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Technical Reports and Qualified Persons

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

Project	Qualified Person(s)	Most Recent Disclosure & Filing Date
Donlin Gold	Gordon Seibel R.M. SME	"Donlin Creek Gold Project Alaska, USA, NI 43-101 Technical Report on Second Updated Feasibility Study" prepared by AMEC, effective November 18, 2011, amended January 20, 2012.
	Kirk Hanson P.E.	

Clifford Krall, P.E., who is the Mine Engineering Manager for NOVAGOLD and a "qualified person" under NI 43-101, has approved the scientific and technical information contained in this presentation.

NOVAGOLD'S UNIQUELY ATTRACTIVE DONLIN GOLD ASSET

A DEVELOPMENT-STAGE PROJECT OF EXCEPTIONAL SCALE, QUALITY, AND JURISDICTIONAL SAFETY

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50/50 with Barrick Poised to be one of the largest gold producers in the world



DONLIN GOLD: PROJECT HISTORY

A DEVELOPMENT STAGE PROJECT OF EXCEPTIONAL SCALE, QUALITY AND JURISDICTIONAL NOVAGOLD SAFETY

- Gold was discovered at Donlin Gold in the early 1900's
- Donlin Gold began to conduct exploration, environmental and engineering studies to assess the feasibility of developing a mining project in 1996
- Calista Corporation (Calista) owns the mineral rights and The Kuskokwim Corporation (TKC) owns the surface rights
 - Calista is the regional Native Corporation created by ANCSA in 1971
 - TKC is the village corporation for ten communities that are closest to the project
- For over two decades, Donlin Gold has worked with Calista and TKC in every aspect of planning for the project, including exploration, extensive environmental data collection and analysis, as well as permit applications and review
- Donlin Gold completed the second updated feasibility study in 2011 and commenced permitting shortly after
- Donlin Gold received its major federal permits and a joint Record of Decision (ROD) by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the "Corps") and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in August 2018

DONLIN GOLD: PROJECT LIFECYCLE

23 YEARS AND +\$500 MILLION INVESTED SO FAR IN THE PROJECT BY THE OWNERS

16 years 6+ years 4-6 years 27+ years Engineering Exploration Feasibility Operations Permitting Closure Construction Updated Technical Prospecting Resource Community Mining Decommissioning Study Development • Mapping Processing Reclamation Engineering • Evaluations **Baseline Studies** • Drilling Logistics Monitoring Detailed Design • Engineering • Resource Long-term care Monitoring Design **Project Financing** Assessment Post closure land Community • Scoping and Construction Valuation •Community use Engagement Mitigation Engagement Community Environmental Engagement Community Financing Engagement Permits

DONLIN GOLD: KEY PROJECT MILESTONE ACHIEVED

JOINT RECORD OF DECISION AND MAJOR FEDERAL PERMITS ISSUED

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News Release - August 13, 2018

- First time that two Federal agencies issued a joint ROD
- The Corps issued a combined Clean Water Act Section 404 & Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 permit
- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued the Offer to Lease for pipeline right of way



"The Donlin Gold mine project in Alaska is a great example of cooperation between the Corps and BLM. We are proud to have...the first ever joint federal record of decision...It will create good-paying jobs to a region of Alaska with historically high unemployment, and we look forward to realizing the many opportunities that the mine will bring to the state of Alaska and the American people."

Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke



ROD Signing Ceremony in Anchorage. Left to right: Donlin Gold, Barrick Gold Corporation, Calista Corporation, NOVAGOLD, The Kuskokwim Corporation, BLM, The Corps

"The Corps and BLM in Alaska are pioneering this joint decision to show the public that their federal government can work together and make sound decisions on environmental reviews" U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Commander, Michael Brooks

DONLIN GOLD: RECEIVED KEY FEDERAL AND STATE PERMITS

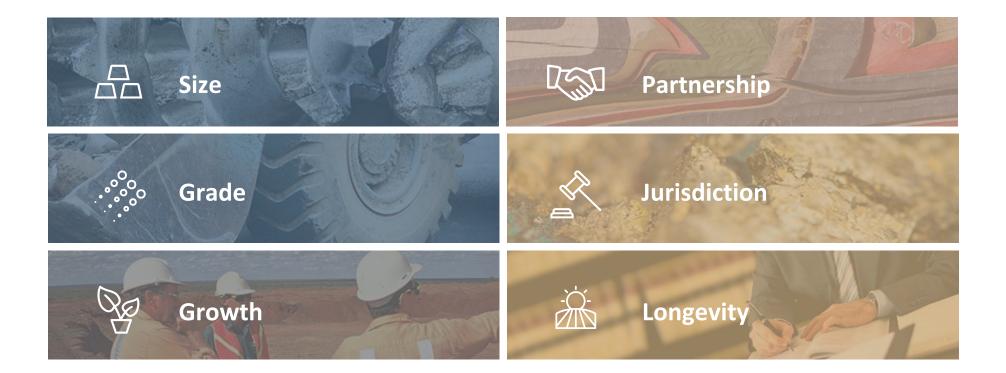
COMPLETED MULTI-YEAR THOROUGH, TRANSPARENT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS NOVAGOLD

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review completed					
The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released, Notice of Availability published	\checkmark				
Joint Record of Decision (ROD) issued by the Corps and (BLM)	\checkmark				
Section 10/404 (wetlands) permit and BLM Offer to Lease for pipeline right-of-way	\checkmark				
The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration special permit	\checkmark				
Alaska permitting agencies worked in parallel with federal process					
State air quality permit and APDES water discharge permit	\checkmark				
Title 16 fish habitat permits	\checkmark				
State Clean Water Act Section 401 certification of Corps section 404 permit (compliant with state water quality standards)	\checkmark				
Reclamation and Closure Plan approval (public comment period closed)	In progress				
Integrated Waste Management permit (public comment period closed)	In progress				
State portion of pipeline right-of-way lease	In progress				
State dam safety approvals	In progress				
Other water rights permits	In progress				

Other state permits and approvals expected to be finalized by Q1 2019

DONLIN GOLD: THE RIGHT PROJECT

ONE OF THE LARGEST AND HIGHEST-GRADE OPEN PIT PERMITTED UNDEVELOPED GOLD NOVAGOLD PROJECTS IN THE WORLD



DONLIN GOLD PERMITTED FOR NEXT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

DONLIN GOLD: DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OF SIMILAR SIZE ARE SCARCE

A RESOURCE FIVE TIMES THE SIZE OF THE PEER GROUP AVERAGE

from gold.

50.0 **39.0**¹ **A RESOURCE** 40.0 THE SIZE OF THE **PEER GROUP** M&I Gold Resource (millions of ounces) 30.0 **AVERAGE**² [VALUE] 20.0 11.5 9.5 10.0 8.0 8.0 7.4 6.7 6.5 5.6 5.3 5.2 4.5 4.3 4.2 4.0 3.9 3.8 2.9 0.0 Collfageous Lake Rriufa del Norte Castle Mountain Doniin Gold Livengood Blackwater Cote Cold Meliadine Hardrock Back River Volta Grande Dublin Gulch Grannalore Montegne d'or Metales Stibnite Buritica Magino Corree

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 Peer group data based on company documents, public filings and websites. Comparison group of 18 projects based on large (2Moz P&P cut off), North/South American gold-focused development projects with >75% projected revenues

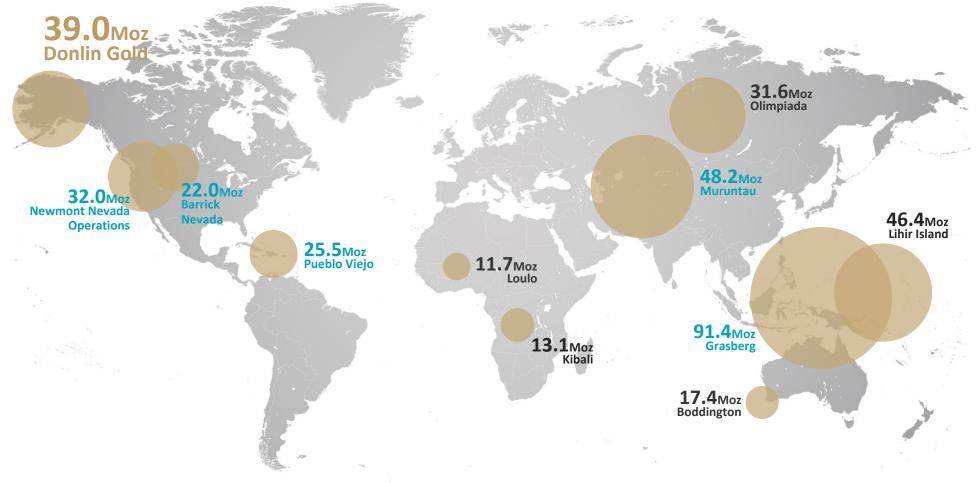
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DONLIN GOLD: ONLY UNDEVELOPED ASSET IN THIS CATEGORY IN NORTH AMERICA

2018 TOP TEN PROJECTED GOLD PRODUCING MINE COMPARISON¹ ONLY FIVE MINES IN THE WORLD SLATED TO PRODUCE >1M OUNCES IN 2018

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Mines in blue are projected to produce over 1 million ounces of gold in 2018

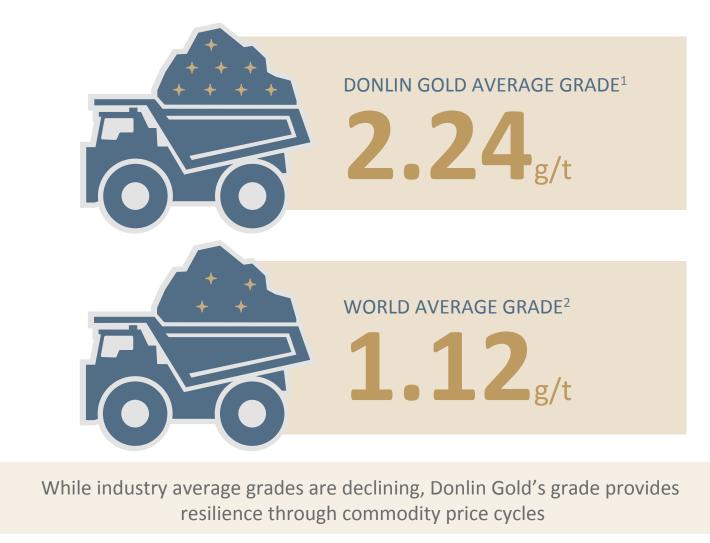
1 Estimates provided by S&P Global Intelligence

Slide shows the latest reported measured & indicated resources (inclusive of reserves) of the top 10 projected gold producing mines from 2018 as per SNL Metals & Mining, an offering of S&P Global Market Intelligence. Donlin Gold projected annual production represents 100% of which NOVAGOLD's share is 50%. Analysis includes life of mine data for Donlin Gold. Donlin Gold measured & indicated resources includes 34 million ounces of proven & probable reserves. Donlin Gold is not in production and a construction decision has not been made at this time. See footnote "1" on slide 10 for reference.

DONLIN GOLD: HIGH QUALITY DEPOSIT WITH DOUBLE THE INDUSTRY AVERAGE GRADE

AMONG THE WORLD'S HIGHEST-GRADE KNOWN OPEN PIT GOLD DEPOSITS

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2) 2017 average grade of open-pit and underground deposits with gold as primary commodity and over 1 Moz in measured and indicated resources, sourced from S&P Global Market Intelligence.

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ROBUST DRILL DATABASE

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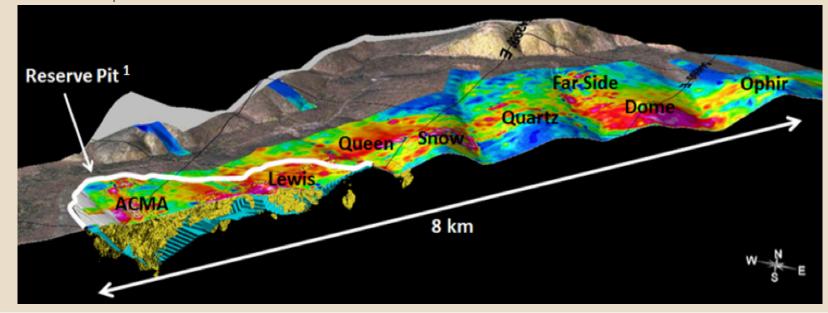
DONLIN GOLD: EXCELLENT EXPLORATION POTENTIAL

SUBSTANTIAL EXPLORATION UPSIDE ALONG THE 8 KM-LONG MINERALIZED TREND

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The next big gold discovery may be at Donlin Gold:

- From 2006 to 2011, M&I resources increased <u>135%</u> (16.6Moz to 39.0Moz) through a wellexecuted exploration program
- Future potential to expand current open-pit resource along strike and at depth
- Good prospects to discover meaningful deposits outside current mine footprint reserves and resources are contained within just 3 km of an 8 km-long mineralized trend
- Inferred mineral resource: 6 million ounces of gold (92M tonnes grading 2.02 g/t Au) mainly inside the reserve pit²



1) 0.5 g/t gold grade shell in delineated reserve pit bordered in white.

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DONLIN GOLD: PROJECT OPTIMIZATION EFFORTS

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR 2018 AND BEYOND

Latest drill results provide valuable inputs to advance optimization work¹

A total of 16 core holes were completed (7,040 m) and core samples assayed

Intercepted distinct significant high-grade zones in multiple areas

Intercepted high-grade mineralization at depth in ACMA deposit in an area of previously sparse drilling

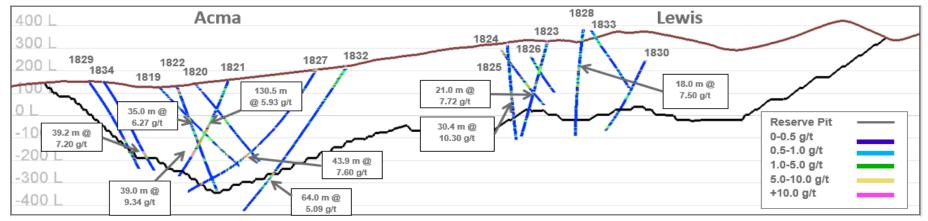
Assay and geologic data will be incorporated into the geologic and resource model and ongoing optimization work

DONLIN GOLD: 2017 DRILL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

EXCELLENT RESULTS - MINERALIZED INTERCEPTS ENCOUNTERED HIGHER GRADES THAN NOVAGOLD PREDICTED BY PREVIOUS MODELING

Top Five Significant Intervals ¹					
DC17-1821	130.5 meters grading 5.93 g/t gold, starting at 205.0 meters depth				
DC17-1821	39.0 meters grading 9.34 g/t gold, starting at 342.0 meters depth				
DC17-1827	43.9 meters grading 7.60 g/t gold, starting at 453.2 meters depth				
DC17-1832	64.0 meters grading 5.09 g/t gold, starting at 547.0 meters depth				
DC17-1824	30.4 meters grading 10.30 g/t gold, starting at 208.6 meters depth				

Vertical Cross Section - Proposed ACMA and Lewis Pits - 2017 Drill Hole Results & Grade Intercepts²



1) These represent the top five significant intervals from the 2017 Donlin Gold drill program. Refer to the press release dated February 20, 2018 titled "NOVAGOLD's Donlin Gold Project Reports Excellent Results from 2017 Drill Program," for remaining significant intervals and additional information.

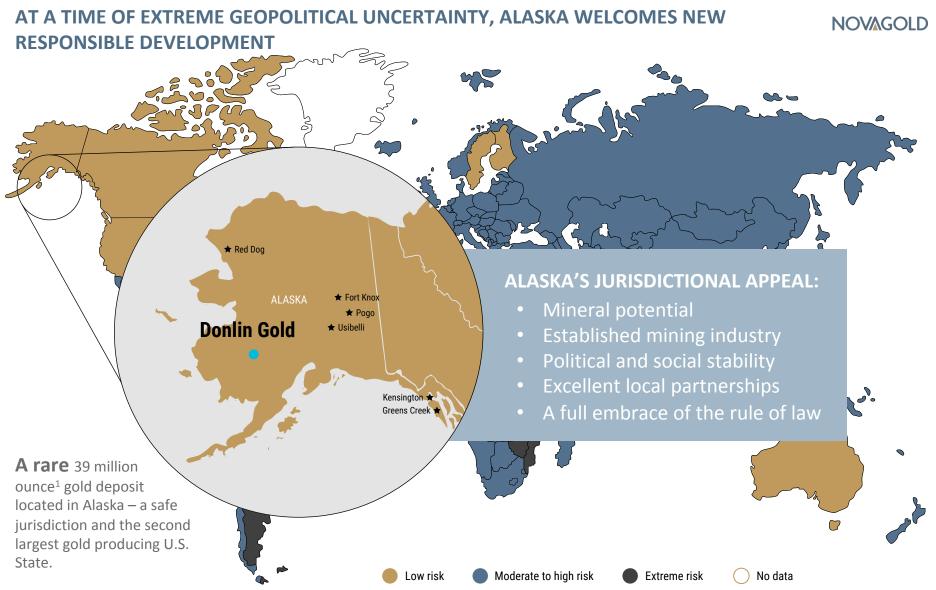
2) The Donlin Gold vertical cross section represents the drill holes completed in 2017 and grade intercepts. Refer to the press release dated February 20, 2018 titled "NOVAGOLD's Donlin Gold Project Reports Excellent Results from 2017 Drill Program," for remaining significant intervals and additional information.

DONLIN GOLD: PRIVATE LAND DESIGNATED FOR MINING

TOPOGRAPHY AMENABLE TO SITE DEVELOPMENT

425m **Lewis Deposit** 140m **ACMA Deposit** 125m Low elevation with on-site terrain ranging from 100m – 450m

DONLIN GOLD: LEVERAGE IN A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN KEEP THE REWARDS



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Source: Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies 2017, Investment Attractiveness Index

DONLIN GOLD: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Keeping people informed

- Village Meetings
- Project Site Tours
- Newsletter
- Facebook
- Website

Community investments

- Crooked Creek Community Plan
- Summer Safety
- Elder Mentors
- Backhaul Program
- Crooked Creek Landfill
- Clean Up Green Up
- Search and Rescue
- Donlin Gold Basketball
- Dog Mushing
- Girl Scouts, Campfire
- Crooked Creek Church
- St. Sergius Church













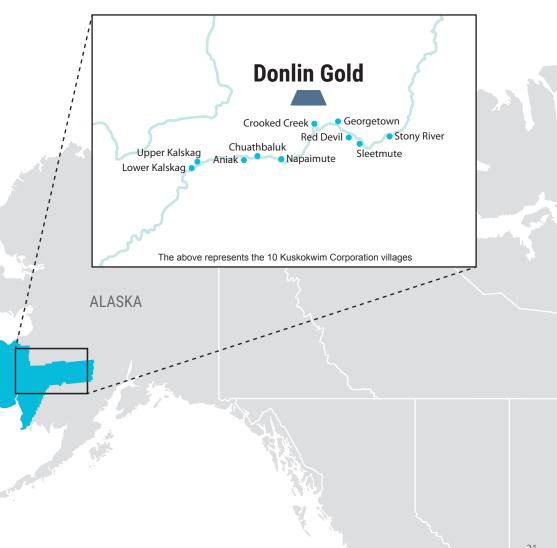




DONLIN GOLD: LIFE OF MINE AGREEMENTS WITH **ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS**

TIME-HONORED RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

- Donlin Gold is located on private land 0 specifically selected for its resource development potential
 - ANCSA¹ established over 45 years • ago; resolved Alaska Native land claims
 - Lands valuable for resource potential selected by Regional Corporations under ANCSA
- Native corporations have an owner's interest in the development of the selected lands to support the economic prosperity of their shareholders
- Benefits include royalties, shareholder employment opportunities, scholarships and preferential contract considerations



Calista Corporation Region

DONLIN GOLD: VALUABLE PARTNERSHIPS

NATIVE CORPORATIONS HAVE AN OWNER'S INTEREST

"Today is a big day for the Donlin Mine project. The ROD and permits are just the beginning...The Kuskokwim Corporation is not only the surface owner, but a partner in the environmental and permitting process with Donlin Gold and the various government agencies overseeing this project. Together we have gone above and beyond the minimum state and federal requirements to ensure this project protects our lands while economically benefitting our Shareholders and region for generations to come."

Maver Carey President & CEO, The Kuskokwim Corporation



"Calista continues over 40 years of taking an active and hands-on approach to the Donlin Gold project... the project represents a significant and positive opportunity for our region and shareholders. One of our duties as a Native Corporation is to responsibly develop the land. The original Calista board, and other early regional leaders, selected this land as part of ANCSA to provide economic opportunities for our region while safeguarding our resources for future generations."

Andrew Guy President & CEO, Calista Corporation



NOVAGOLD: CLEAR FOCUS AND STRONG FUNDING TO EXECUTE ON **ALL FRONTS**

A HEALTHY TREASURY TO ADVANCE DONLIN GOLD THROUGH OPTIMIZATION WORK & **BEYOND**

(\$ MILLIONS)



Cash and term deposits¹



FY spend to date² \$23.5 forecast for FY 2018 (\$11 Donlin Gold, \$11 G&A, \$1.5 Galore Creek)



Notes receivable on the sale of Galore Creek \$75 on earlier of PFS or 3 years³ **\$25** on earlier of FS or 5 years³



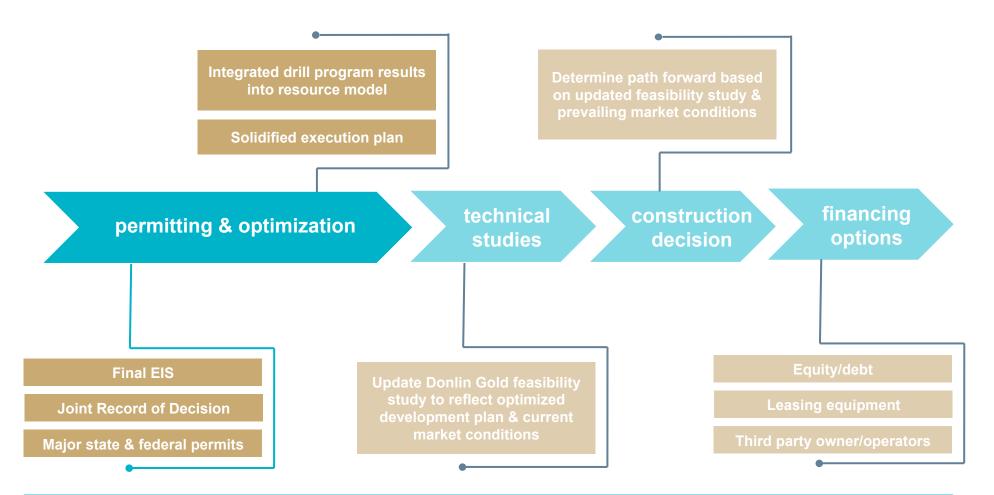
Additional amount receivable on approval of Galore Creek project construction³

1) Includes \$152 million in term deposits as of August 31, 2018.

2) Total spend to date as of August 31, 2018 (Galore Creek total spend prior to sale was \$1.5 million) 3) Deferred compensation on sale of Galore Creek

DONLIN GOLD: UPCOMING CATALYSTS

NEXT STEPS IN DONLIN GOLD'S DEVELOPMENT



"In a world where miners are depleting reserves and average gold mine grades are falling, we see Donlin as a unique asset – waiting for the right gold price and investor environment for its JV owners to press go!" John Bridges, J.P.Morgan¹

DONLIN GOLD: PROJECT OPTIMIZATION EFFORTS

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR 2018 AND BEYOND

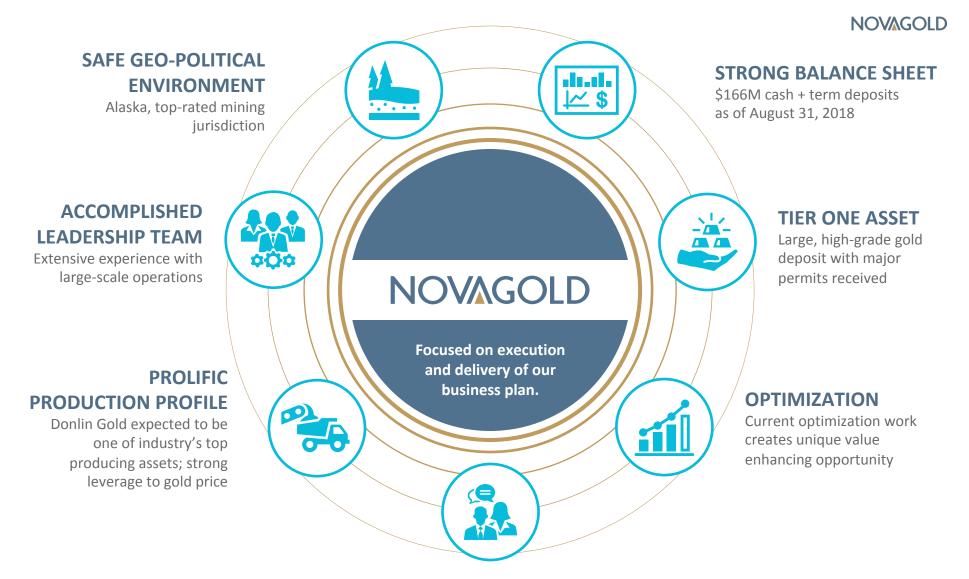
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NEXT STEPS

Barrick and NOVAGOLD are focused on further improving project economics, reducing the owners' initial capital expenditures and enhancing the project's execution plan. The next steps include:

- Wrapping up scoping level optimization work
- Evaluating innovative technologies in logistics & automation, modular construction techniques
- Investigating potential third-party participation in infrastructure development
- Further details on the path forward are expected to be provided in the fourth quarter

THE **NOVAGOLD** OPPORTUNITY



SUPPORTIVE STAKEHOLDERS Long standing shareholders and engaged partners





POISED TO BE ONE OF THE LARGEST GOLD PRODUCERS IN THE WORLD

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Reserves:	33.9 Moz Au (505M tonnes grading 2.09 g/t)
Resources:	39.0 Moz M&I (541M tonnes grading 2.24 g/t, inclusive of reserves) and 6.0 Moz Inferred (92 M tonnes grading 2.02 g/t)
Mine Life:	~27 years
Production:	Year 1-5,1.5 Moz/year; LOM,1.1 Moz/year
Operation:	Open-pit, conventional truck & shovel
Milling:	53.5k tonnes/day, sulfide flotation, pressure oxidation (POX), carbon-in-leach recovery (CIL)
Strip ratio:	5.5 = 2.8B tonnes waste rock
Tailings:	Fully lined storage facility
Power:	153MW average site-generated load, fueled by natural gas transported via a 315-mile pipeline
Logistics:	All consumables supplied by Kuskokwim River transportation system with port near Jungjuk Creek

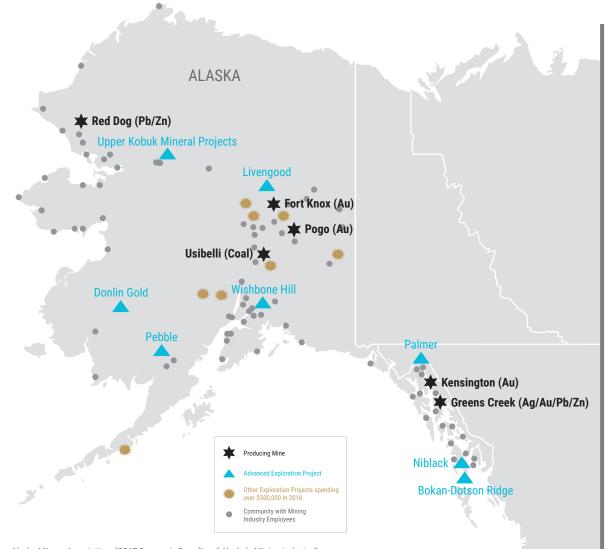
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ALASKA'S MINING INDUSTRY

MINING IS A GROWING FORCE IN ALASKA'S ECONOMY WITH SIX PRODUCING MINES AND EIGHT ADVANCED EXPLORATION PROJECTS

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Producing Mines:

Fort Knox Kinross Gold Corp

Red Dog Teck Resources Limited

Greens Creek Hecla Mining Company

Kensington Coeur Mining Inc

Pogo Northern Star Resources

Usibelli Family-owned

NOVAGOLD: COMPANY HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

THE GOLD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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1984 incorporated in Nova Scotia – Gerald McConnell as CEO leads exploration company initially focused on gold properties in Nova Scotia, later exploration expands throughout the Americas

1998 Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse joins as President & CEO; focuses exploration on North America

2001 NOVAGOLD obtains option to earn a 70% interest in the Donlin Creek Gold project by investing \$10M over 10 years; earn-in completed in 18 months

2003 Placer Dome becomes Donlin Creek Gold project operator; commits to advance Donlin Creek Gold project through feasibility

2006 Barrick buys Placer Dome; makes hostile offer for NOVAGOLD; completes Donlin Creek Gold project feasibility study

2007 Barrick and NOVAGOLD settle disputes related to Donlin Creek and hostile takeover; form Donlin Gold LLC with each owning 50%

2008 Electrum becomes NOVAGOLD's largest shareholder

2011 Updated second feasibility study issued

2012 NOVAGOLD completes corporate reorganization

- Greg Lang joins as President & CEO
- Trilogy Metals (formerly NovaCopper) spun-out
- New management team hired
- ✓ NOVAGOLD becomes a pure-gold play focused on flagship asset Donlin Gold
- Permitting process commences

2017 Donlin Gold drill program complete, encountered more high grade intercepts

2018 Sale of Galore Creek to Newmont, July 2018

Major milestones achieved at Donlin Gold

- Final Environmental Impact Statement received April 2018
- The Corps and BLM issued a joint ROD in August 2018 with several key state permits

NOVAGOLD: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

INDUSTRY LEADERS TO BRING DONLIN GOLD THROUGH PERMITTING & BEYOND

Dr. Thomas Kaplan Chairman and CEO of The Electrum Group LLC, a privately held natural resources investment . management company that controls a diversified portfolio of precious and base metals assets Chairman Former Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary with Franco-Nevada, transforming an industry • pioneer into one of the most successful precious metals enterprises in the world **Sharon Dowdall** Currently serves as director of Olivut Resources and Foran Resources . President and CEO of Nickel Creek Platinum, former President and CEO of Romarco Minerals and . former director of OceanaGold Dr. Diane Garrett Currently serves as director of Nickel Creek Platinum, TriStar Gold and Revival Gold • Former President of Barrick Gold North America with intimate knowledge of Donlin Gold **Greg Lang** . President and CEO Currently serves as director of Trilogy Metals • President of The Electrum Group LLC, former VP of Homestake Mining and International Corona Corp. **Igor Levental** • Former Chief Executive Officer of China Moly Corp and former Executive with Phelps Dodge • Kalidas Madhavpeddi Currently serves as director of Capstone Mining and Trilogy Metals • CEO of Alexco Resources, formerly with Viceroy Gold and Kennecott Minerals • **Clynton Nauman** Currently serves as director of Alexco Resource Corp • CEO of Trilogy Metals, former CEO of NOVAGOLD . **Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse** Currently serves as director of Trilogy Metals, Alexco Resource Corp and SolidusGold Inc Former President and Chief Executive Officer of Miramar Mining Corporation, sold to Newmont Mining • **Anthony Walsh** Corporation in 2007 Currently serves as director of Sabina, TMX Group and Dundee Precious Metals

NOVAGOLD: THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

INDUSTRY LEADERS TO BRING DONLIN GOLD THROUGH PERMITTING & BEYOND

Gregory Lang President and CEO	 Former President of Barrick Gold North America 35+ years experience building & operating major open-pit and underground mines (Goldstrike, Cortez, Turquoise Ridge, Bald Mountain, Porgera) In-depth knowledge of Donlin Gold 			
David Deisley Executive VP and General Counsel	 Former EVP and General Counsel of Goldcorp Regional General Counsel for Barrick Gold North America Extensive track record in project permitting, corporate social responsibility, mergers and acquisitions and corporate development 30 years of mining industry experience 			
David Ottewell VP and Chief Financial Officer	 Former VP and Corporate Controller of Newmont Mining Corporation 25+ years of mining industry experience Diverse experience in all facets of financial management, from mine operations to executive corporate financial management of premier gold producers 			
Mélanie Hennessey VP, Corporate Communications	 Held variety of executive and senior IR & corporate communications positions with Goldcorp, New Gold, and Hecla Mining Company Leading NOVAGOLD's internal and external communications functions 			
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NOVAGOLD: RESERVE/RESOURCE TABLE

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Donlin Gold (100% basis)*	Tonnage	Grade	Metal content	* Mineral reserves and
GOLD	kt	g/t Au	koz Au	resources are reported on a 100% basis.
Reserves ⁽¹⁾				NOVAGOLD and Barrick each own 50% of the
Proven	7,683	2.32	573	Donlin Gold project.
Probable	497,128	2.08	33,276	Donlin Gold approximate
P&P	504,811	2.09	33,849	cut-off grades (see Resources Footnotes):
Resources ⁽²⁾ , inclusive of Reserves			Reserves ¹ : 0.57 g/t gold Resources ² : 0.46 g/t gold	
Measured	7,731	2.52	626	
Indicated	533,607	2.24	38,380	t = metric tonne g/t = grams/tonne
M&I	541,337	2.24	39,007	oz = ounce k = thousand
Inferred	92,216	2.02	5,993	M = million

a) This resource estimate has been prepared in accordance with NI43-101 and the CIM Definition Standard, unless otherwise noted.

b) See numbered footnotes below on resource information.

c) Rounding as required by reporting guidelines may result in apparent summation differences between tonnes, grade and contained metal content

d) Tonnage and grade measurements are in metric units. Contained gold is reported as troy ounces.

1) Mineral Reserves are contained within Measured and Indicated pit designs, and supported by a mine plan, featuring variable throughput rates, stockpiling and cut-off optimization. The pit designs and mine plan were optimized on diluted grades using the following economic and technical parameters: Metal price for gold of US\$975/oz: reference mining cost of US\$1.67/t incremented US\$0.0031/t/m with depth from the 220 m elevation (equates to an average mining cost of US\$2.14/t), variable processing cost based on the formula 2.1874 x (S%) + 10.65 for each US\$/t processed; general and administrative cost of US\$2.27/t processed; stockpile rehandle costs of US\$0.19/t processed assuming that 45% of mill feed is rehandled; variable recoveries by rock type, ranging from 86.66% in shale to 94.17% in intrusive rocks in the Akivik domain; refining and freight charges of US\$1.78/oz gold; royalty considerations of 4.5%; and variable pit slope angles, ranging from 23º to 43º. Mineral Reserves are reported using an optimized net sales return value based on the following equation: Net Sales Return = Au grade * Recovery * (US\$975/oz - (1.78 + (US\$975/oz - 1.78) * 0.045)) -(10.65 + 2.1874 * (S%) + 2.27 + 0.19) and reported in US\$/tonne. Assuming an average recovery of 89.54% and an average S% grade of 1.07%, the marginal gold cut-off grade would be approximately 0.57 g/t, or the gold grade that would equate to a 0.001 NSR cut-off at these same values. The life of mine strip ratio is 5.48. The assumed life-of-mine throughput rate is 53.5 kt/d.

2) Mineral Resources are contained within a conceptual Measured, Indicated and Inferred optimized pit shell using the following assumptions: gold price of US\$1,200/oz; variable process cost based on 2.1874 * (sulphur grade) + 10.6485; administration cost of US\$2.29/t; refining, freight & marketing (selling costs) of US\$1.85/oz recovered; stockpile rehandle costs of US\$0.20/t processed assuming that 45% of mill feed is rehandled; variable royalty rate, based on royalty of 4.5% * (Au price – selling cost). Mineral Resources have been estimated using a constant Net Sales Return cut-off of US\$0.001/t milled. The Net Sales Return was calculated using the formula: Net Sales Return = Au grade * Recovery * (US\$1.200/oz – (1.85 + ((US\$1.200/oz – 1.85) * 0.045)) – (10.65 + 2.1874 * (S%) + 2.29 + 0.20)) and reported in US\$/tonne. Mineral Resources are inclusive of Mineral Reserves. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Inferred Resources are in addition to Measured and Indicated Resources. Inferred Resources have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and whether they can be mined legally or economically. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of the Inferred Resources will ever be upgraded to a higher category. See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" on slide 2. 33

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