



NOVAGOLD

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“The announcement of our new partner, Paulson Advisers, marks the watershed moment in our company’s ambition to unlock conscientiously the full value of Donlin Gold. For such a prescient and illustrious gold investor as John Paulson to share our belief that Donlin Gold constitutes one of the best and most jurisdictionally attractive gold development projects in the world — and indeed worthy of such an extraordinary investment — is truly catalytic for NOVAGOLD.”

Dr. Thomas S. Kaplan, NOVAGOLD’S CHAIRMAN

# CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

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Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations include failure to satisfy or waive the closing conditions to the transaction; the need to obtain additional permits and governmental approvals; the timing and likelihood of obtaining and maintaining permits necessary to construct and operate; the need for additional financing to complete an updated feasibility study and to explore and develop properties; availability of financing in the debt and capital markets; disease pandemics; uncertainties involved in the interpretation of drill results and geological tests and the estimation of reserves and resources; changes in mineral production performance, exploitation and exploration successes; changes in national and local government legislation, taxation, controls or regulations and/or changes in the administration of laws, policies and practices,

expropriation or nationalization of property and political or economic developments in the United States or Canada; development and eventual construction of the Donlin Gold property; the need for cooperation of government agencies and Native groups in the development and operation of properties; risks of construction and mining projects such as accidents, equipment breakdowns, bad weather, disease pandemics, non-compliance with environmental and permit requirements, unanticipated variation in geological structures, ore grades or recovery rates; unexpected cost increases, which could include significant increases in estimated capital and operating costs; fluctuations in metal prices and currency exchange rates; whether or when a positive construction decision will be made regarding the Donlin Gold project; and other risks and uncertainties disclosed in NOVAGOLD’s most recent reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q, particularly the “Risk Factors” sections of those reports and other documents filed by NOVAGOLD with applicable securities regulatory authorities from time to time. Copies of these filings may be obtained by visiting NOVAGOLD’s website at [www.novagold.com](http://www.novagold.com), or the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca). The forward-looking statements contained herein reflect the beliefs, opinions and projections of NOVAGOLD on the date the statements are made. NOVAGOLD assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements of beliefs, opinions, projections, or other factors, should they change, except as required by law.

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This presentation uses the terms “mineral resources”, “measured mineral resources”, “indicated mineral resources” and “inferred mineral resources”. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. You should not assume that all or any part of measured or indicated mineral resources will ever be converted into mineral reserves. Further, inferred mineral resources have a lower level of confidence than that applying to indicated mineral resources and may not be converted to mineral reserves. The SEC’s current mining disclosure rules (“S-K 1300”) are more closely aligned with current industry and global regulatory practices and standards, including National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (“NI 43-101”). NI 43-101 is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators, which established standards for all public disclosure an issuer makes of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects.

While S-K 1300 is more closely aligned with NI 43-101 than the prior SEC mining disclosure rules, there are some differences. Notably, unlike NI 43-101, S-K 1300 requires that resources be disclosed exclusive of mineral reserves, and that mineral resources and reserves be disclosed on the basis of our interest in them. The resource and reserve estimates included in the 2021 Technical Report (as defined below) and the S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary (as defined below) have been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 and S-K 1300, respectively.

Project	Qualified Person(s)	Most Recent Disclosure
Donlin Gold	Kirk Hanson, MBA, P.E. Michael Woloschuk, P.Eng. Henry Kim, P.Geo. Wood Canada Limited	“NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Donlin Gold Project, Alaska, USA” (“2021 Technical Report”) prepared by Wood Canada Limited (“Wood”), effective June 1, 2021. “S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary on the Donlin Gold Project, Alaska USA” (“S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary”) prepared by Wood, dated November 30, 2021.

Paul Chilson, P.E., who is the Manager, Mine Engineering for NOVAGOLD and a “qualified person” under NI 43-101 and S-K 1300, has approved the scientific and technical information contained in this presentation.



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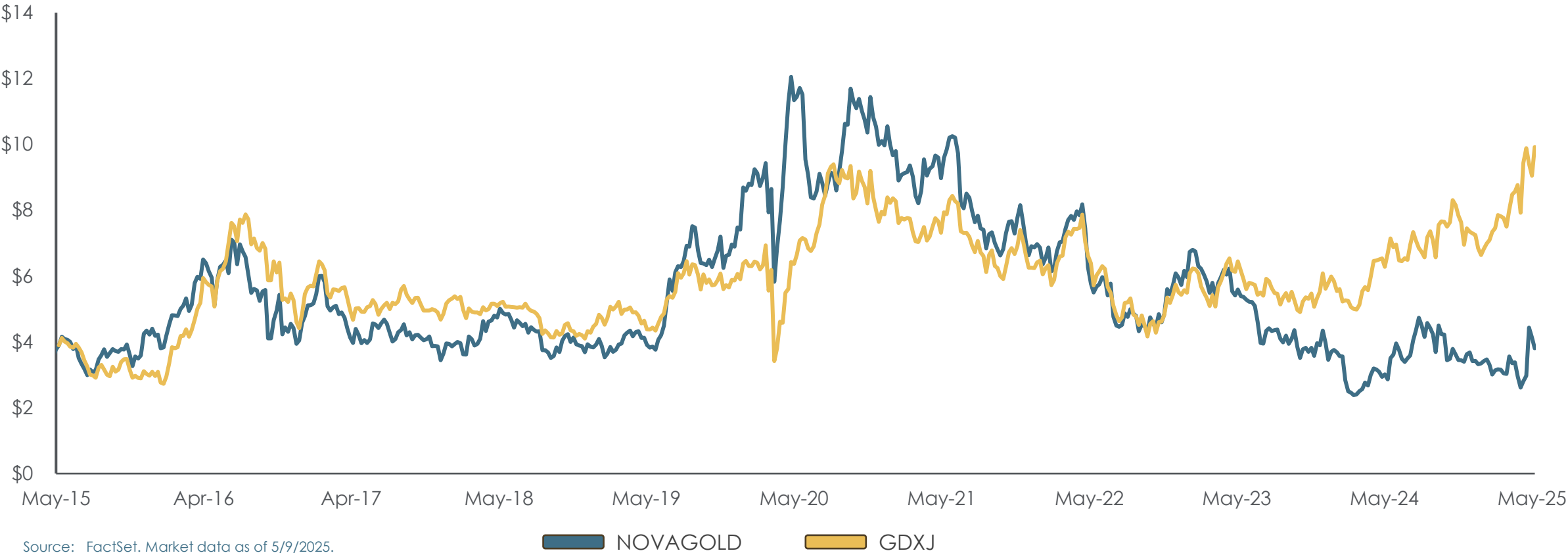




# A TRANSFORMATIONAL TRANSACTION

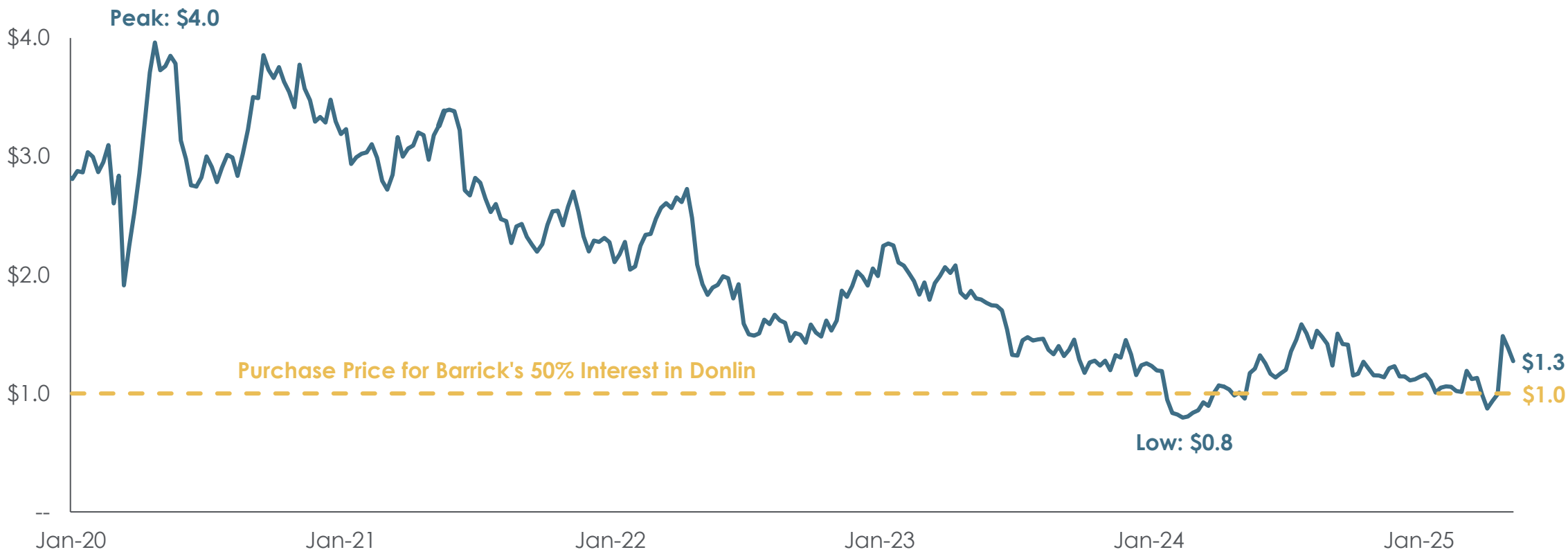
# ALIGNING PARTNER PRIORITIES

**NOVAGOLD Share Price v. Junior Gold Miners ETF (GDXJ)**  
(US\$/share, GDXJ Rebased to NG Share Price)



# THE WAIT IS OVER: THE BREAKTHROUGH TRANSACTION FOR DONLIN GOLD AND ITS STAKEHOLDERS

NOVAGOLD Market Capitalization  
(US\$ billion)



Source: FactSet. Market data as of 5/9/2025.



# NOVAGOLD AND PAULSON ADVISERS TO ACQUIRE 50% OF DONLIN GOLD FROM BARRICK GOLD IN \$1 BILLION TRANSACTION

"For myriad reasons, Paulson is quite literally the finest partner we could have hoped for. The embodiment of 'smart money', John has been recognized as having a unique ability to identify the right vehicle to execute legendary trades. John and his team's expertise and counsel will be invaluable as we work to advance Donlin Gold through feasibility, financing, and production."

**Dr. Thomas S. Kaplan, NOVAGOLD'S Chairman**

<b>PROPOSED TRANSACTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NOVAGOLD (50%) and Paulson Advisers LLC ("Paulson") to jointly acquire Barrick Gold's 50% interest in Donlin Gold LLC</li> <li>Pro Forma Donlin Gold LLC ownership: NOVAGOLD (60%) and Paulson (40%) with joint operational management</li> </ul>
<b>CONSIDERATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US\$1.0 billion in cash to Barrick Gold</li> <li>Paulson to pay US\$800 million and NOVAGOLD to pay US\$200 million</li> </ul>
<b>NOVAGOLD FINANCING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paulson, The Electrum Group ("Electrum"), and Kopernik Global Investors provided a backstop guarantee for up to US\$170 million of shares at US\$3.00/share<sup>1</sup></li> <li>In lieu of the backstop, NOVAGOLD closed its upsized public offering of 47,850,000 common shares at a price of US\$3.75 per share, and a private placement of 17,173,853 shares at the public offering price</li> <li>Gross proceeds from the upsized offering and private placement totaled US\$243.8 million</li> <li>NOVAGOLD has granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 7,177,500 additional common shares at the public offering price, less underwriting discounts and commissions</li> </ul>
<b>PROMISSORY NOTE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NOVAGOLD has the option to purchase the promissory note to Barrick for US\$90 million if purchased prior to closing, or US\$100 million if purchased within 18 months from closing</li> </ul>
<b>APPROVALS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals</li> </ul>
<b>TIMING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expected to close late in Q2 or early Q3 2025</li> </ul>

## DONLIN GOLD IS SIMPLY UNIQUE IN THE GLOBAL GOLD SPACE IN ITS RARE COMBINATION OF KEY ATTRIBUTES:

### Production Profile

Potential to produce **1.1 Moz annually over 27 years<sup>1</sup>** at cash costs in the lower half of the industry's cost range

### High-Grade at Scale

**39 Moz** gold contained in measured and indicated mineral resources<sup>2</sup> at **2.24 g/t** gold<sup>3</sup>

### Exploration Upside

**Exploration** potential on strike, at depth, and within the district

### Jurisdictional Safety

**Alaska** is a world-leading mining jurisdiction<sup>4</sup> with a well-established tradition of responsible mining

### Partnerships

Project located on private land owned by two **Native Corporation partners**

### Permitting

**Federal permits are in hand<sup>5</sup>** and outstanding state permitting is on-track

### Commitment to ESG

**Ecological stewardship**, the well-being of **our people and communities**, and **good governance**

### Experienced Team

New partnership leverages Paulson's **gold expertise** with NOVAGOLD's **mine building capabilities**

### Shareholder Support

Strong support from **dedicated, long-term** institutional investors

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# ABOUT PAULSON

- Founded by John Paulson, it's a private global investment advisory firm headquartered in Palm Beach, Florida
- Proven talent in seeing the "Big Trade" and identifying the right vehicles with which to leverage those convictions
- One of NOVAGOLD's longest-standing and most engaged investors – as well as second largest shareholder (27,238,061 shares)
- A successful track record of investments in the gold space – ranging from gold mine developers to major gold producers

"Donlin Gold is one of the most attractive undeveloped gold projects in the world. With 39 million ounces of gold at double the industry average grade, and an optimal location in the prime jurisdiction of Alaska — already the second largest gold-producing state in the United States — we believe that the project could create value for decades to come. Enjoying excellent social license and formidable exploration upside potential to significantly expand its resources and production profile, Donlin Gold constitutes a superb opportunity for us to gain leverage to gold in the United States. Together with Donlin Gold's partners, Calista and TKC, we are dedicated to responsibly advance the Donlin Gold project."

**John Paulson**  
**April 22, 2025**

## Select Gold Mining Investments

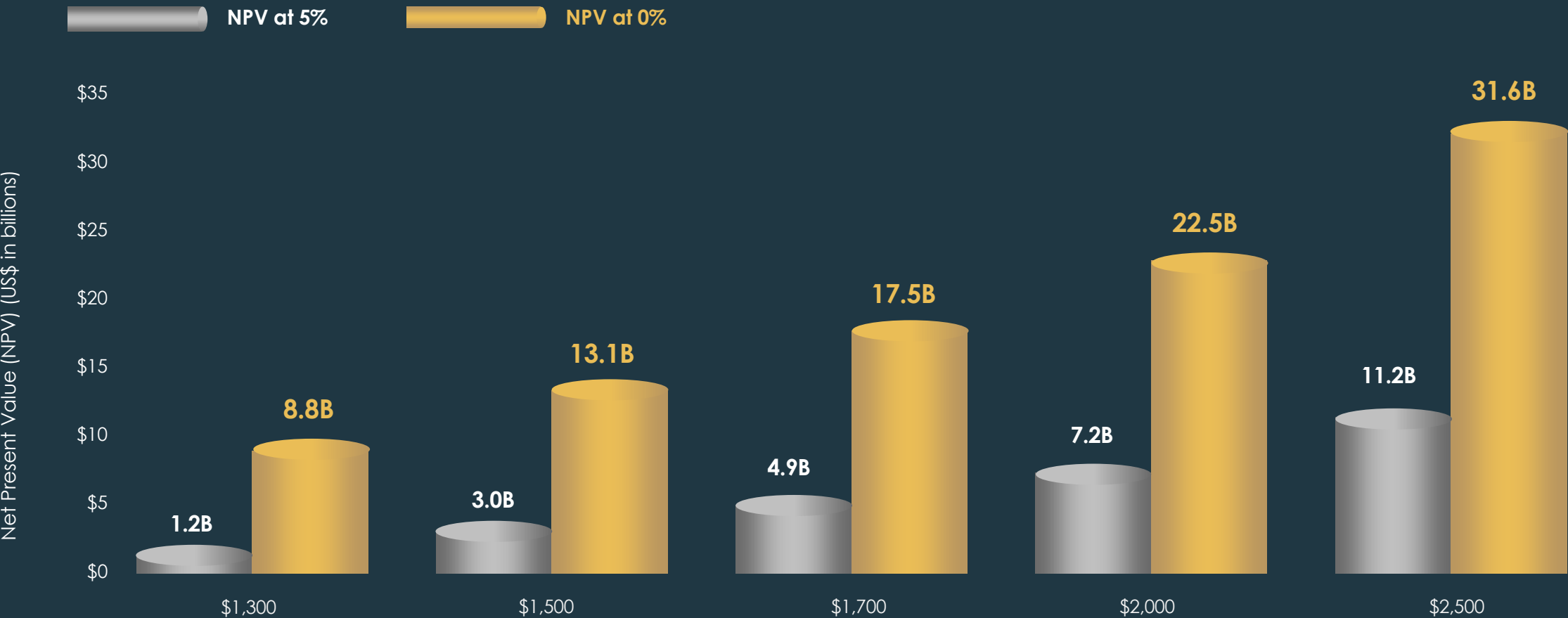


**DETOUR GOLD**





# EXTRAORDINARY LEVERAGE TO GOLD IN A JURISDICTION WHERE ONE CAN KEEP THE FRUITS OF THAT LEVERAGE



Operating and capital costs per Donlin Gold 2021 Technical Report and S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary not adjusted for inflation

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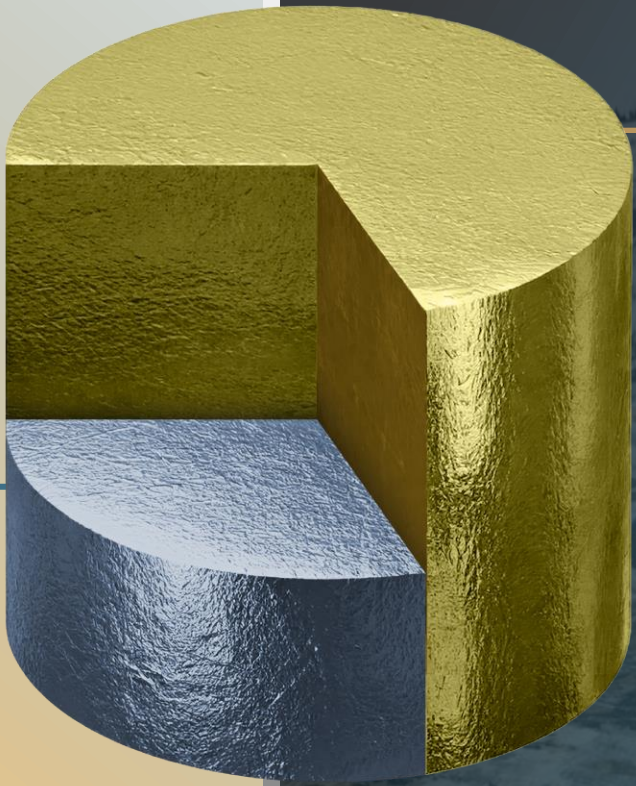
# STRONG INSTITUTIONAL SHAREHOLDER BASE

The 10 largest shareholders hold nearly 70% of shares issued and outstanding<sup>1</sup>

33.1%

ALL OTHER SHAREHOLDERS

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Common shares issued & outstanding<sup>2</sup>: 334,646,571  
Options<sup>2</sup>: 8,258,700  
PSUs<sup>2</sup>: 1,225,100  
DSUs<sup>2</sup>: 307,555  
Warrants<sup>2</sup>: None



66.9%<sup>3</sup>

TOP 10 SHAREHOLDERS

- 25.4% Electrum Strategic Resources LP & affiliates
- 8.1% Paulson Advisers LLC
- 6.2% Lingotto Investment Management LLP
- 5.4% First Eagle Investment Management, L.L.C.
- 5.4% BlackRock Inc.
- 5.1% Kopernik Global Investors
- 3.6% Fidelity Management & Research
- 3.2% The Vanguard Group, Inc.
- 2.4% Pictet & Cie (Europe)
- 2.1% Van Eck Associates Corporation

## OVERSUBSCRIBED OFFERING UPSIZED TO \$244M WITH MAJORITY PARTICIPATION FROM NEW, HIGH-QUALITY INVESTORS

ISSUER	NOVAGOLD Resources Inc
LISTING / TICKER	TSX: NG NYSE American: NG
OFFERING SIZE	47.9 million shares (100% Primary)
OVERALLOTMENT	15% (100% Primary)
CONCURRENT PRIVATE PLACEMENT	The company completed a private placement of 17.2 million common shares to certain of its major shareholders at the public offering price
USE OF PROCEEDS	M&A and General Corporate Purposes (including updating the Feasibility Study)
LOCK UP PERIOD	90 Days for NG, Officers and Directors, The Electrum Group, Paulson Advisers LLC, and Kopernik Global Investors
CLOSING DATE	May 9, 2025
ACTIVE BOOKRUNNERS	Citi, RBC, BMO, Canaccord
PASSIVE BOOKRUNNERS	NBF, Scotiabank, Morgan Stanley

# A CATALYTIC TRANSACTION RETURNING NOVAGOLD TO ESCAPE VELOCITY WITH THE PERFECTLY ALIGNED PARTNER

Backdrop	Underlying gold price fundamentals are stronger than ever
Catalysts	Post transaction close, under the direction of the new co-owners, <b>investors can look forward to a dynamic and sustained narrative of progress, with the following action items expected:</b>
✓	Commence workstreams to update the Feasibility Study, including assembling a specially dedicated team to advance the efforts
✓	Shift the drill program to the conversion and future expansion of reserves and resources
✓	Enhance the social license and community outreach initiatives with partners and landowners, Calista Corporation (“Calista”) and The Kuskokwim Corporation (“TKC”)
✓	Advance technical work and engineering designs
✓	Obtain remaining state permit
✓	Maintain existing federal and state permits in good standing



A man wearing a white hard hat with 'DONLIN GOLD' on it, safety glasses, and a high-visibility orange and grey hoodie stands next to a dark-colored truck. The truck has 'GER' and 'TRAIL BOSS' written on its side. The background is a blurred outdoor mining site. On the left side of the image, there is a decorative pattern of overlapping triangles in shades of blue and grey.

# BRINGING THE STORY TO LIFE – OUR PATH FORWARD

## PRODUCTION PROFILE

# POSITIONED TO BECOME A MILLION-OUNCE GOLD PRODUCER

Anticipated to be one of the highest  
annual gold producers in the Americas

Select gold-focused  
development projects in  
the Americas as shown in  
the accompanying chart



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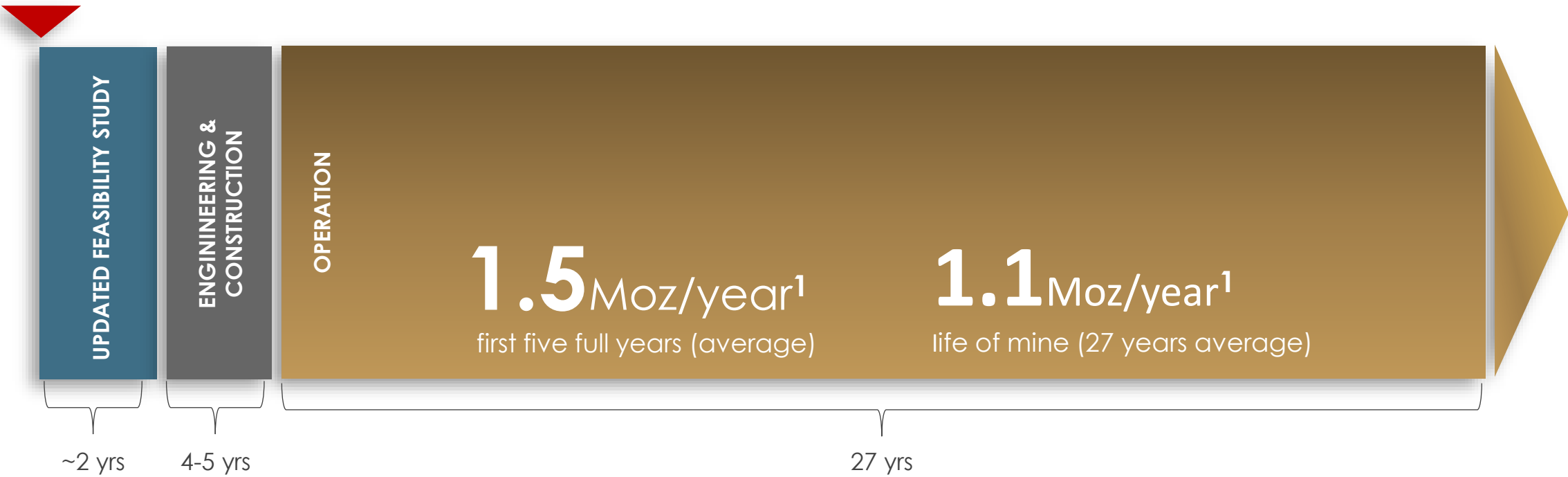
## Projected Annual Gold Production (Moz)

Select North and South American Gold Development Projects



# SIZE MATTERS: EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VALUE CREATION FOR DECADES TO COME

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# GRADE IS KING: DONLIN GOLD HAS MORE THAN DOUBLE THE GLOBAL AVERAGE GOLD GRADE

NOVAGOLD's Donlin Gold project is anticipated to be one of the highest grade gold producers in the industry, with **39 Moz<sup>1</sup>** in measured and indicated resources.

Global  
Average  
Grade  
**1.03 g/t<sup>2</sup>**

Donlin Gold  
Average  
Grade  
**2.24 g/t<sup>3</sup>**

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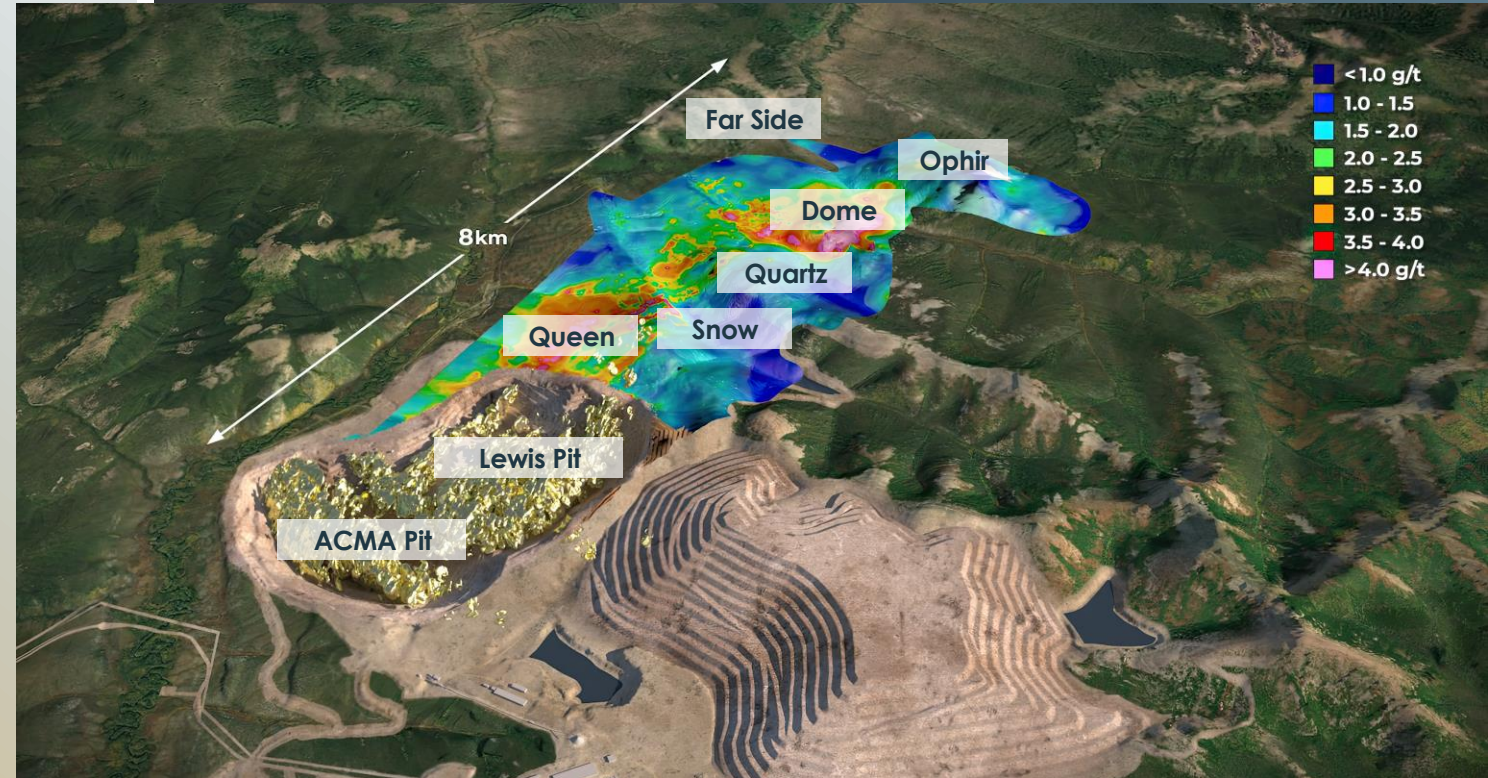
## MORE TO COME: EXCELLENT EXPLORATION POTENTIAL TO ADD VALUE – AND VALUATION – BY EXPANDING CURRENT RESOURCES

The next big gold discovery could be at Donlin Gold

- A total of 39 Moz<sup>1</sup> (100% basis) have been defined in the ACMA and Lewis pits with approximately 1,400 drillholes totaling more than 339 km
- Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources are contained in the ACMA and Lewis pits occupying only 3 km of an 8 km mineralized belt, which itself is located on less than 5% of Donlin Gold's total mineral land package

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Extensive exploration potential remains at depth in the pits and along strike from Queen to Ophir

# LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION ALASKA: WORLD-LEADING MINING JURISDICTION

- Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential (President's Executive Order No. 14153)<sup>1</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest gold-producing state in the U.S.<sup>2</sup>
- \$4.5B value of annual non-fuel mineral production in Alaska (6<sup>th</sup> highest in U.S.)<sup>3</sup>
- \$1.1B spend on goods and services by the mining industry with 450+ Alaska businesses<sup>4</sup>
- 11,800 total direct and indirect jobs attributed to Alaska mining industry<sup>4</sup>
- Alaska ranks 13<sup>th</sup> best out of 117 mining jurisdictions on the Global Investment Risk Index. One of only 13 mining jurisdictions to receive a AA rating in 2024 (No AAA ratings awarded)<sup>5</sup>

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Donlin Gold is one of Alaska's “most important and necessary economic development projects.”

2024 joint amicus brief filed by U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan and then U.S. Representative Mary Peltola





## LONG-STANDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS

A generational opportunity

### Calista Corporation:

- Calista board selected the land for resource development through the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971
- Generate employment opportunities and economic benefits for Calista shareholders
- Leased the property to Donlin Gold for development to benefit shareholders
- Exploration and mining lease
- Hiring preference: shareholders, spouses, and descendants
- Bidder's preference for subsidiaries
- Contributions to scholarship program



**ANDREW GUY,**  
PRESIDENT & CEO



Donlin Gold is located on private land which was designated by law for mining activities five decades ago, and owned by Native Corporations

### The Kuskokwim Corporation:

- Surface Use Agreement
- Contributions to Kuskokwim Educational Foundation scholarship
- Hiring preference: shareholders, spouses, and descendants
- Bidder's preference for subsidiaries
- Agreement on construction and operation of Jungjuk port
- Oversight during mine closure and reclamation



**ANDREA GUSTY,**  
PRESIDENT & CEO



# KEY FEDERAL PERMITS FOR DONLIN GOLD ARE IN HAND, FINAL STATE PERMITTING IS ON-TRACK FOR COMPLETION

Federal Permitting Completed	State Permitting Completed
✓ Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) <sup>1</sup>	✓ Air Quality
✓ Joint Record of Decision (ROD) by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) <sup>1</sup>	✓ Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
✓ Section 10/404 (wetlands) permit and BLM Offer to Lease for pipeline <sup>1</sup>	✓ Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification <sup>1</sup>
✓ Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration	✓ Reclamation Plan
	✓ Title 16 Fish Habitat
	✓ Waste Management
	✓ Pipeline Right-of-Way <sup>1</sup>
	✓ Land leases, easements, and use agreements (non-pipeline)
	✓ Water Rights <sup>1</sup>
	✓ Public Right-of-Way re-locations in mine area and along access road
State Permitting On-track	
✓ Dam safety (multi-year commitment)	
✓ Submitted preliminary design packages as next step in State approval process	

Permitting is a thorough, extensive and inclusive undertaking with the Federal and State agencies, Native Corporation partners and the local communities, and that includes broad outreach in Alaska and Washington, D.C.



# STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY

## CALISTA CORPORATION

*"This land has been stewarded by the Alaska Native people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim region since time immemorial and Calista continues to be engaged in all aspects of the Donlin Gold project. Donlin Gold represents a most valuable resource and a commitment to responsible development that honors the land and the legacy of our Elders and ancestors. We strongly welcome Paulson as a new partner — together we can create a future that respects our heritage while embracing economic opportunities."*

Andrew Guy, Calista's President and CEO

## COMMUNITIES

Protection of community health, traditions, and fostering positive relationships

## ENVIRONMENT

Commitment to responsible mining, ecological stewardship, and minimizing environmental impacts



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Strong corporate governance, ethical conduct, and accountability at all levels

## THE KUSKOKWIM CORPORATION

*"TKC's priorities have always been clear: support our Shareholders and protect our land. We support resource development when it can be done responsibly — aligned with our values of sustainability, community investment, and respect for traditional ways of life. The advancement of the Donlin Gold project represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity. Like all development, it must be guided by our obligation to steward the land — ensuring today's opportunities do not compromise tomorrow's."*

*We trust our project partners—and TKC's direct involvement—to help ensure the project moves forward with environmental protection as a top priority. We remain focused on approaching the Donlin Gold project with care and foresight—so that economic progress is balanced with our subsistence way of life and the integrity of our homeland."*




Andrea Gusty, TKC's President and CEO

## HEALTH & SAFETY

Prioritizing the safety and well-being of employees at all times

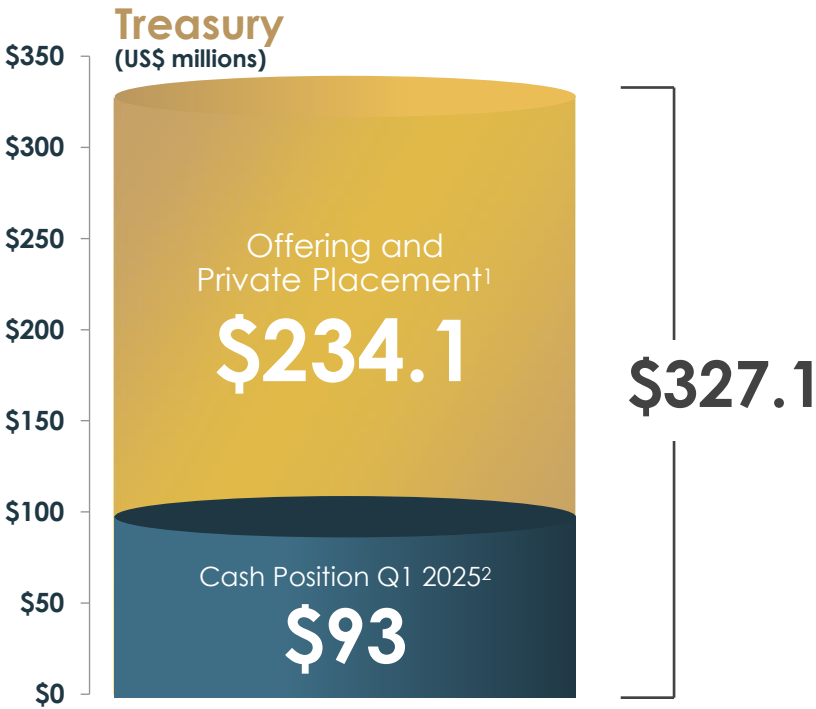


# TIER ONE MANAGEMENT TEAM

	<b>Greg Lang</b> President & CEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Former President of Barrick Gold North America</li><li>▪ 40+ years of experience building &amp; operating major open-pit and underground mines (Goldstrike, Cortez, Turquoise Ridge, Bald Mountain)</li><li>▪ Diverse experience in mine operations, project development and evaluations</li></ul>
	<b>Richard Williams</b> VP & Chief Operating Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Led the design and construction of the Pueblo Viejo project in the Dominican Republic</li><li>▪ 40+ years of experience developing and operating major mines (Goldstrike and Mercur)</li><li>▪ Experienced leader in autoclave technology</li><li>▪ Member of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers; CIM</li></ul>
	<b>Peter Adamek</b> VP & Chief Financial Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Former VP, Finance of Hudbay Minerals Inc.</li><li>▪ 20+ years of expertise in corporate finance, capital markets, financial reporting, tax, and information technology in the mining sector</li></ul>

	<b>Mélanie Hennessey</b> VP, Corporate Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 20 years of experience in financial markets, corporate governance, Indigenous relations, sustainability, M&amp;A, compensation, risk management, crisis preparedness and response</li><li>▪ Previously held executive, senior IR &amp; corporate communications positions with Goldcorp, New Gold, and Hecla Mining Company</li></ul>
	<b>Ben Machlis</b> VP & General Counsel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Former Dorsey &amp; Whitney LLP Partner</li><li>▪ 15+ years of experience advising clients in mining transactions, permitting, environmental compliance and closure</li><li>▪ Previously served as Chair of Regulatory Affairs Practice Group and Co-chair of Mining Industry Group at Dorsey &amp; Whitney LLP</li></ul>

# MAINTAINING A STRONG TREASURY



- Upon closing of the transaction, late in Q2 or early Q3 2025 the previously disclosed NOVAGOLD spending amount of \$37.5 million will be reviewed and updated
- NOVAGOLD intends to use the net proceeds of \$234.1 million from the offering and the concurrent private placement described above to fund the purchase price for NOVAGOLD's previously announced acquisition<sup>3</sup> of an additional 10% ownership interest in Donlin Gold LLC and to use the remaining net proceeds, if any, for general corporate purposes including updating the feasibility study

2025 Spending (US\$ millions)	Actual Year-to-date	Forecast Full Year
Corporate G&A <sup>4</sup>	\$3.8	\$16.0
Donlin Gold project expenditures <sup>5</sup>	3.6	21.5
Total	\$7.4	\$37.5

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# 2025 ACTIVITIES & UPCOMING CATALYSTS

Taking the Donlin Gold project up the value chain

- Once the transaction has closed, the previously disclosed 2025 Donlin Gold expenditure of \$43 million (100% basis) will be reviewed and updated, expected in Q3 2025
- 2025 Outlook:
  - Commencing the various workstreams to update Donlin Gold's fully bankable Feasibility Study, including assembling a specially dedicated team to advance these efforts;
  - Completing the drill program for reserves and resources conversion;
  - Unlocking the full exploration potential of the district;
  - Advancing technical work and engineering designs;
  - Obtaining outstanding necessary permits and maintaining existing federal and state permits in good standing;
  - Upholding our deep support among the project's stakeholders; and promoting a strong safety, sustainability, and environmental culture
- With Paulson as its new partner – Donlin Gold is set to advance through the updated Feasibility Study to optimally position the project for the benefit of all stakeholders and shareholders



# APPENDIX

# MINERAL RESERVES

Donlin Gold	Tonnage	Grade	Metal content	Attributable to NOVAGOLD
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>kt</b>	<b>g/t Au</b>	<b>koz Au</b>	<b>koz Au</b>
<b>Reserves<sup>1</sup></b>				
Proven	7,683	2.32	573	287
Probable	497,128	2.08	33,276	16,638
P&P	504,811	2.09	33,849	16,925

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# MINERAL RESOURCES

Donlin Gold	Tonnage	Grade	Metal content	Attributable to NOVAGOLD
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>kt</b>	<b>g/t Au</b>	<b>koz Au</b>	<b>koz Au</b>
<b>Resources<sup>2</sup>, exclusive of Reserves</b>				
Measured	869	2.23	62	31
Indicated	69,402	2.44	5,435	2,718
M&I	70,271	2.43	5,497	2,749
Inferred	92,216	2.02	5,993	2,997
<b>Resources<sup>2</sup>, inclusive of Reserves</b>				
Measured	7,731	2.52	626	313
Indicated	533,607	2.24	38,380	19,190
M&I	541,337	2.24	39,007	19,503
Inferred	92,216	2.02	5,993	2,997

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## DONLIN GOLD

Key financial economic & production data	
Initial capital costs	\$7.4B
Sustaining capital costs over LOM (27 years)	\$1.7B
Average annual gold production	
LOM	1.1 Moz
First 5 years	1.5 Moz
Economic outcomes at \$1,500/oz gold	
After tax cash flow	\$13.1B
After tax NPV (5%)	\$3.0B
After tax IRR	9.2%
After tax payback	7.3 years











LOM operating costs			
Area	\$/t Processed	\$/t Mined	\$/oz Au
Mine operations	16.70	2.59	278
Processing operations	13.70	2.12	228
Administration	3.49	0.54	58
Land & royalty payments	4.32	0.67	72
<b>Total</b> (differences due to rounding)	<b>38.21</b>	<b>5.90</b>	<b>635</b>

Full technical reports available on NOVAGOLD's website here:

[https://www.novagold.com/properties/donlin\\_gold/technical\\_report/](https://www.novagold.com/properties/donlin_gold/technical_report/)



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# APPENDIX ENDNOTES

- SLIDE 6 – NOVAGOLD and Paulson Advisers to Acquire 50% of Donlin Gold from Barrick Gold in \$1 Billion Transaction**
1. Paulson, Electrum and Kopernik received five-year warrants to purchase an aggregate of 25.5 million common shares at US\$3.00 per share.
- SLIDE 7 – Donlin Gold is simply unique in the global gold space in its rare combination of key attributes:**
1. Anticipated average annual gold production during full life of mine if put into production as contemplated in the 2021 Technical Report and the S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary. See "Cautionary note concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" tables on slides 2, 26 and 27.
  2. Represents 100% of measured and indicated resources, inclusive of mineral reserves, of which 50% is attributable to NOVAGOLD. Donlin Gold is not in production and a construction decision has not been made. For more information see "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" tables on slides 2, 26 and 27.
  3. Represents average grade of measured and indicated mineral resources, inclusive of mineral reserves. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" tables on slides 2, 26 and 27.
  4. Per Mining Journal intelligence – World Risk Report 2024 Alaska received an AA rating, ranks number 13th globally on the Investment Risk index.
  5. Under appeal. Appeals challenging permits in State courts have been unsuccessful to date and the Biden Administration fully defended the Federal permitting decisions. In the Federal litigation challenging the Donlin Gold Joint Record of Decision, including the 404 permit and ROW for portions of the pipeline crossing federal lands, the Court issued a decision on September 30, 2024. The decision upheld the federal agencies' analysis on two of the three issues raised in the litigation, but agreed with plaintiffs that the federal agencies took too narrow a view in analyzing the impact of a theoretical release from the tailings storage facility. The Federal District Court requested supplemental briefing on the appropriate remedy for addressing this issue. On October 7, 2024, the plaintiffs filed a request for reconsideration on one of the issues on which the Federal District Court had ruled against the plaintiffs and, at DOJ's request, the Federal District Court suspended the schedule for briefing on the appropriate remedy until after the Federal District Court ruled on plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration. On December 23, 2024, the Federal District Court denied plaintiffs' request for reconsideration. Remedy briefing was completed in March 2025 and oral arguments on remedy were held on May 9, 2025.
- SLIDE 9 – Extraordinary leverage to gold in a jurisdiction where one can keep the fruits of that leverage**
1. Donlin Gold estimates as per the 2021 Technical Report and the S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary, except as noted below. All dollar figures are in USD, represent 100% of the project of which NOVAGOLD's share is 50%, and reflect after-tax net present value (at 0% and 5% discount rates) of the Donlin Gold project using the reference date of start of Year -06 as the first year of discounting. Estimated owner's initial capital project development costs of approximately \$348M to be spent prior to the reference date are treated as sunk costs. At a 5% discount rate, the net present value is: (\$1,832M) @ \$1,000 gold; \$202M @ \$1,200 gold; \$1,161M @ \$1,300 gold; \$3,040M @ \$1,500 gold; \$4,887M @ \$1,700 gold; \$7,229M @ \$2,000 gold; and \$11,199M @ \$2,500 gold. Gold price sensitivity was evaluated to a maximum of \$2,500 per troy ounce as part of the 2021 Technical Report and the S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary. The project requires a gold price of approximately \$930 per ounce to break even on an undiscounted cash flow basis and a gold price of approximately \$1,180 per ounce to break even on a 5% discounted basis.

- SLIDE 10 – Strong institutional shareholder base**
1. Shareholder positions are based on the latest 13-D, 13-F, 13-G or Form 4 filings.
  2. Common shares issued and outstanding, options, PSUs, and DSUs effective March 26, 2025. See SEC Form 10-Q filing dated April 1, 2025 for additional information.
  3. This percentage reflects shareholder positions based on the latest publicly available filings and does not account for shares issued to shareholders in NOVAGOLD's recent public offering dated May 9, 2025, or warrants issued to shareholders as part of the backstop agreement dated April 22, 2025.
- SLIDE 14 – Positioned to become a million-ounce gold producer**
1. Average of comparison group data of 10 projects shown on slide 14 based on large (3Moz proven and probable mineral reserves cut off), North/South American gold-focused development projects with >75% projected revenues from gold, as per latest company public filings and websites as of May 2025.
  2. Anticipated average annual gold production during full life of mine if put into production as contemplated in the 2021 Technical Report and the S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary. See "Cautionary note concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" tables on slides 2, 26 and 27.
- SLIDE 15 – Size Matters: exceptional opportunity for value creation for decades to come**
1. Donlin Gold data as per the 2021 Technical Report and the S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary.
- SLIDE 16 – Grade is king: Donlin Gold has more than double the global average gold grade**
1. Represents 100% of measured and indicated resources, inclusive of mineral reserves, of which 50% is attributable to NOVAGOLD. Donlin Gold is not in production and a construction decision has not been made. For more information see "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves & Mineral Resources" tables on slides 2, 26 and 27.
  2. May 2025 average grade of open pit and underground deposits with gold as primary commodity and over 1Moz in measured and indicated mineral resources, inclusive of mineral reserves, sourced from S&P Global Market Intelligence.
  3. Represents average grade of measured and indicated mineral resources, inclusive of mineral reserves. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve and Resource Estimates" and "Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources" tables on slides 2, 26 and 27.
- SLIDE 17– More to come: Excellent exploration potential to add value – and valuation – by expanding current resources**
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**SLIDE 18 – Location, location, location Alaska: World-leading mining jurisdiction**

- 1. Per The White House - <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/unleashing-alaskas-extraordinary-resource-potential/>
- 2. Per the Bureau of Land Management- <https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2021-06/BLM-AK-Minerals-Critical-Renewable-Future-Infographic.pdf>.
- 3. Per the USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries report – Table 3 - Value of Nonfuel Mineral Production in the United States and Principal Nonfuel Mineral Commodities Produced in 2022
- 4. Per Alaska Miners Association August 2024 report titled “Alaska’s Mining Industry”.
- 5. Per Mining Journal intelligence – World Risk Report 2024 Alaska received an AA rating, ranks number 13th globally on the Investment Risk index.

**SLIDE 20 – Key federal permits for Donlin Gold are in hand, final state permitting is on-track for completion**

- 1. Under appeal. Appeals challenging permits in State courts have been unsuccessful to date and Biden Administration is fully defending the Federal permitting decisions. In the Federal litigation challenging the Donlin Gold Joint Record of Decision, including the 404 permit and ROW for portions of the pipeline crossing federal lands, the Court issued a decision on September 30, 2024. The decision upheld the federal agencies’ analysis on two of the three issues raised in the litigation, but agreed with plaintiffs that the federal agencies took too narrow a view in analyzing the impact of a theoretical release from the tailings storage facility. The Federal District Court requested supplemental briefing on the appropriate remedy for addressing this issue. On October 7, 2024, the plaintiffs filed a request for reconsideration on one of the issues on which the Federal District Court had ruled against the plaintiffs and, at DOJ’s request, the Federal District Court suspended the schedule for briefing on the appropriate remedy until after the Federal District Court ruled on plaintiffs’ motion for reconsideration. On December 23, 2024, the Federal District Court denied plaintiffs’ request for reconsideration. Remedy briefing was completed in March 2025 and oral argument on remedy were held on May 9, 2025.

**SLIDE 23 – Maintaining a strong treasury**

- 1. Represents the net proceeds of \$234.1 million from NOVAGOLD’s upsized public offering and concurrent private placement, which closed on May 9, 2025. NOVAGOLD has granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 7,177,500 additional common shares at the public offering price, less underwriting discounts and commissions.
- 2. NOVAGOLD cash and cash equivalents of \$34.0 million, primarily held at three large Canadian chartered banks with investment grade credit rating, and term deposits of \$59.0 million held at two large Canadian chartered banks with investment grade credit ratings with maturities of less than one year.
- 3. On April 22, 2025, NOVAGOLD and Paulson Advisers LLC announced that they had entered into an agreement with Barrick Gold Corporation to acquire their 50% interest in Donlin Gold LLC for \$1 billion in cash.
- 4. Excludes non-cash share-based compensation expense.
- 5. Represents NOVAGOLD’s 50% Share of the Donlin Gold expenditures and 2025 budget.

**SLIDES 26 & 27 Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources**

- 1. Mineral Reserves are reported within the pre-feasibility pit designs, and supported by a mine schedule, featuring variable throughput rates, stockpiling and cut-off optimization. The pit designs are contained within an optimized pit shell based on the following economic and technical parameters: Metal price for gold of \$1,200/oz; reference mining cost of \$2.16/t incremented \$0.0033/t/m with depth from the 220 m elevation (equates to an average mining cost of \$2.64/t), fixed processing cost \$13.78/t processed; sustaining capital of \$1.54/t processed; general and administrative cost of \$3.66/t processed; stockpile rehandle costs of \$0.24/t

processed assuming that 45% of mill feed is rehandled; variable metallurgical recoveries by rock type, ranging from 86.7% in shale to 94.2% in intrusive rocks in the Akiwik domain; refining and freight charges of \$1.21/oz gold; royalty considerations of 4.5% NSR and \$0.50/t processed; and variable pit slope angles, ranging from 23° to 43°. Mineral Reserves are reported using an optimized block value (BV) based on the following equation: BV = Au grade \* Recovery \* \$1,200/oz – royalties & refining costs – process operating costs – G&A cost reported in \$/t. Assuming an average gold recovery of 89.5% the marginal gold cut-off grade would be approximately 0.57 g/t, or the gold grade that would equate to a \$0.001 BV cut-off at these same values. The life-of-mine (LOM) strip ratio is 5.48:1. The assumed LOM throughput rate is 53,500 t/d. The technical parameters referenced herein are based on the specifications utilized in the Donlin Creek Gold Project Alaska, USA, NI 43-101 Technical Report on Second Updated Feasibility, effective November 18, 2011 (as amended January 20, 2012). The economic parameters are derived from the NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Donlin Gold Project, Alaska, USA, effective June 1, 2021, and the S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary on the Donlin Gold Project, Alaska, USA, November 30, 2021.

- 2. Except as noted, Mineral Resources are inclusive of Mineral Reserves. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Inferred Resources are in addition to Measured and Indicated Resources. Inferred Resources have great uncertainty as to their existence and whether they can be mined legally or economically. The cut-off date for the sample database used in the Mineral Resource estimate is 1 November 2009. However, more recent drilling data were used to validate the resource model as remaining current. Mineral Resources are constrained within a conceptual Measured, Indicated and Inferred optimized pit shell using the following assumptions: gold price of \$1,200/oz; variable process cost based on 2.1874 \* (sulphur grade) + 10.6485; administration cost of \$2.29/t; refining, freight & marketing (selling costs) of \$1.85/oz recovered; stockpile rehandle costs of \$0.20/t processed assuming that 45% of mill feed is rehandled; variable royalty rate, based on royalty of 4.5% \* (Au price – selling cost); and a variable metallurgical recovery depending on the host rock type ranging from 86 to 94%. Assuming an average recovery of 89.5% and average S% grade of 1.07, the marginal gold cut-off grade is 0.47 g/t. These technical and economic parameters are those that were used in the Donlin Creek Gold Project Alaska, USA, NI 43-101 Technical Report on Second Updated Feasibility Study, effective November 18, 2011 (as amended January 20, 2012) to establish reasonable prospects of eventual economic extraction. Based on the QP’s review of the estimate, there would be no material change to the Mineral Resources if the gold price were updated to \$1,500/oz and other economic parameters were updated to the 2020 parameters used in the Mineral Reserve estimate. As a result, the Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource estimates shown above remain unchanged from the 2011 estimates contained in the prior technical report. See “Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates” on slide 2.

**Technical Reports and Qualified Persons**

The documents referenced below provide supporting technical information for the Donlin Gold project.

Project	Qualified Person(s)	Most Recent Disclosure
Donlin Gold	Kirk Hanson, MBA, P.E. Michael Woloschuk, P.Eng. Henry Kim, P.Geo. Wood Canada Limited	"NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Donlin Gold Project, Alaska, USA" prepared by Wood Canada Limited, effective June 1, 2021. "S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary on the Donlin Gold project, Alaska, USA" dated November 30, 2021.

Paul Chilson, P.E., who is the Manager, Mine Engineering for NOVAGOLD and a “qualified person” under NI 43-101 and S-K 1300, has approved the scientific and technical information contained in this presentation.



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