



### Spanish Mountain GOLD

Delivering
Preliminary Feasibility Study
in
Q1 2021

October 2020



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## **Project Highlights**

### **Project (Phase 1)**

- Mining friendly jurisdiction + excellent access & infrastructure
- Fast-track Phase 1 to be "shovel ready"
  - > **Phase 1 :** higher-grade/ near-surface portion of M&I resource
- Advance stage project
  - > \$80m+ expenditures
  - > 900+ drill holes over 180,000 metres

- Large and growing resource with ongoing drilling
  - > 4.1 Moz in M&I categories + Inferred
  - Allows development flexibility & expansion potential (PEA for Phase 1 processes only 30% of M&I)



### Funded to Concurrently Achieve Dual Objectives

#### Fast-track Phase 1

- To be "<u>shovel ready</u>" with compressed timeline
  - Completion of Preliminary Feasibility Study in Q1 2021
  - Resume Environmental Assessment in 2021
  - > Full Feasibility Study to follow

# 2. Aggressively Expand Resource

- Target significant <u>resource expansion</u>
  - Commence major drilling campaign Q4 2020
  - > Potentially more drilling in 2021



### Current Project Strategy—Prioritize Phase 1

# Mining Near-surface Measured & Indicated (M&I) Ounces as Standalone Operations (Phase 1)

#### **Lower Capex**

- Reduced target mill throughput to lower initial capex requirements significantly
- Enhance financing options and shorten payback of initial capex

# Shorten Timeline to Feasibility Study

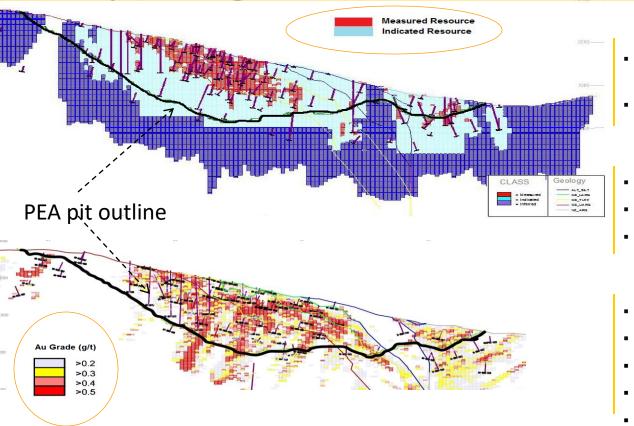
- Eliminate the time and cost required to upgrade Inferred resource as only M&I ounces are factored in mine plan
- PFS can be achieved by Q1 2021

### **Future Value/ Opportunities**

- Large resource can potentially justify future mill expansion to increase annual production and extend mine life
- Process Phase 1 stockpile currently treated as "waste"
- Gold ounces not currently captured by pit



## Compelling Rationale for Phase 1



#### **Strategic Mine Plan**

- Only 30% of M&I ounces incorporated
- Higher grade/ near-surface

#### **Mill Feed Profile**

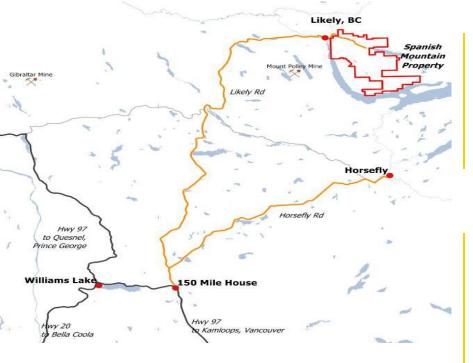
- Total feed: 39m tonnes
- Avg. Au grade: **1.0 g/t**
- Total gold: 1.258 Moz

#### **Project Scope (Phase 1)**

- Throughput: 10ktpd
- Capex: C\$364m/ US\$273m
- Mine Life: 11 Years
- Avg. Annual Prod'n: 104K/yr
- LOM Prod'n: 1.145 Moz



# Low Cost Operations—\$549 AISC/oz



#### **Access & Infrastructure**

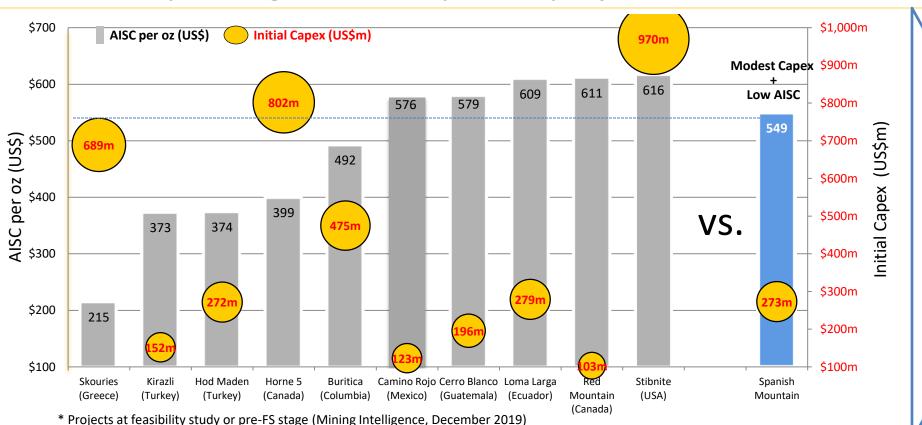
- ~100k highway access to William Lake (major mining supply centre & labour pool)
- Abundance of grid power and BC Hydro substation connectivity
- Supplies & labour available from many surrounding communities

#### **Low Milling Cost & Simple Flowsheet**

- Coarse primary grind of 180 microns
- Low power consumption—12 kwh/t
- Cheap hydro power—6.5¢/kwh
- Low reagent consumption including 0.1kg/t NaCN



### World's Top Ten: gold development projects\* with lowest AISC





## Project Economics—Phase 1

#### Positive Economics Even at Low Gold Price Environment

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Pre-tax:	Unit	\$1100	\$1200	\$1275*	\$1500	\$1600	\$1700	\$1800
NPV@5%	C\$mm	\$232	\$336	\$414	\$648	\$752	\$856	\$960
IRR	%	16	20	23	31	34	37	40
Payback of Initial Capex	Years	4.3	3.8	3.5	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.2

**Gold Price** 

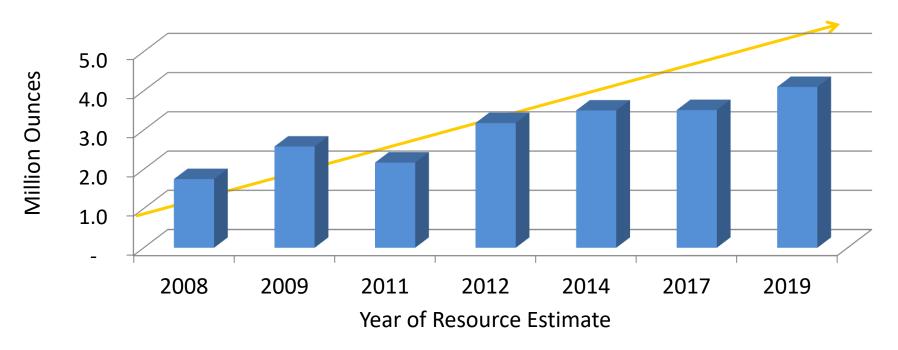
\* PEA base case assumption



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## Large & Growing Gold Resource

M&I Gold Ounces\*



<sup>\*</sup> At economic cut-off grade



# Planned Project Activities



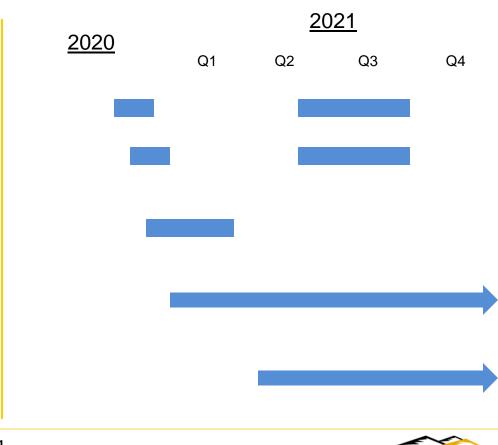
Engineering field work

Resource drilling campaign

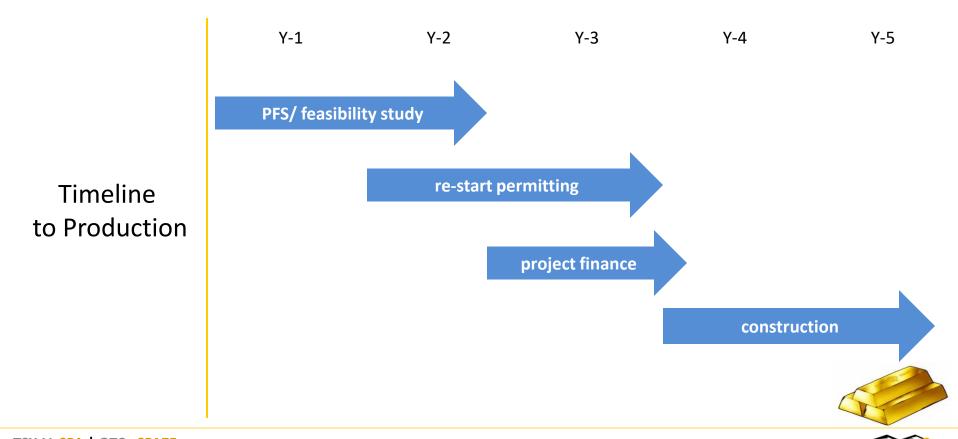
Preliminary feasibility study

Resume environmental assessment & permitting

Commence full feasibility



# 5-year Project Timeline



## Summary—"ticking all the boxes"

- ✓ Jurisdiction/ Location
- ✓ Large Resource
- ✓ Accelerated Timeline
- ✓ Modest Initial Capex
- ✓ Simple Metallurgy
- ✓ Low OpCost\*
- ✓ Long Mine Life\*
- ✓ Robust Production\*
- ✓ Strong Economics\*

- Mining friendly/ excellent access & infrastructure
- > 4 Moz M&I & growing + Inferred
- Detailed work completed (environmental baseline; metallurgical; archaeological clearance)
- Staged development approach (Phase 1)
- Conventional flowsheet & low cost milling / 91% Au Recovery to Doré
- AISC \$549 per oz : Infrastructure + Access + Grid-power & more
- 11 years (Phase I alone) +
- > Avg 100Koz per year
- 23% IRR @ \$1275 Au/ 40% IRR @ \$1800 Au

<sup>\*</sup> as demonstrated in 2019 PEA

### Opportunity—PFS for Phase 1 (20,000 tpd mill throughput)

# Optimized Phase 1 (PFS in Q1 2021)

### **Optimal Combination:**

- ✓ Capex
- Operational efficiency
- ✓ Economic metrics
- ✓ Mine life
- ✓ Production Profile
- ✓ Develop within the same compressed timeline



# Project Details...

Location

**De-risking Activities** 



### **British Columbia**: Favourable Mining Jurisdiction

#### **Low Cost**

Cheap grid power – 6.5¢/kWh

- Among lowest corporate tax rates in Canada
- Refundable Mineral Exploration Tax Credit (made permanent in 2019)

# Attracting Major Investment (2019 & 2020)

- Barkerville Gold Mines by Osisko G&R for C\$ 338 M
- 70% of Red Chris Mine by Newcrest Mining for US\$806 M
- 46% of New Afton by Ontario Teachers' for US\$300 M
- Blackwater by Artemis Gold for >C\$200 M
- New Afton 2007
- Mount Milligan 2009
- Copper Mountain 2010
- Red Chris 2012
- Quintette 2013
- Silvertip 2015
- Brucejack 2015

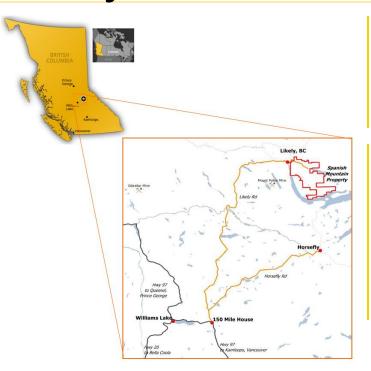
Successful Permitting of New Mines

Location

De-risking Activities



### **Project Location**



#### **Pro-mining Jurisdiction**

- Low political risks/ strong resource sector
- Attracted major in-bound investments in recent years
- Solid track record of new mine permitting

#### **Excellent Mining Infrastructure**

- Close to producing mines Gibraltar, QR Mine & Mount Polley
- Paved highway access
- Cheap hydroelectric power grid
- Year-round support centre in Williams Lake (97km on highway) –
   labour, CAT Dealership, maintenance & supplies

Location

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## Advance Stage Project

# **Extensive Project Work Completed in Multiple Areas**

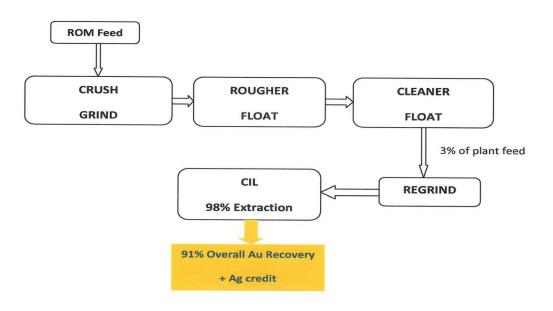
- Over \$80m in total project expenditures
- 900+ drill holes over 180,000 metres
- Multiple scoping studies completed to maximize project economics/ Highly scalable project
- Environmental baseline study completed and permitting activities commenced in 2011
- Large and growing mineral resource defined in successive resource estimates

Location

**De-risking Activities** 



### **Advanced Metallurgical Study**



- Confirmatory testwork completed at multiple laboratories
- Efficient conventional milling

   coarse grind, low power
   cost of 12 kwh/t and low
   cyanide consumption of 0.1
   kg/t
- Overall gold recovery at **91%**

**Crush & Grind** 

**Flotation** 

Regrind

CIL



Location

**De-risking Activities** 

## **Environmental & Permitting**

#### **Community Engagement**

- Protocol Agreements signed with all three First Nations bands providing a framework towards Impact Benefits Agreements
- Long-standing practice of sourcing employees from First Nations and local communities

#### **Environmental**

- Archaeological clearance obtained for the entire project area
- Environmental baseline studies were initiated in 2007

#### **Permitting**

- Environmental assessment process commenced in 2011
- Expected permitting timeline: 2 years after completion of a feasibility study

Location

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### Resource Estimate\*—Phase 1 vs. Total

Phase 1 processes only a portion (~30%) of

**M&I** resource:

39 million tonnes @ 1.00 g/t = 1,258,000 ounces

Dagaywaa Catagawy	Tonnes	Gold grade	Gold	
Resource Category	(Million)	(g/t)	(Million oz)	
Measured	30	0.60	0.6	
Indicated	244	0.46	3.6	
M&I Total	273	0.47	4.1	
Inferred	53	0.37	0.6	

<sup>\*</sup> See cautionary statements

Location

De-risking Activities

### Mineral Resource

### **Large and Growing**

Ensure long-life operations to ride out price cycles

### **Development Flexibility**

- Completed various scoping studies supporting potential viability at different throughput:
  - √ 40,000 tpd
  - √ 20,000 tpd
  - √ 10,000 tpd

### **Additional Opportunities**

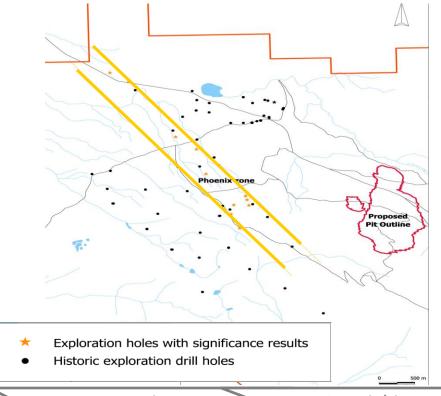
- Only 30% of M&I ounces are captured by Phase I plan
- Satellite deposit Phoenix Zone

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### Exploration Potential—Phoenix Zone



- Strike length over 3.5km in length & less than
   2km from the Main Zone
- Preliminary metallurgical testing suggests material is amenable to same processing flowsheet as Main Zone

Location

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## **Capital Structure**

#### **CASH & CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

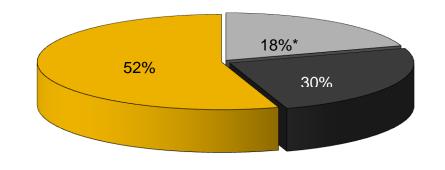
Net Cash \$14 million

**Shares Issued and Outstanding** 327 million

Warrants 73 million

Options 7 million

Market Capitalization \$150 million





### Experienced Management & High Calibre Board

	Expertise	Experience
Larry Yau, CEO	M&A, finance	>30 yrs
Sharon Ng, CFO	finance, accounting	>20 yrs
Judy Stoeterau, VP-Geology	exploration, geology	>30 yrs
Ray Mah, Project Director	engineering, project management	>30 yrs

<b>Board of Directors</b>		
<b>Morris Beattie,</b> Chairman	project management, metallurgy	>45 yrs
Sara Heston	investment, finance	>15 yrs
W. Terry Maclean	mine construction, operations	>40 yrs
Don Coxe	Investment strategist	>40 yrs
Christopher Lattanzzi	project consulting	>40 yrs
James Clare	law, investment	>20 yrs
Dale Corman	Project management, executive	>40 yrs

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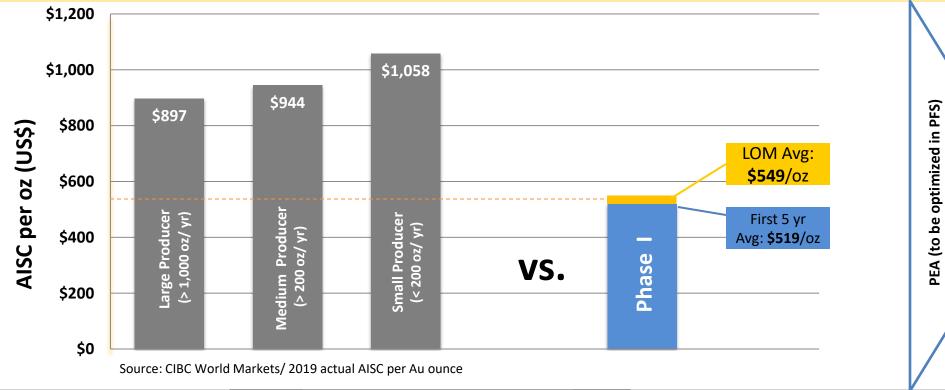
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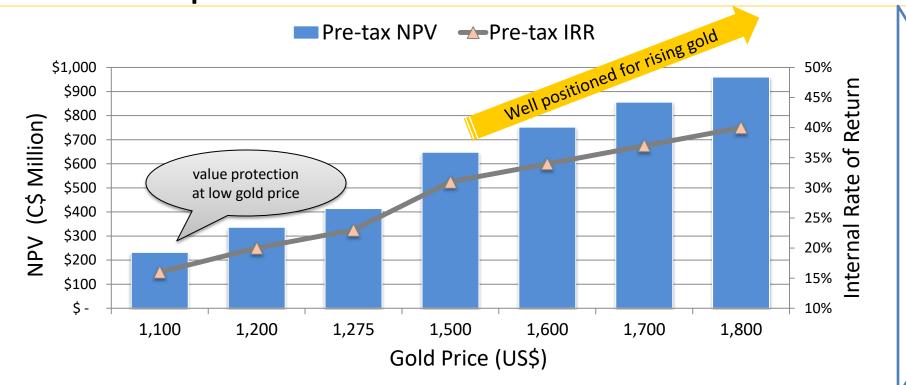
### Phase 1 Operations: well below average AISC per oz



Location

**De-risking Activities** 

### Phase 1 Operations: NPV & IRR



Location

**De-risking Activities** 



### Mine Plan—Phase 1

### Only Measured & Indicated Resource is Processed

	Unit	Amount
M&I Mill Feed	Mt	39
Gold Grade	g/t	1.00
Silver Grade	g/t	0.74
M&I Gold Ounces	Koz	1,258
M&I Silver Ounces	Koz	927

# OpCost Profile—Phase 1

Mining	C\$/t mined	\$2.48	
Mining		\$10.73	
Processing		\$6.14	
Tailings	C\$/t milled	\$0.16	
G&A		\$2.06	
Total		\$19.10	

	Unit	Year 1 − 5 Avg.	LOM Avg.
Gold Grade	g/t	1.13	1.00
Recovery	%	91	91
<b>Annual Gold Production</b>	Koz	116	104
Cash Cost / oz	US\$	481	511
All-in-sustainable Cost / oz	US\$	519	549
Total Cost / oz	US\$	776	807



PEA

## Initial Capex—Phase 1

			C\$ m
Direct			

#### Direct

Mining

Processing Plant (including ore handling)

Site & Infrastructure

**Sub-total** 

Tailing Management Facility & Water Management

Environmental

**Indirect** 

Project Indirect & Owner's Cost Contingencies

**Sub-total** 

**TOTAL** 

31

\$47.8

\$70.2 \$77.4

\$46.7 \$12.0

\$254.1

\$68.2

\$363.8

\$41.5 \$109.7

