

# WEST AFRICA'S EMERGING MID TIER PRODUCER TARGETING +400,000ozpa GOLD PRODUCTION BY 2025

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- 3. metallurgical characteristics of the mineralization;
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- results of drilling;
- metallurgical testing and other studies;
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#### MINERAL RESOURCES, ORE RESERVES AND PRODUCTION TARGETS

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# WHY WEST AFRICA?

#### **GOLDEN POTENTIAL**

West Africa is one of the most attractive mining regions globally with many of the world's leading producers



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- Largest gold producing region globally +16 Moz/yr <sup>1</sup>
- Burkina Faso 2<sup>nd</sup> largest producer in West Africa +3 Moz/yr
- Top region globally for gold discoveries over the last 10 years
- Fastest region to permit development projects globally
- Lowest construction capital intensity globally
- 12 recent builds all on or ahead of schedule, on or under budget

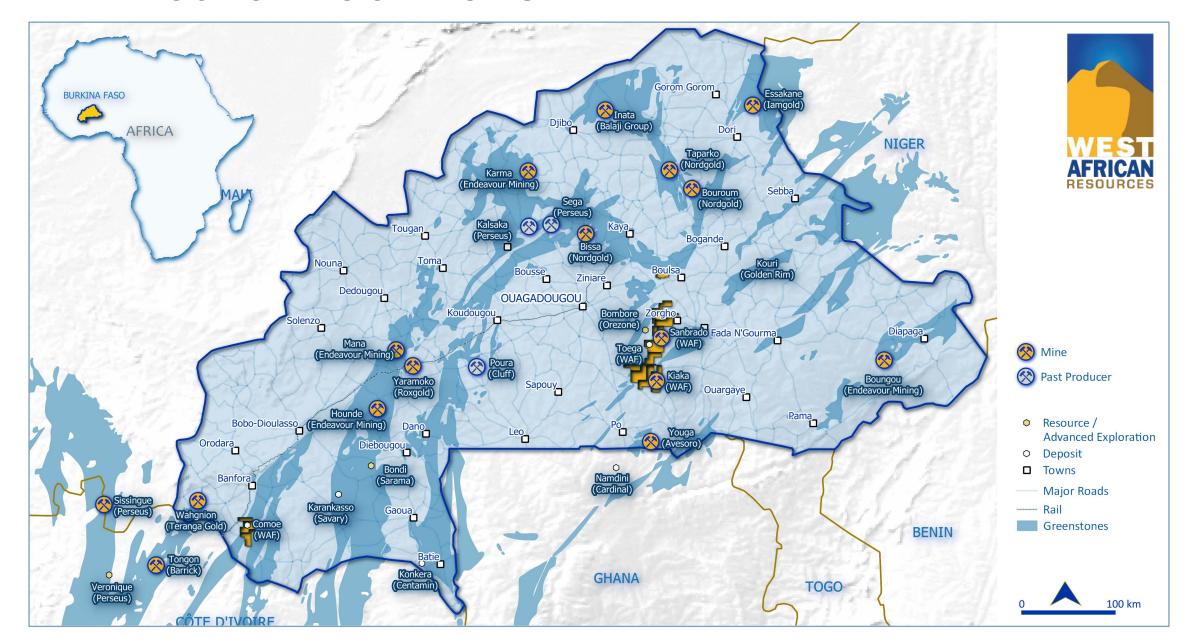




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# WAF PROJECT LOCATIONS

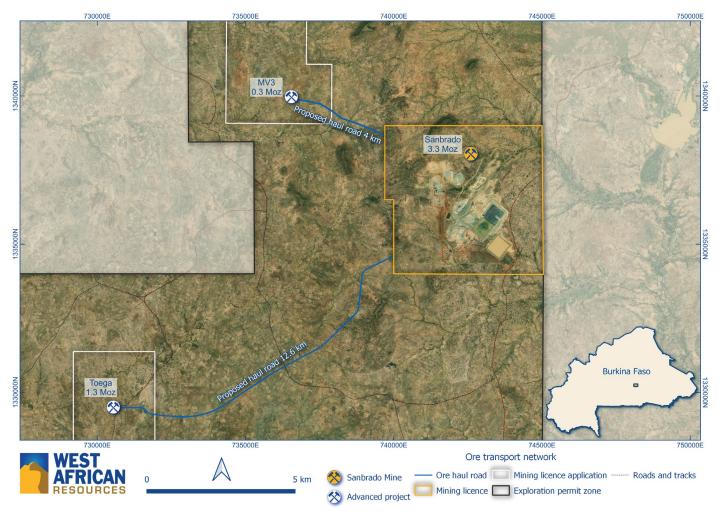


SANBRADO GOLD OPERATIONS



# SANBRADO GOLD MINE

### **KEY PROJECT METRICS**



Location South-central Burkina Faso, West Africa

**Ownership** WAF 90%; BF Government 10%

Contract open-pit and underground mining **Type** 

Resources 80Mt at 1.9 g/t for 4.9 Moz gold (US\$1850)

27Mt at 2.2 g/t for 1.9 Moz gold (US\$1400) Reserves

29Mt at 2.5 g/t for 2.3 Moz gold (US\$1400) **Reserves + Inventory** 

Mine life 15 years

**Processing** Conventional 3.2 Mtpa CIL + gravity

**Recovery LOM** 94%

**First production** March 2020

**2023 Production** 226,823 oz at AISC of US\$1126/oz

Workforce 93% Burkinabe including 50% from local region

Safety TRIFR of 1.21 (WA Mining Average 7.1)

27.5% Tax

**Gov.** participation 10% FC, 5-7% royalty + 1% community fund

# **SANBRADO GOLD MINE**

### TEN CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS OF MEETING OR BEATING GUIDANCE

**2023 Summary:** 

Processed: 3.3Mt at 2.3 g/t gold

93.7% recovery

Produced: 226,823 oz

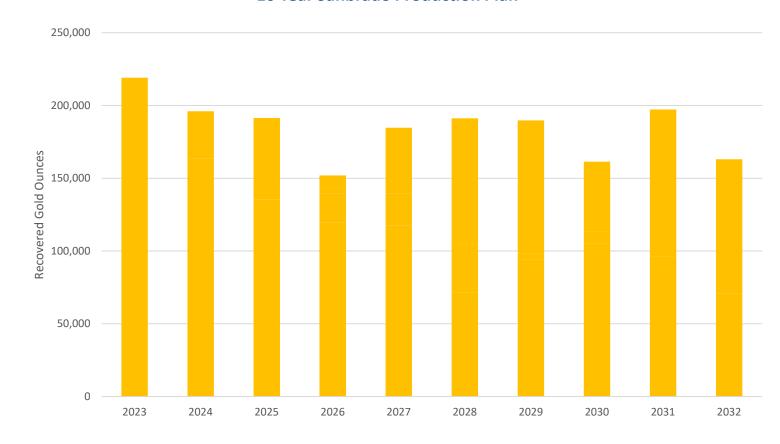
Gold sold: 224,970 oz

Costs: AISC US\$1,126/oz

Sale price: US\$1,944/oz unhedged

- 2024 production guidance to be released Q1
- Resource and reserve update, 10-year production outlook to be released O1

#### 10 Year Sanbrado Production Plan





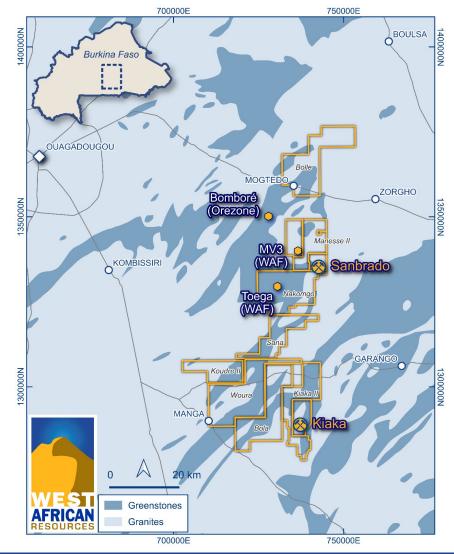
7.7MOZ GOLD GROWTH PROJECT





KIAKA GOLD PROJECT +18 YEARS AT 220,000 OZ PER YEAR





### 19 YEARS AT 220,000 OZ GOLD PER YEAR

**Location** South-central Burkina Faso, West Africa

Ownership WAF 90%; BF Government 10%

**Type** Open-pit, low strip ratio 1.8 : 1 LOM

**Resources** 279Mt at 0.9 g/t for 7.7 Moz gold (US\$1850)

**Reserves** 155Mt at 0.9 g/t for 4.5 Moz gold (US\$1400)

Mine life 19 years

**Processing** Conventional 8.4 Mtpa CIL + gravity

**Recovery LOM** 90%

**Pre-production** 

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US\$430 million

First production Scheduled for H2 2025

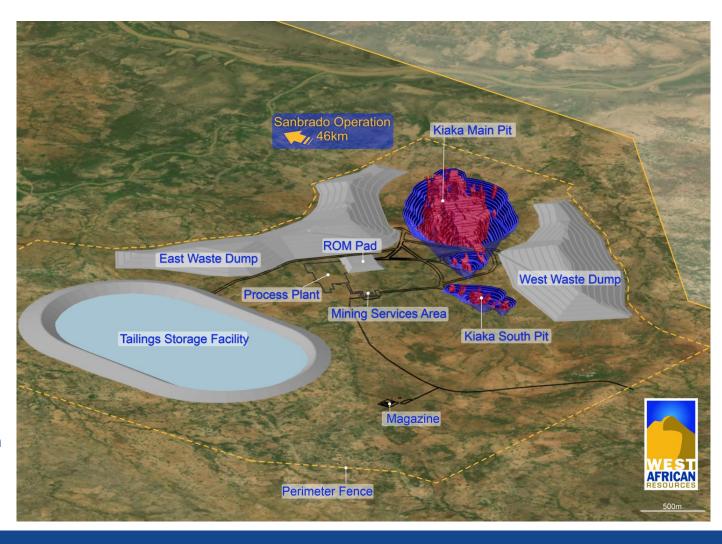
**Production** 220,000 oz/yr for 19 years

**Power supply** Grid 225Kv (hydro, solar & thermal back-up)

**Workforce** >90% Burkinabe including 50% from local region

**Tax** 27.50%

Gov. participation 10% FC, 5-7% royalty + 1% community fund



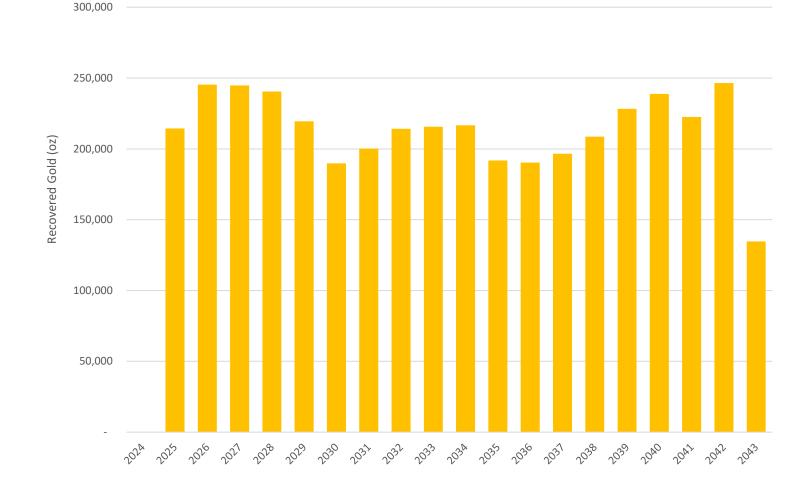
### **KEY METRICS AT US\$1750 (100% PROJECT BASIS)**

#### **Production**

- 4.1Moz gold recovered at 90%
- 233,000ozpa gold production Y1-5
- 219,000ozpa gold production LOM (18.5Y)

#### **Financial**

- US\$430 million pre-production capital costs<sup>1</sup>
- AISC of US\$953/oz Y1-5; US\$1,052/oz LOM
- US\$2.4b (A\$3.4b)<sup>2</sup> pre-tax free cashflow





I. Including pre-production mining & development costs, contingencies, duties & taxes.

<sup>2.</sup> USD: AUD FX rate of 0.70 as at 3 August 2022.

<sup>3.</sup> Refer ASX announcement dated 3 August 2022 "Kiaka Feasibility Delivers 4.5Moz Gold Ore Reserve".

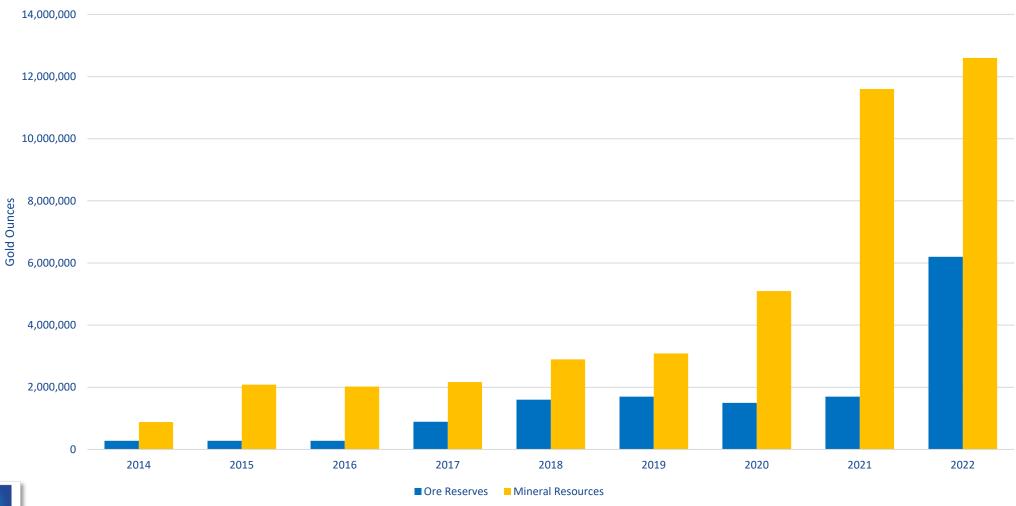
#### FIRST GOLD 2025

- Experienced WAF team managing earthworks, camp, power supply, mine services
- Lycopodium managing process plant construction
- EPCM contract, commencing with engineering and procurement services, awarded to Lycopodium
- Major commitments include EP & CM contracts, SAG and ball mills, primary gyratory crusher, apron feeders, high-rate thickener, pebble cone crushers, CIL agitators and tank steel and reagent, workshop, and warehouse sheds
- 50% of the overall project costs are now committed and fixed. No material cost inflation has been encountered
- Debt financing process complete, first US\$100m draw was received 2 Jan 2024



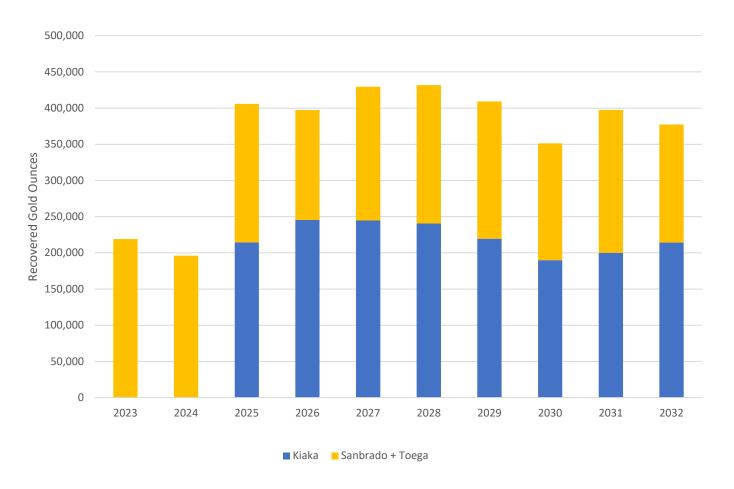


#### **OUTSTANDING HISTORY OF RESOURCE & RESERVE GROWTH**





### 10 YEAR PRODUCTION TARGET & GROWTH POTENTIAL

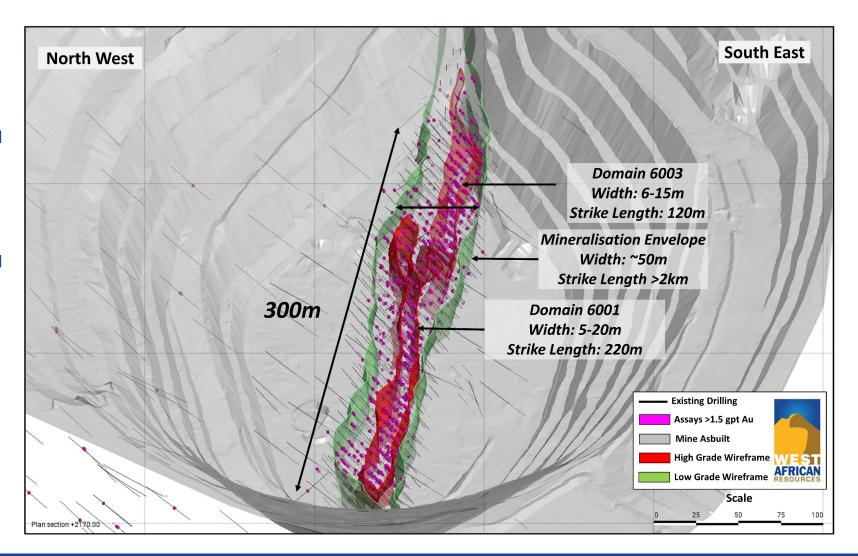


- 10-year production target to average:
  - 208,000ozpa 2023-24
  - 400,000ozpa 2025-32
  - 3.6Moz production 2023-32
- 10-year production target is based 93 % Reserves at a conservative gold price of US\$1400/oz.
- Infill and extension of UG reserves on going
- Active near surface exploration around Sanbrado
- Resource, reserve and 10-year production outlook to be updated Q1 2024



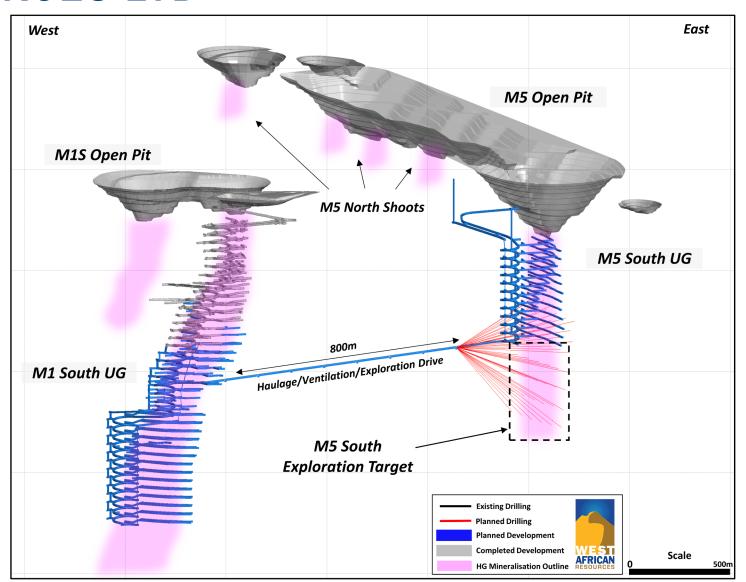
### M5 UNDERGROUND POTENTIAL

- Infill drilling complete
- New results include:
  - 20.5m at 4.1 g/t gold and 7m at 5 g/t gold
  - 12.5m at 4.6 g/t gold
  - 4m at 5.3 g/t gold and 9m at 5.7 g/t gold
  - 10m at 3.8 g/t gold and 6m at 2.6 g/t gold
- Historic results by WAF include:
  - 11m at 11.45 g/t gold
  - 15m at 11.26 g/t gold
  - 23m at 11.26 g/t gold
  - 8m at 17.5 g/t gold
  - 10m at 4.86 g/t gold

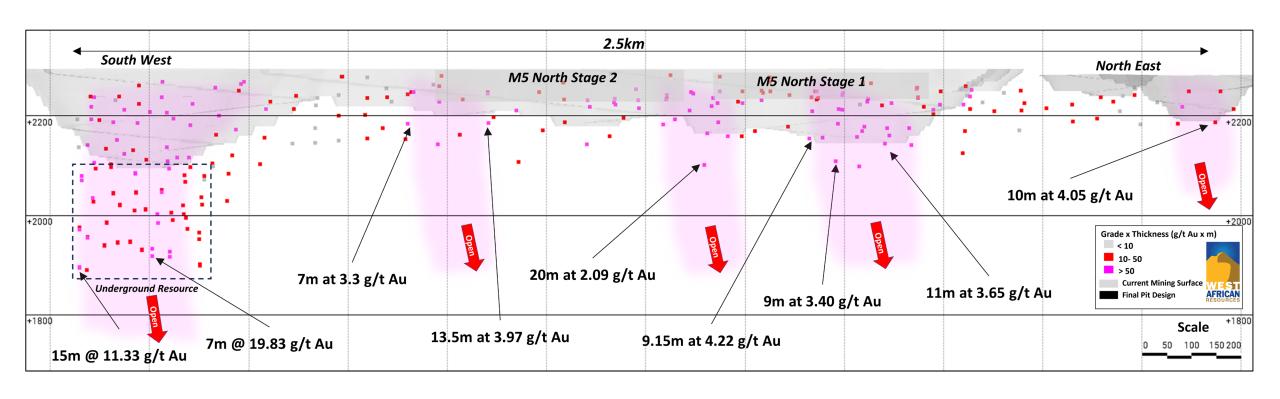


### M5 UNDERGROUND POTENTIAL

- Grade and tenor of previous drilling confirmed, +1.5 g/t
   Au mineralisation core below the M5 South open pit
- High-grade shoots remain open at depth at more than 400m below surface
- Maiden underground Mineral Resource Estimate delivers
   2.4Mt at 3.8 g/t Au for 289koz gold
- Average annual production post of 35kozs per annum over 5-year study life
- Exploration Target beneath the underground resource area; ranging from a lower case of approximately 2Mt at 3g/t Au for 225koz, to an upper case of approximately 3Mt at 4.5g/t Au for 425koz Au



### M5 EXPLORATION POTENTIAL



### ESG OUR COMMITMENT

Integrating sustainability into our operations with a long term view; beyond production, beyond closure for a positive mine legacy

- ✓ Sanbrado nursery growing thousands of seedlings for Sanbrado's progressive rehabilitation and revegetation program in collaboration with local Government and community
- ✓ All Sanbrado livelihood restoration programs implemented in partnership with Burkinabe organisations with majority of programs moving into monitoring phase
- ✓ Keeping our programs in-check through regular internal audits of our environmental and social management and monitoring systems and external audits by international specialists
- ✓ Cross-project mentorship between our environmental and social teams
- ✓ Overhauling our environment, social and governance information disclosure to keep us accountable and transparent to our stakeholders and shareholders





# ESG MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT

#### Positive Social Impact from Sanbrado in education and health

- ✓ Donation of bicycles and tricycles to support transport needs of local students and people with disabilities
- ✓ Commencement of a scholarship program first two graduates inducted
- ✓ Livelihood diversification training aimed at women, youth and vulnerable members of the community
- ✓ Health programs and donations of medical and personal hygiene supplies
- ✓ Education on family planning, and prevention and management of common illnesses and diseases
- ✓ Employment for local workforce with more than 50% from the local area
- ✓ Significant contributor to Burkina Faso in taxes and royalties >US\$250 million since project commencement





# **BUILDING A STRONG WORKFORCE**

### **ÉQUIPE WAF**

- ✓ Total WAF workforce 1,350:
  - 93% Burkinabè workers
  - 7% Expatriate workers
  - 80% senior roles Burkinabè
  - 33% senior roles female
  - 50% Sanbrado site workers local
- ✓ Providing vocational training opportunities:
  - 170 internships completed
  - 35% female participation
  - University scholarship program
- ✓ Delivery of Accredited Australian training programs
- ✓ Diversity being achieved through good employment practices (gender, social and ethnic backgrounds, age)



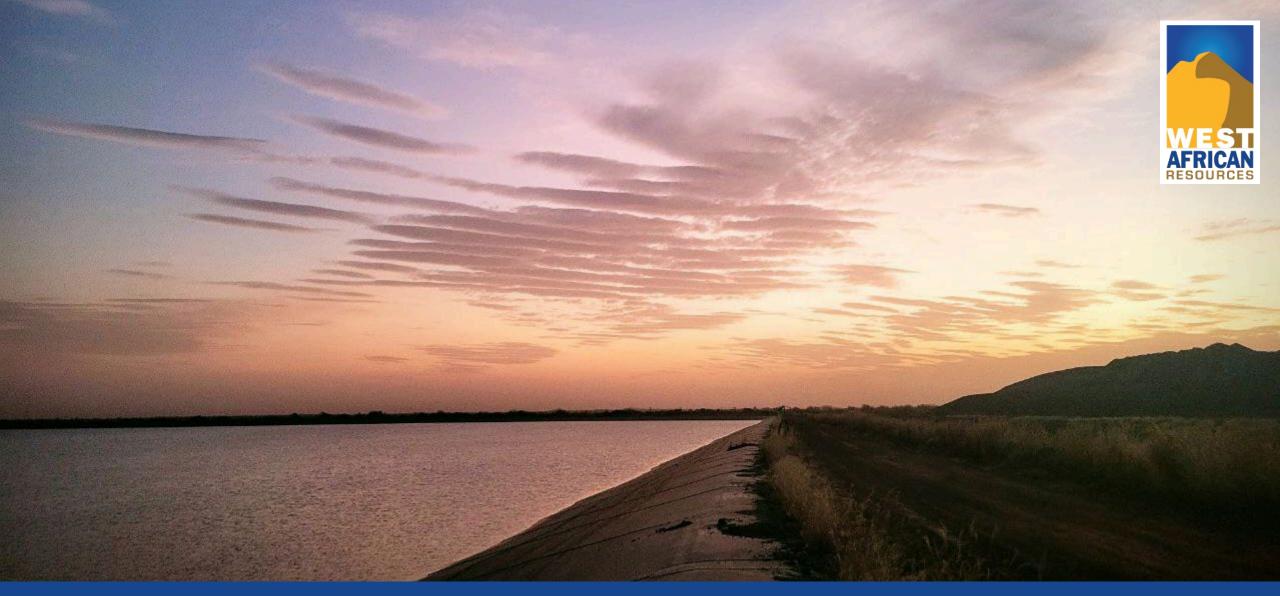




# WHY INVEST?

### +400,000OZPA GOLD PRODUCTION BY 2025

	TEAM	Quality board and management team aligned with shareholders
		Building a reputation consistent and reliable delivery
	GOLD EXPOSURE	6.4 Moz unhedged gold reserves
		12.6 Moz unhedged gold resources
	ESG	Social licence to operate through community programs & partnerships
		Environmental and social programs aligned with international standards
	MINING SERVICES	Strong cashflow from unhedged gold production
A AFRICA	GROWTH 954	+1,000km² of permits covering prospective greenstone belts
7.02		• Targeted exploration – creating value through the drill bit
		+400,000ozpa gold production from 2025



#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE

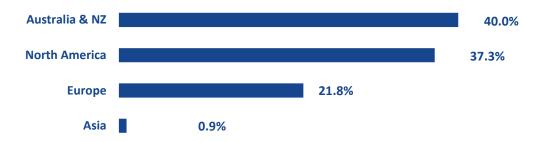
#### **ASX: WAF**

Total Ordinary Shares on Issue	1,026m
Options and performance rights on issue	7.6m
Top 20 Shareholders <sup>2</sup>	61%
Cash at 31 December 2023	AUD\$135m
Gold at 31 December 2023 <sup>3</sup>	AUD\$10m
Market Capitalisation (at AUD\$0.945/share)	AUD\$970m

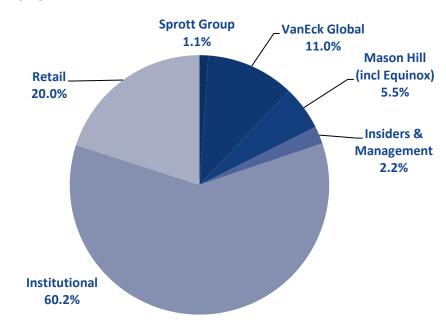
#### **Analyst Coverage**<sup>1</sup>

Euroz Hartleys	Mike Millikan
Macquarie	Andrew Bowler
Argonaut	John MacDonald
Coremark	Richard Gray
Barrenjoey	Richard Knights

#### INVESTOR BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION<sup>4</sup>



#### **INVESTOR BY TYPE**<sup>2</sup>





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Share holdings as at 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

US\$2,062 gold price

# **MINERAL RESOURCES**

	Cutoff	Measured Resource			Indicated Resource			Inferred Resource			Total Resource		
		Tonnes	Grade	Contained Au	Tonnes	Grade	Contained Au	Tonnes	Grade	Contained Au	Tonnes	Grade	Contained Au
	g/t	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz
MV3	0.5	0	0	0	1,565	2.2	113	1,902	2.4	144	3,467	2.3	257
M1 South UG	1.5	990	10.9	346	2,173	8.5	591	103	4.5	15	3,265	9.1	952
M1 South Deeps	1.5							1,343	12.5	539	1,343	12.5	539
M5	0.5	2,516	1.1	89	29,715	1.2	1,104	17,078	1.1	592	49,309	1.1	1,786
М3	0.5	85	1.8	5	19	2.5	2	0	0.0	0	104	1.9	6
Sanbrado Stockpile		1,588	0.7	37							1,588	0.7	37
Toega	0.5				13,127	1.7	698	8,354	2.1	569	21,481	1.8	1,268
Kiaka	0.4				211,489	0.9	5,933	67,716	0.8	1,795	279,205	0.9	7,728
Total		5,178	2.9	477	258,089	1.0	8,440	96,496	1.2	3,655	359,763	1.1	12,573

<sup>1</sup> Tonnes, grade and contained metal have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimates. Rounding errors may occur.



# **ORE RESERVES**

		Prove	d		Probabl	e	Proved + Probable			
	Tonnes Grade Contained Au		Tonnes Grade Contained Au			Tonnes	Grade	Contained Au		
	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz	(000) t	g/t	(000) oz	
M1 South UG	1,452	6.9	320	2,120	6.7	457	3,572	6.8	778	
M5	2,216	1.1	79	9,689	1.3	393	11,906	1.2	472	
M3	77	1.4	3	0	0.0	0	77	1.4	3	
Toega				9,457	1.9	569	9,457	1.9	569	
ROM Stockpile	1,588	0.7	37				1,588	0.7	37	
Kiaka				154,685	0.9	4,510	154,685	0.9	4,510	
Total	5,334	2.6	439	175,951	1.0	5,930	181,285	1.1	6,396	

<sup>1</sup> Figures in the table have been rounded. Rounding errors may occur.

