

# Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project – Updated Pre-Feasibility Study

### Developing New Zealand's newest and richest gold mine

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**Network Presentation** 

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4 March 2025 - ASX Announcement titled "RAS Mineral Resource Estimate Review"

15 November 2024- ASX Announcement titled "Bendigo-Ophir Pre-Feasibility Study"

28 September 2021 - ASX Announcement titled "Bendigo-Ophir Gold Resources Increased 155% to 643k Oz"

The information in this report that relates to Ore Reserves is based on information contained in the public announcement made to the ASX on 1 July 2025.

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# **UPDATED PFS**

Based on a current gold price of A\$4,950/oz



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# **Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project PFS outcomes**



#### **BOGP PFS Outcomes**

- Robust economics
- Exceptional margins
- Low hurdles

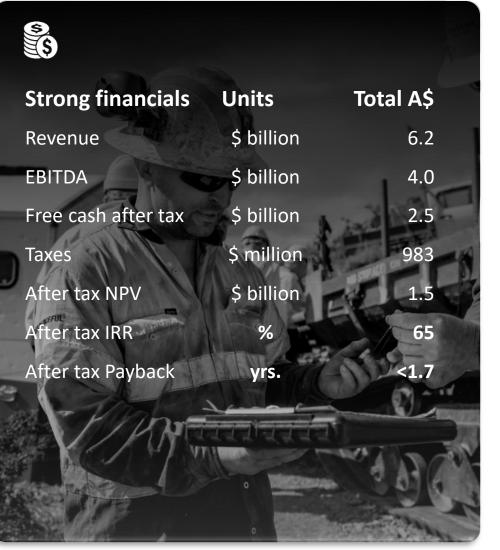
Rapid payback

- Growth not yet included
  - ~500koz Inferred resources still to be converted at RAS
  - ~190koz Inferred at SRX and CIT

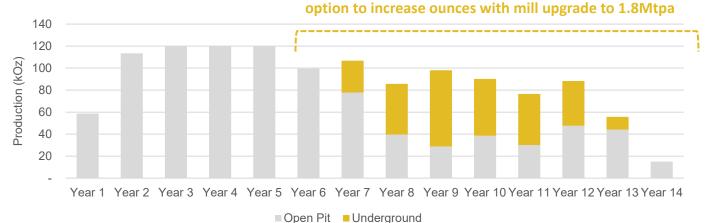
Production profile							
<b>13.8 years</b> initial mine life	16.4Mt @ 2.54g/t ore mined	1.25Moz of Gold sold	<b>120koz pa</b> peak production				
\$		~500koz Inferred resources remaining at RAS					
Capital & Operating							
A\$277M total pre-production	A\$1,741/oz cash operating cost	A\$1,842/oz all-is-sustaining	A\$2,126/oz total cost per ounce				
Financials at Current Gold Price A\$4,950							
<1.7yrs simple payback (from production)	A\$6.2 billion revenue	A\$4.0 billion EBITDA	A\$2.5 billion after tax free cash				
<b>A\$1.5 billion</b> NPV <sub>6.5</sub> after tax	65% IRR after tax						

# **Highly profitable investment case**

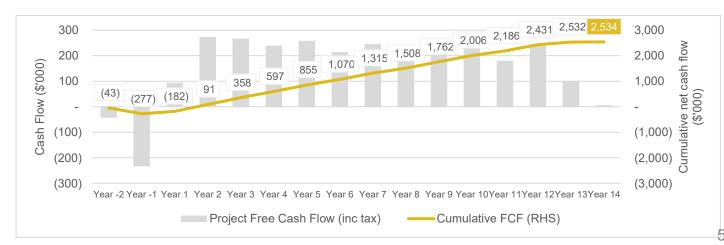




#### Gold production profile



#### Cash flows from pre-production to conceptual mine closure



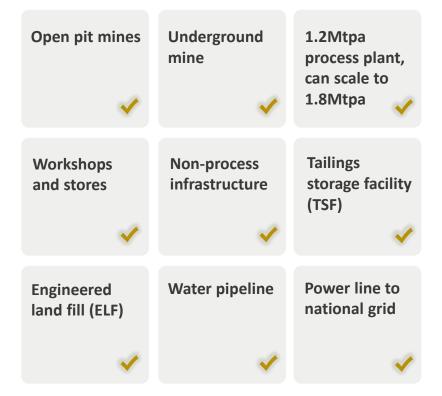
# **Proposed mine infrastructure and layout**

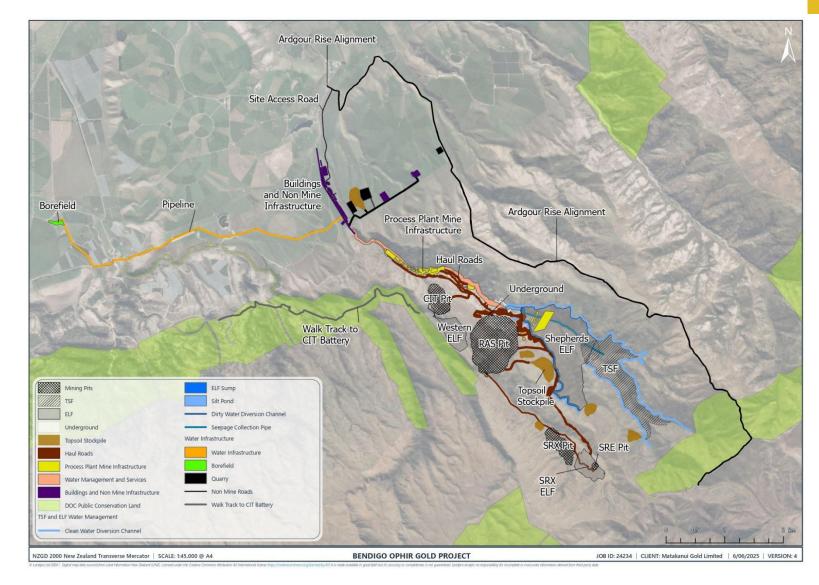


Project is located on private free-hold farm land with agreements in place to mine.

Allows a smooth pathway to permitting.

#### **Project infrastructure includes**





# **Open pit mining at Rise & Shine (RAS) and Srex (SRX)**



**1.02Moz** 12.6Mt at 2.5g/t

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### **Mining physicals**

13.8yrs mining 11Mt @ 2.75g/t from RAS 1.4Mt @ 0.68g/t from SRX

93% ore feed is Probable Reserve



### **Mining method**

Seven stages of cutbacks 200t class excavators 90t class rear dump trucks

#### RAS

211Mt total rock 17.5Mt pre-strip 11.2Mt ore 14.6:1 operating strip ratio

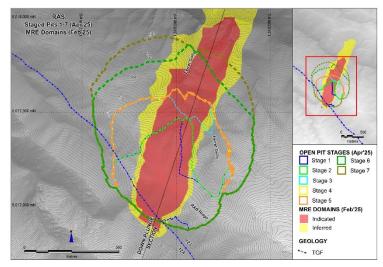


### **Mined gold**

993koz Au from RAS 30koz from SRX >1Moz Au total

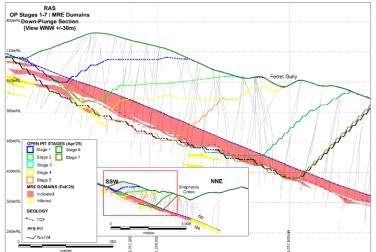
Overall grade 2.53g/t

953koz recovered



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# **Underground mining at RAS**







7yrs mining 3.7Mt ore Total development 17km

87% Indicated ore feed



### **Mining method**

Long hole stoping w/paste fill 5.5mW x 5.5mW twin declines Cable bolts and shotcrete

17km development
2.6Mt paste fill
171km of cables
10k m<sup>3</sup> shotcrete

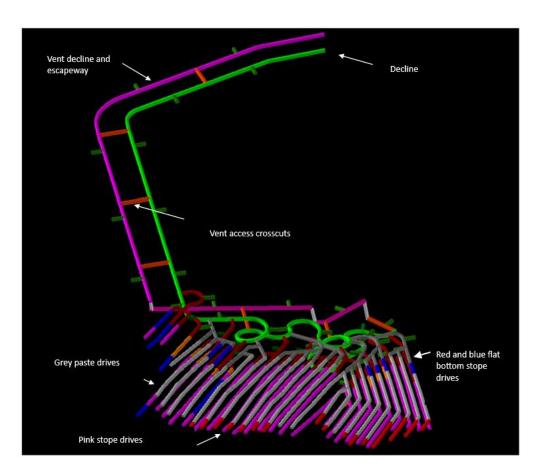


### Mined gold

316koz Au

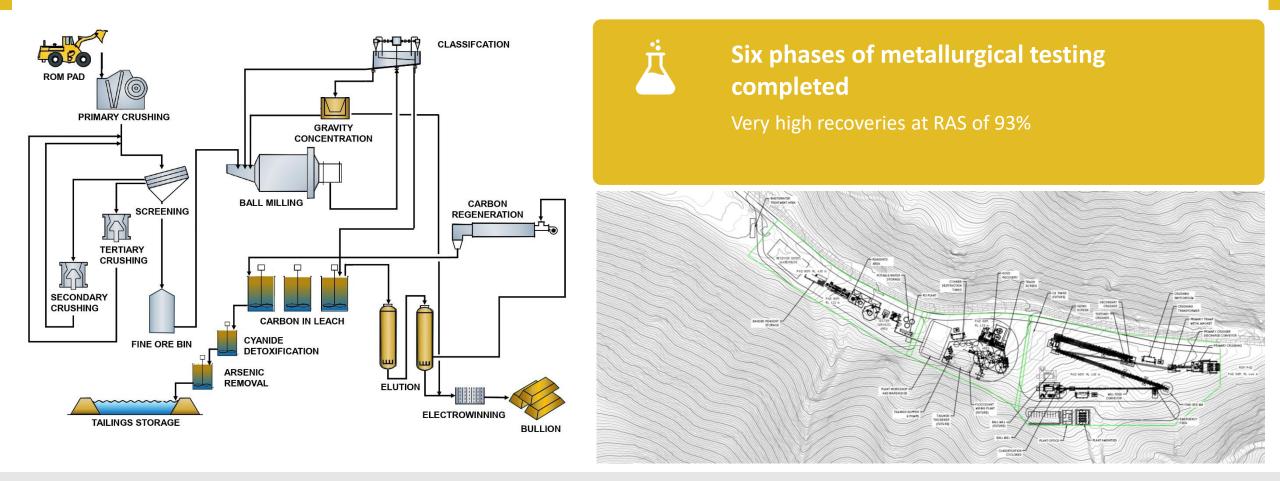
Grade 2.66g/t

295koz recovered



# **Conventional CIL processing plant**





### THE PFS DESIGN USES SIMPLE CIL TECHNOLOGY TO GENERATE VERY HIGH RECOVERIES



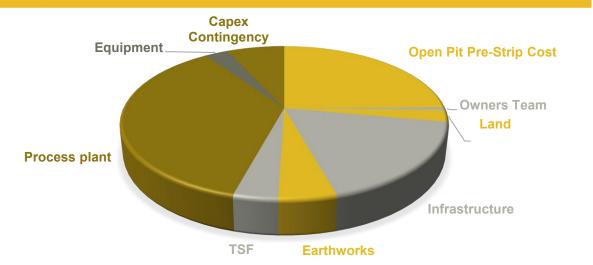
# **CAPEX and OPEX breakdown**



#### **PRE-PRODUCTION CAPITAL**

### A\$277M

Significant cost items (with 10% contingency): Pre-production: Infrastructure and services \$64M Pre-production: Process plant and TSF \$119M Pre-production: Establishment & pre-strip \$94M

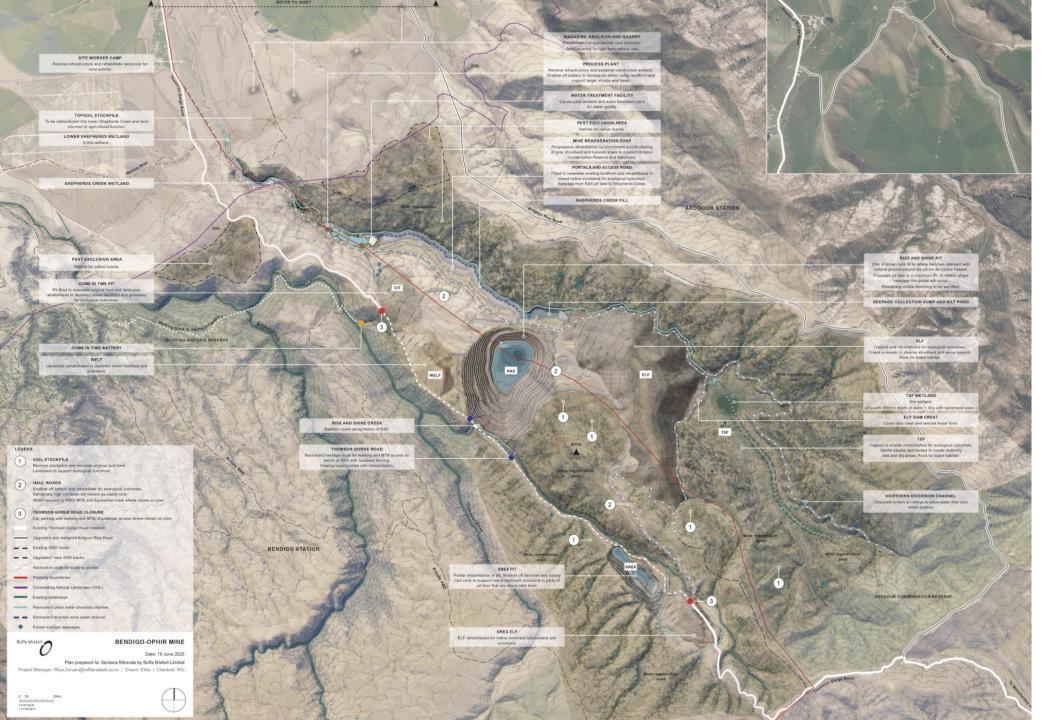


#### **OPERATING COSTS**

Mining cost	A\$/t milled	62.5
Milling cost	A\$/t milled	25.4
G&A (includes site specific items)	A\$/t milled	8.9
C1 Cash cost	A\$/t milled	96.8
Royalties/sustaining CAPEX	A\$/t milled	43.6
All-in sustaining cost (AISC)	A\$/t milled	140.4

#### SUSTAINING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (funded from cash flow)

Total	A\$211M
Underground infrastructure Yr 6	A\$85M
Waste stripping	A\$78M
Plant and Infrastructure	A\$48M





Extensive mine closure planning with rehabilitation provisions for 'endof-life' natural landforms and water treatment systems

# **Resistant against price fluctuations**



#### Project NPV<sub>6.5</sub> Sensitivities ('000) Post Tax – Gold Prices

	50% of Spot Gold price	-10%/oz	Base-Case	Spot Price	+10%/oz
	A\$2,475/oz	A\$3,150/oz	A\$3,500/oz	A\$4,950/oz	A\$5,445/oz
<b>NPV</b> <sub>6.5%</sub>	A\$255M	\$601M	\$780M	\$1.52b	\$1.77b
IRR	18%	32%	38%	65%	73%
Payback	4.9Yrs	3.0Yrs	2.6Yrs	1.7Yrs	1.6Yrs

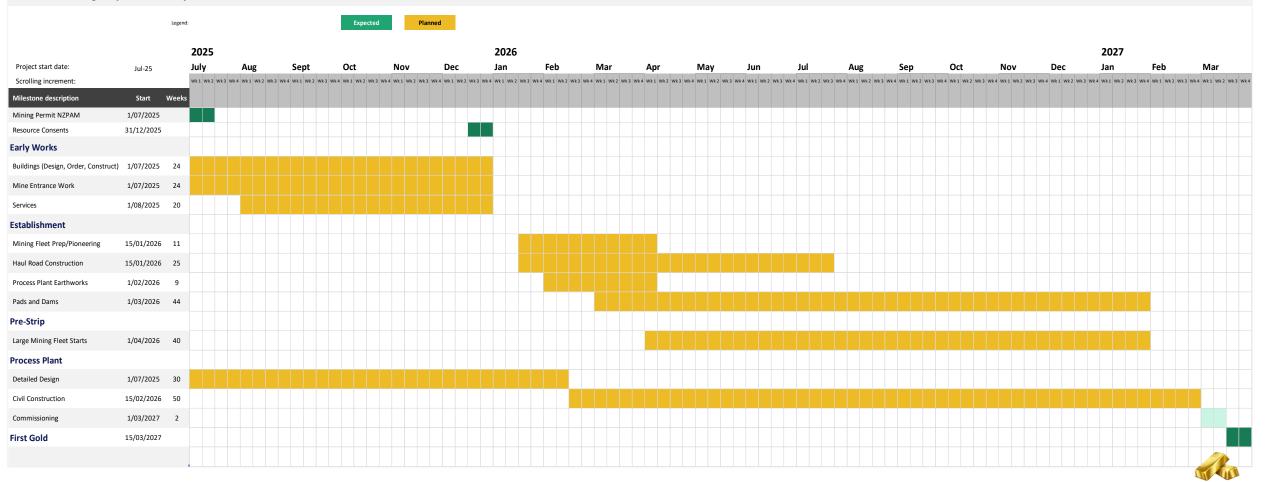
Gold price could halve, and the project is still very profitable

Strong Base-Case @ A\$3,500/oz NPV<sub>6.5</sub> A\$780M IRR 38% Payback 2.6Yrs (Unleveraged, Post Tax)

# Permitting and timeline to first gold



#### **PROJECT: Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project**



#### **PATHWAY TO FIRST GOLD**



## MOVING IMMEDIATELY TO EARLY WORKS AND DETAILED ENGINEERING

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# **Ore Reserves – High conversions**



#### PFS targeted 1.54Moz of Indicated resources and converted 81% (1.24Moz) to a Probable Reserve

Randiga Ophir	Area	Proven		Probable		Total		
Bendigo-Ophir Ore Reserve		Mt	Au g/t	Mt	Au g/t	Mt	Au g/t	Au koz
	RAS open pit	-	-	10.5	2.78	10.5	2.78	937
15Mt @ 2.58g/t	RAS underground			3.2	2.66	3.2	2.66	275
	SRX			1.3	0.70	1.3	0.70	30
	Total	-	-	15.0	2.58	15.0	2.58	1,242

Note 1: RAS Open pit cut-off grade 0.5g/t at \$US2,000/oz Au price

Note 2: RAS Underground cut-off grade 1.7g/t at \$US1,650/oz Au price

Note 3: SRX Open pit cut-off grade 0.30 g/t at \$US2,100/oz Au price

Note 4: Underground Reserves are from the quoted Open pit Resources area

Note 5: The effective date of the Mineral Reserve is 30 June 2025, estimated under the supervision of Damian Spring (FAusIMM).

Note 6: Approved consents and required permits are yet to be granted to enable mining of the RAS and SRX deposits.

# **Appendix 1: Mineral Resource Estimate**



Deposit	Category	tonnes (Mt)	Au grade (g/t)	Contained Gold (koz)
RAS	Indicated	18.9	2.5	1,538
	Inferred	7.6	2.2	542
RAS Total	Indicated and Inferred	26.5	2.4	2,080
CIT	Inferred	1.2	1.5	59
SRX	Indicated	2.2	0.8	54.7
SRX	Inferred	2.9	1.0	90.5
SRX Total	Indicated and Inferred	5	0.9	145
SRE	Indicated	0.4	0.8	10.3
SRE	Inferred	1.1	1.2	42
SRE Total	Indicated and Inferred	1.5	1.1	52
BOGP Total	Indicated	21.5	2.3	1,603
	Inferred	12.7	1.8	734
BOGP Total	Indicated and Inferred	34.3	2.1	2,337

The information in this report that relates to this March 2025 RAS Mineral Resource Estimates (MRE) and to the November 2024 SRX and SRE MRE, is based on work completed by Mr Kerrin Allwood, a Competent Person (CP) who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Mr Allwood is a Principal Geologist of GeoModelling Limited, Petone, New Zealand and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which is being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Allwood consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. Mr Allwood and GeoModelling Limited are independent of Santana Minerals Ltd.

The information in this report that relates to prior 2021 Mineral Resource Estimates (2021 MRE) for CIT deposit completed by Ms Michelle Wild (CP) (ASX announcement on 28 September 2021) continue to apply and have not materially 16 changed.