS RECENT GOLD PROJECT ECONOMIC STUDIES<sup>1,2</sup>



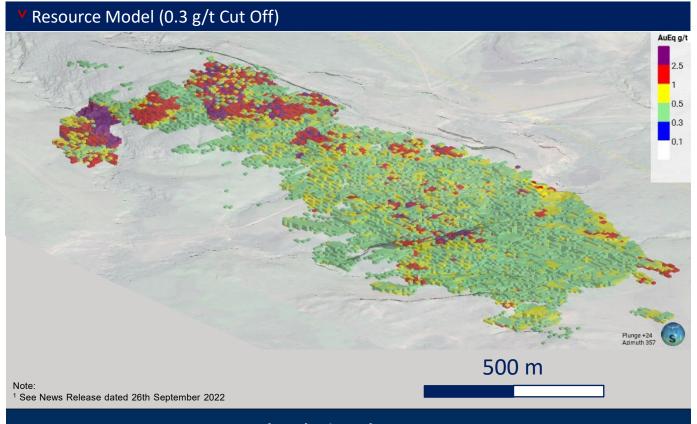




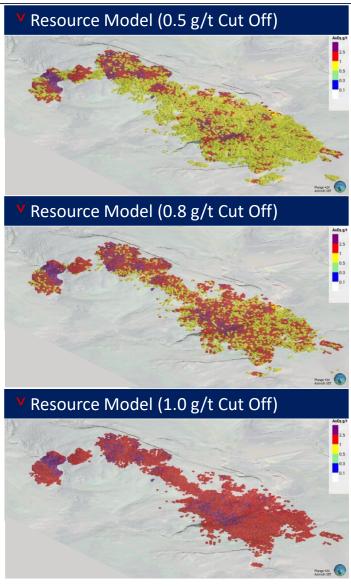


#### RESOURCE - BLOCK MODEL





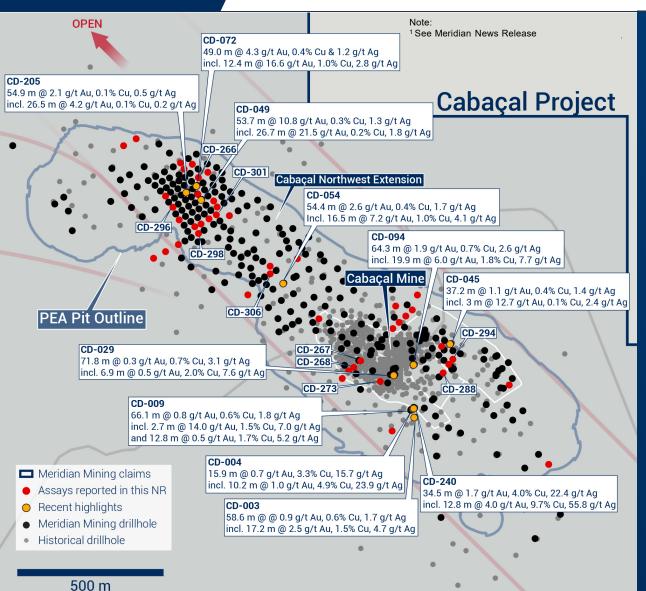
| Cabaçal Mineral Resource |      |        |      |        |             |            |       |            |              |  |
|--------------------------|------|--------|------|--------|-------------|------------|-------|------------|--------------|--|
| Category                 | Mt   | Au g/t | Cu % | Ag g/t | AuEq<br>g/t | Au<br>Mozs | Cu Kt | Ag<br>Mozs | AuEq<br>Mozs |  |
| Indicated                | 52.9 | 0.64   | 0.32 | 1.4    | 1.05        | 1.1        | 168   | 2.4        | 1.8          |  |
| Inferred                 | 10.3 | 0.68   | 0.24 | 1.1    | 0.96        | 0.2        | 24.5  | 0.4        | 0.3          |  |





#### CABAÇAL MINE HIGHER-GRADE ZONES DRIVE ECONOMICS





1st Year Mining in the Starter Pits delivering:

- Higher grade mill feed
- Year 1 production +200 koz
- Free cashflow USD 204M
- Exceptionally low strip ratio

Cabaçal near mine upside potential:

- 3 rigs drilling Cabacal's upside
- Further defining high-grade structures
- Testing up-dip potential



## Key areas for near-term upside opportunities and optimization

**PEA & Resource Update** 

**Application - Preliminary License** 

**Incorporate Santa Helena** 

Potential for high-grade feed

**Evaluating potential increase** 

Throughput rate ~3.5 - 4.5 mtpa

Mine corridor exploration upside

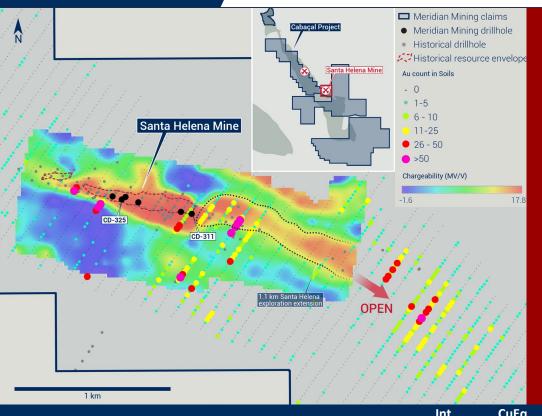
Sucuri & Alamo Cu/Au targets

<sup>1</sup> See News Release 6<sup>th</sup> March 202



#### SANTA HELENA FIRST RESULTS AND 1.1KM EXTENSION





# Initial Santa Helena drill program commenced

High-grade Cu-Au-Ag-Zn massive sulphide intercepted

Multiple new EM plates extending out from Santa Helena Mine

Untested targets for further Cu-Zn-Au-Ag zones

1.1km open exploration target extending to the East

| Hole-ID | Dip | Azi | EOH (m) | Zone      | Int<br>(m) | CuEq<br>(%) | AuEq<br>(g/t) | Cu<br>(%) | Au<br>(g/t) | Ag<br>(g/t) | Zn<br>(%) | Pb<br>(%) | From<br>(m) |
|---------|-----|-----|---------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| CD-311  | -90 | 000 | 50.0    | SHM       |            |             |               |           |             |             |           |           |             |
|         |     |     |         |           | 19.1       | 1.3         | 1.9           | 0.5       | 0.5         | 12.0        | 2.0       | 0.3       | 8.0         |
|         |     |     |         | Including | 4.9        | 4.6         | 6.8           | 1.7       | 1.6         | 43.3        | 7.6       | 0.9       | 22.2        |
|         |     |     |         |           | 3.8        | 0.3         | 0.5           | 0.0       | 0.0         | 4.9         | 1.0       | 0.4       | 33.6        |
|         |     |     |         |           | 3.9        | 0.4         | 0.5           | 0.0       | 0.1         | 6.0         | 1.0       | 0.4       | 44.0        |
| CD-325  | -90 | 000 | 46.4    | SHM       |            |             |               |           |             |             |           |           |             |
|         |     |     |         |           | 14.9       | 3.1         | 4.6           | 1.2       | 1.6         | 37.4        | 3.8       | 0.7       | 26.3        |
|         |     |     |         | Including | 6.7        | 4.3         | 6.4           | 1.6       | 2.6         | 56.9        | 5.1       | 1.0       | 27.5        |
|         |     |     |         | Including | 1.8        | 6.5         | 9.8           | 3.5       | 2.1         | 68.2        | 7.6       | 1.1       | 39.4        |



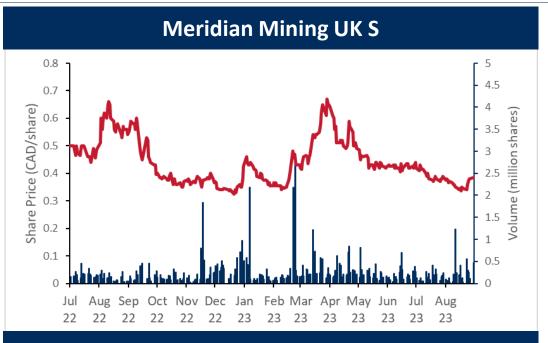
#### CORPORATE INFORMATION - MERIDIAN MINING UK S



| Corporate Structure <sup>1</sup> |                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Shares Outstanding               | 242.6 m                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Compensation Warrants            | 2.2 m<br>(CAD 0.35-0.50)      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Options                          | <b>15.1 m</b> (CAD 0.07-1.10) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fully Diluted                    | 259.9 m                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Share Price                      | CAD 0.385<br>(12 Sept 2023)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Market Capitalization            | CAD 93.4 m                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash <sup>2</sup>                | CAD 18.8 m                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Analyst Coverage                 |                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Beacon Securities</b>         | Mike Curran                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cormark Securities               | Stefan Ioannou                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Notes: <sup>1</sup> Corporate Structure as of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 unless otherwise stated. <sup>2</sup> Cash Balance as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 & includes ~USD 1.0m in Escrow per purchase agreement. 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 – Financial Reports Cash Balance & Exchange Rate 1.324 (Source - Bank of Canada)

**Craig Stanley** 



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#### MILESTONES AND CATALYSTS POST PEA



## 2022

2023

2024



Initial NI 43-101 resource



Defines ~2m oz AuEq in pit



Confirms high-grade starter zone



Top tier metallurgical results



New Gold-Silver Discovery Zone



PEA (Released)



Cabaçal infill drilling for higher grades



Testing near mine open zones



Test Multiple Resource
Development Targets



Updated Resource & PEA



Application for Preliminary License



Completion of Feasibility Study



Santa Helena First Resource



Further Validation of Exploration Upside



Achieving Social Engagement Goals

De-risking, expanding, and driving project value



# Developing the Cabaçal Au-Cu mine & exploring the belt

