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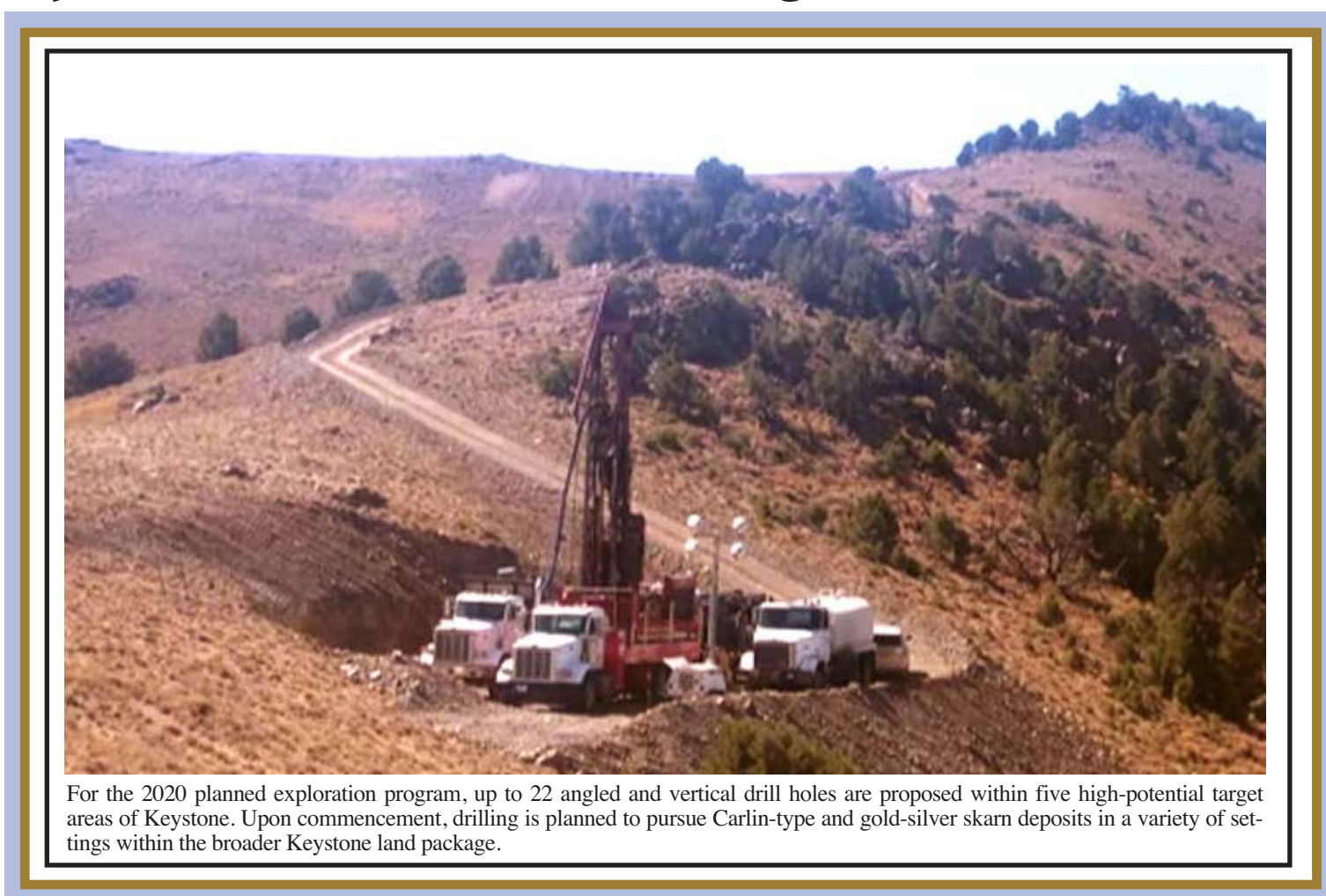
## NEVADA

# Keystone Project Encounters Its Strongest Mineralization

ELKO, NV - U.S. Gold Corp. Ken Coleman, Project Geologist reported, "Extensive ongoing analysis has brought us to this point to continue to test Keystone's significant potential. Encountering the strongest, thickest gold mineralization we are aware of at Keystone in 2019, in the Nina Skarn target, has demonstrated the presence of a strong, gold bearing Eocene magmatic system at Keystone. We look forward to assessing these Keystone targets in 2020 upon securing sufficient funding. The work we completed between 2016 and 2019 led to drilling the best hole to date at Keystone in 2019 Key19-05rc, in the Nina Skarn target area.

Planned drilling in 2020 is expected to follow up on the gold mineralization encountered at Nina Skarn, as well as at Sophia and Tip Top. Additionally, several previously untested, gold-bearing skarn occurrences are expected to be drill tested, as are Carlin-type targets in the Greenstone Gulch target area. Our entire team is very much looking forward to the commencement of the 2020 Keystone drilling season, pending financing, re-opening of Nevada and BLM approval of cultural surveys. All of us were encouraged with our 2019 drilling results and feel strongly additional exploration efforts are warranted in the select target areas described above."

The completion of the proposed 2020 drilling exploration program at its 20 square mile Keystone project, located in Nevada's Cortez Trend, will potentially test several drill targets in areas previously untested and is intended to follow up on



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posed of a mix of reverse circulation (RC) and core, especially within the Sophia target area, where the most encouraging drill results are associated with extensive void development in Lower Plate rocks. These areas include Nina Skarn, Sophia, Tip Top, Greenstone Gulch and Keystone Skarn. Details for each target area are provided below, in order of priority. For those targets with two or more holes proposed, one

hole is expected to be drilled and then drilling is planned to progress to the next target in priority, to allow time for results to be returned and analysed. Target concept cross sections are also provided for several of the targets.

Nina Skarn: Up to nine holes are planned in this target area to follow up on strong gold mineralization encountered in 2019 drilling, within hole Key19-

05rc. Key19-05rc encountered two thick intervals of oxidized, cyanide soluble, gold-bearing skarn mineralization, including 67.06m of 0.194 gpt Au and 76.2m of 0.224 gpt Au, starting from surface. The 76.2m interval also contained an interval of 25.91m of 0.408 gpt Au. Lower Valmy and Comus pyroxene skarn and hornfels are present at surface, coincident with a +2,000-foot-long gold-in-soil anomaly with up to 200 ppb samples and associated coincident anomalous Te-Bi-Zn-Ag. This anomalous skarn zone is parallel to and appears confined to the east of a major NNW trending structural zone, which confines strong Carlin-style alteration to the south in the Sophia Target, and a strong NE trending structural zone at the north. The proposed 2020 drilling will expand upon Key19-05rc to the north and southeast, along the Walti Pluton contact and structures trending southeast toward the Mud Springs intrusion, respectively. As-Bi-Te-Au in soil anomalies located along the western contact of the Mud Springs intrusion are expected to be drill tested as well. Drilling is expected to test for both oxidized and reduced skarn style mineralization along and near the contacts of both intrusions.

Sophia: Up to four holes are proposed to be drilled to follow up  
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# Production At Round Mountain Mine Remains On Target

TORONTO - Kinross Gold Corporation reported that Round Mountain, production decreased quarter-over-quarter mainly due to lower mill grades and fewer ounces recovered from the heap leach pads, while production was largely in line year-over-year. Cost of sales per ounce sold was lower compared

with Q4 2019 largely as a result of increased capital development at Phase W during the quarter. Cost of sales per ounce sold was lower compared with Q1 2019 mainly due to the focus on capital stripping during the quarter and lower milling supplies.

During the first quarter, all

Kinross mines remained in operation and were not materially impacted by COVID-19. However, operations may be challenged over time given the future global impacts of a prolonged crisis.

The Phase W project, which included a layback of the current pit, is expected to extend

mining by five years and increase life-of-mine production by 1.5 million Au oz. As a result of the Phase W feasibility study, estimated proven and probable mineral reserves at Round Mountain increased from 1.3 million Au oz. to 3.1 million Au oz.

J. Paul Rollinson, President

and CEO, said, "During the quarter, we focused on protecting the health and well-being of our employees and communities against the spread of COVID-19 while maintaining the continuity of our operations in a safe manner. As a result of our business continuity plans and precautionary protocols implemented across our global portfolio, and with the support of our host governments, all our mines remained operational during the quarter and were not materially impacted by the pandemic. While we prudently withdrew our 2020 guidance given the pandemic's significant global impacts, we will continue to work safely on meeting our 2020 operational targets.

We also took steps to further strengthen our financial position against the economic and business uncertainties caused by the global health crisis. The Company generated strong free cash flow and increased earnings year-over-year, ending the quarter with excellent liquidity, low net debt, and with investment grade credit ratings from all three major rating agencies. During the quarter, our margins increased by 33%, outpacing the 21% increase in average realized gold price.

Looking forward, we are confident that our commitment to health and safety, our risk mitigation plans, our financial and operational strengths, and our positive relationships with our host governments put us in a strong position to effectively manage through this challenging time. We have built a strong foundation, expect to continue generating strong cash flow, and offer an exciting future and a compelling value opportunity for our shareholders."

## Drill Program On The Mohave Project

VANCOUVER, - Kingman Minerals Ltd. is preparing a drill campaign with a focus on the historic mine area within the Mohave Project to twin prior 1984 drill program. The Mohave Project is located in the Music Mountains in Mohave County, Arizona and is comprised of 20 lode claims. Significant results, which have not yet been verified by the Company, were reported to include 0.125 opt (4.286 g/t) gold and 2.06 opt (70.629 g/t) silver over 31 inches (0.79 meters) in hole #5 at 160 feet (48 meters) depth, and 0.261 opt (8.95 g/t) gold and 0.777 opt (26.64 g/t) silver over 41 inches (1.04 meters) in hole #6 at 55 feet (17 meters) depth. No hole locations are available to the Company.

While the estimations prepared by Bayrock are considered relevant, they were written before NI 43-101 regulations and are therefore not NI 43-101 compliant. The assay values have not been verified and would require additional underground sampling for verification.

Kingman is currently devising a drill program in the area of the mine site to verify the drilling data disclosed by Bayrock, and which were used in the historical non-compliant mineral reserve calculations as stated in Bayrock, L.A., 1985, Geology and Mineral Reserves of the Rosebud and Music Mountain Claims.

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# Large Discovery Below Mother Lode Deposit

VANCOUVER - Corvus Gold Inc. has received results from the initial deep core hole from the Central Intrusive Zone "CIZ" target and discovered a large new gold mineralized zone below the known existing Mother Lode deposit. The CIZ is an oxidized high-angle intrusive dike swarm, first discovered in late 2019 (NR19-19, Dec. 5, 2019, ML19-119, 50.3m @ 1.50 g/t Au) below the known Mother Lode deposit. Subsequent RC drilling at the CIZ was generally ineffective at being able to drill through the zone although a few holes partially tested it with encouraging results (NR20-01, Jan. 14, 2020, ML19-121, 41m @ 1.60 g/t Au). Hole ML19-123CT is the first diamond core hole in the CIZ target, successfully drilled through the dike swarm encountering broad zones of oxide mineralization within the dikes and surrounding carbonates.

This expanding new discovery is directly related to a broad dike swarm that has increased in width and mineralization intensity with depth. This zone now has nearly a dozen dikes and a higher temperature alteration assemblage, suggesting increasing intrusive activity with depth, which may explain the wider and higher-grade intervals intercepted in the hole.

Hole ML19-123CT is generally oxidized to a depth of 650 metres and preliminary pit modeling suggests that the mineralization intercepted may be amenable to an open-pit design. The success in hole ML19-123CT is being addressed with an initial series of 20 follow-up core holes covering an area 500 metres by 200

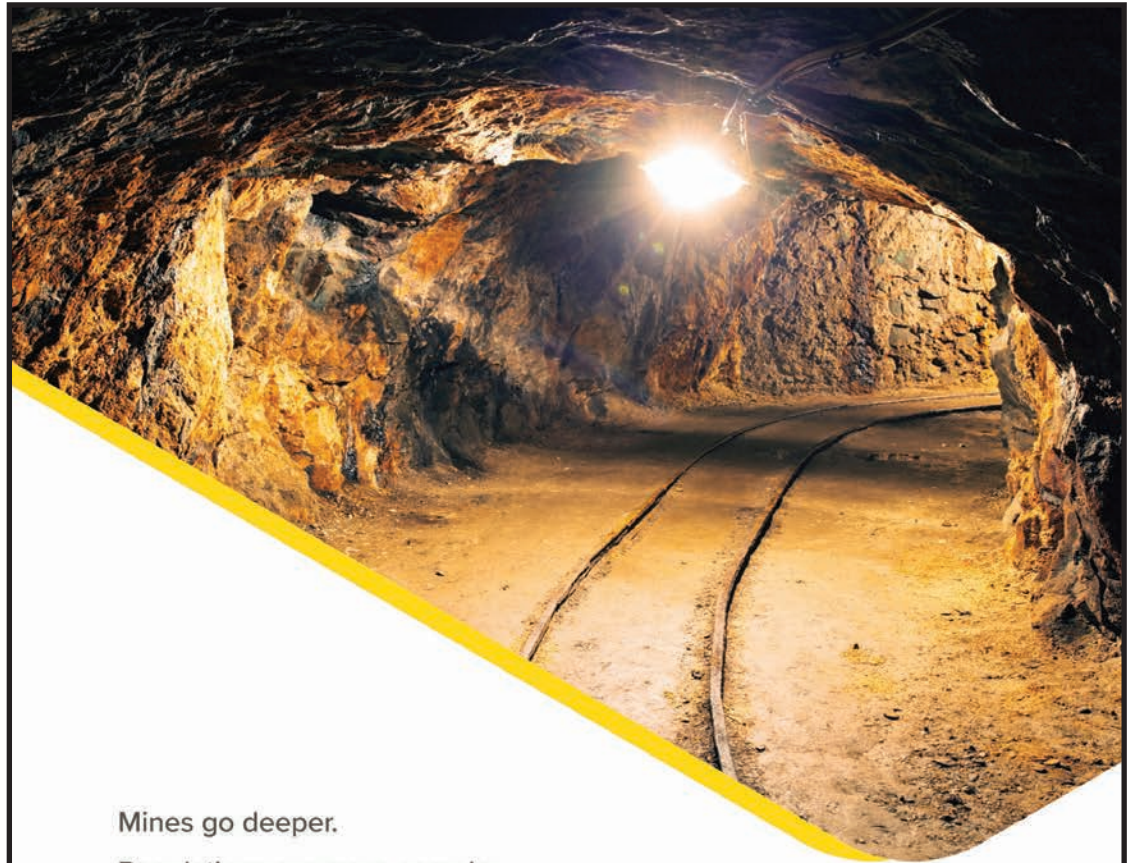
metres. This follow-up is designed to test the currently known most productive part of the dike swarm which is 200-300 metres thick with a potential of vectoring in on feeder zones.

The potential of this new discovery could be greater in size than the existing.

The highest grade intercept in hole ML19-123CT at our 1 g/t gold cut-off (14.84m @ 8.88 g/t Au) is associated with higher temperature clay alteration, thin stockwork quartz veinlets, low silver and elevated trace elements that are typical with deeper, hotter and more intrusion related gold systems.

The characteristics of this type of gold system are encouraging for a much larger and higher-grade system at depth.

Jeffrey Pontius, President and CEO of Corvus, said, "These new results now reveal the potential of the CIZ. We will be evaluating this exciting target with our ongoing innovative core drilling program at Mother Lode. In addition to the ongoing exploration work that is expanding the Mother Lode deposit, development work is also rapidly progressing on our low-Capex, quick to account, Phase 1 starter project at North Bullfrog. These exciting Corvus Gold developments are highlighting the potential of the Bullfrog District and along with new land acquisitions and discoveries by our neighboring production companies it is shining a bright light on this under explored area of Nevada. We expect that the Bullfrog District and Corvus Gold will become one of the major focuses of the Nevada and North American gold sector in 2020."



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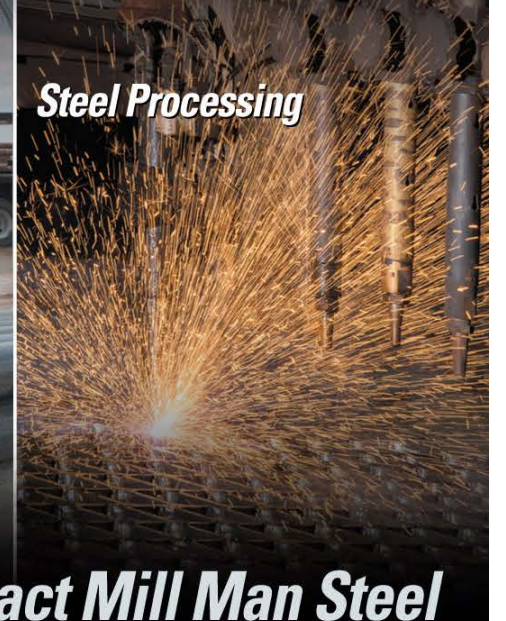
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# Historical Drilling Results Reported At The Champagne Project



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TORONTO, ON - Idaho Champion Gold Mines Canada Inc. reported historical data including historical drilling for the past-producing Champagne Project. The Data was recently purchased from Kinross Gold Corporation. Historical drill results included drill hole LC8609 which contained 1.57 grams per ton (g/t) gold (Au) and 41.94 g/t silver (Ag) over 71.6 metres and included 4.20 g/t Au and 35.57 g/t Ag over 13.7 metres.

The Data has been organized into Northern, Central, and Southern Areas. This Data includes historical drilling, trenching and geological studies focused on the recently purchased patented claims. A historic, non-NI 43-101 compliant resource of 2.3 million tons (MT) at 1.9 grams was determined by Bema Gold Corpora-

tion prior to mining. The computational method used to derive the resource is unknown.

"The Data is currently being used to plan a drill program for Summer 2020", President and CEO Jonathan Buick stated. "We are pleased to be advancing the Champagne Project as our second Idaho-focused gold project. In addition to the planned work for the Banner Project in Elk City Idaho, the recent Data and land acquisition have positioned the Company to explore and create value for Champion in the coming months. The Data acquired identifies gold showings that were not thoroughly explored or developed during the mining efforts in the early 1990s and Champion plans to focus on these areas as well as other promising exploration targets."

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# Florida Canyon Reports Another Record Performance

VANCOUVER, BC – Alio Gold Inc. President and CEO, Mark Backens said, “Our focus, like everyone’s, recently has been on the health and safety of our employees, contractors and communities in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. “We have been heartened to see the resiliency of our people during this challenging time, and we are hopeful that the measures enacted over the past few months have made a positive impact on minimizing the damage to our communities, people and business. I am particularly impressed that during this challenging time, our team at Florida Canyon was able to turn in another record performance in terms of health and safety, as well as from a production standpoint. In Q1 2020, we had zero lost-time incidents across the organization and delivered a TRIFR of nil. In addition, this quarter Florida Canyon deposited 30% more gold and produced 21% more gold than Q4 2019. Since Q2 of last year we have more than doubled our daily mining movements and set a record this quarter by mining over 57,000 tonnes per day.

This quarter we also announced a merger with Argonaut Gold which will result in the creation of a larger, stronger and more financially robust intermediate gold producer.

The Company’s focus is on finalizing the ramp up of operations at Florida Canyon. During Q1 2020, the Florida Canyon Mine produced 11,182 ounces of gold and 6,722 ounces of silver, a 21% and 8% increase, respectively, compared to Q4 2019. Mining capacity continues to meet expectations, setting an all-time record in Q1 2020. The average tonnage mined per day increased by 41% and 84% compared to Q4 2019 and Q3 2019, respectively.

These increases were largely driven by the new loading and hauling equipment that was phased into production over Q4 2019. Further gains in future mine production are expected as more efficient mining areas are made available. During Q2 2019 and Q3 2019 when production was severely impacted by low fleet availability, mining areas were reduced in size resulting in loss of efficiency. Mining activity during Q4 2019 and Q1 2020 has focused on improving the configuration, access and size of the mining areas to increase productivity and efficiency, which is the primary factor for the increase in waste mining during Q1 2020.

Ore placed on the pad during Q1 2020 was in line with Q4 2019. Ore processed during Q1 2020 increased by 30% as a result of a 35% higher grade compared to Q4 2019. Metallurgical recovery continues to meet expectation.

The construction of the new heap leach pad (SHLP II) continued to advance during Q1 2020. Capital expenditures for SHLP II totalled \$4.1 million during Q1 2020 or 27% of the total planned project capital budget. On a cash basis, expenditures were \$1.4 million and were funded by the \$15.0 mil-

lion debt facility by Sprott. At the end of Q1 2020, the overliner crushing was 80% complete, 45% of the collection piping and overliner was placed and cut to

fill activities were complete. During March, dry stacking of ore began and permit to leach was submitted to the Nevada Division of Environmental

Protection. Subsequent to Q1 2020, the permit was received, and leaching activities on the first cell of SHLP II were initiated in April.

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# Notification To Complete Option To Purchase Silicon Project

RENO, NV - Renaissance Gold Inc. has received formal notification from AngloGold Ashanti NA indicating their decision to make the final payment to the Company to complete their option to purchase the Silicon project. The receipt of this payment by June 21, 2020 will satisfy the Option Requirement of the Agreement, which allows AngloGold to acquire

100% interest in the project by paying RenGold a total of US\$3,000,000 within 36 months of signing the Agreement.

Following, completion of the Option and transfer of ownership, RenGold will retain a 1% NSR royalty within a defined area of interest (AOI) covering approximately 15,000 acres.

AngloGold's Plan of Operations (PoO) permit application

was submitted to the Bureau of Land Management, who has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which is currently in circulation for a 45-day public comment period lasting until June 5, 2020. If approved, their PoO will allow for up to 155 acres of surface disturbance in phased exploration programs, and the proposed phase one program will include up to 109 drill

sites within a 3,630 acre project area located on unpatented mining claims. All of the permitted drilling is within RenGold AOI.

Robert Felder, President & CEO said, "We are very pleased that AngloGold has received enough encouragement from their drilling to date to elect to complete the option and make the final payment to RenGold. The payment is very meaningful

to the Company and the royalty represents significant future value as well. We look forward to seeing the advancement of this project in this exciting and quickly evolving district in Nevada.

Building on our knowledge of the Silicon Project, we have recently acquired an additional 4000 acres in 2 new epithermal projects in Nevada."



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## Higher Gold Production At Hecla's Nevada Operations

COEUR D'ALENE, ID - Hecla Mining Company reported that the Nevada operations have continued operating during the pandemic as an essential business in Nevada. There has been limited impact to activities at the mine.

Higher gold production was due to higher grades, partially offset by lower mill throughput. The cost of sales decreased \$4 million due to the suspension of production activities at Hollister, the Midas mine and Aurora mill which are reclassified as suspension costs. Cash cost, after by-product credits, per gold ounce, decreased as a result of the higher gold production. The AISC, after by-product credits, per gold ounce, was substantially lower than the prior year period, due to higher gold production and almost no sustaining capital.

Approximately 7,000 ounces of gold was held as inventory on loaded carbon at the end of the quarter. The mill, which is being operated on a batch basis, processed at an average of 190

tpd in the first quarter, a 59% decrease over the prior year period.

The Company reached agreement with Nevada Gold Mines to process a 30,000-ton bulk sample of Fire Creek ore at one or more of their refractory ore processing facilities. The agreement makes it possible for the Company to move forward with a program to test larger scale long-hole stoping of Fire Creek's Type 2 ore (refractory ore) and is expected to help establish recovery rates in their process. Mining of the bulk sample is planned over the rest of 2020 with processing of the ore continuing into early 2021. The test is a staged, low-risk way to investigate opportunities to lower Fire Creek's cost structure in an effort to realize value from the existing approximately 543,000 ton inferred resource (0.512 oz/ton gold; 0.543 oz/ton silver). The bulk sample is expected to be self-funding.

In addition, the Company advanced studies in support of continuing production at Fire Creek. Results from the recently completed hydrology study suggest that the existing water rights, water related permits, and water treatment infrastructure may be adequate to support a conceptual mine plan being developed for the resource. Results from the bulk mining and processing test will be used to refine the conceptual mine plan and economic analysis in 2021.

Alternate carbon processing arrangements allowed the Company to idle the Aurora mill during the quarter. The Midas mill is expected to conclude operations in the third quarter as the developed oxide ore from Fire Creek is depleted.

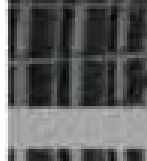
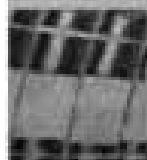
The Company is affirming its production estimates of 24 to 29 thousand gold ounces this year. The cost of sales is now estimated to be \$39 million, cash cost, after by-product credits. The 2020 estimates do not include the potential benefits from the bulk sample project.

### Closing Of The Jerritt Canyon NSR Purchase

VANCOUVER, BC - Ely Gold Royalties Inc. has completed the Purchase Agreement of a 0.5% net smelter returns royalty on the Jerritt Canyon Mine (JC Royalty), located in Elko Nevada. With the closing of the Transaction with Eric Sprott (Sprott), Ely Gold has now purchased its third producing royalty. Sprott originally acquired the JC Royalty from Veris Gold USA Inc. in 2014, pursuant to an April 9, 2014 agreement concerning the Jerritt Canyon Mine wherein Veris was obligated to convey and grant the JC Royalty to Sprott. In addition to the JC Royalty, Ely Gold also holds a per ton royalty interest on the Jerritt Canyon processing facilities, acquired in a private transaction in 2019 and a 0.75% producing royalty on the Isabella Pearl Mine in Mineral County, Nevada operated by Gold Resource Corp.

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# Comstock Continues Towards 2020 Strategic Objectives

VIRGINIA CITY, NV - Comstock Mining Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Corrado De Gasperis said, "While we all continue to follow COVID-19 guidelines at Comstock Mining, we are very fortunate to be able to continue working collaboratively, remotely and strategically with our colleagues and business partners as we continue working towards achieving our 2020 strategic objectives and ultimate value goal."

First Quarter 2020 Selected Strategic Highlights: Investment in Mercury Clean Up LLC

(MCU) increased to \$1.6 million with the Comstock-based mercury remediation system scheduled this month, with necessary Nevada permits secured; MCU also signed a definitive joint venture agreement with Clean Ore Solutions OPC, to partner and lead in a major mercury remediation project located in the Philippines, with initial permits also secured; Investment in Tonogold Resources Inc., valued at \$8.8 million, represents > 10% ownership; Announced and permitted Tonogold drill plans for June, 2020, on the Occidental

Lode and other claims; Extended agreements for the sale of Comstock's two non-mining properties in Silver Springs, NV, and received an additional deposit totalling \$0.4 million cumulatively, toward the \$10.1 million sale; Received \$0.75 million in expense reimbursements from Tonogold during the first quarter; Received \$1 million in prepaid reimbursements from Tonogold for upcoming expenditures, including staff support for local and federal permitting, and geological support for exploration planning and drilling; and

Consummated the April acquisition of 25% of Pelen LLC, the owner of the historic Sutro Tunnel Company.

Last year, the Company's Board of Directors approved a transformational strategy focused on high-value, cash-generating, precious metal-based activities, (the "Strategic Focus") including, but not limited to, metals exploration, engineering, resource development, economic feasibility assessments, mineral production, metal processing and related ventures of conservation-based, environmentally friendly, and

economically enhancing mining technologies. Our goal is to deliver over \$500 million of value from our existing assets and the commercialization of these environmental mining technologies, partnerships and ventures. Comstock Mining Inc. is the parent company that wholly owns the realigned subsidiaries..

De Gasperis said, "We are now driving our strategic initiatives forward at full speed with MCU poised to deploy two mercury remediation operating systems in the next three months, Tonogold is preparing the launch of a major, well-designed and expansive drill program as we expand the economic feasibility of our Dayton resource. Our year over year costs continue to trend down, primarily from net reductions in our operating and interest expenses. We have received \$0.4 million in deposits on our silver springs non-mining assets and look forward to closing that transaction during the second quarter and eliminating the debt. We are expanding Dayton's economic resource, but just based on current gold and silver prices, before any resource updates, we now show a low-end value of over \$75 million based on our existing economic shell. We have not yet engineered an expanded pit shell (even though higher gold prices allows for lower grade cut-offs and significantly higher, economically-feasible ounces) but we are progressing with that work toward an updated, Dayton standalone, NI 43-101 technical report."

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# Additional Mineral Resources Expected From The Marigold Mine

VANCOUVER, BC - SSR Mining Inc. reported that the Marigold mine exploration plan for 2020 is focusing on the discovery of additional Mineral Resources south of the currently producing Mackay Pit, including Trenton Canyon, Valmy, East Basalt and Crossfire. A limited amount of reverse circulation (RC) drilling for additional Mineral Reserves at Mackay Pit and extensions at Red Dot is underway.

With the acquisition in 2019 of adjacent claims south and west of the mining activities, such as Trenton Canyon, the Company nearly doubled land position. The additional mineral claims provide latitude to systematically explore for extensions to existing near-surface oxide deposits similar to those mined at Marigold, and for higher-grade sulphide deposits associated with deep fault structures, intrusive rocks and favourable Comus Formation sedimentary rocks similar to those hosting the deposits at the near-by Turquoise Ridge Mine. The exploration plan for high-grade, sulphide gold mineralization in 2020 includes 4,300 meters of core drilling supported by seismic and gravity geophysical surveys.

A total of 70,304 meters in 210 RC and core drillholes were completed during the Exploration Period. Results at Trenton Canyon were successful on two objectives: i) confirmed the position and grade of historic gold-mineralized intercepts; and ii) discovered a new tabular zone of potentially continuous sulphide mineralization requiring further investigation. Drill results at Valmy and Trenton Canyon successfully extended gold mineralization for potential

additions to Mineral Resources estimates from December.

At Trenton Canyon exploration drilling includes a sulphide intercept of 5.19 g/t gold over 94.5 meters including 44.68 g/t gold over 7.6 meters and 6.68 g/t gold over 6.1 meters from drillhole MRA-7178. The drillhole ended in gold mineralization. The mineralized interval in MRA7178 shows continuity to the next section south located 30 meters away where three drillholes all returned positive results including 1.98 g/t gold over 82.3 meters, 1.57 g/t gold over 77.7 meters and 0.97 g/t gold over

99.1 meters in drillholes MRA7176, MRA7097, and MRA7148 respectively. The mineralized zone measures 150 meters on dip with an orthogonal thickness of 50 to 70 meters with the potential to expand as gold mineralization is open down dip to the east, and to the north of MRA7178, and to the south. These results demonstrate width and grade conditions similar to operating underground gold operations elsewhere in Nevada. As a result of ongoing positive exploration results, the Company will continue to test and expand this new zone of gold mineralization.

At Trenton Canyon confirmation drilling at Relay Ridge includes 3.13 g/t gold over 108.2 meters starting at 27.4 meters from surface including 12.73 g/t gold over 21.3 meters from drillhole MR7084. In addition, the Company encountered 1.94 g/t gold over 50.3 meters from exploration drillhole MRA7141 with the new zone starting at surface. Both drillholes returned zones of oxide gold mineralization similar to that mined at Marigold. Drillhole MRA7092 intercepted 7.27 g/t gold over 30.5 meters starting at 274.3 meters in transitional material, which is new,

high-grade gold sulphide mineralization associated with a fault structure related to the West Pit fault. Results from Valmy in the first quarter of 2020 included 0.92 g/t gold over 39.6 meters in drillhole MR7128 and 0.66 g/t gold over 50.3 meters from MR7129.

During the third and fourth quarter of 2019, detailed field mapping and sampling of the Trenton Canyon. Identified was the fault and stratigraphic controls to gold mineralization exploited in historic pits and have recognized several new-near surface targets.

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# Aztec Focuses On Drilling The Tombstone Ag-Au-Zn-Pb-Cu District



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VANCOUVER, BC - Aztec Minerals Corp. is focusing this year on drilling the famous Tombstone silver-gold-zinc-lead-copper district located in southeastern Arizona. Aztec holds an option to acquire a 75% interest in the Tombstone property which includes many of the original patented mining claims in the district. Aztec recently completed a 4 line, 7.1 km AMT geophysical survey over the Tombstone property to detect conductive and resistive bodies down to 1,000 m depths, well below the historic underground mines. Management

is now conducting a comprehensive review of all exploration data to prioritize targets for the next phase of exploration at Tombstone but it is clear there are two main types of exploration targets: 1) shallow, bulk tonnage, "heap leach"-type, epithermal gold-silver oxide mineralization, and 2) deeper, high grade, "Taylor"-style carbonate replacement silver-lead-zinc-copper-gold deposits (CRD).

CEO, President and Chief Geologist Joey Wilkins said, "Now the silver price is back above \$18 per oz, it is a great

time to own an historic silver mining district! Aztec has generated several exciting new targets at Tombstone over the past three years through its systematic exploration programs as well as methodical evaluation of historic exploration/production results.

The close proximity and geological similarity of the Tombstone district to the Hermosa silver district 60 kilometers (37 miles) away which hosts the recent "Taylor" discovery prompted us to take a hard look at new geological interpretations for the Tombstone district."

The Tombstone project is located 100 kilometers (km) southeast of Tucson, Arizona and covers much of the historic Tombstone silver district. Tombstone is renowned for its high grade, oxidized, silver-gold-lead-zinc-copper epithermal and CRD mineralization hosted in veins, mantos, pipes and disseminated orebodies that were mined in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Host rocks to the mineralization were primarily clastic sediments of the Cretaceous Bisbee Formation. Below 200 meters (m) in depth, the Bisbee is underlain by the same Paleozoic limestone formations that host the Taylor zinc-lead-silver deposit located 60 km southwest of Tombstone. Taylor was discovered by Arizona Mining in 2015 and they accepted a takeover bid from South32 Limited in 2018.

Aztec has completed geological mapping, geochemical sampling and geophysical surveying to identify the most prospective areas for epithermal gold-silver mineralization around and below the Contention open pit, and CRD zinc-lead-copper-silver-gold mineralization below the entire district.



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# New Placer Dome Secures Drill Rigs For Kinsley Mountain And Bolo

VANCOUVER, BC - New Placer Dome has secured drill rigs for its Kinsley Mountain and Bolo gold projects, with drilling on both projects expected to start mid-July. New Placer Dome has secured Boart Longyear, based in Elko, Nevada, to provide a crew and drill rig for the upcoming 2020 drilling program at Kinsley Mountain Gold Project. Boart Longyear is experienced with the project, having successfully drilled Kinsley in the past with Liberty Gold Corp. The Company looks forward to working with the Boart Longyear team to carry out another successful drilling campaign this summer.

Drilling is expected to commence in mid-July. A Phase 1 program of up to 15,000 metres (~49,200 feet) of reverse circulation (RC) drilling and 5,600 metres (~18,400 feet) of diamond core drilling is anticipated for Kinsley during 2020. Phase 1 drilling will test the high-priority Racetrack, Transverse, Big Bend, Western Flank, and KN targets. New Placer Dome and its technical consultants APEX Geoscience Ltd. are currently working with Liberty to finalize priority discovery drill target selection.

Kinsley Mountain is a Carlin-style gold project hosting indicated resources containing 418,000 ounces of gold grading 2.63 g/t Au (4.95 million tonnes) and inferred resources containing 117,000

ounces of gold averaging 1.51 g/t Au (2.44 million tonnes). The Company believes there is significant potential to expand the footprint of known mineralization and contained resources.

New Placer Dome has secured New Frontier Drilling LLC, based in Fallon, Nevada, to provide a crew and drill rig for the upcoming 2020 RC drilling program at Bolo. New Frontier executed the highly successful 2019 RC drilling program at Bolo under the supervision of geologists from APEX. The Company is delighted to welcome both New Frontier and APEX back for the 2020 program.

Drilling at Bolo will focus on testing for Carlin-style gold mineralization at depth in the South Mine Fault Zone, following up on results from the 2019 program including: 84 metres of 1.37 g/t gold in hole BL19-012, and 122 metres of 1.2 g/t gold in hole BL19-04. New discovery of 12.2 metres of 3.32 g/t gold in hole BL19-04.

The 2020 program will also test the continuity of mineralization between the South Mine Fault Zone and Uncle Sam Silver Zone, where a 2019 outcrop sample yielded 3.63 g/t gold with 262 g/t silver.

Mobilization of the drill and ancillary equipment is scheduled for mid-July, with drilling commencing shortly thereafter. The Company expects to complete a total of approximately 3,000 metres (~9,900 feet) of drilling

over a period of approximately 40 drilling days.

Maximilian Sali, CEO and Founder said, "Having just completed a significant raise to fund a multi-phase drilling and surface exploration program at Kinsley, as well as a 3,000 metre drill program at Bolo, securing rigs for both projects was essential given the number of companies planning summer drill programs in Nevada, which has increased considerably with the rising price of bullion. With the rigs secured, we and our technical team at APEX will shift our focus to drill targeting for both assets, with Liberty's technical team assisting with target selection for Kinsley."

New Placer Dome Gold Corp. is a gold exploration company focused on acquiring and advancing gold projects in Nevada. New Placer Dome's flagship Kinsley Mountain Gold Project, located 90 km south of the Long Canyon Mine, hosts Carlin-style gold mineralization, previous run of mine heap leach production, and NI 43-101 indicated resources containing 418,000 ounces of gold grading 2.63 g/t Au (4.95 million tonnes) and inferred resources containing 117,000 ounces of gold averaging 1.51 g/t Au (2.44 million tonnes).

The Bolo Project, located 90 km northeast of Tonopah, Nevada, is another core asset, similarly hosting Carlin-style gold mineralization. New Placer Dome also holds an option to

acquire 100% of the Troy Canyon Project, located 120 km south of Ely, Nevada. New Placer Dome is run by a strong management and technical team consisting of capital market and mining professionals with the goal of maximizing value for shareholders through new mineral discoveries, committed long-

term partnerships, and the advancement of exploration projects in geopolitically favourable jurisdictions.

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## Exploration Drill Program Commences At The McCoy-Cove Project

THUNDER BAY - Premier Gold Mines Limited has commenced the 2020 exploration drill program at the Company's 100%-owned McCoy-Cove Project located along the Battle Mountain Trend in Nevada. Exploration will focus on high-priority targets located in close proximity to the Cove deposit

"With grades in excess of 11.0 g/t Au, the Cove deposit is one of the highest-grade undeveloped gold deposits in the United States with resources over 1 million ounces", said Ewan Downie, President and CEO of Premier. "We see the potential for further

discoveries on the large land package that has seen historic production of more than 3.3 million ounces of gold and 100 million ounces of silver".

Exploration on the grounds surrounding the main deposit completed in 2019 resulted in the discovery of several new structures that have yet to be drill-tested. One primary target is "Davenport", a 4 km<sup>2</sup> magnetic anomaly that may host a gold-skarn system, similar to the McCoy Mine to the south and the Fortitude Mine to the north.

A second priority target is "Antenna" located to the south of

the Cove deposit where 2019 drilling intersected high-grade mineralization. Additional drilling to the east and west of the Cove pit will test for the structural extension of the Cove Anticline that hosts the Cove deposit. All targets have the potential to complement the high-grade gold resource at Cove.

In 2019, large diameter wells were drilled for the purpose of modelling water flow for a hydrology study (completed) and develop a water plan that will be required prior to underground development. The Company is also completing additional metal-

lurgical work to assess processing options to support a potential production decision for a future underground mine.

The McCoy-Cove Property hosts one of the highest grade undeveloped gold deposits in Nevada. Cove was mined by Echo Bay Mines Ltd. between 1987 and 2003, with production of approximately 2.6 million ounces of gold and 100 million ounces of silver.

In 2018, the Company announced a Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) indicating strong economics for the Project. Premier expects to begin construction of a ramp to complete delin-

ation drilling, bulk sampling followed by a Feasibility Study.

The total land package of the McCoy-Cove property consists of 30,660 acres. The McCoy-Cove Property is located in the Battle Mountain trend in north Nevada.

The Property including the Favret Formation is the principal Carlin-style ore host. Three types of mineralization occur within the Property including (a) Carlin-type at Cove in the Helen zone, CSD zone, and the Gap zone, (b) polymetallic sheeted vein in the deep 2201 zone and (c) skarn mineralization at the historic McCoy pit.

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# Keystone Project Encounters Its Strongest Mineralization

on previous drilling in the target area, especially holes Key18-09rc and Key18-03rc. Hole Key18-09rc encountered over 350 feet of continuous oxidized breccia at the bottom, where it was lost at 1600 ft in a 20-foot-wide open void. The oxidized breccia was located below a thick section of Comus skarn and hornfels, which yielded a 20-foot intercept of 1g+ gold in garnet-magnetite skarn. The breccia at depth displays strongly anomalous gold, arsenic, thallium, mercury, antimony and many other elements, including thallium over 380 ppm. Key18-03rc was lost in voids in the Wenban Unit 6, with associated silicified, gold-bearing and quartz-calcite-stibnite veined limestone. Extending from Key18-09rc and south-eastward, a strongly altered porphyritic dike set is present, along which the strongest Au and As surface rock and soil anomalies at Sophia are located. Drilling is expected to be RC pre-collars with core tails to get through the extensive voids developed at the Horse Canyon-Wenban contact and down to the targeted Wenban Unit 5 host rocks, where the altered intermediate dikes are projected to intersect Unit 5. The Sophia target area represents the largest As-Tl soil anomaly within the entire Keystone project.

**Greenstone Gulch:** Two holes are planned in this area, which has seen no previous drilling.

**Upper Plate Cambrian-Ordovician Comus Formation** calcareous siltstones, limestones and greenstones are exposed at surface and are variably altered along NW and NE trending, partly dacitic dike filled structural zones. Lower Plate Devonian rocks are expected at shallow depths below surface. Surface soil and rock geochemistry shows a strong pathfinder element anomaly coincident with the NW structural zones. Gold mineralization encountered in the Nina Skarn target area suggests the Greenstone Gulch area may be prospective for Carlin-type gold mineralization, in a similar geologic and structural setting as the Cove-McCoy mining district in Lander county, Nevada, another gold-polymetallic mineral rich, Eocene magmatic center. Comus at Keystone is lithologically similar to the Hales Formation, the primary host rock of Carlin-type gold mineralization at the Tonkin Springs mine, five miles east of Keystone. Targeting collapse breccias and bedding replacements developed in lower Comus, Devonian Horse Canyon-Wenban contact, and Wenban Unit 5.

**Keystone and Sophia Skarn:** Three holes are planned at the Keystone Skarn target area, and three holes are planned at the Sophia Skarn targets, within the broader Sophia target area. Holes at Keystone Skarn are expected

be shallow, angled RC holes to test steeply dipping, high-grade gold bearing (27 gpt+ in rock chips), oxidized skarn developed along dikes emanating from the Walti pluton. Previous drilling in the area tested the base metal rich skarn mineralization of the historic Keystone mine. The high-grade gold occurrence is located east of the Keystone mine and has never been drill tested. Holes at Sophia Skarn will test several coincident Au-Bi-Te soil and rock chip anomalies located between the Nina Skarn and Sophia Carlin-type target areas, using angled and vertical RC holes. One hole is expected to follow up on the historic drill hole MP89-2/90-1, which encountered 51.8m of 0.253 gpt Au, including 3m of 2.2 gpt Au.

**Tip Top:** One hole is planned to follow up on previous drilling in the target area, that encountered encouraging gold and Carlin-style alteration and pathfinder geochemistry. The target is located at the intersection of a major NNW trending structural zone with several NNE and NE trending fault zones that down-drop Upper Plate rocks against Lower Plate rocks. The NNW structural zone is identified as a district scale mineralized conduit at Keystone. Surface soil and rock geochemistry shows a strong pathfinder and gold anomaly coincident with a large gravity low and chargeabil-

ity high in the immediate target area. Previous drilling has shown gold, Carlin-style alteration and oxidation are increased along the NNW structural zone. In addition, a long strike length, NW striking-shallow dipping structure was identified in previous drilling, with associated gold and dolomitization. Targeting a Goldrush-style breccia deposit developed at the intersection of the broad NNW trending structural zone with the NW striking, shallow dipping structure, and collapse breccias developed in Wenban Unit 5 in the hanging-wall of the major NNW structural zone.

The company also reported that it has received a proposal to upgrade the Copper King Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) to a Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS) with the objective of completing the PFS by the end of 2020.

Copper King, located in the Silver Crown mining district of southeast Wyoming and approximately 20 miles west of Cheyenne, is a project of merit based on the December 2017 PEA that, in a preliminary analysis, shows a robust resource.

President and CEO Mr. Edward Karr said, "We are pleased with the progress of the Copper King project in 2020 and have made several trips to the property last year to advance the project from a permitting, devel-

opment, and community outreach standpoint. We are looking forward to working with Marc Levier and Mark Jorgensen to advance the Copper King deposit to the PFS level. This PFS is expected to be a major milestone in moving Copper King towards production. We have some of the leading consultants working with us for resource modeling and metallurgical testing. The existence of silver in the Copper King deposit could give further upside to the overall economics and will be analyzed thoroughly in the PFS. We have a very experienced Board assisting in moving the project forward."

The company has conducted geophysical studies at Copper King and drilled additional exploration holes. Several of these holes hit additional mineralization, and it has been shown the deposit has increased to the west. In addition, analysis conducted in early 2019 shows the presence of economic grade silver not previously accounted for in the PEA economics. The model shows the deposit is open at depth, appears to be open laterally to the southeast, and has poorly defined margins. Extending the deposit along strike to the southeast will be the focus of future exploration. Formal proposal to advance Copper King to the Pre-Feasibility Study has been received.



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# Requirements For Mining Companies Listed On U.S. Stock Exchange Are Changing

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Is your company listed on a US stock exchange? Is mining a material part of your business? If so, then the new U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) property disclosure requirements will impact your business.

As the SEC modernizes its approach to align with international reporting standards, it has revised the previous requirements for disclosing Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves. These amendments, called S-K 1300, followed an in-depth consultation process with industry stakeholders initiated more than four years ago and come into effect January 1, 2021.

To prepare your business, keep reading for the who, what, why, when and how of S-K 1300!

Who does it impact? Moving from the previous "Industry Guide 7" to the new "S-K 1300" is no small change. It will affect all registrants who have mining as a material part of their business. Materiality is defined in Act Rule 12b-2 as: A matter is material if there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable investor would attach importance to it in determining whether to buy or sell the securities registered. Whether you are involved in metal mining, non-metal mining, or aggregate extraction, S-K 1300 applies to all types of mining, regardless of the location of your properties.

What does it change? At a high level, the updated S-K 1300 rules change the amount of information required to be disclosed, how it should be presented, how it should be prepared, and improves definitions within these requirements. Major differences are outlined in table 1.

The filing requirements under S-K 1300 detail the required disclosures at the company level, as well as for each individual material property. This is where a lot of work at the outset will come in. For major mining companies who have numerous properties, an internal review will need to be conducted to identify those properties which constitute a 'material' part of the business.

It's important to note that any

property, regardless of it being individually material or not, needs to have a minimum of a Preliminary Feasibility Study completed by a QP in order to list Mineral Reserves in a S-K 1300 Summary Disclosure. Under S-K 1300, the disclosures required are in table 2.

Why the change? The SEC is making this change to align with international reporting standards, creating a more robust and transparent framework, with the aim of protecting and informing investors.

The new SEC S-K 1300 regulations are in general compliance with the Committee for Mineral Reserves International Reporting Standards (CRIRSCO), which are the baseline for most international reporting standards. These include such standards as: the Canadian National Instrument 43-101 (NI 43-101), the Australian Joint Ore Reserves Committee (The JORC Code), and the South African Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves (The SAMREC Code).

When does it take effect? The changes come into effect for your business' first fiscal year on or after January 1, 2021. Any mention of Mineral Resources or Mineral Reserves, whether in an official filing or a public statement, after January 1, 2021 must be compliant with S-K 1300 regulations. The SEC finalized the adopted amendments on December 26, 2018. Industry Guide 7 will remain effective until January 1, 2021, at which time Industry Guide 7 will be rescinded.

How do I prepare? Every company will have a slightly different approach to preparing for S-K 1300. You may choose to start by reviewing your company profile to determine which properties, from your current SEC filing, you will want to select for reporting, or updating, their Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimates to S-K 1300. Do you want all your properties upgraded? You will likely need to conduct a gap analysis to identify deficiencies preventing you from completing technical studies required to support Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves. Once a property has been upgraded to S-K 1300 requirements,

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Lists details about all properties in the filing, including a summary of Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources	Describes quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures upheld by the company to justify Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources	Lists details about each material property in the filing, including Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources	Lists details about each material property in the filing, including Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources through 25 Report Sections

the results of the analysis must be disclosed.

You will want to review your internal processes and consult your legal team regarding the best approach for your company and properties, including assessing your appetite for liabilities if using internal QPs vs. external QPs. Consideration needs to be given to the long-term implications of your selected approach, and the cost and time required.

Beyond developing your strategy to navigating the change, there is the paperwork. S-K 1300 requires significantly more information to be included in your annual SEC filing than Industry Guide 7 did, and you will want to allow the necessary time to assemble and review reports and conduct studies as necessary.

There is a lot to consider as you familiarize yourself with the SEC's S-K 1300 property disclosure requirements. Golder's mining engineers and geologists have extensive experience with similar international reporting standards and have been following the SEC changes closely since the 2016 comment period.

Whether you seek an initial gap analysis, a review of your internal approach, or completion of reports, our global team is available to support you with the new disclosure requirements under S-K 1300 and to help you meet the regulatory deadline.

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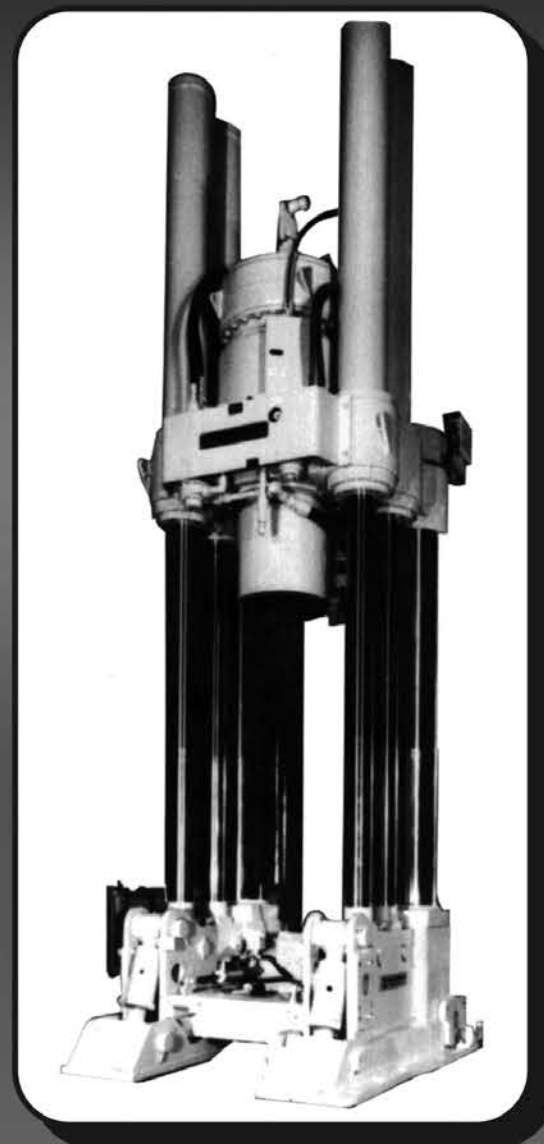
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Guidelines	Industry Guide 7	Federal Register Vol. 83, No. 246, Pages 66344-66461
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Economic Analysis	Must be 'Economic', not well defined	<b>Resources</b> – Initial Assessment <b>Reserves</b> – Preliminary Feasibility Study or Feasibility Study
Qualified Person (QP)	Not well defined	Experience and qualification requirements detailed
Influence Polygons for Resources	Not well defined; commodity-specific standards are accepted	Requires the QP to justify resource confidence intervals based on geologic evidence and reasonable prospects of economic extraction
Technical Studies	Not clearly defined as being required to support disclosure of Mineral Resources and Mineral Resources	An Initial Assessment is required for disclosure of Mineral Resources while a Preliminary Feasibility or Feasibility Study is required to support disclosure of Mineral Reserves
Materiality	Not applicable	Defined for the Registrant with regards to its company as well as by mining property

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## Safe-Haven Investment Demand For Gold

LONDON - The global COVID-19 pandemic fuelled safe-haven investment demand for gold, offsetting marked weakness in consumer-focused sectors of the market. Total Q1 demand grew marginally to 1,083.8t (+1% y-o-y). The coronavirus outbreak, which swept the globe during the first quarter, was the single biggest factor influencing gold demand. As the scale of the pandemic – and its potential economic impact – started to emerge, investors sought safe-haven assets. Gold-backed ETFs (gold ETFs) attracted huge inflows (+298t), which pushed global holdings in these products to a new record high of 3,185t. Total bar and coin investment fell to 241.6t (-6% y-o-y) as a 19% drop in bar demand (to 150.4t) overpowered a sharp jump in demand for gold coins, up 36% to 76.9t, due to safe-haven buying by Western retail investors. Jewellery demand, unsurprisingly, was particularly

hard hit by the effects of the outbreak; quarterly demand dropped 39% y-o-y to a record low for our series of 325.8t. Technology demand also fell to a new low for our data series of 73.4t (-8% y-o-y). Central banks continued to buy gold in significant quantities, although at a lower rate than in Q1 2019: net purchases amounted to 145t (-8% y-o-y). The virus also caused disruption to gold supply: mine production fell to a five-year low of 795.8t (-3% y-o-y).

The pace of buying slowed, in line with our expectations, and sales remained scarce. Highlights: Gold ETFs saw the highest quarterly inflows for four years amid global uncertainty and financial market volatility. Holdings of these products reached a record high of 3,185t by the end of Q1.

These investment inflows helped push the US dollar gold price to an eight-year high. Consequently, global gold

demand in value terms reached US\$55bn – the highest since Q2 2013. The price also reached new record highs in Indian rupees and Turkish lira, among others.

The pandemic slashed jewellery demand as governments across the globe imposed lockdown measures. Demand fell to lowest on record, led by a 65% decline in China – the largest jewellery consumer and the first market to succumb to the outbreak. Central banks continued to amass gold, although we expect net buying to slow sharply. Amid heightened volatility and uncertainty, global gold reserves grew by 145t in Q1. But Russia announced that it would suspend its long-term buying programme from April, signalling a sharp slowdown in global net buying.

Total Q1 supply fell 4% as coronavirus lockdowns hit mine production and gold recycling. Operations were halted at many projects in an attempt to stem the spread of the virus. And recycling ground to a near standstill towards the end of the quarter as consumers were confined to their homes.

The company's website is [www.gold.org](http://www.gold.org).

### Columbus Gold Changes Name To Orea Mining

VANCOUVER - Columbus Gold Corp. has changed its name to Orea Mining Corp. The name change to Orea is a natural progression as the Company expands its operational scope with an emphasis on sustainable and responsible mining while driving value for investors. Rock Lefrançois, President & CEO said, "The new name emphasises the Company's commitment to its growth strategy and corporate objective of evolving from an explorer to also a producer in South America, targeting projects that can be developed with a reduced environmental footprint and upholding the highest international standards for responsible mining."

### CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9 Marigold Mine . . .

During the Exploration Period, one core hole was completed at Trenton Canyon which encountered Lower Plate Comus Formation lithologies at 300 meters from surface. This is significant as the favourable Comus Formation sedimentary rocks can be more efficiently explored for high-grade, sulphide deposits at relatively shallow depths. The Comus Formation is the sulphide ore-hosting rock unit encountered at the high-grade Turquoise Ridge Mine.

Looking ahead, approvals have been received to build roads and construct drill sites along the identified mineralized corridors at Trenton Canyon. Moving the RC drill rigs to exploration areas in the second quarter of 2020 is anticipated. Core drilling is planned to follow up on sulphide mineralization intercepted in MRA7178 and MRA7092 and targets anticipated from the upcoming seismic geophysical studies. Timing to initiate this exploration activity may be impacted COVID-19 state restrictions.

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# Nevada Exploration Signs LOI On Its Kelly Creek Project

VANCOUVER, BC - Nevada Exploration Inc. (NGE) has signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Austin Gold Corp., led by former Pretium Resources Inc. CEO Joe Ovsenek, for an earn in and joint venture agreement on its district-scale Kelly Creek Project within the Kelly Creek Basin in north-central Nevada. Under the LOI, Austin would have the right to earn a 51% interest in the joint venture by spending \$5,000,000 over four years, of which \$1,000,000 is a firm commitment, with the election to then earn an additional 19% by delivering a prefeasibility study.

NGE's President, James Buskard, said, "Kelly Creek is the first place we integrated our full suite of hydrogeochemistry exploration technologies to evaluate a highly-prospective, covered valley basin to search for new district-scale Carlin-type mineral systems. As we've shared, we believe our results to date confirm the presence of the critical components needed to host a world-class, 5-10 Moz gold deposit, and suggest that the gold-bearing mineral system at Kelly Creek is a likely northern extension of the system responsible for mineralization at the nearby Marigold and Lone Tree deposits. With the success of our recent drilling programs at what has become our flagship project, South Grass Valley, we haven't been able to return to Kelly Creek to continue with the next stages of exploration. To keep this important project moving forward, we're very pleased to be able to partner with such an experienced and technically capable team. This partnership allows us to remain 100% focused at South Grass Valley, and gives our stakeholders the significant benefit of participating in multiple opportunities for discovery as both projects are advanced in parallel."

Discussing the Project, Austin's Executive Chairman, Joe Ovsenek: "With multi-deposit potential and a world-class address, Kelly Creek is one of only a handful of district-scale size properties with Carlin-type potential not currently controlled by the majors. We are excited to team up with Nevada Exploration to unlock Kelly Creek's potential. At Austin, our focus is on grassroots exploration within the gold-belts of Nevada, and Kelly Creek is right in our wheelhouse."

Both the earn-in and joint venture agreement and the private placement contemplated under the LOI are subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory and TSX Venture Exchange approvals.

NGE's Kelly Creek Project is located along the Battle Mountain - Eureka Gold Trend within the larger Kelly Creek Basin, which is bounded by multi-million-ounce gold deposits to the north and south representing more than 70 million ounces of gold along the periphery of the basin. The Project consists of a combination of unpatented mining claims held by NGE through its wholly-owned subsidiary Pediment Gold LLC (PGL) (24 km<sup>2</sup>); unpatented mining claims leased by PGL from a third party under a Mining Lease and Option to Purchase Agreement (15 km<sup>2</sup>); and private land leased by PGL under a Mining Lease Agreement (14 km<sup>2</sup>), for a district-scale land package totalling 53 km<sup>2</sup>.

Despite its proximity to significant mineralization, the interior of the Kelly Creek Basin has seen limited systematic exploration activity to date because its bedrock is largely covered by syn- to post-mineral volcanic units and post-mineral alluvium. Recognizing the potential to find significant gold mineralization within the Kelly Creek Basin, dozens of major and junior explorers have spent tens of millions of dollars to follow the prospective geology seen in and proximal to the exposed bedrock in the surrounding mountain ranges beneath the sands and gravels covering the Basin.

By integrating the use of its proprietary hydrogeochemistry technology with conventional exploration methods to evaluate the larger Kelly Creek Basin, NGE identified a highly prospective area in the middle of the basin along a portion of a structurally-controlled, shallow, covered, bedrock high coincident with highly anomalous gold and associated trace-element chemistry in groundwater.

In 2017, NGE completed a 61-hole, 5,864-metre shallow reverse-circulation drilling program at the Project using its Scorpion drill rig, to collect groundwater, alluvium, and top-of-bedrock geochemistry samples across a large area of the Project. The company believes the results of the Scorpion drilling program confirmed that the hydrothermal system that was active at the Project is gold-bearing over larger areas than previously known, with discrete zones of enriched gold in groundwater anchored to at least two clusters of >0.1 g/t gold in bedrock covering areas consistent in size with the geochemical footprints of the nearest major gold deposits which suggests that the gold-bearing hydrothermal system at Kelly Creek is likely the northern extension of the system and is of a size to support major additional mineralization.

To clarify the information provided about the nearby deposits, the sizes of which were rounded to the nearest million ounces and

presented simply as 5 Moz and 8 Moz respectively. Mineralization hosted on adjacent and/or nearby projects is not necessarily indicative of mineralization hosted on the Company's property.

The Company's disclosure

that it believes its results to date have confirmed that its Kelly Creek Project has the potential to host a gold endowment constitutes disclosure of an exploration target, and thus is subject to NI 43-101, 2.3 - Restricted Disclosure.

Per NI 43-101, 2.3, until work at the Company's district-scale Kelly Creek Project has progressed to focusing on specific exploration targets for which target-specific ranges for tonnage and grade can be established.

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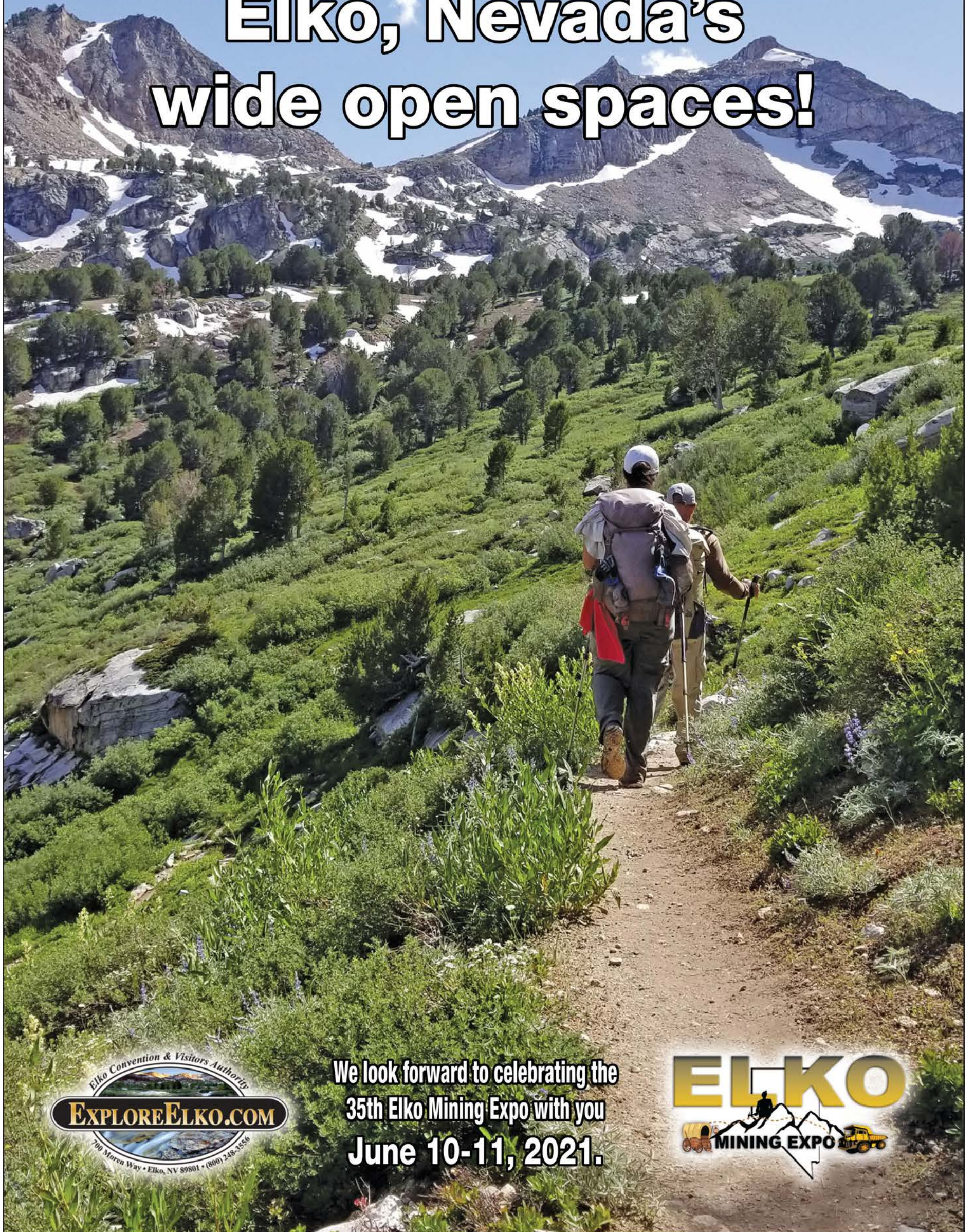
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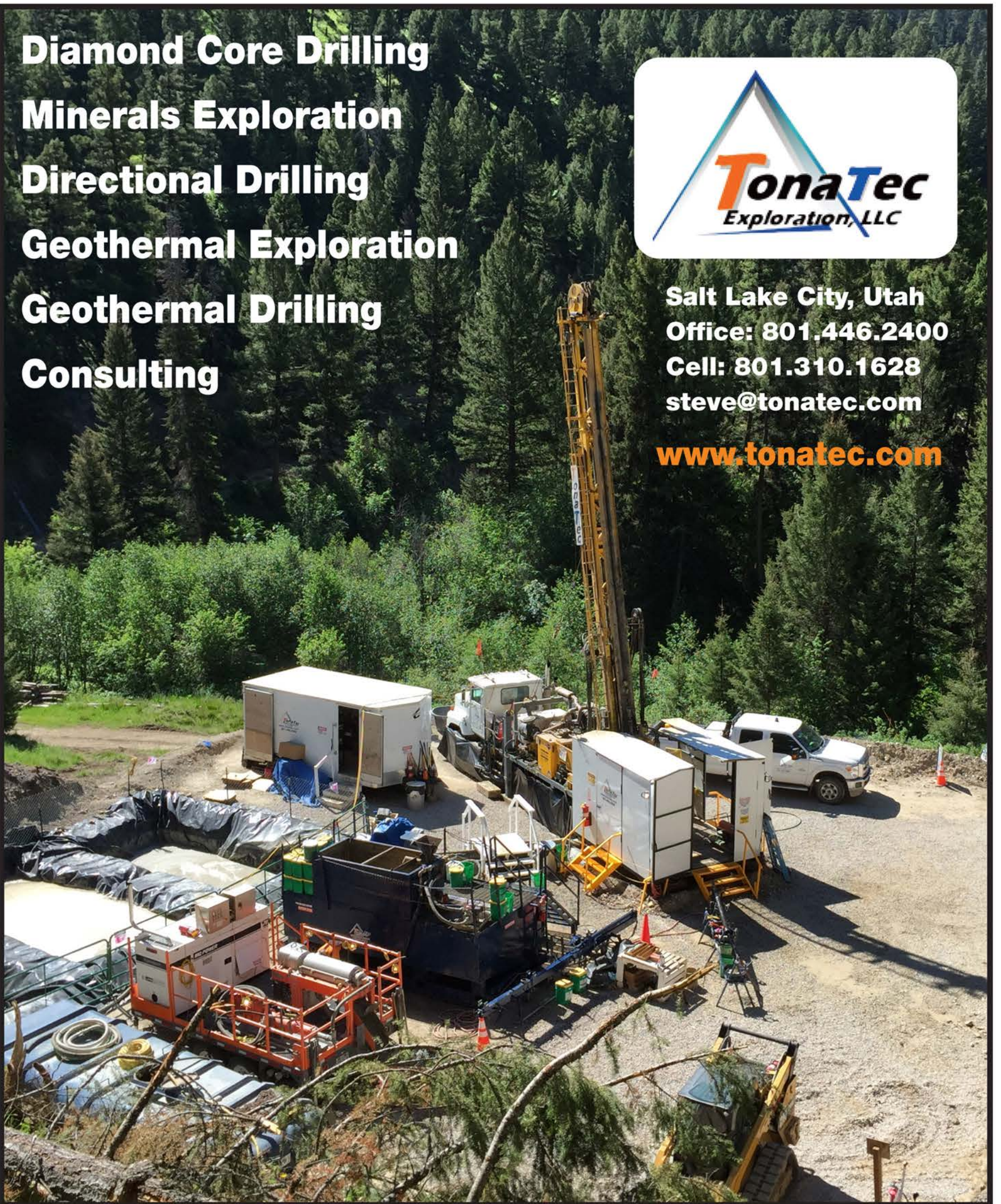


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