

West African Resources confirms Sanbrado as +200,000 ounces per annum gold producer by 2020

Base case is stated on a 100% project basis at US\$1,300/oz

- Sanbrado updated feasibility study confirms:
 - Average annual production of 211,000 ounces gold over first 5 years of mine life
 - 76% increase in Probable Reserves to 1.6 million ounces (20.4Mt at 2.4g/t gold)
 - 16 month post-tax pay back on US\$185 million pre-production capital costs
 - All-In Sustaining Costs (AISC) of US\$551/oz over first 5 years and US\$640 over life of mine
 - Pre-tax NPV5% of US\$567m (A\$754m) and pre-tax IRR 62%
 - Post-tax NPV5% of US\$405m (A\$540m) and post-tax IRR 49%
 - Environmental approval granted, updated mining licence expected Q3 2018
 - Discussions with project lenders in progress, debt package expected by end Q4 2018
- Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) upgrade includes:
 - 40% increase in Indicated Resources at M1 South to 780,000oz gold, (1.5Mt at 15.9g/t Au)
 - Project MRE now 2.35Moz gold Indicated, 0.55Moz gold Inferred
- Substantial further upside to Project through:
 - Recent high-grade beneath reserves shows scope to extend life past 4.5 years at M1 South
 - Scoping Study to investigate underground potential of M5
 - Potential to increase plant throughput and compress mining schedule in later years

Managing Director Richard Hyde commented:

"The Company's updated feasibility study confirms that Sanbrado is a high margin gold project, producing 211,000 ounces per annum at AISC of US\$551/oz over the initial 5 years of mine life. The project is robust, generating an after-tax IRR of 49% and paying back capital in less than 16 months.

Recent high-grade intercepts including 11m at 10.5g/t Au and 6m at 24.4g/t Au in TAN18-DD189, located 70m beneath current resources and reserves, provide scope to improve project value further. A Scoping Study has also commenced focussing on the underground potential of M5. Drilling at M1 South and M5 is ongoing, with further resource and reserve updates expected by year end.

Discussions with project financiers are underway and the Company expects to be in a position to appoint a banking syndicate by Q4 2018."

West African Resources Limited (ASX, TSXV: WAF) is pleased to announce the results of its updated Feasibility Study, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 2012 JORC Code and NI 43-101, for the Sanbrado Gold Project, Burkina Faso. The study envisages an initial 11 year mine life including 4.5 years of underground mining, with strong early cashflow and a rapid payback of capital.

Sanbrado Combined Open Pit	and Underground Feasibility Study - Production and Financial Highlights
Base case is stated on a 100%	basis and gold price of US\$1300/oz
Production Y1-5	Average 211,000oz/year
Production LOM	Average 133,000oz/year
Production Costs ^{1,2} Y1-5	Average Cash Costs of US\$497/oz / A\$663/oz
	Average All-in Sustaining Costs (AISC) of US\$551/oz / A\$735/oz
Production Costs LOM	Average Cash Costs of US\$577/oz / A\$775/oz
	Average All-in Sustaining Costs (AISC) of US\$640/oz / A\$853
IRR & Pay back	Pre-tax IRR of 62% and 12 month pay back on pre-production capital
IKK & Pay Dack	Post-tax IRR of 49% and 16 month pay back on pre-production capital
NPV	Pre-tax NPV5% of US\$567m / A\$756m
	Post-tax NPV5% of US\$405m / A\$540m
Capex	US\$185m (inclusive of all open-pit and underground pre-production mining & development costs, contingencies, duties & taxes)
Study Mine Life	11 years
Probable Mineral Reserves ³	20.4Mt at 2.4 g/t gold containing 1.57 million ounces of gold
LOM Recoveries	92.9% recovering 1.46 million ounces of gold

¹ USD:AUD exchange rate of 0.75, ² Cash costs include all mining and processing costs, site administration, royalties, refining and site rehabilitation costs. AISC includes Cash costs, sustaining capital, closure costs but excludes head office corporate costs. ³ Based on Indicated Resources only, in-pit Inferred Resources treated as waste in the study mining schedule.

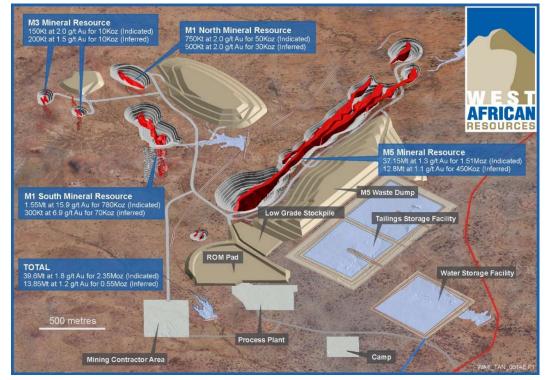
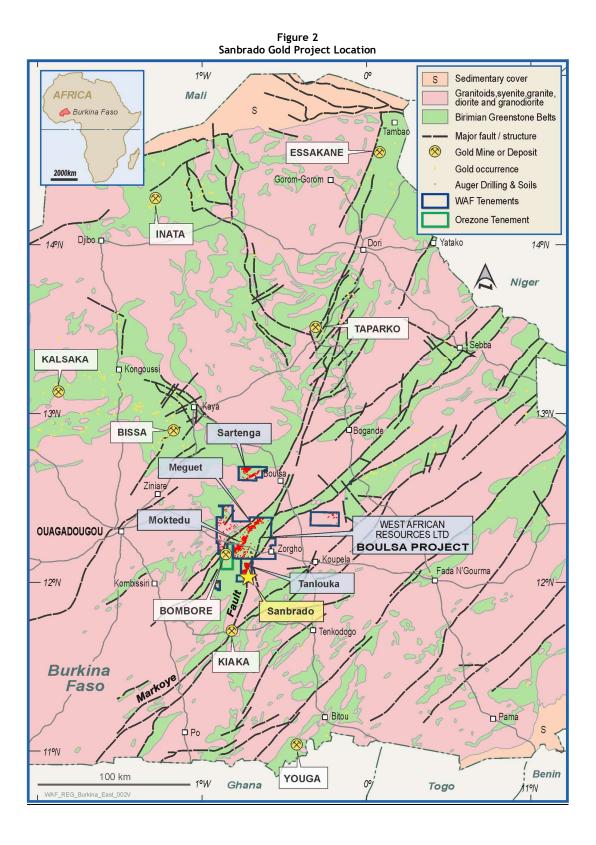


Figure 1 Sanbrado Gold Project Resources and Site Layout



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1. INTRODUCTION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

West African Resources (WAF) is dual listed on the TSX Venture Exchange and the Australian Securities Exchange. The Sanbrado Gold Project is located approximately 90km east-southeast of Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso. The Project covers an aggregate area of 116km², comprising one granted mining permit and one granted exploration licence. WAF has a 90% interest in the Sanbrado Gold Project. The Government of Burkina Faso has a free-carried 10% interest in the Project. In March 2018, the Company received environmental approval for Carbon in Leach Processing.

The Sanbrado Gold Project Mineral Resource estimates were updated by independent resource consultants International Resource Solutions Pty Ltd (IRS) as part of this Study and were reported in accordance with NI 43-101 standards and JORC (2012) guidelines. Mineral resources have been estimated in accordance with JORC standards. Four separate mineral resources have been estimated for the Project consisting of Mankarga 1 North (M1 North), Mankarga 1 South (M1 South), Mankarga 3 (M3) and Mankarga 5 (M5). The Sanbrado Gold Project Mineral Resource is summarised below with an effective date of 22 June 2018. Mineral resources are inclusive of mineral reserves.

	Table 1 Sanbrado Gold Project June 2018 Resource										
		6.1.1	Ind	licated Resou	rce	Int	ferred Resour	ce			
		Cutoff (Au g/t)	Tonnes	Grade (Au g/t)	Au Oz	Tonnes	Grade (Au g/t)	Au Oz			
	0/P <120m	0.5	800,000	6.6	170,000	50,000	4.8	10,000			
M1 South	U/G >120m	3.0	750,000	25.5	620,000	250,000	7.6	60,000			
	Total	Combined	1,550,000	15.9	780,000	300,000	6.9	70,000			
M5	O/P	0.5	37,150,000	1.3	1,510,000	12,800,000	1.1	450,000			
M1 North	O/P	0.5	750,000	2.0	50,000	500,000	2.0	30,000			
M3	0/P	0.5	150,000	2.0	10,000	200,000	1.5	10,000			
Total Combined 39,600,000 1.8 2,350,000 13,850,000 1.2								550,000			

Note: Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout this document may not add up precisely to the totals provided and percentages may not precisely reflect the absolute figures.

The Sanbrado Gold Project ore reserves have been updated in this Study to a Probable Ore Reserve of 20.4Mt at 2.4g/t Au for 1,574,000 ounces of gold. The Project comprises several open pits, all within 1-2km of the plant site, and an underground mine accessed through portal at the south-eastern end the M1 South open pit. The plant comprises a conventional SABC milling circuit, gravity and carbon in leach processing with a nominal throughput capacity of 2Mtpa. The Project has an initial mine life of 11 years.

Underground mining is completed in Year 5 but open pit mining and processing continues until Year 11. Mining and processing of the high grade M1 South Probable Ore Reserve is prioritised, generating significant early cashflow.

The estimated operating costs for the project highlight that the project will be a conventional, low cost and high margin operation with LOM All in Sustaining Costs (AISC) of US\$640/oz. This is a result of the significant proportion of oxide and transition material in the mine schedule and the free milling nature of all ore types (average LOM recovery of 92.9%), low reagent consumption and a high component of gravity recoverable gold.

Mintrex has built up the capital cost estimate to provide current costs to assess the economics of the project and to provide the initial control of capital expenditure. The estimated project capital cost is US\$185 million, inclusive of all open-pit and underground pre-production mining & development costs, contingencies, duties & taxes.

At the base case gold price of US\$1,300/oz and using a 5% discount rate, the project generates a pre-tax NPV of US\$567M and IRR of 62% and a post-tax NPV of US\$405M, an IRR of 49% with a post-tax payback period of 16 months following commissioning.

The work program for 2018 includes:

- Further infill drilling on 25m by 25m centres converting existing Inferred Resources within and beneath reserves at M1 and M5.
- Diamond drilling targeting 'open at depth' extensions and high-grade shoots at M1 and M5.
- Optimisation studies have commenced and will investigate the potential to increase throughput by upgrading crushing or milling capacity later in the mine schedule.
- Early works including upgrading camp facilities and water storage in preparation for construction

2. STUDY TEAM

The Sanbrado Gold Project Open Pit and Underground Definitive Feasibility Study commenced soon after the delivery of the 2017 CIL Feasibility Study. The study has been independently managed by Mintrex Engineering working with the following key consultants:

- Mintrex Study Management, Process Plant & Infrastructure Design, Metallurgical Overview
- Aurifex and ALS Ammtec Metallurgical Test work
- OMC Comminution Modelling
- Knight Piésold Hydrology & Hydrogeology
- Knight Piésold & BEGE Environmental Permitting
- Knight Piésold, INGRID & BEGE- Flora and Social Surveys
- Knight Piésold Waste Rock Classification
- Peter O'Bryan & Associates Geotechnical Assessment
- Knight Piésold Tailings Storage Design
- Sylvatrop Consulting Surface Surveys
- International Resource Solutions Resource Estimation
- SCME Mine Planning and Optimisation, Ore Reserve Statement
- Capital Mine Consulting & Kenmore Underground Mine Design
- RL Advisory Financial modelling

3. GEOLOGY AND MINERALISATION

In common with most of the other gold deposits in the region, the Sanbrado deposit is associated with the Lower Proterozoic system of the Birimian (2.17-2.18 billion years) comprising metavolcanic (arc) and metasedimentary (basin) rocks. The Birimian System has been intruded by two distinctive granitoid types. The larger basin-type granitoids (Eburnean Events) can be subdivided into the initial Eburnean event corresponding to a major phase of crustal thickening as a result of shortening, folding and granitoid emplacement, followed by regional-scale north to northeast trending transcurrent faulting. Large scale fluid migration along these major, deep-seated structures is inherent to most orogenies. Hydrothermal gold-bearing fluids follow secondary and tertiary fault systems, adjacent to the main fault at shallower crustal levels.

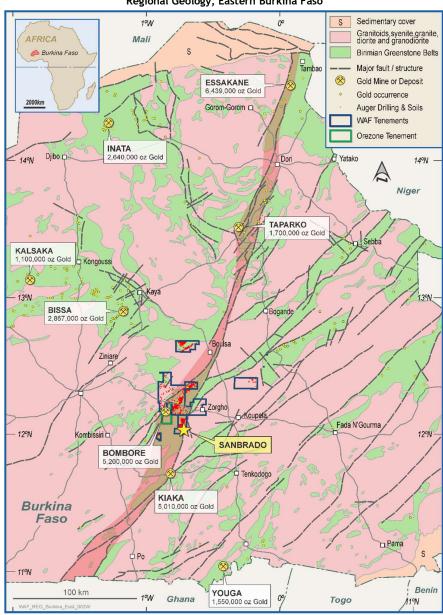


Figure 3 Regional Geology, Eastern Burkina Faso

The M1 South and M5 gold deposits sit within discrete high strain zones which occur along the margins of major granitoids. These high strain zones can range from meters to tens of meters wide and sit within the belts which are themselves characterized by moderate to high strain.

The main rock types are variably strained clastic metasediment and mafic to intermediate intrusive. Regional metamorphic grade has reached greenschist facies with prograde biotite contributing to foliation development. Most rocks have undergone some degree of retrograde metamorphism resulting in chlorite, sericite, epidote, albite, leucoxene and calcite rich rocks.

The metasediments comprise a mixture of black shale, laminated metasiltstone and lithic greywacke, and are intruded by both mafic and intermediate (diorite and granodiorite) intrusive with xenoliths of sediment common in the intrusive phases.

Most of the belt rocks, including within belt intrusive, are moderately to strongly foliated. The granitoid terranes that bound the belts are strongly foliated along their margins but less foliated towards their interiors. Foliation has formed in response to co-axial strain with the highest amount of simple shear occurring within the high strain corridors which form along the margins of the major granitoids. The best mineralization at both Mankarga5 and Mankarga1 South is typically within or close to zones of strong deformation.

Gold mineralization is associated with the main hydrothermal event which produced strong silicification of the surrounding rock during opening and reactivation of the pre-existing foliation.

This interpretation places gold mineralization as post peak metamorphism after the bulk of the deformation, which means late during the regional D₂ Birimian deformation within a roughly WNW-ESE (to NW-SE) stress field. Deformation and shearing along the high strain corridors has resulted in a pressure shadow, south of the main northern granitoid as the Mankarga1 and Mankarga5 high strain zones peel away (trending SE and SW respectively) from the same granitoid body. Conjugate movement along these two corridors, sinistral along Mankarga1 and dextral along Mankarga5, is consistent with the late D₂ stress field and has resulted in dilational opening and high grade steeply plunging ore shoots - along left-hand flexures at Mankarga1 and right-hand flexures at Mankarga5.

Late D_3 deformation is at a high angle to D_2 and reactivates D_2 structures with an opposite sense of shear.

The kinematics during mineralization were strike-slip; however, the bulk of the deformation was most likely related to thrusting, with strike slip movement and gold mineralization, occurring towards the end of the orogeny.

Known mineralisation at M1 extends along strike for approximately 1km, is up to 50m wide and 500m in depth. The M5 mineralisation extends along strike for approximately 3km, is up to 100m wide and 300m in depth. The M3 mineralisation extends along strike for 750m, is up to 50m wide and 75m in depth. Mineralisation at all deposits remains open at depth.

4. MINERAL RESOURCE

A summary of the material information used to estimate the mineral resource is presented in accordance with JORC and disclosed in accordance with NI 43-101 requirements. A more detailed description is contained in Appendix 1. The NI 43-101 Technical Report in support of the updated mineral resource estimates for the Sanbrado Gold Project will be published on WAF's website and SEDAR www.sedar.com within 45 days of this news release.

Drilling Techniques

The area of the M5 resource was drilled using Reverse Circulation (RC), Aircore (AC) and Diamond core (DC) drillholes on a nominal 50m x 25m grid spacing with infill to 25m x 25m in the far south portion. A total of 760 AC holes (24,061.9m), 118 DC holes (26,587.75m) and 95 RC drillholes (10,372.8m) were drilled by WAF between December 2013 and April 2018 (as at 25 April 2018). A total of 60 RC holes (7,296.2m) and 71 DC holes (15,439.6m) were drilled by Channel Resources Ltd (CHU) between 2010 and 2012. Holes were angled towards 120° or 300° magnetic at declinations of between -50° and -60°, to optimally intersect the mineralised zones.

The area of the M1 resource was drilled using RC, AC and DC drillholes on a nominal 25m x 20m grid spacing. A total of 397 AC holes (7,480.2m), 122 DC holes (29,870.75m) and 216 RC holes (23,338m) were drilled by WAF between 2015 and 2018 (as at 25 April 2018). A total of 23 RC holes (3,060.0m) and 7 DC holes (1,199.0m) were drilled by CHU between 2010 and 2012. Holes were angled towards 020°, 045°, 180° or 225° magnetic at declinations of between -50° and -60°, to optimally intersect the mineralised zones.

The area between M1 and M5 was covered by 51 RC holes (4,943m), and were angled towards 90° , 120 or 225 grid at declinations between -50 and -60, to optimally test any potential mineralisation. Most holes were drilled on grid extensions of either M1 or M5.

The area of the M3 resource was drilled using RC, AC and DD drillholes on a nominal 20m x 20m grid spacing. A total of 269 AC holes (9,007.8m), 4 DC holes (384m) and 9 RC holes (962m) were drilled by WAF in 2015-2016. Holes were angled towards 090° or 225° magnetic at declinations of -50°, to optimally intersect the mineralised zones.

Sampling and Sub-Sampling Techniques

RC samples were split and sampled at 1m and 2m intervals respectively. AC samples were split and sampled at 1m intervals using a three-tier riffle splitter. Diamond core is a combination of HQ, NQ2 and NQ3 sizes. All diamond core was logged for lithological, alteration, geotechnical, density and structural attributes. QAQC procedures were completed as per industry standard practices.

Sample Analysis Method

Historic and recent RC and DC samples were crushed, dried and pulverised (total prep) to produce a sub sample for analysis for gold by 50g standard fire assay method (FA) followed by an atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) finish.

Estimation Methodology

M5

Multiple Indicator Kriging (MIK) with change of support was selected as the most appropriate method for estimating Au for the M5 deposit. A block size of $20\text{mE} \times 25\text{mN} \times 10\text{mRL}$ was selected as an appropriate block size for estimation based on the drill spacing (majority 50m strike spacing), geometry of mineralisation and the likely potential future selective mining unit or SMU (i.e. appropriate for potential open pit mining). An SMU dimension of $5\text{mE} \times 12.5\text{mN} \times 5\text{mRL}$ was selected as appropriate for support correction investigation. An indirect lognormal support correction was applied to emulate mining selectivity for the above SMU dimension. A number of minor zones of interpreted mineralisation exist where MIK is not an appropriate method given the data spacing and small datasets. These areas have been estimated by Ordinary Kriging (OK).

M1 South

A combination of MIK with change of support and OK was selected as the most appropriate method for estimating Au for the M1 deposits. High grade domains were estimated separately using OK. For MIK, a block size of $10\text{mE} \times 25\text{mN} \times 10\text{mRL}$ was selected. An SMU dimension of $5\text{mE} \times 5\text{mN} \times 5\text{mRL}$ was selected as appropriate for support correction investigation. An indirect lognormal support correction was applied to emulate mining selectivity for the above SMU dimension. For the high grade domains estimated via OK, a parent cell dimension of $2.5\text{mE} \times 5\text{mN} \times 5\text{mRL}$ was selected.

M1 North

MIK with change of support and OK was selected for estimating Au for the M1 North deposit. A block size of $10\text{mE} \times 25\text{mN} \times 10\text{mRL}$ was selected. An SMU dimension of $5\text{mE} \times 12.5\text{mN} \times 5\text{mRL}$ was selected as appropriate for support correction investigation. An indirect lognormal support correction was applied to emulate mining selectivity for the above SMU dimension.

MIK post processing

MIK grade estimates consist of a series of proportions and grades above the pre-defined cutoff grades estimated into a 'panel' or large blocks. The proportions and grades are derived from a targeted SMU block size via change of support process. As such, while the proportions and grades at a certain cutoff for any given panel may be known, its position within the panel is not. To assist with a more intuitive presentation of the model grades, the MIK grade estimates have been localised to SMU dimension blocks using a process identical to that of Localised Uniform Conditioning. The SMU sized blocks have been assigned a single grade so that the panel MIK grade estimate grade tonnage curve has been replicated.

М3

OK was selected as the most appropriate method for estimating Au for the M3 deposit. A block size of $5mE \times 5mN \times 5mRL$ was selected as an appropriate block size for estimation.

Classification

Resource classification was based on geological confidence and a spatial review of estimation result parameters which reflected the quality of the estimate for each block. Areas that had high confidence estimate values, had sufficient drilling density (<50m spaced drilling) or were proximal to 50m by 25m (or closer) spaced drill lines were classified as Indicated Resources. The remainder was classified as Inferred.

Application of Top Cuts

The impact of higher grade gold outliers was examined on composite data using log probability plots and cumulative statistics. This is particularly relevant in the case of the high-grade domains at M1 South where extreme grade values exist and OK has been selected as the grade estimation method. Composites affected by top cuts were reviewed in three dimensions to validate their location and relevance relative to the entire population. A range of different top cut values was considered and their effect on the composite statistics evaluated. The results of this analysis are summarised in Table 2. Ultimately, a capping value of 250g/t Au was selected for the high grade domains at M1 South.

Table 2 Composite Top Cut Statistics M1 South High Grade Domains										
Count	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Dev.	Variance	CV	Number of Samples Cut	% Reduction Mean Grade		
		860	35.302	84.388	7,121.363	2.390	-	-		
		250	29.875	50.437	2,543.873	1.688	6	18%		
254	0.002	200	28.409	44.390	1,970.473	1.563	8	24%		
		150	26.441	37.308	1,391.907	1.411	11	34%		
		100	23.799	29.488	869.563	1.239	17	48%		

Reporting Cutoff Grades

The portion of the resource considered amenable to open cut mining is reported at lower cutoff grade of 0.5g/t Au, which is considered reasonable and reflect that the final cutoff determination will be dependent on the scale of any potential future operation and the prevailing gold price. For the underground at M1 South the resource has been reported at a lower cutoff grade of 3g/t Au and this reflects the potential lower cutoff grade that may be applicable to any underground operation.

Mining and Metallurgical Methods and Parameters and Other Material Modifying Factors

The proposed development scenario for the deposit is as a combination of an open cut (pit) and underground mine. No mining dilution has been applied to the reported estimate. Metallurgical test work is outlined in more detail below, however the test work to date has shown the ore to be free-milling (non-refractory) presenting moderate gravity gold content and providing high leach extractions, low cyanide consumption and low to moderate quicklime demands using conventional cyanide leaching techniques.

Assessment of Reasonable Prospects of Economic Extraction (NI43-101)

To assess reasonable prospects of economic extraction for mineralisation that potentially could be extracted by open pit mining methods, the resources have been constrained within a conceptual Whittle pit shell for each of the Sanbrado Gold Project deposits. Optimisation work being completed for the Feasibility Study indicates that M1 South produces an optimal result from an open-pit to approximately 120m vertical metres and underground mining thereafter.

Open Pit Mining Scenarios

Key parameters include the continuity of gold mineralisation within an envelope that uses a lower assay cutoff grade of 0.3g/t Au to constrain mineralisation. Conventional open pit mining methods are assumed. The conceptual open pit shells are based the following input parameters:

- Gold price: US\$1,650/oz
- Lower cutoff grades of 0.3g/t Au for oxide mineralisation and 0.4g/t Au for fresh rock
- Metallurgical recovery of 95% for oxide and transitional material, and 90% for fresh rock
- Mining costs: \$1.50/t oxide; \$1.90/t transitional; \$2.50/t fresh
- Process costs: \$9.00/t for oxide; \$12.00/t for transitional and fresh
- G & A costs: \$3.00/t
- Pit slope angles of 45° for oxide and 50° for transitional and fresh
- Conceptual annual production rate of 2 Mtpa

Underground mining at M1 South

Key parameters include the continuity of gold mineralisation within an envelope that uses a lower assay cutoff grade of 10/t Au to constrain mineralisation. Conventional underground mining methods are assumed. The underground resource is based the following input parameters:

- Mining and development costs: \$120/t;
- Process costs: \$15/t u/g fresh;
- G & A: \$3.00/t;
- Metallurgical recovery of 95%; and
- Conceptual underground production rate of 200 300t/day.

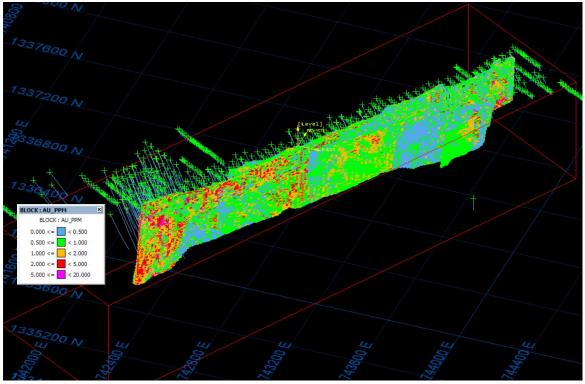
Comparison with Previous Estimate

Resource estimates have been updated for all deposits. Tables 3 and 4 show the May 2018 and December 2017 Mineral Resources tabulated using the same cutoff grades. Both resource estimates were constrained within conceptual Whittle pit shells generated using identical input parameters. Key differences between the two estimates include re-classification of Inferred to Indicated at all deposits due to infill drilling and refinement and extension of high grade domains at M1 South.

	Table 3 Sanbrado Gold Project June 2018 Resource										
		<i></i>	Ind	icated Resou	rce	Int	erred Resour	ce			
		Cutoff (Au g/t)	Tonnes	Grade (Au g/t)	Au Oz	Tonnes	Grade (Au g/t)	Au Oz			
	0/P <120m	0.5	800,000	6.6	170,000	50,000	4.8	10,000			
M1 South	U/G >120m	3.0	750,000	25.5	620,000	250,000	7.6	60,000			
	Total	Combined	1,550,000	15.9	780,000	300,000	6.9	70,000			
M5	O/P	0.5	37,150,000	1.3	1,510,000	12,800,000	1.1	450,000			
M1 North	O/P	0.5	750,000	2.0	50,000	500,000	2.0	30,000			
M3	O/P	0.5	150,000	2.0	10,000	200,000	1.5	10,000			
Total		Combined	39,600,000	1.8	2,350,000	13,850,000	1.2	550,000			

	Table 4 Sanbrado Gold Project October 2017 Resource										
		6.1.11	Ind	licated Resou	rce	Inferred Resource					
		Cutoff (Au g/t)		Grade (Au g/t)	Au Oz	Tonnes	Grade (Au g/t)	Au Oz			
	0/P <120m	0.5	730,000	6.8	161,000	70,000	5.1	11,000			
M1 South	U/G >120m	3.0	470,000	26.4	395,000	350,000	16.1	180,000			
	Total	Combined	1,200,000	14.4	556,000	410,000	14.4	191,000			
M5	0/P	0.5	35,890,000	1.3	1,461,000	11,950,000	1.1	412,000			
M1 North	0/P	0.5	780,000	1.9	49,000	660,000	1.9	41,000			
M3	0/P	0.5	170,000	2	11,000	260,000	1.4	12,000			
Total Combined 38,040,000 1.7 2,077,000 13,280,000 1.5 656,0											

Figure 4 M5 Resource Model (isometric southeast view)



Block model contoured by gold grade

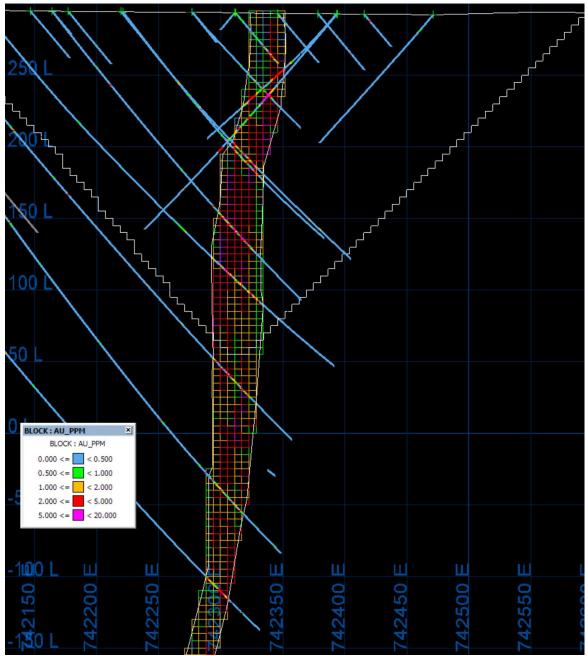


Figure 5 M5 Block Model Cross-Section - Section 800SW

Block model contoured by gold grade

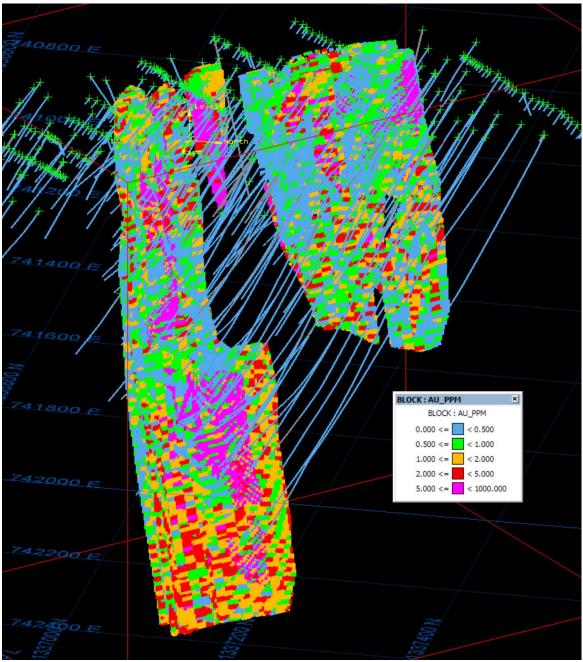


Figure 6 M1 South Resource Model (isometric northeast view)

Block model contoured by gold grade

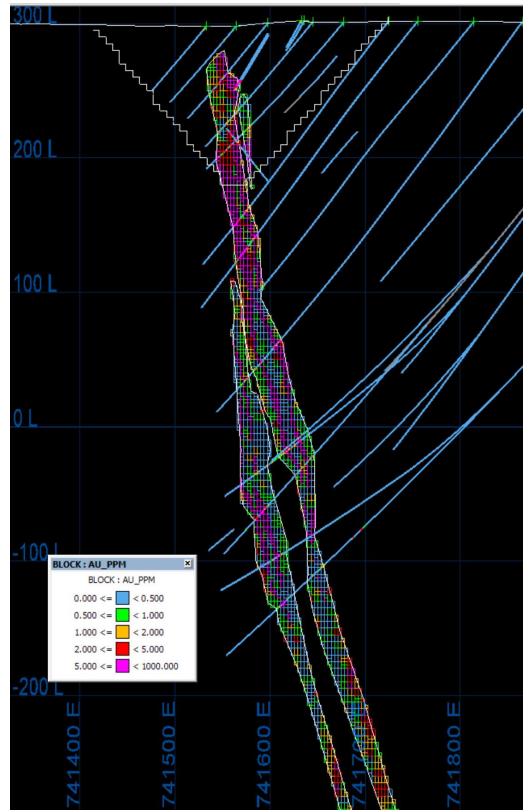


Figure 7 M1 South Block Model Cross-Section - Section 0425SE

Block model contoured by gold grade

5. GEOTECHNICAL AND HYDROLOGY

Open pit geotechnical assessment was based on an inspection of the Sanbrado site and the analysis of data generated from exploration and metallurgical cores in addition to a number of specific geotechnical investigation DC holes. The assessment of open pit wall stability was based on the following:

- Consideration of the general geological conditions;
- Structural geological assessment;
- Kinematic stability analysis;
- Limit equilibrium and finite element analysis of expected pit wall conditions; and
- Experienced based assessment of expected wall conditions.

The recommended slope designs for the M1 and M5 pits are summarised in Tables 5 and 6.

	Ta Recommended Slo	ble 5 pe Design for M!	5 Pit	
Wall	Level		Wall	Design Parameters
	Surface to Base of Strong Oxidation	Face Height Face Angle Berm Width	10m 55° 5m	Inter-ramp slope angle 39.8°
Eastern Wall	Top of Moderate Oxidation to Base of Oxidation	Face Height Face Angle Berm Width	20m 60° 7m	Inter-ramp slope angle 47.2°
	Below Base of Oxidation	Face Height Face Angle Berm Width	20m 65° 7m	Inter-ramp slope angle 50.8°
	Surface to Base of Strong Oxidation	Face Height Face Angle Berm Width	10m 55° 5m	Inter-ramp slope angle 39.8°
Western and End Walls	Top of Moderate Oxidation to Base of Oxidation	Face Height Face Angle Berm Width	20m 60° 7m	Inter-ramp slope angle 47.2°
	Wall Level Surface to Base of Strong Oxidation Surface to Base of Strong Oxidation Eastern Wall Top of Moderate Oxidation to Base of Oxidation Below Base of Oxidation Below Base of Oxidation Surface to Base of Strong Oxidation Surface to Base of Strong Oxidation Western and Top of Moderate Oxidation to Base of	Face Height Face Angle Berm Width	20m 70° 7m	Inter-ramp slope angle 54.5°

The oxide slope parameters for M5 have been applied to the M3 pits, which are small, shallow and predominantly oxide pits.

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	Recommended Slope	Design for the	M1 Pit					
Wall	Level	Wall Design Parameters						
		Face Height	10m					
	Surface to Base of Strong Oxidation	Face Angle	55°	Inter-ramp slope angle 39.8 $^\circ$				
		Berm Width	5m					
		Face Height	20m					
Eastern Wall	Top of Moderate Oxidation to Base of Oxidation	Face Angle	60°	Inter-ramp slope angle 47.2 $^\circ$				
		Berm Width	7m					
		Face Height	20m					
	Below Base of Oxidation	Face Angle	65°	Inter-ramp slope angle 50.8°				
	Below Base of Oxidation	Berm Width	7m					
		Face Height	10m					
	Surface to Base of Strong Oxidation	Face Angle	55°	Inter-ramp slope angle 39.8°				
		Berm Width	5m					
		Face Height	20m					
Western and End Walls	Top of Moderate Oxidation to Base of Oxidation	Face Angle	60°	Inter-ramp slope angle 47.2 $^\circ$				
		Berm Width	7m					
		Face Height	20m					
	Below Base of Oxidation	Face Angle	70°	Inter-ramp slope angle 54.5 $^\circ$				
		Berm Width	7m					

Hydrology

Water Management Model

A water balance model was developed for the Project, which is located in a dry climate where average yearly evaporation significantly exceeds rainfall. A water harvesting and storage system is required to meet the overall water deficit.

Primary water supply will be abstracted from the Nakambe River over a four month period during the wet season. This water will be stored on site in a Water Storage Facility (WSF) with a capacity of approximately 1.5Mm³.

Water Balance Model

The primary objectives of the water balance model are to:

- Determine the water supply requirements for the Plant Site;
- Establish the filling rate for tailings solids and pond volumes within the tailings storage facility (TSF);
- Determine staged embankment crest elevations, to ensure containment of tailings (and design pond volumes);
- Determine the likelihood of water excess or shortfalls during average conditions and design wet and dry rainfall sequences; and
- Assess risk factors for water balance modelling.

The site water balance determined that:

- The decant and underdrainage from the TSF will be returned to the Plant Site;
- The Nakambe River has sufficient flow for a period of 4 months to meet the water demand for the site;

- The tailings are deposited at 47% solids; and
- The percent water release in the tailings are between 20% (initial) and 30% (long term).

Water Balance Sum	Table 7 mary of First Years of Operation
	Tailings 47% Solids and 30% Water Release
Mass of water for 1t of dry tailings	1.11t
Mass of water in 2Mt of dry tailings	- 2,255,000t
Water in ore, 5%	+100,000t
Water released	+675,000m ³
TSF precipitation minus evaporation	+200,000m ³
Sum (deficit of water)	- 1,280,000m ³
Water deficit per tonne of tailings	0.64m ³

Nakambe River Water Abstraction

Process water will be sourced from the Nakambe River, which flows in a north to south direction approximately 14km south of the site.

The river is ephemeral and flows are expected to be suitable for harvesting over 4 months of the year during the wet season. A water extraction tower and pumping station will be constructed at the Nakambe and water will be pumped through a buried pipeline approximately 21km to the Water Storage Facility on the mining permit. The water extraction tower and pumping station will provide the required volume of water pumping continuously at a minimum rate of 140L/s directly to the WSF.

Water Storage Facility

The WSF is the main storage pond for raw process water on site, and is designed to store up to 1,500,000m³ of water at the maximum operating level.

The design of the water dam comprises a zoned earth embankment with a 1.5mm smooth HDPE liner installed over the compacted soil sub-grade for the full WSF basin and upstream embankment area.

An abstraction tower system is included to facilitate recovery of raw water directly to the process plant.

Potable Water

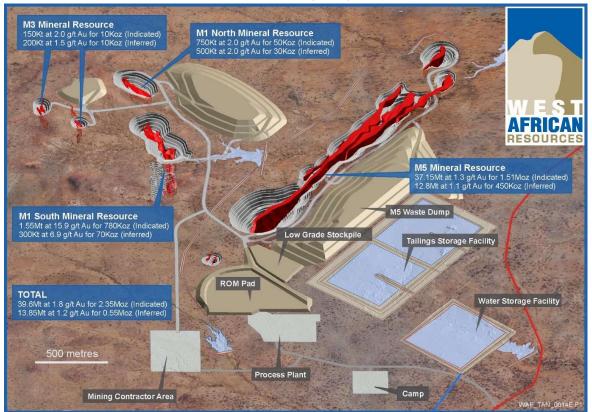
Potable water will be sourced independently from groundwater bores located around the mine site.

The total daily potable water consumption for the camp, elution room, intensive leach reactor and safety showers is estimated at 170m³.

6. MINING AND RESERVES

The Sanbrado Gold Project will mine three deposits: M1, M3 and M5. Figure 8 presents the layout of the project, showing the relative positions of the mining areas and the principal infrastructure.

Figure 8 Sanbrado Gold Project Layout



The majority of the defined mineral resources suitable for open pit mining at the Project are within 200 m depth from the surface and of a lode style mineralisation. The material to be excavated will be predominantly free dig from surface with blasting required deeper in the oxidation profile. Given these conditions, conventional open pit mining techniques using drill and blast with material movement by hydraulic excavator and trucks will be employed. The project scale suits 120 t - 200 t class excavators in a backhoe configuration matched to 95 t class mine haul trucks.

In addition to the open pit resources, the M1 South deposit has steeply dipping, high grade zone that extends to depth and is suitable for exploitation by underground mining methods using conventional jumbo development. The planned mining method is uphole retreat bench stoping with loose rock fill and cemented fill where necessary.

Mining activities will be undertaken by experienced open-pit and underground mining contractors, with West African Resources retaining responsibility for technical services comprising mine planning, production scheduling, grade control, surveying, supervision and management of contract mining operations.

Pit Optimisation and Design

The pit optimisations, mine designs and development of the mining and processing schedules have been developed by SCME, an independent mining consultant. The recently updated Mineral Resources Estimates for the M1, M3 and M5 deposits were used as a basis for this mining study. Only mineral resources classified as "Indicated" were considered in the study.

The Mineral Resource estimates used a combination of Multiple Indicator Kriging (MIK) and Ordinary Kriging (OK) techniques to estimate gold grade. The different estimation methods required differing approaches when estimating mining dilution and ore losses. For those domains estimated using MIK, no further dilution or losses were added, as this provides a recoverable resource estimate that takes mining selectivity into account. Ordinary kriging was used to estimate the gold grade in the M3 deposit and a high grade zone in the M1 deposit. For the high grade zone in M1 where the mining approach would attempt to minimise ore losses at the expense of some extra dilution, a 20% dilution with no ore losses was applied. For the M3 deposit, the resource model was regularised to a "selective mining unit" size of 5m East x 5m North x 5m RL. The regularization of the block model results in diluted grades, as weighted average gold grades are calculated for the total block volume. Ore losses will occur where a block contains a small proportion of mineralized material and the resultant weighted average block grade falls below the cutoff grade.

Pit optimisations were carried out using industry standard methods and Whittle 4x Software. The results of the open pit optimisations were put in context of sensitivities, risks, contained ounces, mine life and total project size. Pit shells were chosen to balance mine life and project value and, as such, the shells producing the greatest cash-flow were chosen as the basis for pit designs.

Final pit designs were prepared for each deposit to enable practical and efficient access to each bench. The designs were based on the selected optimised shells and geotechnical design criteria prepared by Peter O'Bryan and Associates. As can be seen in Table 8, the final designs reconcile well with the optimised pit shells.

Table 8 Comparison of Optimised Pit Shells and Pit Designs									
	Total	Weste			Processed Ore				
	Total (Mt)	Waste (Mt)	Strip Ratio	(Mt)	Au Grade (g/t)	Cont. Au (koz)			
Total Shell Inventory	111.2	92.2	4.9	19.0	1.71	1,046			
Total Design Reserve	106.7	87.7	4.6	18.9	1.68	1,021			
Variance	-4.1%	-4.9%		-0.3%	-1.9%	-2.4%			

The main M5 pit is 2km long and averages 430m wide and 205m deep at the southern end. The pit has been designed so the southern higher grade portion can be mined independently of the northern portion of the pit. Both the northern and southern pits will be mined in two stages, an initial starter pit and then a cutback to final limits, in order to target higher grade earlier in the schedule and defer waste.

The M1 deposit will be mined in two pits, a north and a south pit. The M1 South pit has been limited to a depth of 120m from surface, as optimisation of the mine schedule and project cash flow indicated that this provided the best interface with the underground mine. The M1 South pit design incorporates an underground portal in the south east wall. To enable the earliest possible development of the underground workings, the southern section of the pit will be mined to a depth of 30m to enable the portal to be developed in fresh rock. The final M1 South pit is 570m long by 290 wide and 120m deep. The M1 North pit is 350m long by 240m wide and 90m deep.

The M3 deposit also has two small, predominately oxide, pits less than 40m deep.

The final pit inventories are shown in Table 9.

Table 9 Pit Inventories									
	Total	Wasta			Processed Ore				
	(Mt)		Strip Ratio	(Mt) ¹	Au Grade (g/t)	Cont. Au (koz) ¹			
M5	83.2	65.7	3.8	17.5	1.45	817.2			
M1Sth	17.0	16.3	22.6	0.72	6.76	156.7			
M1Nth	5.4	4.9	8.4	0.58	2.09	38.8			
M3	1.0	0.9	6.1	0.14	1.75	8.0			
Total	106.7	87.7	4.6	18.9	1.68	1020.6			

¹ Difference between the sum of the amounts for each pit and the total is due to rounding

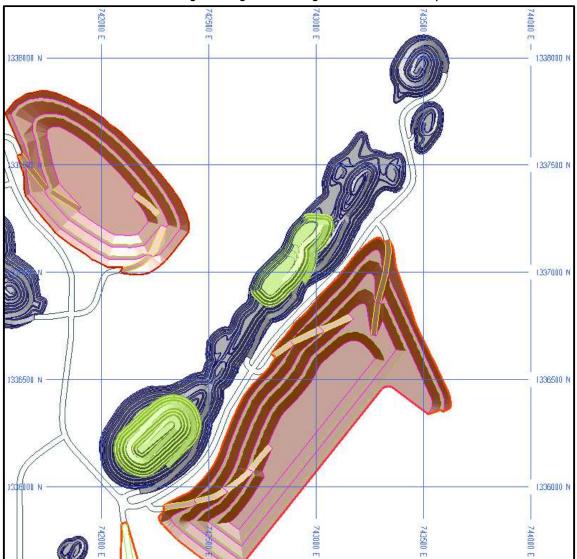
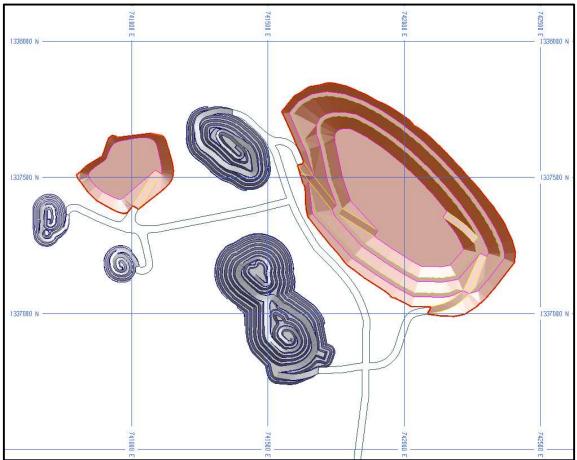


Figure 9 M5 Pit Design showing Initial Pit Stages and Waste Rock Dump

Figure 10 M1 and M3 Pit and Waste Rock Dump Designs



Underground Mine Design

The underground high grade gold mineralisation is associated with quartz vein and veinlet arrays, silica, sulphide and carbonate-albite, tourmaline-biotite alteration. Gold is visible and is mainly associated with minor pyrite, chalcopyrite and arsenopyrite disseminations and stringers.

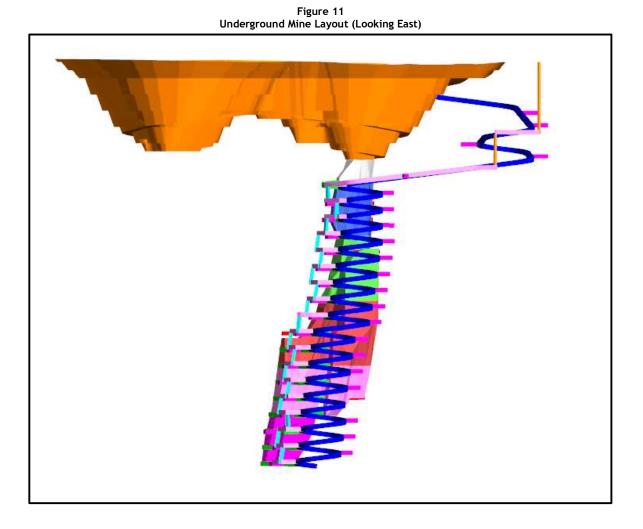
The currently defined economic mineralisation is sub-vertical with a strike length of up to 120m, widths of up to 50m over two discrete lenses and remains open at depth.

The following describes the design approach:

- The mine is planned to be developed using conventional two boom jumbos capable of face advance and installation of ground support.
- Access is by decline, commencing from a portal the M1 South starter pit.
- The planned mining method is uphole retreat bench stoping with loose rock fill and cemented fill where necessary.
- All mine development is in fresh rock and geotechnical assessment indicates that ground conditions are expected to be generally good. The portal and start of decline may be in transitional material.
- Decline 1:7, 5.5mH x 5.5mW, crosscuts and stockpiles will be 5.0mH x 5.0mW and ore drives 4.5mH x 4.5mW.

- The escape way will be equipped as services raise with high voltage power cable and rising main and will form part of the ventilation system.
- Main ventilation raise dimensions of 3.5m diameter.
- Ore production levels on 20 vertical metre intervals. The geotechnical assessment indicates stope strike lengths of approximately 20m to 25m.

The mine layout is shown below in Figure 11, which allows for early initial production while development continues to the lower levels. With this plan cemented fill will be required in the red zones only.



Jumbo Development

The decline size is 5.5 metres wide and 5.5 metres high on average, with a gradient of 1:7 down and side drain. This will accommodate 40 to 50 tonne class trucks, allow bolting with a jumbo and accommodate the ventilation ducting during the development phase.

Level waste development is required for decline stockpiles, ventilation drives and crosscuts into the ore. The profile size is 5.0 metres wide and 5.0 metres high average, with a gradient is 1:50 up and side drain.

The ore drive profile size is 4.5 metres wide and 4.5 metres high average, with a gradient of 1:50 upwards.

Development Ground Support

Ground support based on preliminary assessment includes galvanised weld mesh, 100 mm x 100 mm x 5.6 mm pattern bolted with 2.4 m x 46 mm galvanised and grouted split sets and a domed plate. The base case support pattern will be 1.2 m between bolts in the rings and rings at 1.2 m apart. For ore development, support elements do not need to be galvanised.

Vertical Development

A 1.8m x 1.8m long hole raise will be used as a services corridor and escapeway. A safescape system will be installed, negating the need for additional ground support.

A 3.5m diameter raise bored raise will be used for the first leg of the ventilation circuit from surface to the 201mRL (85m). Beneath this, long hole raising will be used for short legs extended level by level or a maximum of two levels at a time.

Haulage of Ore and Waste Rock

Ore and waste will be hauled to surface using 40-50 tonne underground mining trucks.

All ore is to be trucked to the ROM or to a re-handle pad near the portal when open pit haulage is operational. Waste rock will be stockpiled either within the M1 pit or near the pit crest, space permitting, for rehandle underground as backfill once stoping commences.

Backfill

It is proposed to use a combination of cemented rockfill and loose rockfill for backfilling stope voids, to allow high stope recovery and ensure ground stability. Cemented fill will be necessary where there is a need to expose fill. However, the mine sequence is designed to be predominantly bottom up to maximise the use of loose fill.

Approximately half of the required stope backfill will come from mine development waste, with the balance being sourced from open pit waste.

Backfill will be placed with loaders, with cemented fill being cement slurry.

Operations

The mine will be operated by a mining contractor. The mining contractor will provide all labour, plant and materials to develop and produce from the mine. Contractor oversight and technical direction will be provided by WAF.

Ventilation

The mine ventilation circuit uses the decline as a fresh air intake, with a surface mounted fan on an exhaust raise. The raise is progressively connected as the mine is developed downwards. This layout allows for the provision of fresh air to working places and the rapid extraction of diesel fumes and blasting gases.

For the current mine design, refrigeration is not anticipated to be required. However, it is likely that if the mine continues to be developed at depth refrigeration may be necessary.

Mine Infrastructure

Due it small size, the mine will require limited infrastructure. This will include main dewatering pumps staged 200m vertically, single primary mine ventilation fan and a surface workshop facility provided by the mining contractor.

Open Pit and Underground Ore Reserves

The Sanbrado Open Pit Ore Reserves estimate describes the gold Mineral Resources of the Sanbrado Gold Project, located in the West African nation of Burkina Faso. Open Pit Ore Reserves have been compiled by Stuart Cruickshanks in accordance with the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (JORC Code 2012 Edition).

The Sanbrado Underground Ore Reserves estimate describes the gold Mineral Resources of the Sanbrado Gold Project, located in the West African nation of Burkina Faso. Underground Ore Reserves have been compiled by Peter Wade in accordance with the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (JORC Code 2012 Edition).

The Open Pit and Underground Ore Reserves are based on the updated Mineral Resource Models, estimated and reported by Brian Wolfe as part of this Feasibility study. The Ore Reserves are based on Indicated Mineral Resources and, as such, are Probable Ore Reserves.

The cutoff grade used in the estimation of the Ore Reserves is the non-mining, break-even gold grade taking into account the following modifying factors: mining recovery and dilution, metallurgical recovery, site operating costs, royalties and revenues. These factors have all been estimated at a definitive feasibility level. For reporting of Open Pit Ore Reserves, the calculated cutoff grades were rounded to the first decimal gram per tonne of gold are 0.4g/t for oxide; 0.6g/t for transitional; and 0.7g/t for fresh ore. For the Underground Ore Reserves, a cutoff of 3.5g/t was used.

The grades and metal stated in the Ore Reserves Estimate include mining recovery and dilution estimates. The Ore Reserve Estimate is reported within the mine designs prepared as part of this study.

Table 10 Sanbrado Gold Project Probable Ore Reserves								
Source	Tonnes (Mt)	Gold Grade (Au g/t)	Contained Gold (koz)					
Open Pit	18.9	1.7	1,021					
Underground	1.5	11.7	553					
Total	20.4	2.4	1,574					

Table 10 presents the summarised Ore Reserve Estimate. Ore reserves are based on Indicated Resources only. Any Inferred material in the mine schedule has been treated as waste.

Mine Schedule

The primary aim of the mine schedule is to supply the best value ore to the mill as early as possible, in order to maximise the value to the Project. In doing so, the schedule is developed to satisfy physical and practical constraints, including: a sustainable production profile, achievable vertical advance rates and practical use of low grade stockpiling.

Table 11 presents the mine production and processing schedule.

It should be noted that the oxide ore types can be milled at a faster rate than the more competent transitional and fresh ores. Over the life of the Project, the weighted average processing rate is 2Mtpa, however when higher proportions of fresh and transitional ores are processed the processing rate will be lower. The ore grade and throughput rate were balanced in the schedule to achieve the greatest gold output for a given period.

In order to provide the highest value or to the process plant in the earlier years of the schedule, the development of the M1 South underground mine has been prioritised. In addition, the higher grade and higher strip ratio material from the M1 South pit and the southern part of M5 are mined early in the mine life. This results in a total material movement of 20.7Mt in the first production year and 17.3Mt in the second, reducing to approximately 8Mt/yr for the remainder of the mine life. For the initial high production period, a mining fleet of 1 x 200 tonne class excavator and 2 x 120 tonne class excavators and matching truck fleet (95t class) has sufficient capacity for these production rates. The 200t sized excavator and associated fleet will be demobilised after Year 2, with the combined smaller fleet having sufficient capacity for the remainder of the forecast annual mine production.

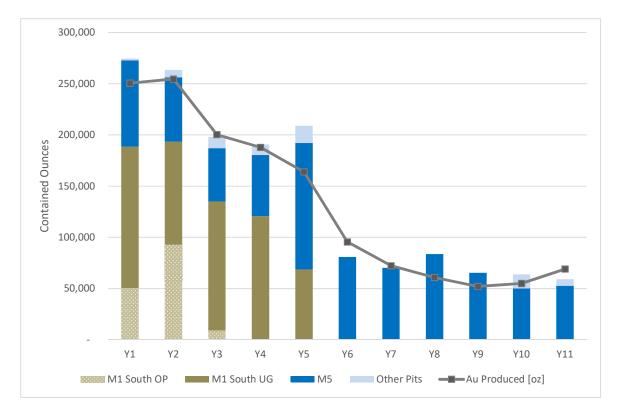


Figure 12 Ore Mined by Source and Graph of Annual Production

	Table 11 Mining Production and Processing Schedule													
		Total	Pre-Prod	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
						Mining								
OP Total Material	[kt]	106,674	5,917	20,661	17,348	10,659	8,409	8,548	5,228	8,490	8,174	6,154	4,412	2,675
OP Waste	[kt]	87,749	5,649	18,542	15,545	9,413	7,059	6,528	3,788	6,342	5,790	4,436	3,150	1,507
	[kt]	18,925	267	2,120	1,803	1,246	1,349	2,019	1,440	2,148	2,384	1,718	1,262	1,168
TOTAL OP Ore	[au g/t]	1.68	1.89	2.07	2.92	1.90	1.70	2.17	1.75	1.02	1.09	1.18	1.23	1.41
UG Development: Waste	[kt]	629	167	171	154	131	5							
	[kt]	147		54	57	30	5							
UG Development: Ore	[au g/t]	11.96		10.45	14.67	10.40	6.85							
UC Chaning	[kt]	1,326		170	291	359	366	141						
UG Stoping	[au g/t]	11.65		21.93	7.85	10.03	10.15	15.16						
	[kt]	1,473		224	348	389	371	141						
TOTAL UG Ore	[au g/t]	11.68		19.17	8.97	10.06	10.11	15.16						
	[kt]	20,398	267	2,343	2,152	1,635	1,721	2,160	1,440	2,148	2,384	1,718	1,262	1,168
TOTAL ORE	[au g/t]	2.40	1.89	3.71	3.90	3.84	3.51	3.02	1.75	1.02	1.09	1.18	1.23	1.41
Processing														
Total Milled	[kt]	20,398		1,824	1,890	1,679	1,648	1,536	1,839	2,358	1,960	1,600	2,000	2,065
Head Grade	[au g/t]	2.40		4.47	4.40	3.92	3.77	3.58	1.79	1.04	1.07	1.17	0.99	1.21
Recovered Au	[koz]	1,462		251	255	200	188	164	95	72	61	52	55	69

7. METALLURGY AND PROCESS FLOWSHEET DEVELOPMENT

The Sanbrado process development and process plant designs are based on a series of test work programmes, conducted from 2012 to 2018, and application of a conventional flowsheet suited to free milling non-refractory gold ores.

Test work has evaluated performance of a series of composite and variability samples from the M5 and M1 proposed open pits, both along strike and down dip. Further test work focussed on the high grade M1 underground resource. Test work results presented the variability in metallurgical performance associated with grind size, leach time, reagent regimes and other design parameters including comminution characteristics.

Four major ore types were assessed to identify variation in plant performance and operating conditions. These ore types are referred to as Fresh (FRS), Weakly Oxidised (WOX), Moderately Oxidised (MOX) and Strongly Oxidised (SOX). Processing characteristics such as grind size and reagent conditions are similar for each ore type and ore types can be blended to optimise mining and plant throughput.

Comminution Test work

Comminution test work was completed using diamond core that included a range of rock types and composites. A full suite of comminution work was completed and included JK Parameter determination (SAG milling), conventional Rod and Ball Mill Work Index testing, Levin tests on SOX material, Crushing Work Index, Abrasion Index and UCS testing. Test work data confirms that the ore is very soft in the SOX/MOX zone (Bond Work Indices ranging from 4kWh/t to nominally 8 to 9kWhr/t and A*b of 150). The FRS/WOX zone is medium hard to very hard (Bond Work Index of nominally 22kWhr/t and A*b values of the order of 33). The ore will be processed in a multiple stage SABC (semi-autogenous, ball, crush) milling circuit which will allow multiple grind sizes, adaptable to the Sanbrado ore types. A grind size of P_{80} 90µm is proposed for M5 SOX, MOX and WOX materials, and P_{80} of 75µm for higher grade M1 South FRS ores.

The crushing work index varies between 4.1kWhr/t for SOX/MOX and 10.8kWhr/t for FRS/WOX, and crushing can be accomplished with relatively low energy input. UCS values are also low, suggesting breakage by primary jaw crushing will be straightforward.

The Abrasion Index results range from 0.098 to 0.351, signifying that the material is non-abrasive to slightly abrasive.

Gold Extraction and Recovery

Metallurgical test work explored the grind sensitivity of the ore. The P_{80} 90µm size was considered to be the most cost-effective option based on the economic parameters applied for M5 and M1 SOX, MOX and WOX ores, while a grind size of P_{80} 75µm was determined to be appropriate for the higher grade M1 South FRS ores.

Gravity recoveries generally ranged from 15% to 40%. The plant design utilises discounted values specific to each ore, ranging from 5% to 15%.

Cyanide sensitivity is generally low. Some samples were found to have a higher sensitivity than others. Nominal cyanide concentration of 300mg/L sodium cyanide resulted in leach extractions being achieved in 24 hours. Increased cyanide concentrations of 500mg/L decaying to 300mg/L gave accelerated leaching in some cases.

Use of oxygen sparging slightly improved initial leaching kinetics and resulted in a slightly higher leach extraction in a 24 hour period. Consequently, oxygen sparging has been included in the process design.

The materials tested did not show any preg-robbing tendencies, have low oxygen demands, viscosity characteristics that will not result in pumping or handling issues and presented good carbon adsorption characteristics, suggesting the ores do not generate a lot of competing soluble species in leach.

Thickening test work used high flocculant doses but achieved typical settling characteristics.

A test work program has been conducted on M1 South high grade mineralisation material, based on composite grades from nominally 20 g/t to 140 g/t. Leach extractions between 94% and 98% were achieved in 24 hours using moderate cyanide concentrations (consumption average 0.48kg/t) post gravity. Gravity recoveries were between 10% and 50%, similar to the lower grade M1 and M5 samples. Tests were also conducted at a finer grind of P_{80} 75 µm which suggested cost effective benefit from applying this grind. Results suggest the high grade M1 material can be processed via the same facility proposed for the rest of the Sanbrado ores. The grinding circuit design has been configured to allow such grinds to be applied to high grade material if required.

Gold losses post leaching are generally due to gold associated with minor sulphide content as determined by diagnostic leaching. It is anticipated that preferential grinding in the full-scale plant will provide improved leach extractions, however such benefit has not been included in the leach extraction estimations.

A set of leach recovery algorithms, including allowance for soluble and carbon losses from a CIL circuit, were generated for each of the four ore oxidation states based on the relevant test work results. A dedicated algorithm was derived for the M1 fresh material at a P_{80} of 75 µm.

The average gold recovery over the current mine life is 92.9%.

8. PROCESS PLANT

The Sanbrado process plant will have a nameplate throughput of 2Mtpa, with an availability of 8,000 hours per annum and a nominal capacity of 250 tonnes per hour (tph).

The plant will be located southeast of the M5 pit, adjacent to the WSF and TSF. The plant is to be fed predominantly from the M1 and M5 deposits, with only small volumes of material supplied by the M3 pit.

The process flow diagrams were developed from the process design criteria prepared by Mintrex. The plant design proposed is simple but robust and broadly comprises the following:

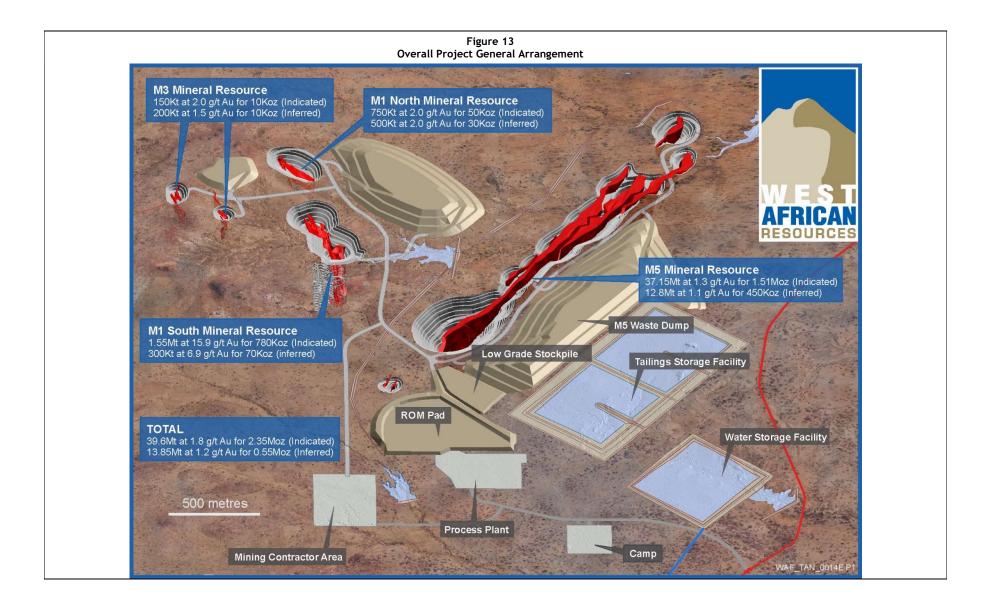
- Primary Jaw Crushing;
- Crushed Ore Stockpile and Reclaim System;
- SABC Mill Grinding, Pebble Crusher and Classification;
- Gravity Recovery;
- Leaching and Adsorption;
- Leach Feed Thickening;
- Elution;
- Electrowinning; and
- Smelting.

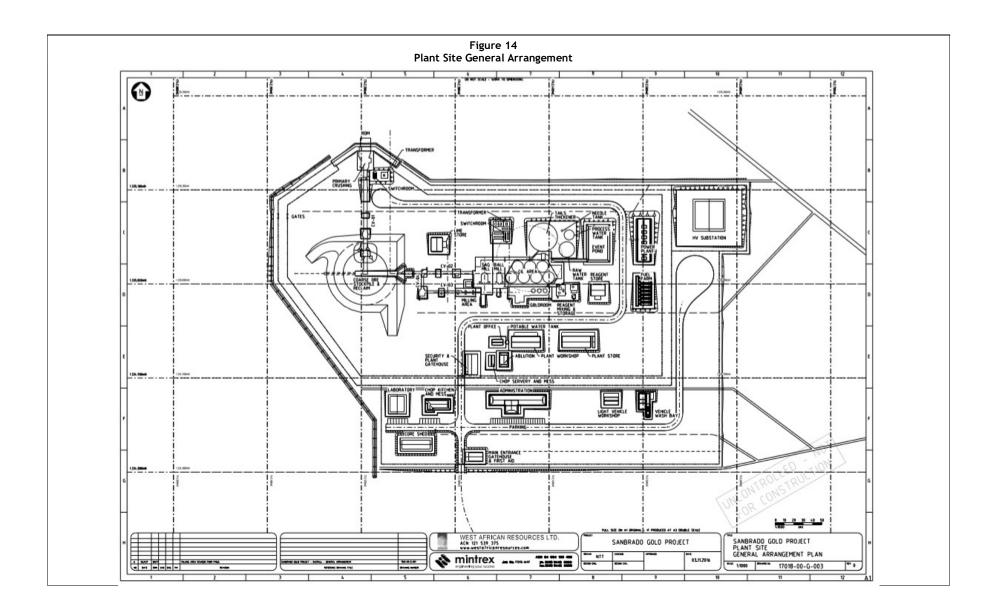
Ore will be placed in stockpiles on the ROM pad located to the north of the process plant and will be fed by front end loader using a blending strategy of SOX/MOX and FRS/WOX (first 5 years nominally 50% of combination) from the ROM stockpile to the primary crusher to smooth out power demands in the comminution circuit.

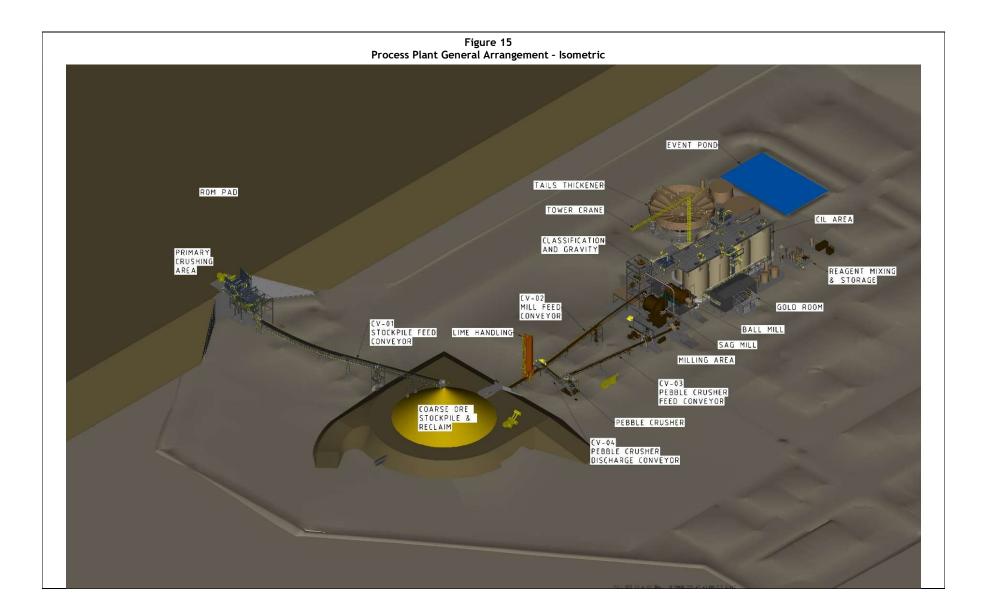
The process plant will comprise the following circuits:

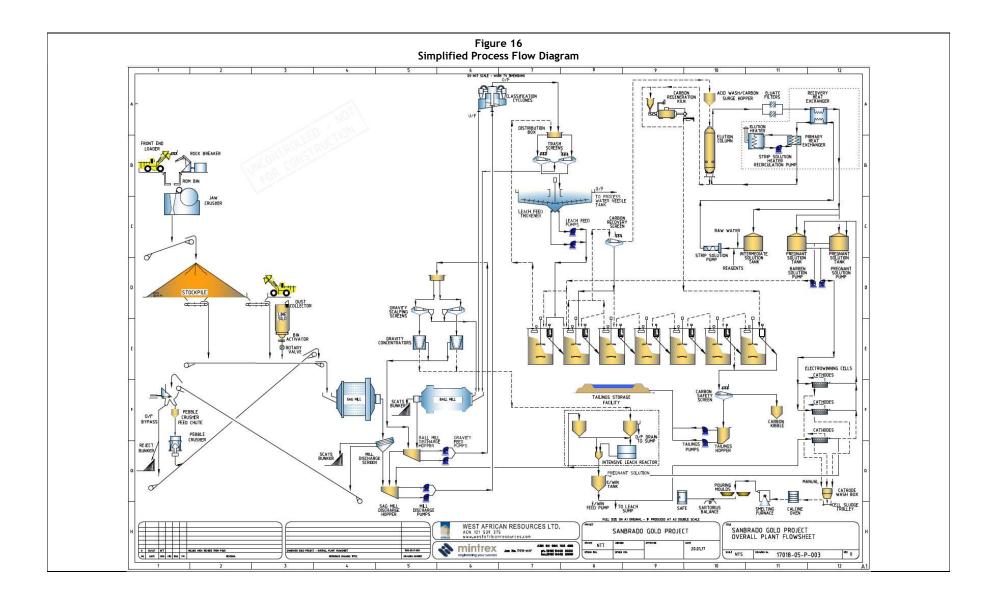
- The crushing circuit has a designed throughput of 450tph and availability of 6,000 hours per annum on a 24 hour per day operation;
- Crushed product will report to an open stockpile, which has a total capacity of 15,000 tonnes;
- An apron feeder installed in a reclaim tunnel will reclaim ore and directly feed the milling circuit via the mill feed conveyor. An emergency reclaim feeder will also be installed in the reclaim tunnel to provide feed to the mill when reclaiming dead ore from the stockpile via front end loader;
- The milling circuit is designed for a throughput of 250tph, operating with an availability of 8,000 hours per annum to provide a design grind of 80% passing 90 microns. The comminution circuit will be capable of producing a P₈₀ product transfer size of 75 micron when beneficial for recovery on certain blends throughout the LOM;
- The milling circuit is based on a SAG, Ball, Crush (SABC) and as such will allow for finer grinds to be applied to higher grade feeds if required;
- A gravity recovery circuit on cyclone underflow will consist of two centrifugal concentrators and an intensive leach reactor for treatment of the gravity concentrate, treating nominally 50% of the cyclone underflow;
- A conventional CIL circuit will consist of seven adsorption tanks, treating the cyclone overflow;
- Metal recovery and refining will consist of an elution circuit, electrowinning cells and smelting;
- A high rate leach feed thickener will be provided for recycle of water that contains cyanide and precious metal values and for generation of a high density slurry to be pumped to the TSF; and
- A TSF will be constructed 1.5km northeast of the process plant for deposition of the process plant tailings.

Figures 13, 14,15 and 16 provide the Project General Arrangement, Plant Site General Arrangement, Simplified Process Flow Diagrams and Isometric General Arrangement.









9. PROJECT INFRASTRUCTURE

Site Development

The project is located 90km east-southeast of Ouagadougou and is accessed via a sealed highway (RN4) which runs between the capital and Koupela. An existing gravel road intersects the highway near the village of Zempasgo and crosses through the south-eastern corner of the Sanbrado tenement. Two kilometres of the access road require upgrading to install multiple flood crossings and road re-profiling. Beyond the existing access road, new gravel access roads will be constructed to access the accommodation camp, process plant and mining contractor's area.

Accommodation Camp

WAF will construct a fully supported 172 person accommodation camp, located 1.5km southeast of the process plant. The camp will be operated by a catering and accommodation service provider on a long term operating contract. The camp contractor will be responsible for all operations at the accommodation camp including catering, cleaning and maintenance activities.

Power Supply

A heavy fuel oil (HFO) power station will be constructed at the process plant by an independent power provider (IPP) under a build-own-operate (BOO) agreement. The power station will be fitted with three heavy duty HFO generator engines and one standby generator to maintain supply in the event of a shutdown of one of the engines.

11 kilovolt aerial transmission lines will be constructed from the Sanbrado power station to the TSF, WSF, accommodation camp, the mining contractor's area and the underground portal.

The power station will utilise a dedicated bulk HFO storage facility located adjacent to the power house.

Tailings Storage Facility

The TSF will comprise a four sided paddock storage facility located 1.5km northeast of the process plant, situated just beyond the 500m blast zone around the M5 pit. The TSF is designed with a storage capacity of 25 million tonnes and comprises two cells, each of approximately 12.5 million tonne capacity.

Water Supply

Raw water will be sourced from the Nakambé River approximately 21 km to the south-west of the site. Water will be abstracted using submersible pumps and delivered to a tank at a transfer pump station close to the abstraction point. Pumps will transfer water to the Water Storage Facility (WSF) via buried HDPE pipeline.

WSF will be located immediately south-west of the TSF. The WSF is the main storage pond for raw process water on site, and is able to store up to 1,500,000m³ of water at the maximum operating level. Water will pumped from the river over a four month period during the wet season.

10. ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL

An Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) was prepared by a Burkinabe consultancy under the supervision of Knight Piésold for WAF during 2015 and 2016 for the Tanlouka Heap Leach Gold Project. The Tanlouka Gold Project has since been renamed Sanbrado Gold Project. This ESIA and associated baseline surveys predicted that there will be generally minor impacts on local flora and fauna, air quality and visual amenity. The most significant impacts identified in the ESIA were noise and vibration levels during mine construction and operations, and socio-economic issues associated with the quarantining of agriculture and pasture lands within the mining infrastructure zone.

The ESIA was updated by Ouagadougou-based firm SUCCESS Consulting in 2017. This update addressed the change in project design from heap leach to carbon in leach processing, the expanded project

footprint and the increase in mine life that arose from additional gold discoveries that followed the 2014 Heap Leach Feasibility Study. The Sanbrado Mining Project Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) social survey was repeated in January 2018 to capture changes to the host community as the project evolved. The 2018 RAP identified 2,345 persons living within the mining lease area, of whom a maximum of 680 living in 43 households will be displaced by mining operations. Resettlement activities are underway and are scheduled for completion in Q4 2018. 362ha of agricultural and pastoral land will be impacted by the mining infrastructure zone. The Sanbrado Gold Project ESIA has determined that the updated project will reduce some overall impacts, including a reduction in the number of households subject to relocation due to changes in buffer zone requirements. The re-submitted ESIA also identified community benefits associated with infrastructure remaining at cessation of mining such as the Water Storage Facility, Nakambe River water extraction tower and water pipeline, the camp and any electrical power line which may be constructed in the future.

The key environmental and social risk associated with the project is water availability. Water availability for crop production and grazing is dependent on seasonal flows in the local river systems. Water will be sourced from the Nakambe River, approximately 21km from the site, and will be pumped through a buried pipeline to the Water Storage Facility. The Nakambe experiences high flows for a sustained period during and after the wet season.

A preliminary mine closure plan has been developed and will be refined over the course of the mine life, and a set of completion criteria for rehabilitation, which are consistent with overall site closure objectives, will be determined and agreed with the regulator and relevant stakeholders. Through longterm monitoring of the site, the development of rehabilitated areas will be consistent with the completion criteria. Consultation with stakeholders will continue throughout the life of the Project.

11. OPERATIONS STRATEGY

WAF's overall operations strategy is to mine the project open pit reserves using bulk tonnage mining methods and underground reserves using uphole bench retreat mining methods to feed the processing plant. The plant will utilise conventional gravity recovery and cyanide leaching technology to recover and produce gold doré bars. Mining and processing will be supported by facilities, systems, services and infrastructure that are sufficient in magnitude, fit for purpose and based upon existing models and methods used at other gold operations within West Africa.

The General Manager - Sanbrado Operations (GM) will be responsible for overall site operations and will report to WAF's Chief Operating Officer. Most personnel will be sourced locally, with a focus on Burkinabe Nationals, and initial key positions will be filled with experienced expatriate staff. WAF will implement a skill transfer program with the aim of increasing the percentage of Burkinabe employees over time, and reducing the reliance on expatriate staff where possible. Staff will be housed in a purpose-built 172 person mining camp, with other workers housed in nearby towns and villages.

Contract mining operations will operate on a continuous basis, with two 12 hour shifts per day. Contract mining personnel will be accommodated in the Sanbrado mining camp and nearby villages and towns. It is expected that mining contractor personnel will operate on the same roster as the processing personnel of 14 work shifts followed by seven rostered days off.

The operations strategy is based on the use of directly employed personnel in full time positions in preference to the use of contractors, except for mining, power supply and catering operations. Operational support functions such as bullion transport, access road maintenance and freight services will be provided by service contractors.

Mining Contracts

All mining operations will be carried out by suitably experienced surface and underground mining contractors. These contractors will also be responsible for the mining-related construction activities, including ROM pad and haul road construction and maintenance during operations.

ROM stockpile management will be shared by WAF mining and processing departments. The mining department will engage the mining contractor to haul ore to and stockpile ore on the ROM pad. Feeding of the primary crusher will be carried out by the mining contractor under supervision of WAF's process staff.

12. OPERATING COST ESTIMATE

Operating cost estimates have been built from first principles and have used study metallurgical test work results to assist in validating the operating cost model. A summary of the operating cost estimate is provided in Table 12.

Table 12 Operating Cost Estimate Summary (US\$) (US\$1,300 gold price)					
LOM Cost (US\$M) LOM Cost / Ore Tonne LOM Cost / Ounce (US\$/oz)					
Mining	407,074,930	19.96	278.51		
Processing and Maintenance	254,987,723	12.50	174.46		
G & A (incl. Government Charges)	103,180,801	5.06	70.59		
Sustaining Capital	91,440,733	4.48	62.56		
Refining Charges	2,923,202	0.14	2.00		
Royalties	Royalties 76,003,249 3.73 52.00				
Total	Fotal 935,610,639 45.87 640.13				

The difference between the calculated LOM Cost / Ore Tonne and the Total is due to rounding

13. CAPITAL COST ESTIMATE

The estimated project capital cost is US\$185.3 million, inclusive of all open-pit and underground preproduction mining & development costs, contingencies, duties & taxes.

The capital cost estimate is based upon an EPCM approach and has been prepared to a level equivalent to that of a definitive feasibility study. The estimate is presented in United States Dollars (USD) to an accuracy level of $\pm 15\%$ at 90% confidence as at Quarter 2, 2018. Table 13 provides a summary of the capital cost estimate.

Table 13 Capital Cost Estimate Summary (\$US)		
Capital Costs (US\$m)	Life of Mine	
2Mtpa Processing Plant	65.4	
Project Infrastructure (TSF, Plant Vehicles, Mobile Equipment, Process Plant Infrastructure, Water Supply and Camp)	45.7	
Owner's Costs (Construction Facilities, First Fills and Capital Spares)	32.2	
Pre-production Mining	41.9	
Total Capital Cost	185.3	

14. FINANCIAL EVALUATIONS

The financial evaluation has been completed on a 100% project basis and is based on a US\$1,300/oz gold price. Table 14 presents key economic inputs for the Study.

Table 14 Key Economic Inputs (\$US)		
Variable	Rate	
Gold Price	\$1,300/oz	
Diesel Price	US\$1.10/l	
HFO Power cost	\$0.19/kWh	
Royalty Rate	4%	
Corporate Tax Rate	27.50%	
VAT	18%	
Community Development Fund (Royalty)	1%	
Government of Burkina Faso Free Carried Interest	10%	

At the base case gold price of US\$1,300/oz and using a 5% discount rate, the project generates a pre-tax NPV of US\$567M, an IRR of 62% with a payback period of 12 months and a post-tax NPV of US\$405M, an IRR of 49% with a payback period of 16 months following commissioning.

Because of the relatively low AISC, the project is robust at a range of gold prices. Table 15 provides a sensitivity analysis demonstrating the forecast robust economics under a range of gold price scenarios.

	Table 15 Economic Summary US\$				
Pre - Tax	\$1,100/oz Au	\$1,200/oz Au	\$1,300/oz Au	\$1,400/oz Au	\$1,500/oz Au
NPV5% (US\$M)	\$357.0	\$461.8	\$566.6	\$655.9	\$759.6
IRR (%)	46.0%	54.4%	62.3%	68.6%	75.6%
Payback (Years)	1.42	1.17	1.00	0.92	0.83
After - Tax	\$1,100/oz Au	\$1,200/oz Au	\$1,300/oz Au	\$1,400/oz Au	\$1,500/oz Au
NPV5% (US\$M)	\$250.4	\$328.7	\$404.7	\$469.5	\$544.6
IRR (%)	35.4%	42.4%	48.8%	54.0%	59.8%
Payback (Years)	1.67	1.50	1.33	1.17	1.00

15. PERMITTING AND APPROVALS

The Burkina Faso Ministry of the Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change approved the updated ESIA for the Sanbrado Gold Project in March 2018. In January 2017 the government of Burkina Faso Council of Ministers approved the Sanbrado Mining Permit application, which covers an area of 25km². WAF expects to receive a reissued mining permit reflecting the updated ESIA in Q2 2018.

In January 2017 the Manesse Exploration Licence was also granted, which covers the residual area of the former Tanlouka Exploration Licence.

16. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

The Company has commenced optimisation studies, including an underground mining study focussing on M5. This study is expected to positively enhance project economics. Once this work is complete, project finance will be completed and following statutory approvals, construction will commence.

Early site works have commenced, focussing on on-permit water storage and camp construction. Project construction is expected to commence in late 2018 with an 20 month construction schedule leading to targeted gold production in mid 2020.

17. FINANCING

The WAF Board believes that there are reasonable grounds to assume that future funding will be available for the ongoing development of the Project, as envisaged in this announcement, on the following basis:

- The production and economic outcomes delivered in the Feasibility Study are sufficiently robust to provide confidence in the Company's ability to fund development of the project through conventional debt and equity financing. WAF is already in early stage discussions with a number of potential financiers, the details of which will be disclosed when financing can be agreed and as required by applicable exchange and securities laws. No material or binding agreements for funding have been signed to date.
- The Company currently has significant cash reserves (c.A\$45 million). These cash reserves could be applied directly to Project funding.
- WAF's board has relevant experience in financing projects of similar scope in West Africa and further has retained the services of financial advisor Orimco Pty Ltd to assist the Company to arrange project finance. Orimco has specific experience arranging project finance for resource projects in West Africa.
- There are recent examples of similar projects in West Africa and more specifically in Burkina Faso attracting debt and equity funding.
- Funding requirements for the project are manageable (basis a capital development cost of US\$185m) in relation to the Company's current market capitalisation (c. A\$214m).
- The project economics will be improved following completion of further work and the Company is confident Indicated Resources and Ore Reserves will continue to increase with further drilling, to extend the mine life beyond what is assumed in the current Study. The project mining inventory does not include any Inferred Resources located within or immediately beneath the current reserve pit shells or the current underground design. Accordingly, there will be a material benefit from further drilling targeting conversion of these resources to a higher category.

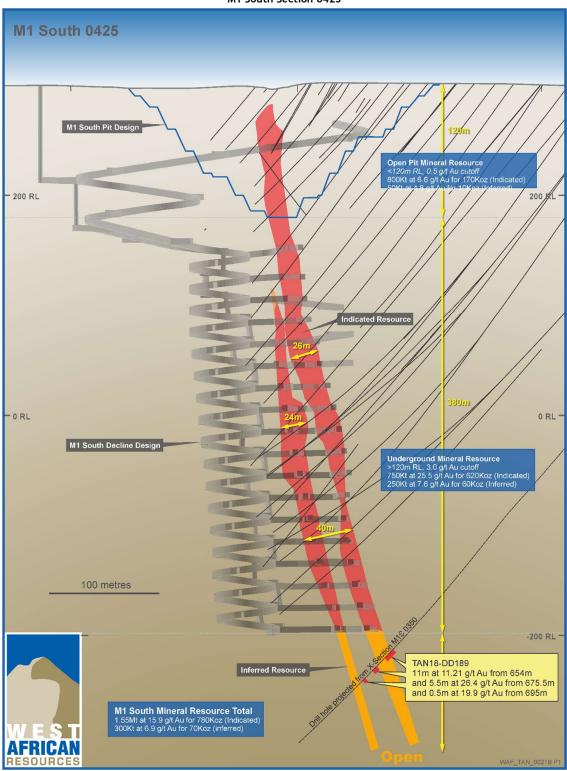
18. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Underground Mining Studies: The southwestern portion of the M5 open pit has zones of higher grade mineralisation that may be amenable to underground mining and the company has planned a scoping study investigating the underground potential of the M5 deposit. Preliminary studies indicate that project economics may be improved should high grade mineralisation at M5 be exploited from an underground mining scenario, with mining starting from surface from the open pit. An underground mining study has commenced which will investigate both the M1 and M5 deposits at depth.

Conversion of Inferred Resources: The project mining inventory does not include any Inferred Resources located within and immediately beneath the current reserve pit shells. There will be a material benefit from the conversion of Inferred Resources within and adjacent to the current designed Ore Reserve open pits through additional infill drilling.

Aggressive Exploration: Further high-priority exploration targets occur close to the existing resources on the project and mineralisation is open at depth in all areas. Planned exploration activities include extension of M1S at depth and along strike and other high priority targets close to the proposed mining infrastructure zone. Currently the deepest hole in M1 South is TAN18-DD214A, which returned visible gold and is pending assay. TAN18-DD189 returned 11m at 10.5g/t Au and 6m at 24.4g/t Au 70m beneath current resources and reserves (Figure 16).

Figure 16 M1 South Section 0425



A Scoping Study has also commenced focussing on the underground potential of M5. M5 is open along strike to the northeast and remains to be tested sufficiently in this area. The Company has had up to six rigs on site for the past 12 months and there remain several untested targets.

Increasing throughput in later years: Optimisation studies will investigate the potential to increase throughput of harder material later in the mine schedule through additional milling and/or crushing capacity, which would condense the processing schedule in the later years of the project.

19. COMPETENT PERSONS AND QUALIFIED PERSONS STATEMENT

Information in this announcement that relates to exploration results, exploration targets or mineral resources is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr Brian Wolfe, an independent consultant specialising in mineral resource estimation, evaluation and exploration. Mr Wolfe is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Wolfe has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person (or "CP") as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code) and a Qualified Person under Canadian National Instrument 43-101. Mr Wolfe has reviewed the contents of this news release and consents to the inclusion in this announcement of all technical statements based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

Information in this announcement that relates to open pit ore reserves is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr Stuart Cruickshanks, an independent specialist mining consultant. Mr Cruickshanks is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Cruickshanks has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person (or "CP") as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code) and a Qualified Person under Canadian National Instrument 43-101. Mr Cruickshanks has reviewed the contents of this news release and consents to the inclusion in this announcement of all technical statements based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

Information in this announcement that relates to underground ore reserves is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr Peter Wade, an independent specialist mining consultant. Mr Wade is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Wade has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person (or "CP") as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code) and a Qualified Person under Canadian National Instrument 43-101. Mr Wade has reviewed the contents of this news release and consents to the inclusion in this announcement of all technical statements based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

20. FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

This news release contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian and Australian securities legislation, including information relating to West African's future financial or operating performance that may be deemed "forward looking". All statements in this news release, other than statements of historical fact, that address events or developments that West African expects to occur, are "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and are generally, but not always, identified by the words "expects", "does not expect", "plans", "anticipates", "does not anticipate", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "projects", "potential", "scheduled", "forecast", "budget" and similar expressions, or that events or conditions "will", "would", "may", "could", "should" or "might" occur. All such forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of the relevant management as of the date such statements are made and are subject to important risk factors and uncertainties, many of which are beyond West African's ability to control or predict. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based on estimates and assumptions that are inherently subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

In the case of West African Resources Ltd, these facts include their anticipated operations in future periods, the expected enhancement to project economics following optimisation studies, planned exploration and development of its properties including project development commencing in Q4 2018 with an 18 month construction schedule, and plans related to its business and other matters that may occur in the future, including the availability of future funding for the development of the project. This information relates to analyses and other information that is based on expectations of future performance and planned work programs. Statements concerning mineral resource and ore reserve estimates may also be deemed to constitute forward-looking information to the extent that they involve estimates of the mineralisation that will be encountered if a mineral property is developed.

As well, all of the results of the feasibility study constitute forward-looking information, including estimates of internal rates of return, net present value, future production, estimates of cash cost, assumed long term price for gold, proposed mining plans and methods, mine life estimates, cashflow forecasts, metal recoveries, and estimates of capital and operating costs. Furthermore, with respect to this specific forward-looking information concerning the development of the Sanbrado Gold Project, the company has based its assumptions and analysis on certain factors that are inherently uncertain. Uncertainties include among others:

- i) the adequacy of infrastructure;
- ii) unforeseen changes in geological characteristics;
- iii) metallurgical characteristics of the mineralization;
- iv) the price of gold;
- v) the availability of equipment and facilities necessary to complete development and commence operations;
- vi) the cost of consumables and mining and processing equipment;
- vii) unforeseen technological and engineering problems;
- viii) accidents or acts of sabotage or terrorism;
- ix) currency fluctuations;
- x) changes in laws or regulations;
- xi) the availability and productivity of skilled labour;
- xii) the regulation of the mining industry by various governmental agencies; and
- xiii) political factors.

This release also contains references to estimates of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves. The estimation of Mineral Resources is inherently uncertain and involves subjective judgments about many relevant factors. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. The accuracy of any such estimates is a function of the quantity and quality of available data, and of the assumptions made and judgments used in engineering and geological interpretation (including estimated future production from the project, the anticipated tonnages and grades that will be mined and the estimated level of recovery that will be realized), which may prove to be unreliable and depend, to a certain extent, upon the analysis of drilling results and statistical inferences that may ultimately prove to be inaccurate. Mineral Resource estimates may have to be re-estimated based on:

- i) fluctuations in gold price;
- ii) results of drilling;
- iii) metallurgical testing and other studies;
- iv) proposed mining operations, including dilution;
- v) the evaluation of mine plans subsequent to the date of any estimates; and
- vi) the possible failure to receive, or changes in, required permits, approvals and licenses.

Mineral Reserves are also disclosed in this release. Mineral Reserves are those portions of Mineral Resources that have demonstrated economic viability after taking into account all mining factors. Mineral Reserves may, in the future, cease to be a Mineral Reserve if economic viability can no longer be demonstrated because of, among other things, adverse changes in commodity prices, changes in law or regulation or changes to mine plans. Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout this and other documents may not add up precisely to the totals provided and percentages may not precisely reflect the absolute figures.

Forward-looking information is subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual events or results to differ from those expressed or implied by the forwardlooking information, including, without limitation: exploration hazards and risks; risks related to exploration and development of natural resource properties; uncertainty in West African's ability to obtain funding; gold price fluctuations; recent market events and conditions; risks related to the uncertainty of mineral resource calculations and the inclusion of inferred mineral resources in economic estimation; risks related to governmental regulations; risks related to obtaining necessary licenses and permits; risks related to their business being subject to environmental laws and regulations; risks related to their mineral properties being subject to prior unregistered agreements, transfers, or claims and other defects in title; risks relating to competition from larger companies with greater financial and technical resources; risks relating to the inability to meet financial obligations under agreements to which they are a party; ability to recruit and retain gualified personnel; and risks related to their directors and officers becoming associated with other natural resource companies which may give rise to conflicts of interests. This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect West African's forward-looking information. Should one or more of these risks and uncertainties materialise, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in the forward-looking information.

West African's forward-looking information is based on the reasonable beliefs, expectations and opinions of their respective management on the date the statements are made and West African does not assume any obligation to update forward looking information if circumstances or management's beliefs, expectations or opinions change, except as required by law. For the reasons set forth above, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. For a complete discussion with respect to West African, please refer to West African's financial statements and other filings all of which are filed on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Production Targets

The information and production target presented in this announcement is based on a feasibility study for the Sanbrado Gold Project, Burkina Faso ("Feasibility Study").

The Company has concluded that it has a reasonable basis for providing the forward-looking statements (including the production targets) included in this announcement. The detailed reasons for that conclusion are outlined throughout this announcement and all material assumptions, including the JORC modifying factors, upon which the forecast financial information is based are disclosed in this announcement and in Table 1 Annexure A. This announcement has been prepared in accordance with the JORC Code (2012) and the ASX Listing Rules.

100% of the production target referred to in this announcement is based on Probable Reserves category.

The stated production target is based on the Company's current expectations of future results or events and should not be relied upon by investors when making investment decisions. Further evaluation work and appropriate studies are required to establish further confidence that this target will be met.

The Company believes it has a reasonable basis to expect to be able to fund and develop the Sanbrado Gold Project for the reasons set out above. However, there is no certainty that the Company can raise funding when required.

Neither TSX Venture Exchange nor its Regulation Services Provider (as that term is defined in the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange) accepts responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this release.

21. APPENDIX 1 JORC TABLE 1, SECTIONS 1-4

JORC 2012 Table "1"

Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Sampling Techniques	 Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as downhole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc.). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling. Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used. 	The area of the Mankarga 5 resource was drilled using Reverse Circulation (RC), Aircore (AC) and Diamond drillholes (DD) on a nominal 50m x 25m grid spacing. A total of 760 AC holes (24,062m), 118 DC holes (26,588m), and 95 RC holes (10,373m) were drilled by WAF between 2013 and 2018. A total of 60 RC holes (7,296m) and 71 DD holes (15,440m) were drilled by Channel Resources (CHU) in 2010-2012. Holes were angled towards 120° or 300° magnetic at declinations of between -50° and -60°, to optimally intersect the mineralised zones.
	• Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1m samples from which 3kg was pulverised to produce a 30g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed	The area of the Mankarga 1 resource was drilled using Reverse Circulation (RC), Aircore (AC) and Diamond drillholes (DD) on a nominal 25m x 20m grid spacing. A total of 397 AC holes (7,480m), 122 DC and DT holes (29,870m) and 216 RC holes (23,338m) were drilled by WAF between 2015 and 2017. A total of 23 RC holes (3,060m) and 7 DD holes (1,199m) were drilled by Channel Resources (CHU) in 2010-2012. Holes were angled towards 020°, 045°, 180° or 225° magnetic at declinations of between -50° and -60°, to optimally intersect the mineralised zones.
	information.	The area of the Mankarga 3 resource was drilled using Aircore (AC), RC drilling (RC) and Diamond drillholes (DD) on a nominal 20m x 20m grid spacing. A total of 269 AC holes (9,008m), 4 DD holes (384.m), and 9 RC holes (962m) were drilled by West African Resources (WAF) in 2015-2016. Holes were angled towards 090° or 225° magnetic at declinations of -50°, to optimally intersect the mineralised zones.
	All RC samples were weighed to determine recoveries. WAF and CHU RC samples were split and sampled at 1m and 2m intervals respectively using a three-tier riffle splitter. Diamond core is a combination of HQ, NQ2 and NQ3 sizes and all Diamond core was logged for lithological, alteration, geotechnical, density and other attributes. In addition, WAF Diamond core was logged for structural attributes. Half-core sampling was completed at 1m and 1.5m intervals for WAF and CHU respectively. QAQC procedures were completed as per industry standard practices (i.e., certified standards, blanks and duplicate sampling were sent with laboratory sample dispatches).	
		CHU RC samples were dispatched to Abilab Burkina SARL (ALS Laboratory Group) in Ouagadougou. CHU DD samples were dispatched to SGS Burkina Faso SA (SGS) in Ouagadougou and WAF RC and DD samples were dispatched to BIGS Global Burkina SARL (BIGS) in Ouagadougou until July 2017. As a result of slow turnaround, samples from the WAF drilling programmes were collected and submitted to SGS since July 2017. Up to the 25 th April 2018, a total of 235 AC samples, 4,184 RC samples, and 26,002 DC samples (all excluding QAQC samples) have been submitted to SGS. The Diamond core samples were crushed, dried and pulverised (total prep) to produce a sub sample for analysis for gold by 50g standard fire assay method (FA) followed by an atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) finish. WAF and CHU RC drilling was used to obtain 1m and 2m composite samples respectively from which 3kg was pulverised (total prep) to produce a sub sample for assaying as above.
Drilling Techniques	Drill type (e.g. core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc.) and details (e.g. core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc.).	Diamond drilling in the resource area comprises NQ2, NQ3 or HQ sized core. RC depths range from 13m to 204m and DD depths range from 49.5m to 667m. WAF Diamond core was oriented using a combination of orientation spear with >50% of orientations rated as "confident", Reflex ACT II system and Coretell [©] ORIshot orientation system. RC and AC drilling within the resource area comprises 5.5 inch and 4.5 inch diameter face sampling hammer and aircore blade drilling.
Drill Sample Recovery	 Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed. 	 Diamond core and RC recoveries are logged and recorded in the database. Overall recoveries are >90% for the diamond core and
-	 Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples. 	>70% for the RC; there are no core loss issues or significant sample recovery problems. A technician is always present at the
	 Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material. 	 rig to monitor and record recovery. Diamond core is reconstructed into continuous runs on an angle iron cradle for orientation marking. Depths are checked against the depth given on the core blocks and rod counts are routinely carried out by the drillers. RC samples were visually checked for recovery, moisture and contamination.
		The resource is defined by DD and RC drilling, which have high sample recoveries. No relationship between sample recovery and grade have been identified at the project. The consistency of the mineralised intervals and density of drilling is considered to preclude any issue of sample bias due to material loss or gain.

Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
Logging Sub-Sampling Techniques and Sample Preparation	 Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies. Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc.) photography. The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged. If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, 	 Geotechnical logging was carried out on all diamond drillholes for recovery, RQD and number of defects (per interval). Information on structure type, dip, dip direction, alpha angle, beta angle, texture, shape, roughness and fill material is stored in the structure/geotechnical table of the database. Logging of diamond core and RC samples recorded lithology, mineralogy, mineralisation, structural (WAF DD only), weathering, alteration, colour and other features of the samples. Core was photographed in both dry and wet form. All drilling has been logged to standard that is appropriate for the category of Resource which is being reported. Core was cut in half onsite using a CM core cutter. All samples were collected from the same side of the core. RC samples were collected on the rig using a three tier splitter.
	 etc. and whether sampled wet or dry. For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique. Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples. Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling. Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled. 	 All samples were dry. The sample preparation for all samples follows industry standard practice. The samples were dispatched to the laboratory (as per section 'Sampling Techniques') where they were crushed, dried and pulverised to produce a sub sample for analysis. Sample preparation involved oven drying, coarse crushing, followed by total pulverisation LM2 grinding mills to a grind size of 90% passing 75 microns. Field QC procedures involve the use of certified reference material as assay standards, blanks and duplicates. The insertion rate of these averaged 3:20. Field duplicates were taken on 1m and 2m composites for WAF and CHU RC samples respectively, using a riffle splitter. The sample sizes are considered to be appropriate to correctly represent the style of mineralisation, the thickness and consistency of the intersections.
Quality of Assay Data and Laboratory Tests	 The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total. For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc., the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc. Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g. standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established. 	 The laboratory used an aqua regia digest followed by fire assay with an AAS finish for gold analysis. No geophysical tools were used to determine any element concentrations used in this Resource Estimate. Sample preparation checks for fineness were carried out by the laboratory as part of their internal procedures to ensure the grind size of 90% passing 75 micron was being attained. Laboratory QAQC involves the use of internal lab standards using certified reference material, blanks, splits and duplicates as part of the in house procedures. Certified reference materials, having a good range of values, were inserted blindly and randomly. Results highlight that sample assay values are accurate and that contamination has been contained. Repeat or duplicate analysis for samples reveals that precision of samples is within acceptable limits. For Diamond core, one blank and one standard is inserted every 18 core samples and no duplicate is inserted every 17 samples.
Verification of Sampling and Assaying	 The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel. The use of twinned holes. Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols. Discuss any adjustment to assay data. 	 The CP has visually verified significant intersections in diamond core and RC drilling as part of the Resource Estimation process. Six RC holes and one diamond hole were twinned by diamond holes (2 drilled by WAF, 5 by CHU) for the Mankarga 5 prospect. Four RC holes were twinned by RC holes and two further RC holes were twinned by diamond holes (all drilled by WAF) at the Mankarga 1 prospect. Results returned from the twins were consistent with original holes. Primary data was collected using a set of company standard Excel[™] templates on Toughbook[™] laptop computers using lookup codes. The information was validated on-site by the Company's database technicians and then merged and validated into a final Access[™] database by the company's database manager. The results confirmed the initial intersection geology. No adjustments or calibrations were made to any assay data used in this estimate.
Location of Data Points	 Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drillholes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation. Specification of the grid system used. Quality and adequacy of topographic control. 	 All drillholes have been located by DGPS in UTM grid WGS84 Z30N. WAF DD downhole surveys were completed at least every 24m and at the end of hole using a Reflex downhole survey tool. CHU DD downhole surveys were completed every 3m with a Reflex EZ-Trac survey tool and CHU RC holes were surveyed every 5m using a GYRO Smart survey instrument. The grid UTM Zone 30 WGS 84 was used. A local grid orientated parallel to the strike of Mankarga (bearing 030 UTM) has recently been implemented and will be used for future work Ground DGPS, Real time topographical survey and a drone survey was used for topographic control.

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Data Spacing and Distribution	 Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results. Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied. Whether sample compositing has been applied. 	 The nominal drillhole spacing is 50m (northeast) by 20m (northwest) for the Mankarga 5 prospect, 25m (northwest) by 20m (northeast) for the Mankarga 1 prospect. The mineralised domains have demonstrated sufficient continuity in both geology and grade to support the definition of Inferred and Indicated Mineral Resources as per the guidelines of the 2012 JORC Code.
Orientation of Data in Relation to Geological Structure	 Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type. If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material. 	The majority of the data is drilled to either magnetic 120° or 300° orientations for Mankarga 5 and magnetic 045° or 225° orientations for Mankarga 1 and Mankarga3, which is orthogonal/perpendicular to the orientation of the mineralised trend. The bulk of the drilling is almost perpendicular to the mineralised domains. Structural logging based on oriented core indicates that the main mineralisation controls are largely perpendicular to drill direction.
		 No orientation based sampling bias has been identified in the data at this point.
Sample Security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	 Chain of custody is managed by WAF. Samples are stored on site and delivered by WAF personnel to BIGS Ouagadougou for sample preparation. Whilst in storage, they are kept under guard in a locked yard. Tracking sheets are used to track the progress of batches of samples.
Audits or Reviews	 The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data. 	WAF personnel completed site visits and data review during the due diligence period prior to acquiring Channel Resources Ltd. No material issues were highlighted. During 2012 AMEC completed a site visit and data review as part of the NI43-101 report dated 29 July 2012. No material issues were noted. between May 2014 and May 2017 the CP has completed several site visits and data review as part of this Resource Estimate.

Section 2	2 Reporting of	f Exploration Result	ts
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Mineral Tenement and Land Tenure Status	 Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings. The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area. 	The original Tanlouka Permit covered 115km ² . The Company owned 100% of the Tanlouka Permis de Recherche arrêté No 2013 000128/MCE/SG/DGMG, which covered 115km ² and was valid until 27 January 2016. In October 2015, the Company applied for the Sanbrado Mining license which covers the south eastern corner of the Tanlouka permit over a 26km ² area. The Sanbrado Mining Permit application was passed by the Council of Ministers in January 2017. Furthermore, the Company also applied for the Manesse permis de recherche which covers the residual area of the expired Tanlouka permit; this permit was granted in January 2017 (Arrêté No 17/014/MEMC/SG/DGCMIM). The Sanbrado Mining Permit was issued by ministerial decree in March 2017 No 2017 - 104/PRES/PM/MEMC/MINEFID/MEEVCC
		All licences, permits and claims are granted for gold. All fees have been paid, and the permits are valid and up to date with the Burkinabe authorities. The payment of gross production royalties is provided for by the Mining Code and the amount of royalty to be paid is 3% up to \$1000/oz, 4% up to \$1300/oz and >\$1300/oz 5%
Exploration Done by Other Parties	 Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties. 	Exploration activities on the original Tanlouka permit by previous workers have included geological mapping, rock and chip sampling, geophysical surveys, geochemical sampling and drilling, both reverse circulation and core. This work was undertaken by Channel Resources personnel and their consultants from 1994 until 2012.
Geology	 Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation. 	The project is located within a strongly arcuate volcano- sedimentary northeast-trending belt that is bounded to the east by the Tiébélé-Dori-Markoye Fault, one of the two major structures subdividing Burkina Faso into three litho-tectonic domains. The geology of the Tanlouka area is characterised by metasedimentary and volcanosedimenatry rocks, intruded by mafic, diorite and granodiorite intrusions. The Mankarga prospect area is characterised by a sedimentary pile which is mostly composed of undifferentiated pelitic and psammitic metasediments as well as volcanosedimentary units. This pile has been intruded by a variably porphyritic granodiorite, overprinted by shearing and mylonites in places, and is generally parallel to sub-parallel with the main shear orientation. In a more regional context, the sedimentary pile appears "wedged" between regional granites and granodiorites. The alteration mineralogy varies from chloritic to siliceous, albitic, calcitic and sericite-muscovite. Gold mineralisation in the project area is mesothermal orogenic in origin and structurally controlled. The project area is interpreted to host shear zone type quartz-vein gold mineralisation. Observed gold mineralisation at the Mankarga prospects appears associated with quartz vein and veinlet arrays, silica, sulphide and carbonate-albite, tourmaline-biotite alteration. Gold is free and is mainly associated with pyrrhotite, pyrite, minor chalcopyrite and arsenopyrite disseminations and stringers.
Drillhole Information	 A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drillholes: easting and northing of the drillhole collar elevation or RL (Reduced Level - elevation above sea level in metres) of the drillhole collar dip and azimuth of the hole downhole length and interception depth hole length. If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case. 	 Significant intercepts that form the basis of this Resource Estimate have been released to the ASX in previous announcements (available on the WAF website) with appropriate tables incorporating Hole ID, Easting, Northing, Dip, Azimuth, Depth and Assay Data. Appropriate maps and plans also accompany this Resource Estimate announcement. Drilling completed by Channel Resources is documented in the publically available report "NI 43-101 Technical Report on Mineral Resources for the Mankarga 5 Gold Deposit Tanlouka Property, Burkina Faso for Channel Resources Ltd" prepared by AMEC Consultants and dated 17 August 2012. A complete listing of all drillhole details is not necessary for this report which describes the Mankarga5 and Mankarga 1 Gold Resource and in the Competent Person's opinion the exclusion of this data does not detract from the understanding of this report.
Data Aggregation Methods	 In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g. cutting of high grades) and cutoff grades are usually Material and should be stated. Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail. The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated. 	 All intersections are assayed on one meter intervals. No top cuts have been applied to exploration results. Mineralised intervals are reported with a maximum of 2m of internal dilution of less than 0.5g/t Au. Mineralised intervals are reported on a weighted average basis.

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Relationship Between Mineralisation Widths and Intercept Lengths	 These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drillhole angle is known, its nature should be reported. If it is not known and only the downhole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g. 'downhole length, true width not known'). 	The orientation of the mineralised zone has been established and the majority of the drilling was planned in such a way as to intersect mineralisation in a perpendicular manner or as close as practicable. Topographic limitations were evident for some holes and these were drilled from less than ideal orientations. However, where possible, earthworks were carried out in order to accomplish drill along optimum orientations.
Diagrams	Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drillhole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.	The appropriate plans and sections have been included in the body of this document.
Balanced Reporting	 Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results. 	All grades, high and low, are reported accurately with "from" and "to" depths and "hole identification" shown.
Other Substantive Exploration Data	Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples - size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	Detailed metallurgical test work has been carryout as part of the FS. Test work shows that the ore is amenable to conventional crushing, grinding and CIL processing. LOM recoveries have been determined to be 90.7%
Further Work	 The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g. tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive. 	A program of dedicated metallurgical and geotechnical drillholes has been completed. Some grade control pattern test work is planned prior to commencing mining.

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Database Integrity	 Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes. Data validation procedures used. 	WAF's have a central database with data templates set up with lookup tables and fixed formats are used for logging, spatial and sampling data. Data transfer is electronic via e-mail. Sample numbers are unique and pre-numbered bags are used. WAF project geologists also regularly validate assays returned back to drill core intercepts and hard copy results.
		■ Data was further validated on import into Vulcan [™] mining software. Random checks of assay data from drillhole to database were completed.
Site Visits	• Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits.	The Competent Person (CP) for the resource estimate, Mr Brian Wolfe, visited the Mankarga 5 prospect in May 2014, May 2016 and again in April 2017. These visits included inspection of
	 If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case. 	drilling, drill sites, viewing local surface geology, and a review of drill core from several diamond holes drilled at Mankarga 5 and Mankarga 1 that form part of the resource estimate.
Geological Interpretation	 Confidence in (or conversely, the uncertainty of) the geological interpretation of the mineral deposit. 	The geological interpretation was based on geological informatio obtained from WAF's and Channel Resources Aircore, RC and diamond drilling programs. This included lithological, alteration,
	 Nature of the data used and of any assumptions made. The effect, if any, of alternative interpretations on Mineral Resource estimation. 	veining and structural data. WAF carried out a substantial drillhole re-logging program of Channel's drilling to improve consistency of logging.
	 The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource estimation. 	 The mineralised shear hosted mineralisation can be traced on 50m spaced sections over approximately 3km for Mankarga 5,
	 The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology. 	25m spaced sections over approximately 1km for Mankarga 1 and 20m spaced sections over approximately 750m for Mankarga 3. The mineralisation interpretation utilised an approximate 0.3g/t Au edge cutoff for overall shear zone mineralisation.
		 A 3D geological model of the major lithologies and alteration was constructed and used to assist in guiding the mineralisation interpretation
		 The interpretation was developed by WAF technical staff and reviewed and refined by the CP.
		 No alternate interpretations were considered as the model developed is thought to represent the best fit of the current geological understanding of the deposit and is supported by surface mapping.
		 In the CP's opinion there is sufficient information available from drilling/mapping to build a reliable geological interpretation that is of appropriate confidence for the classification of the resource (Indicated/Inferred).
Dimensions	The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and lower limits of the Mineral Resource.	Known mineralisation at M1 extends along strike for approximately 1km, is up to 50m wide and up to 550m in depth. The M5 mineralisation extends along strike for approximately 3km, is up to 100m wide and 450m in depth. The M3 mineralisation extends along strike for 750m, is up to 50m wide and 75m in depth. Mineralisation at all deposits remains open at depth.
Estimation and Modelling Techniques	The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions, including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters used.	 Geological and mineralisation constraints were constructed in cross section in Micromine and then imported and refined in Vulcan. The constraints thus developed were subsequently used in geostatistics, variography, block model domain coding and
		grade interpolation. Multiple indicator kriging was selected as the most appropriate most of constraints by the president are to for experimentation.
	 The availability of check estimates, previous estimates and/or mine production records and whether the Mineral Resource estimate takes appropriate account of such data. 	method for estimating Au, the main element of economic significance. Some minor domains were estimated via ordinary kriging due to paucity of data and 3D data configuration. Additionally, Ordinary Kriging was used at Mankarga 1 for the hig
	• The assumptions made regarding recovery of by-products.	grade domains. Samples were composited to 3m at Mankarga 5 and 2m for other deposits.
	 Estimation of deleterious elements or other non-grade variables of economic significance (e.g. sulphur for acid mine drainage characterisation). 	 A block size of either 10mE by 25mN by 10mRL or 20mE by 25mN by 10mRL was selected as an appropriate block size for estimation given the drill spacing (50m strike spacing or better)
	 In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation to the average sample spacing and the search employed. 	and the likely potential future selective mining unit (i.e. appropriate for potential open pit mining). In the case of the potential UG mining a smaller parent cell size of 2.5mE x 5mN x
	 Any assumptions behind modelling of selective mining units. 	SmRL has been selected. • Variography from the main domains indicated a moderate nugget
	 Any assumptions about correlation between variables. Description of how the geological interpretation was used 	of approximately 30% to 40%, with maximum range of 100m to 200m (strike), intermediate range of (dip) 50m to 100m and minor axis of 10m to 20m. Elliptical search neighbourhoods
	to control the resource estimates. Discussion of basis for using or not using grade cutting or	within domains were used orientated parallel to the orientation of the shear. Search ranges were based on the variograms and
	 capping. The process of validation, the checking process used, the comparison of model data to drillhole data, and use of reconciliation data if available. 	were typically 150m along strike, 1500m down dip and 30m across strike. Indicator variography was modelled for input to MIK grade estimates. Typically 17 grade cutoffs were chosen per domain and every second indicator variogram calculated and modelled. Intermediate indicator variogram parameters were interpolated based on the bounding modelled variograms.

Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources

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		 Wireframed mineralisation domains were used as "hard boundaries" for estimation. Oxide and transitional mineralisation were estimated together with the fresh/sulphide mineralisation. high grade cutting is not a necessary process in the context of MIK grade estimation, however high grade cutting was undertaken prior to the experimental variogram calculations. High grade cuts were typically light and were considered to have a negligible effect on the overall mean grades. High grade cutting was used in the calculation of the conditional grade statistics as input to
		the change of support process. At Mankarga 1, a high grade cut of 250g/t Au was selected and
		 applies to the ordinary kriged estimates at M1 South. The block model estimates were validated by visual comparison of whole block grades (etype) to drillhole composites, comparison of composite and block model statistics, generating grade shells and visually assessing them and swath plots of composite versus whole block model grades.
Moisture	 Whether the tonnages are estimated on a dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content. 	The tonnages in the estimate are for dry tonnage with no factoring for moisture.
Cutoff Parameters	 The basis of the adopted cutoff grade(s) or quality parameters applied. 	The proposed development scenario for the deposit is as a combination of an open cut (pit) and underground mine. Based on this assumption reporting cutoffs of 0.5g/t Au and 1.0g/t Au are appropriate for the open pit portion with the cutoff dependent on the scale of any potential future operation. For the UG development at M1 South the reporting cutoffs have been set between 2g/t Au and 4g/t Au.
Mining Factors or Assumptions	Assumptions made regarding possible mining methods, minimum mining dimensions and internal (or, if applicable, external) mining dilution. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential mining methods, but the assumptions made regarding mining methods and parameters when estimating Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made.	 Open pit mining is assumed at M5 and the upper portion of M1 South and this has been factored into the grade estimates. A selective mining unit dimension of 5mE by 12.5mN by 5mRL has been selected at M5 and M1N and 5mE by 5mN by 5mRL for M1 South and these have been used as input to the change of support process for the MIK estimates only. No additional mining dilution has been applied to the reported estimate as the estimation method can be considered to incorporate dilution
		 There are minor artisanal gold workings in the M5 area. Production from these is understood to be minimal so no mining depletion has been applied to the model. More extensive artisanal mining has occurred in the area of M1 and stopes have been intersected in drillholes up to 50m below the surface. The block model dry bulk densities have therefore been reduced by 20% in the relevant areas to compensate for mining activity.
Metallurgical Factors or Assumptions	The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the metallurgical assumptions made.	 The Sanbrado process development and process plant designs are based on a series of test work programmes, conducted from 2012 to 2018, and application of a conventional flowsheet suited to free milling non-refractory gold ores. The average gold recovery over the current mine life is 92.9%.
Environmental Factors or Assumptions	Assumptions made regarding possible waste and process residue disposal options. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider the potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. While at this stage the determination of potential environmental impacts, particularly for a greenfields project, may not always be well advanced, the status of early consideration of these potential environmental impacts should be reported. Where these aspects have not been considered this should be reported with an explanation of the environmental assumptions made.	 The prospect is at early stage of assessment and no environmental factors have considered in this model estimate. These factors will be evaluated as part of a future scoping study. It is the CP's understanding that no environmental factors have currently been identified which would impact the resource estimate reported here.
Bulk Density	 Whether assumed or determined. If assumed, the basis for the assumptions. If determined, the method used, whether wet or dry, the frequency of the measurements, the nature, size and representativeness of the samples. The bulk density for bulk material must have been measured by methods that adequately account for void spaces (vugs, porosity, etc.), moisture and differences between rock and alteration zones within the deposit. Discuss assumptions for bulk density estimates used in the evaluation process of the different materials. 	 The prospect area is moderately to deeply weathered/oxidised with the top of fresh rock over mineralised zones around 50 to 60 metres below surface for Mankarga 5 and 40 to 50 metres below surface for Mankarga 1 and Mankarga 3. Bulk densities are based upon 22,513 density measurements over the project area. All measures utilised industry standard immersion techniques. Bulk densities have been assigned to the model subdivided by oxidation states. Average bulk densities are considered reasonable and representative for the rock types and oxidation/weathering states present and are in line with other similar deposities in the region. All are dry densities and void spaces in core are understood to

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Classification	 The basis for the classification of the Mineral Resources into varying confidence categories. Whether appropriate account has been taken of all relevant factors (i.e. relative confidence in tonnage/grade estimations, reliability of input data, confidence in continuity of geology and metal values, quality, quantity and distribution of the data). Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit. 	 The quality of estimate criteria was reviewed spatially and used to assist in resource classification. Areas that had high confidence estimate values, had sufficient drilling density (<50m spaced drilling) or were proximal to 50m by 25m spaced drill lines were assigned as Indicated Resources. The remainder was classified as Inferred. All mineralisation at M3 has been classified as Inferred due to the nature of the drilling and the mineralisation occurrence and geometry. Based upon the drill spacing, quality of data, current confidence in the geological understanding of the deposit, continuity of mineralisation and grade it is the Competent Person's opinion that the resource estimate meets the JORC 2012 Guidelines criteria to be classified as an Indicated and Inferred Resource.
Audits or Reviews	 The results of any audits or reviews of Mineral Resource estimates. 	■ N/A
Discussion of Relative Accuracy / Confidence	Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Mineral Resource estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the resource within stated confidence limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors that could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.	The quality of estimate as used to assist in resource classification reflects the number of samples used to estimate a block, the distance a block is from a sample, slope of regression and the kriging error (for ordinary kriged estimates). Blocks which were assigned to the Indicated Category typically were informed by at least 4 drillholes, were less than 50m from the nearest composite, had low kriging errors and had drilling spacing of approximately 50m by 25m. The remainder was classified as Inferred.
	The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.	 The relative accuracy of the estimate is reflected in the Resource Classification of deposit as per the JORC 2012 Code and is deemed appropriate by the CP. At this stage the bulk estimate is considered to be a global estimate.
	 These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available. 	estimate.

Criteria JORC Code Explanation Commentary Mineral Description of the Mineral Resource estimate used as a The ore Reserve estimate has been based on the following Resource basis for the conversion to an Ore Reserve. Mineral Resource estimates: Estimate for Clear statement as to whether the Mineral Resources are The Mineral Resource estimates for The Sanbrado Gold Conversion to reported additional to, or inclusive of, the Ore Reserves Project have been prepared by Mr Brian Wolfe of Independent Ore Reserves Resource Solutions Pty Ltd, and have been reported in this announcement dated 25 April 2018. Project Mineral Resources 39.6Mt at 1.8 g/t Au for 2.35Moz Au (Indicated), 13.85Mt at 1.2 g/t Au for 0.55Moz Au (Inferred) The Mineral Resources for all deposits have been reported inclusive of the Ore Reserves estimated and stated here. Site Visits Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Stuart Cruickshanks has visited site in January 2017. During Person and the outcome of those visits. this visit the various deposit areas were inspected with particular interest in access evaluation and practical If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is consideration for mining of open pit in the local terrain. the case. Diamond core of the mineralised zones were also inspected to inform assumptions on selectivity of mining. The type and level of study undertaken to enable Mineral A Feasibility Study utilising a CIL processing method has been Study Status Resources to be converted to Ore Reserves undertaken in order to enable the Mineral Resources to be converted to Ore Reserves stated here. The Code requires that a study to at least Pre-Feasibility Study level has been undertaken to convert Mineral Resources to Ore Reserves. Such studies will have been carried out and will have determined a mine plan that is technically achievable and economically viable, and that material Modifying Factors have been considered. Cutoff The basis of the cutoff grade(s) or quality parameters The cutoff grades used in the estimation of these Ore Reserves Parameters applied. is the non-mining, break-even gold grade taking into account mining recovery and dilution, metallurgical recovery, site operating costs, royalties and revenues Mining Factors The method and assumptions used as reported in the Pre-Appropriate factors determined during the course of the Feasibility or Feasibility Study to convert the Mineral Feasibility study were applied to the Mineral Resources by or Assumptions Resource to an Ore Reserve (i.e. either by application of Lerchs Grossman optimization methodology. Detailed pit appropriate factors by optimisation or by preliminary or designs were then carried out on the selected optimised pit detailed design). shells and Ore Reserves reported from these designs. Conventional open pit mining techniques using drill and blast The choice, nature and appropriateness of the selected with material movement by hydraulic excavator and trucks will mining method(s) and other mining parameters including be employed. The project scale and selectivity would suit 120t associated design issues such as pre-strip, access, etc. 250t class excavators in a backhoe configuration matched to The assumptions made regarding geotechnical 95t class mine haul trucks and applicable ancillary equipment. parameters (eg pit slopes, stope sizes, etc), grade To suit this sized equipment a bench height of 5m has been control and pre-production drilling. adopted. The benches will be excavated on 2 x 2.5m high flitches, for blasted material this will be $2 \times 3m$ high flitches The major assumptions made and Mineral Resource model used for pit and stope optimisation (if appropriate). when swell is accounted for. A feasibility geotechnical assessment of open pit mining was The mining dilution factors used. carried out by Peter O'Bryan and Associates. The assessment The mining recovery factors used. provided base case wall design parameters for open pit mining Any minimum mining widths used. evaluation. The manner in which Inferred Mineral Resources are Grade control sample collection by reverse circulation drilling utilised in mining studies and the sensitivity of the has been allowed for in the Feasibility Study. outcome to their inclusion. To estimate the mining loss and dilution for the Mineral Resources The infrastructure requirements of the selected mining that have been estimated using Ordinary Kriging, ore reserves methods. block models were prepared by averaging the grades of the ore and non-ore proportions across model block volumes for all elements reported in the resource model. This has effectively diluted the ore with the adjacent non-ore blocks and so simulating mining dilution based on the parent block sizes 5m x 5m x 5m (X x Y x Z). For 1 high grade zone estimated using Ordinary Kriging a 20% mining dilution was applied. The Mineral Resources estimated using Multiple Indicator Kriging (MIK) with block support adjustment are recoverable resources and as such have mining dilution incorporated in the estimate. All gold grades reported in this estimate refer to these diluted grades. Mining ore losses result from blocks with small ore proportions which are effectively diluted to the extent that the average grade is below the economic cutoff of the reported Ore Reserves. No Inferred Mineral Resources have been used in the Feasibility Study. All Inferred Mineral Resources are treated as waste in the mining studies. Infrastructure to support the mining operations has been allowed for. This includes: Mine haul roads and access roads ROM Stock pile area adjacent to the primary crusher Waste rock dumps Mine services area including workshop, warehouse, offices, and fuel storage and dispensing

Section 4 Estimation and Reporting of Ore Reserves

Criteria	JORC Code Explanation	Commentary
		Diesel power generation Mine accommodation village
		 Mine accommodation village Surface water management and pit dewatering infrastructure
Metallurgical	The metallurgical process proposed and the appropriateness	
Factors or Assumptions	of that process to the style of mineralisation.	process which is well proven technology.
	 Whether the metallurgical process is well-tested technology or novel in nature. 	 A Feasibility level metallurgical test work programme has been undertaken.
	 The nature, amount and representativeness of metallurgical test work undertaken, the nature of the metallurgical domaining applied and the corresponding metallurgical recovery factors applied. 	 Metallurgical samples representing know mineralogical domains, grade ranges and oxidation profiles have been included are deemed to be representative of the projects deposits.
	 Any assumptions or allowances made for deleterious elements. 	No deleterious elements have been detected.
	 The existence of any bulk sample or pilot scale test work and the degree to which such samples are considered representative of the orebody as a whole. 	No bulk sampling has been undertaken - all samples have beer source from diamond drill core as is appropriate for this style of mineralisation.
	 For minerals that are defined by a specification, has the ore reserve estimation been based on the appropriate mineralogy to meet the specifications? 	
Environmental	The status of studies of potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. Details of waste rock characterisation and the consideration of potential sites, status of design options considered and, where applicable, the status of approvals for process residue storage and waste dumps should be reported.	 Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) has been completed for a project. A certificate of Environmental Compliance has been issued by the Burkina Faso Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.
Infrastructure	 The existence of appropriate infrastructure: availability of land for plant development, power, water, transportation (particularly for bulk commodities), labour, accommodation; or the ease with which the infrastructure can be provided, or accessed. 	 The Feasibility study has estimated the cost to upgrade/install the necessary infrastructure to support the project. This Includes:
		 Upgrading access roads Water collection via surface water runoff collection from large catchment, pit dewatering and groundwater bores, and a storage dam
		Power supply by diesel generators
		Processing plant and Tailings storage facility
		Accommodation village, offices and other necessary buildings
		The topography of the project is gently undulating and there is sufficient land to construct all the necessary infrastructure.
Costs	 The derivation of, or assumptions made, regarding projected capital costs in the study. 	 Capital costs for the process plant and associated infrastructure have been estimated to the required level of accuracy for a
	 The methodology used to estimate operating costs. Allowances made for the content of deleterious elements. 	Feasibility Study by Mintrex Pty Ltd in association with Knight Piésold. Capital costs for mining related infrastructure have been source from quotations and tendered rates sourced from
	 The source of exchange rates used in the study. 	contract mining companies active in West Africa. Process and general and administration operating costs were
	 Derivation of transportation charges. The basis for forecasting or source of treatment and refining charges, penalties for failure to meet specification, etc. 	developed by Mintrex Pty Ltd. Costs were estimated from first principles based on reagent consumptions and consumable usage rates determined from test work. Power cost estimate is based diesel generators. Labour rates were benchmarked against existing operations in Burkina Faso.
	 The allowances made for royalties payable, both Government and private. 	 Mining operating costs were sourced from quotations and tendered rates received from mining contracting companies active in West Africa.
		 Low levels of some deleterious elements have been detected in the waste and waste rock dump design and construction methods have taken these into account.
		 A gold price of US\$1200/oz based on analyst consensus has been used for the Ore Reserve estimate.
		 Transportation and refining charges have been sourced from European and South African gold refiners.
		 Government Royalties are payable as per the Mining Code of Burkina Faso. The payment of gross production royalties is provided for by the Mining Code and the amount of royalty to be paid is 3% up to \$1000/oz, 4% up to \$1300/oz and >\$1300/oz 5%An additional 1% community development levy is also payable.
Revenue Factors	 The derivation of, or assumptions made regarding revenue factors including head grade, metal or commodity price(s) exchange rates, transportation and treatment charges, penalties, net smelter returns, etc. 	 No factors were applied in the application of the metal prices stated in the above section.
		 The head grades as reported in these estimates were not factored. Mining dilution and recoveries were taken into account
	 The derivation of assumptions made of metal or commodity price(s), for the principal metals, minerals and co-products. 	as discussed elsewhere in this statement and as such no further factors were considered appropriate and were therefore not applied.
Market Assessment	 The demand, supply and stock situation for the particular commodity, consumption trends and factors likely to affect supply and demand into the future. A customer and competitor analysis along with the identification of likely market windows for the product. 	The product of this mine is a precious metal and the stated methodology of applying the metal price is considered to be adequate and appropriate. No major market factors are anticipated or known at the time of reporting, to provide a reason for adjusting this assumption.

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	Price and volume forecasts and the basis for these forecasts.	
	 For industrial minerals the customer specification, testing and acceptance requirements prior to a supply contract. 	
Economic	The inputs to the economic analysis to produce the net	Inputs to the economic analysis were:
	present value (NPV) in the study, the source and confidence of these economic inputs including estimated	 Mine production schedule, including gold production schedule, produced as part of the Faceibility study.
	inflation, discount rate, etc.	schedule, produced as part of the Feasibility study
	 NPV ranges and sensitivity to variations in the significant assumptions and inputs. 	 Mine operating costs, process operating costs and general and administrative costs as stated above Gold price as stated above
		Applicable royalties and taxes and duties under Burkinabe law
		Discount rate of 5%`
		 The Project's sensitivity to various inputs were also investigated. The Project is most sensitive to gold price.
		US\$ Gold Price After Tax Project IRR US\$ After Tax Project NPV5% 1,100 35.43% 250,391,000
		1,200 42.39% 328,681,000
		1,30048.83%404,745,0001,40054.04%469,519,000
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Social	 The status of agreements with key stakeholders and matters leading to social licence to operate. 	 Consultation and engagement has occurred from the local community to the National administration level.
		 Resettlement planning is well progressed and it is reasonable to expect that this will be completed as part of the development sequence.
Other	 To the extent relevant, the impact of the following on the project and/or on the estimation and classification of the Ore Reserves: 	 To the extent relevant, the impact of the following on the project and/or on the estimation and classification of the Ore Reserves:
	 Any identified material naturally occurring risks The status of material legal agreements and marketing arrangements The status of governmental agreements and approvals critical to the viability of the project, such as mineral tenement status, and government and statutory approvals. There must be reasonable grounds to expect that all necessary Government approvals will be received within the timeframes anticipated in the Pre-Feasibility of Feasibility study. Highlight and discuss the materiality of any unresolved matter that is dependent on a third party on which extraction of the reserve is contingent 	Access to sufficient processing water is a key risk associated with the project. The Company has identified this risk and aimed to mitigate it through the water balance study as part of this FS, incorporating an on-site water storage facility in the designed infrastructure for the project. No other
		material naturally occurring risks have been identified for the Sanbrado Gold Project. The Company has received mining and environmental permits
		to develop the project. The requirements to maintain agreements are transparent and well managed by the company in consultation with the Government of Burkina Faso.
		 Gold is an easily traded commodity and does not require any specific marketing arrangements. There are reasonable grounds to expect that future agreements and Government approvals will be granted and maintained within the necessary timeframes for successful
		implementation of the project.
Classification	 The basis for the classification of the Ore Reserves into varying confidence categories. 	 No Proved Ore Reserves have been reported as there are no Mineral Resources in the Measured category.
	 Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit. The proportion of Probable Ore Reserves that have been derived from Measured Mineral Resources (if any). 	Ore Reserves which have been reported as Probable have been derived directly from the Mineral resource classified at the Indicated level of confidence.
		No Mineral Resources classified at the Inferred level of confidence are included in these estimated Ore Reserves.
		The Competent Person is satisfied that the stated Ore Reserve classification reflects the outcome of the technical and economic studies.
		 There are no Measured Mineral Resources.
Audits or Reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of Ore Reserve estimates.	 No audits or reviews of Ore Reserve estimates have been undertaken to date.
Discussion of Relative Accuracy /	Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Ore Reserve estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the reserve within stated confidence limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors which could affect	In the estimating of these Ore Reserves, the confidence levels as expressed in the Mineral Resource estimates have been accepted in the respective resource classification categories.
Confidence		 The Ore Reserves estimates relate to global estimates in the conversion of Mineral Resources to Ore Reserves, due largely to the spacing of the drill data on which the estimates are based, relative to the intended local selectivity of the mining operations.
	the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.	• • Accuracy and confidence of modifying factors are generally
	The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.	consistent with the current level of this study. The modifying factors applied in the estimation of the Ore Reserves are considered to be of a sufficiently high level of confidence not to have a material impact on the viability of the estimated Ore Reserves.
	 Accuracy and confidence discussions should extend to specific discussions of any applied Modifying Factors that may have a material impact on Ore Reserve viability, or for which there are remaining areas of uncertainty at the current study stage. 	

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	 It is recognised that this may not be possible or appropriate in all circumstances. These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available. 	