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### **Investment Summary**

- Dual listed (AIM / TSX)
- Gold producer, developer and explorer.

### Attractive Economics of New Liberty Gold Mine, Liberia

- · Liberia's first commercial gold mine
- High grade open pit reserve of 8.5m tonnes at 3.4 g/t, supporting LOM production of 859 Koz+
- All in Sustaining LOM Cash Costs < US\$ 900/oz</li>
- Ramping up to commercial production in Q1 2016

### Upside From Significant Exploration Potential

- Licence portfolio of 1,683 km² positioned along major gold bearing structures for + 80 km
- Over 1 Moz outlined outside New Liberty (< 1% of the area drill tested)</li>
- Two +15 km gold belts located within a 15 km radius of New Liberty
- Satellite potential around New Liberty

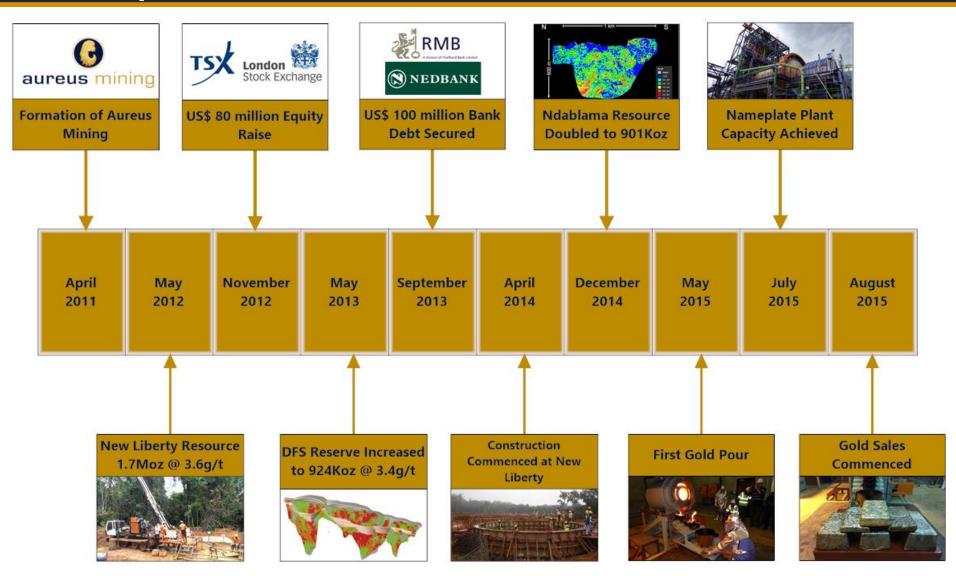
### **Experienced Management Team**

Board of Directors and management team with considerable West African experience

<sup>\*</sup> Figures refer to open pit development as per Definitive Project Plan, March 2015



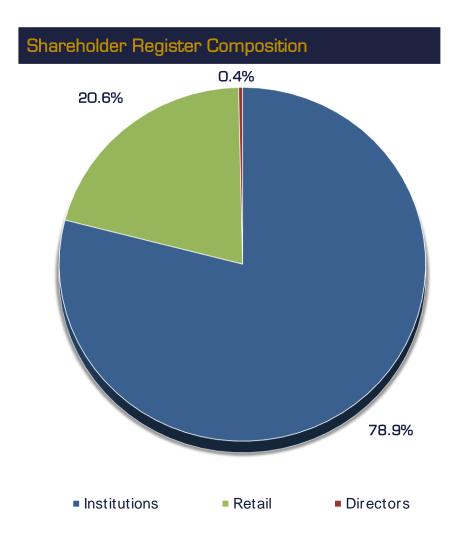
### **From Explorer to Producer in Four Years**





# **Corporate Overview**

Balance Sheet at September 30, 2015 (in millions)					
Cash	US\$ 5.9				
Debt	US\$ 100.0				
Capitalisation Summary at February 1, 2016					
AIM / TSX Ticker	AUE LN / CN				
Shares in Issue	541.8				
Warrants	60.5				
Options	18.1				
Fully Diluted	620.4				
Market Cap	US\$ 20				



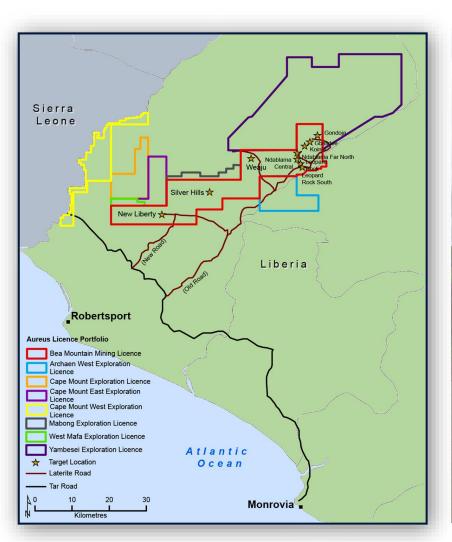




**New Liberty Gold Mine** 



# **Only 100 Km From Major Commercial Port**





## Infrastructure





# **Plant Layout**



### **Key Facts**

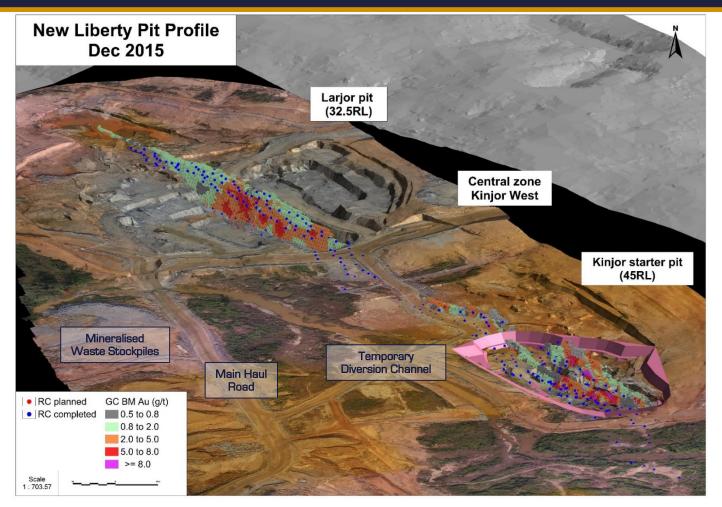
- CapEx of US\$ 175 million\*
- · 8 year mine life on current mineral reserves
- Average annual production of c.120 Koz for first 6 years
- Plant throughput of 1.1 Mtpa
- Conventional Gravity & CIL processing
- LOM production of 859 Koz
- All-In Sustaining LOM Cash Costs < US\$ 900/oz</li>
- Proven and Probable Reserves of 8.5 Mt at 3.4 g/t for 924 Koz

Notes:

All in Sustaining Cash Cost - World Gold Council definition



### **Grade Control Drilling (up to end of 2015)**

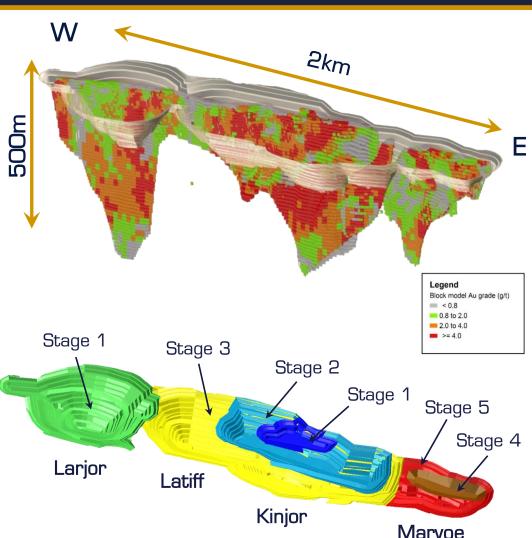


- Confirms high grades and outlines excellent reconciliation with mineral resource model
- Additional ounces outlined in Year 1 mining schedule



### Pit Design

- Two shallow starter pits provides increased face length and flexibility
- Temporary northern ramps minimise waste haul distances
- Drainage berm constructed from waste rock lowers execution risk and reduces water ingress and pumping requirements in pit
- Mining is currently focussing below the weathered oxide zone in the Larjor pit and moving into fresh rock within the Kinjor pit



### **Mining Progress**

- 667,024 tonnes of ore and 8,551,087 tonnes of waste have now been mined
- ROM Ore stockpiles currently total 79,525 tonnes at 2.40 g/t and oxide and transitional stockpiles of 74,014 tonnes at 1.31 g/t
- Since reaching nameplate capacity there have been 23 gold doré shipments resulting in sales of approximately 28,175 ounces of gold





### **Commissioning Progress**

- Since the resumption of processing operations on 30 October 2015 the comminution circuit and ball mill have been operating at design capacity
- Technical issues encountered during commissioning have now largely been addressed
- Various processes are currently on-going to improve overall plant performance
- Current focus on fine-tuning the performance of the gravity circuit and further optimising CIL leach kinetics
- Recoveries moving towards steady state levels.
  Anticipated that plant performance will reach design levels by the end of Q1 2016
- Full commercial production will be declared once the process plant is operating at full design capacity and consistent with management expectations



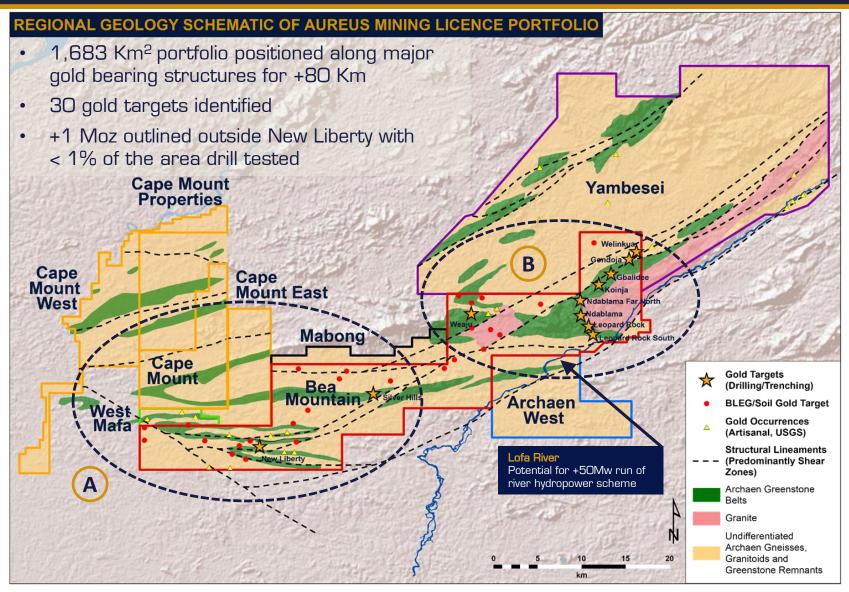




**Exploration Upside** 

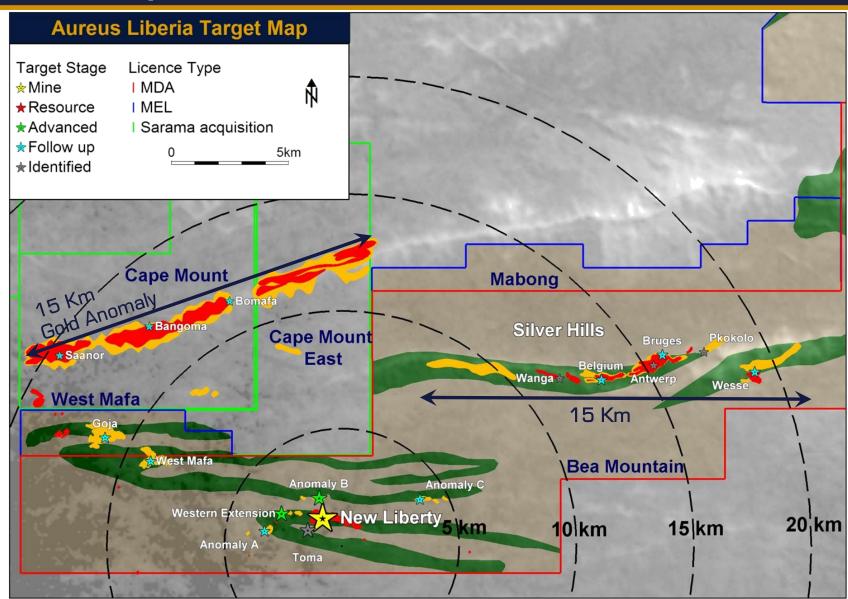


### 1,683km<sup>2</sup> Licence Portfolio



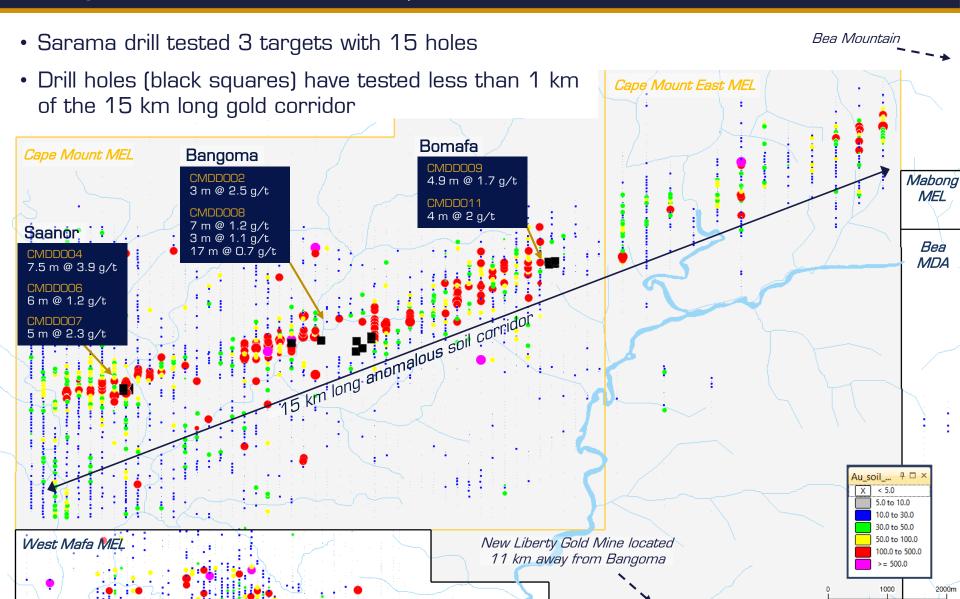
# A - New Liberty: Near Mine Upside





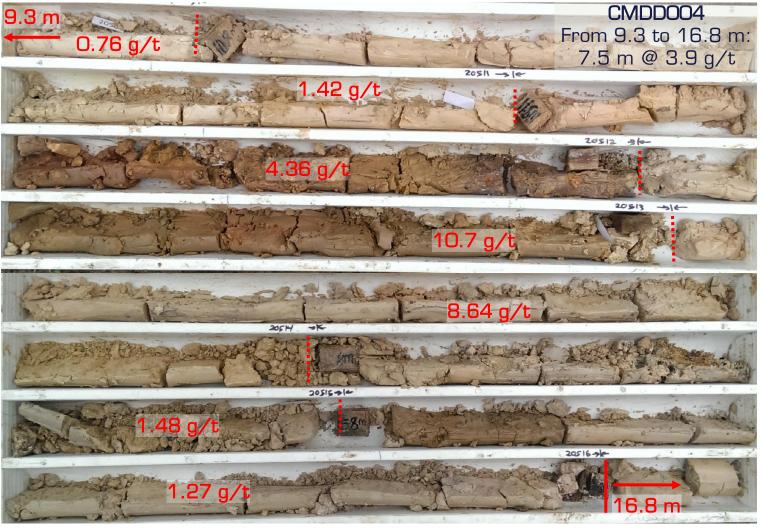
# A - Cape Mount: Targets on Soil Geochemistry





# A - Cape Mount: Saanor Target



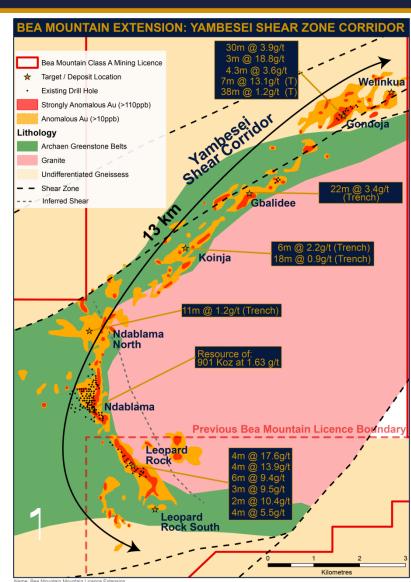


- Best drill result of Sarama's 15 hole programme
- Good grade and material for New Liberty feed

## B - Ndablama: 13km Gold Corridor



- Shear zone defines gold contact at granite greenstone contact
- In-situ bedrock mineralisation defined over 13 km corridor
- 10 gold targets identified within 13 km corridor
- 27,200 m of drilling completed to date
- 901 Koz Resource (386 Koz at 1.6 g/t Au Indicated & 515 Koz at 1.7 g/t Inferred)
- Metallurgical test work returned overall recoveries of between 91% and 97%







Stakeholder Engagement

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

- Bea Mountain Mineral Development Agreement covers an area of 372 km<sup>2</sup>
- MDA provides 15 years fiscal stability, renewable for a further 25 years
  - Corporate Tax: 25%
  - Gold Royalty: 3%
  - Credit for sunk costs of US\$ 250 million
- Two official Government of Liberia visits involving President Ellen Sirleaf Johnson, including an official opening ceremony
- Active consultation and regular engagement with all relevant Ministries and local government.



Tailoring Cooperative Producing Protective Safety Equipment

### **Community Development Projects**

- Local education, employment and training programs in place
- Cooperatives established in conjunction with members of the local community
  - Agricultural
  - Brick-making and Construction
  - Tailoring & Safety Manufacturing
  - Rock Crushing
  - Woodworking
- Cooperative aims:
  - Empower local community
  - Educational development
  - Sustainable employment



### **Summary**

- New Liberty is the first commercial gold mine in Liberia
- New Liberty was developed from exploration asset through to production in 4 years
- Despite commissioning challenges and delays in the ramp up to production, technical issues have largely been addressed with recoveries now moving towards steady state levels
- Commercial production is expected by end Q1 2016
- Near term focus on cash flow generation and organic growth
- Aureus management team and BOD have strong West African experience
- Significant exploration upside around New Liberty. Ndablama represents an opportunity for a second mine





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# **Appendix 1: Board of Directors and Senior Management**



### David Netherway - Chairman and Director

- Mining engineer with >35 years of experience.
  Former CEO of Shield Mining
- Involved in development & construction of Iduapriem, Siguiri & Kiniero gold mines in West Africa

#### Adrian Reynolds - Non-executive Director

- At Randgold, compiled feasibility studies at Morila, Loulo and Tongon gold mines in West Africa
- 30 years experience in the industry. MSc Geology & GDE in Mining Engineering

#### Jean-Guy Martin - Non-executive Director

- Extensive experience advising multinationals looking to complete acquisitions & divestitures
- 35 years experience financial reporting. Former partner of PwC Canada

#### Karin Ireton - Non-executive Director

- Former Head of Group Sustainability Management at Standard Bank. Former Anglo American Head of Sustainable Development: Markets & Economics
- A recognised leader in the sustainable development field

#### Loudon Owen - Non-executive Director

- Successful international businessman and lawyer, founder of McLean Watson Capital
- Extensive public and private company board experience, including Kilo Gold Mines

### David Reading - CEO and Director

- 35 years experience in global mining: exploration, feasibility, project development and production
- Former CEO, European Goldfields. Former GM Exploration, Randgold Resources. MSc Econ. Geology

#### Paul Thomson – CFO

- Chartered Accountant with >20 years global experience in the energy and mining industries
- Formerly with Ernst & Young and Kazakhmys PLC

### Thinus Strydom – GM Construction & Mine Operation

- Mining engineer with >16 years of experience in the design, construction, development & operation of mines
- Experience includes key roles at Loulo for RRL and at Bisha for Nevsun Resources

#### Germain Crestin – VP Exploration

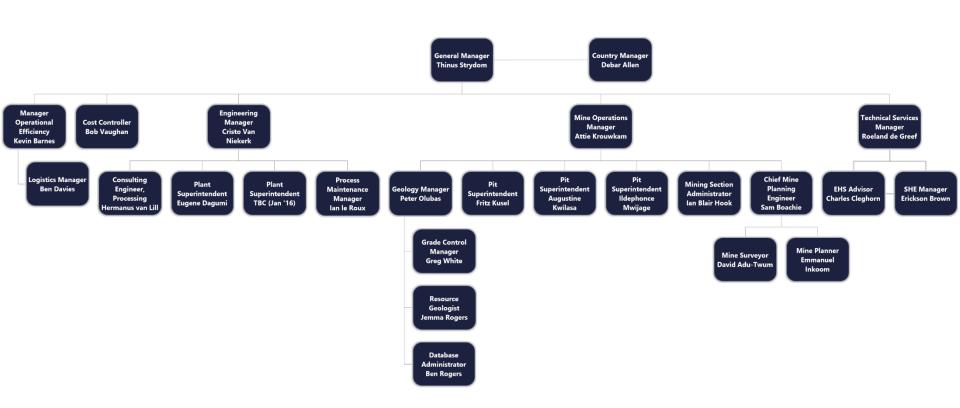
- 20 years experience for Randgold in Burkina Faso & Mali, European Goldfields & Eldorado in Turkey, Greece & SE Europe.
- · Chief Geologist when 7Moz Yalea deposit discovered

#### Debar Allen - General Manager - Monrovia

- MBA & 17 years experience with US based companies; managed private construction company since returning to Liberia in 2003
- Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Liberian Maritime Authority

# **Appendix 2: New Liberty Gold Mine Operations Team**





# Appendix 3: Mineral Resources and Reserves



### Mineral Resources

Deposit	Category	Tonnage (Kt)	Gold (Koz)	Grade (g/t)	Above Cut-Off (g/t)
New Liberty	M&I	9,796	1,143	3.6	1.0
New Liberty	Inferred	5,730	593	3.2	1.0
Ndablama	Indicated	7,589	386	1.6	0.5
Ndablama	Inferred	9,576	515	1.7	0.5
Weaju	Inferred	2,680	178	2.1	1.0

### Mineral Reserves

Deposit	Category	Tonnage (Kt)	Gold (Koz)	Grade (g/t)	Above Cut-Off (g/t)
New Liberty	Proven	700	99	4.4	0.8
New Liberty	Probable	7,800	825	3.3	0.8
New Liberty	Total Reserve	8,500	924	3.4	0.8

Note 1: Mineral Resources for the New Liberty & Weaju deposits are reported to a cut-off grade of 1.0 g/t Au. The Ndablama deposit is reported at a cut-off grade of 0.5 g/t Au

Note 2: The effective date of the Ndablama gold deposit mineral resource estimate is 1 December 2014 & Weaju gold deposits is 11 November 2013.

Note 3: The effective date of the New Liberty gold deposit mineral resource estimate is 1 October 2012 and the mineral reserve estimate is 20 May 2013.

Note 4: Canadian Institute or Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) definitions were used for both mineral resources and reserves

Note 5: Mineral resources, which are not mineral reserves, do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of mineral resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing, or other relevant issues.

Note 6: Totals and average grades are subject to rounding to the appropriate precision