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MINEAFRICA'S CANADA-SOUTHERN AFRICA CHAMBER OF BUSINESS - 15TH ANNUAL MINING BREAKFAST

INVESTING IN AFRICAN MINING – TRENDS, OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES



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### Africa by the Numbers



- 55 countries hosting 29 stock exchanges
- Over 1 billion people speaking over 1,000 languages, with 41% under the age of 15
- 52 cities of at least 1m people, with mobile phone penetration of about 50%
- Over 300m people now classified as "middle class", up 27% from 2000
- 60% share of the world's arable land yet to be cultivated
- 10% of world's oil reserves, 40% of gold reserves and over 80% of chromium and platinum group metals
- Average inflation during 2000s was 8%, down from 22% in 1990s
- Average government debt as a percentage of GDP was 59% in 2000s, compared to 81.9% in the 1990s
- During the same period, average budget balances have narrowed from -4.6% to -1.8% of GDP



### **Trends**



- Investment trends generally follow commodity prices over time
- Exploration and development expenditures were increasing with the commodities bull run
- Since mid 2012 exploration expenditures have decreased considerably while companies implement cost cutting measures and curtail growth
- Potential negative impact as mining codes were being reviewed due to commodity price depreciation
- Mining costs are rising substantially due to increased demand during bull market (creates deteriorating margins)



### Trends (continued)



- Infrastructure needs are continuing to grow however infrastructure spending is also on the rise
- Emerging markets alone will spend USD\$6 trillion over the next three years (according to Merrill Lynch)
- Interests from emerging markets in mining in Africa has been increasing (India, China, Turkey, UAE & Brazil)
- Power requirements continue to rise
- To date most companies are still required to self generate
- Wage increase demands are on the rise
- Skills and talent shortages have continued however have been somewhat mitigated by the recent fall in commodity prices
- Education and training trend must continue



### Trends (continued)



- Increase in the number of stable democracies is positive however changes in regimes and individuals can create uncertainty
- Talk of resource nationalization is still a growing concern in some African countries
- Financing for mining companies have been on a serious decline since mid to late 2012
- Commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility programs continues to gain strength – B2Gold prides itself on their programs globally

### **Opportunities**





- Regional geological surveys by aid groups have provided a guide to prospective areas
- Well endowed large areas and structural trends geologically
- Large land packages provide opportunities to discover large size deposits
- There still remain many areas that are underexplored
- Current mining acts in some jurisdictions are geared to attract foreign investment
- Population density in many areas is such that mines can be built with minimal disruption





### Opportunities - continued



- Producing mines provide a multiple of spin off opportunities in the local areas for all stakeholders and provide income for governments to reinvest
- The industry provides many job opportunities in the areas they work in
- Opportunity to make a sustainable difference in local communities around a project and for the country as a whole
- M&A opportunities, now at reasonable valuations, for companies that have growth aspirations and have longer term views



### Challenges



- Investors negative perception of "Africa", often, the positive stories of progress are overshadowed by the negative stories of conflict and instability
- Major political changes can create uncertainty
- Stability of mining laws and mining taxes. Longer term confidence is required to attract investment.
- Mining must be profitable to attract investment
- Effective and transparent regulatory frameworks are required so bottlenecks to development do not occur
- Infrastructure is limited
- Communication networks in remote areas can be challenging



### Challenges (continued)



- Exploration and development incentives are deteriorating and need to be maintained in order to make projects "financeable"
- Finding skilled labour forces is difficult. Providing expats for training in the earlier years of operation increases costs
- Rising labour costs has been prevalent in some areas
- Artisanal and small scale mining creates challenges (poor environmental and health practices)
- Rising capital and operating costs are causing significant margin reduction. Management groups must operate extremely efficiently
- Mining companies must deliver on promises to governments and partners



### B2Gold in This Environment



 B2Gold has evaluated the challenges, considered the trends and has acted on two opportunities in Africa that this environment has created.

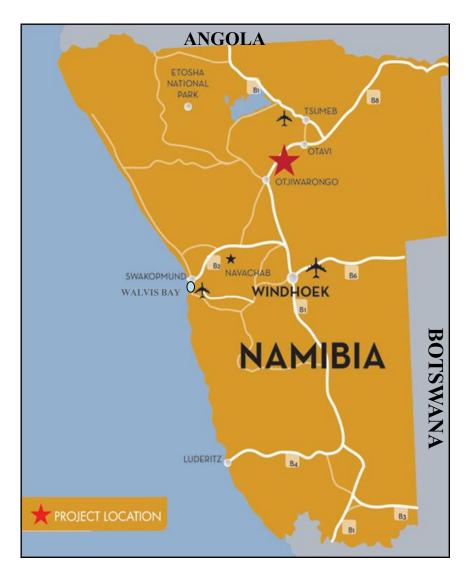


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### Mining in Namibia



- Population of approx. 2.3 million
- Strong history of mining
- Mining plays vital role in the Namibian economy
- Stable Government, Encourages foreign investment
- Mining corporate tax rate 37.5%, NSR 3%
- Favourable tax treatment on capital expenditures
- B2Gold is delivering on promises
- Good national infrastructure
- Otjikoto Project infrastructure
  - > 3km from paved National Highway B1
  - Good water supply on site
  - Self generating power supply
  - Deep water port access (Walvis Bay)





### Otjikoto Mine(1) B2Gold 90%, EVI Mining 10%



- > Open pit gold mine with an initial life of mine ("LOM") of 12 years based on the probable mineral reserves
- Probable open pit mineral reserves for the main Otjikoto ore body are 29.4 million tonnes at 1.4 g/t gold containing
   1.34 million ounces of gold<sup>(2)</sup>, strip ratio of 5.6:1
- Average annual gold production for years one to five of 141,000 ounces per year at a \$524 operating cash cost per ounce of gold
- ➤ Initial LOM gold recoveries of 95.6%
- Pre-production capital cost of \$244.2 million (excluding finance lease equipment purchases of \$30 million, preproduction stripping costs of \$33 million and power plant costs of \$30 million)
- Construction on schedule and on budget at Otjikoto; commencement of production scheduled for Q4 2014
- Plant and supporting infrastructure is being built to provide for a plant expansion from initial design capacity of 2.5 million tonnes per annum to 3.0 million tonnes per annum at a cost of approximately \$15 million which will increase annual gold production to approximately 170,000 ounces in 2016
- ➤ Drilling at the higher grade Wolfshag zone has resulted in a new resource of 6.8 million tonnes at 3.2g/t gold containing 703,000 ounces gold which could facilitate a further increase in annual gold production<sup>(3)</sup> (infill and exploration drilling ongoing)

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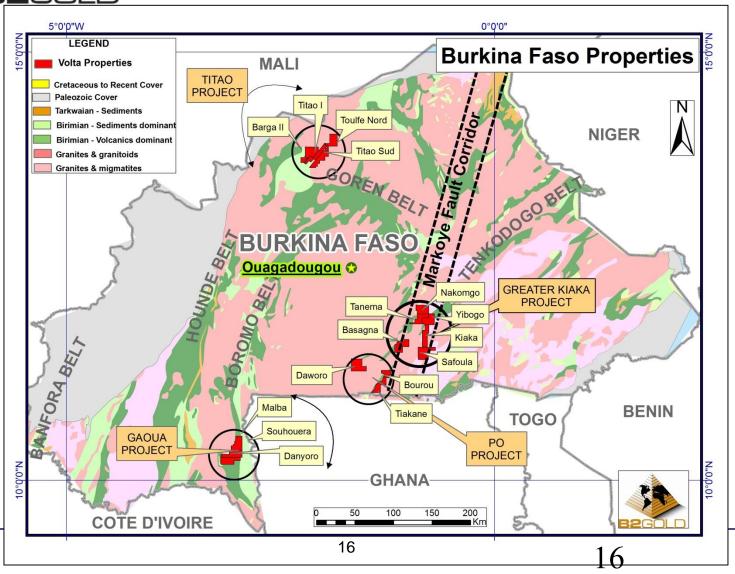




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### **Burkina Faso Projects**







### Kiaka Project B2Gold 81%



- One of the largest undeveloped gold resources in West Africa
- Volta Resources 2013 pre-feasibility study proposed open pit mine
- Late 2013 Volta acquired by B2Gold in share transaction
- B2Gold and Volta teams working together off Final Feasibility Study due fourth quarter 2014
  - Study will review smaller, higher grade alternatives

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## B2Gold's Path to Successful Growth



- Acquisition of accretive projects
- Continued exploration commitment
- Delivery on promises made
- A new generation of mining companies
- Transparent, responsible mining
- Working closely with local partners and all levels of government and stakeholders
  - Promotes health, education and sustainable development





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