CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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NOVAGOLD believes that these measures, in addition to conventional measures prepared in accordance with US GAAP, provide investors an improved view of the underlying performance of NOVAGOLD.

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Unless otherwise indicated, all resource and reserve estimates included in this presentation have been prepared in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101") and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM)—CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, adopted by the CIM Council, as amended ("CIM Definition Standards"). NI 43-101 is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators which establishes standards for all public disclosure an issuer makes of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects. Canadian standards, including NI 43-101, differ significantly from the requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"); resource and reserve information contained herein may not be comparable to similar information disclosed by U.S. companies. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term “resource” does not equate to the term “reserves”. Under U.S. standards set forth in SEC Industry Guide 7, mineralization may not be classified as a "reserve" unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve determination is made. The SEC’s disclosure standards normally do not permit the inclusion of information concerning “measured mineral resources”, “indicated mineral resources” or “inferred mineral resources” or other descriptions of the amount of mineralization in mineral deposits that do not constitute “reserves” by U.S. standards in documents filed with the SEC. Investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of “measured” or "indicated resources” will ever be converted into “reserves”. Investors should also understand that “inferred mineral resources” have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of the “inferred resources” will ever be upgraded to “indicated resource”, “measured resource”, or “mineral reserve” status. Under Canadian rules, estimated “inferred mineral resources” may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies except in rare cases and in accordance with NI 43-101. Investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an “inferred mineral resource” exists or is economically or legally mineable. Disclosure of “contained ounces” in a resource is permitted disclosure under Canadian regulations; however, the SEC normally only permits issuers to report mineralization that does not constitute “reserves” by SEC standards as in-place tonnage and grade without reference to unit measures. The requirements of NI 43-101 for identification of “reserves” are also not the same as those of the SEC, and reserves reported by NOVAGOLD in compliance with NI 43-101 may not qualify as “reserves” under SEC standards. Accordingly, information concerning mineral deposits set forth herein may not be comparable with information made public by companies that report in accordance with U.S. standards. Donlin Gold is without known reserves under SEC Industry Guide 7.

Technical Reports and Qualified Persons

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

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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.

All dollar amounts quoted in this report are in U.S. currency unless otherwise noted.
NOVAGOLD’S UNIQUELY ATTRACTIVE DONLIN GOLD ASSET

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

DONLIN GOLD
50/50 with Barrick
Poised to be one of the largest gold producers in the world
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
Exploration
- Prospecting
  - Mapping
  - Drilling
  - Resource Assessment
- Community Engagement Financing

6+ years
Feasibility
- Resource Development
  - Evaluations
  - Engineering Design
  - Valuation

Permitting
- Community Engagement
- Baseline Studies
- Environmental Assessment
- Scoping and Alternatives
- Environmental Impact Statement
- Permits

4-6 years
Engineering Construction
- Updated Technical Study
- Engineering Detailed Design
- Project Financing
- Construction Mitigation
- Community Engagement

27+ years
Operations
- Mining
- Processing
- Logistics
- Monitoring
- Community Engagement

Closure
- Decommissioning
- Reclamation
- Monitoring
- Long-term care
- Post closure land use
- Community Engagement

23 years and +$500 million invested so far in the project by the owners.
DONLIN GOLD: KEY PROJECT MILESTONE ACHIEVED

JOINT RECORD OF DECISION AND MAJOR FEDERAL PERMITS ISSUED

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
DONLIN GOLD: RECEIVED KEY FEDERAL AND STATE PERMITS

COMPLETED MULTI-YEAR THOROUGH, TRANSPARENT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review completed
The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released, Notice of Availability published ✓
Joint Record of Decision (ROD) issued by the Corps and (BLM) ✓
Section 10/404 (wetlands) permit and BLM Offer to Lease for pipeline right-of-way ✓
The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration special permit ✓

Alaska permitting agencies worked in parallel with federal process
State air quality permit and APDES water discharge permit ✓
Title 16 fish habitat permits ✓
State Clean Water Act Section 401 certification of Corps section 404 permit (compliant with state water quality standards) ✓
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 PROJECTS IN THE WORLD

DONLIN GOLD PERMITTED FOR NEXT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT
Donlin Gold project estimates as per the second updated feasibility study effective November 18, 2011 and amended January 20, 2012. Represents 100% of measured and indicated resources, of which NOVAGOLD’s share represents 50%. Measured and indicated resources are inclusive of proven and probable reserves. Measured resources total 8M tonnes grading 2.52 g/t Au, and indicated resources total 534M tonnes grading 2.24 g/t Au. Proven reserves total 8M tonnes grading 2.32 g/t Au, and probable reserves total 497M tonnes grading 2.08 g/t Au. See “Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates” and “Reserve/Resource Table” with footnotes on slides 2 and 33.

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 from gold.

1) Donlin Gold
2) Peer group

A RESOURCE FIVE TIMES THE SIZE OF THE PEER GROUP AVERAGE

A RESOURCE

THE SIZE OF THE PEER GROUP AVERAGE

[VALUE]
2018 TOP TEN PROJECTED GOLD PRODUCING MINE COMPARISON

ONLY FIVE MINES IN THE WORLD SLATED TO PRODUCE >1M OUNCES IN 2018

39.0 Moz
Donlin Gold

32.0 Moz
Newmont Nevada Operations

22.0 Moz
Barrick Nevada

25.5 Moz
Pueblo Viejo

11.7 Moz
Loulo

13.1 Moz
Kibali

48.2 Moz
Muruntau

46.4 Moz
Lihir Island

31.6 Moz
Olimpiada

91.4 Moz
Grasberg

17.4 Moz
Boddington

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.
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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.
DONLIN GOLD’S 39MOZ\(^1\) GOLD RESOURCE WAS DEFINED WITH APPROXIMATELY 1,400 DRILL HOLES TOTALING OVER 339,000 m

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DONLIN GOLD: EXCELLENT EXPLORATION POTENTIAL

SUBSTANTIAL EXPLORATION UPSIDE ALONG THE 8 KM-LONG MINERALIZED TRENDS

The next big gold discovery may be at Donlin Gold:

- From 2006 to 2011, M&I resources increased 135% (16.6 Moz to 39.0 Moz) through a well-executed 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 pit\(^1\).

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1) 0.5 g/t gold shell in delineated reserve pit bordered in white.
2) See "Cautionary Note Concerning Reserve & Resource Estimates" and "Reserve/Resource Table" with footnotes on slides 2 and 33.
DONLIN GOLD: PROJECT OPTIMIZATION EFFORTS

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR 2018 AND BEYOND

Latest drill results provide valuable inputs to advance optimization work\(^1\)

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

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\(^1\) 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.
### Top Five Significant Intervals

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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

Low elevation with on-site terrain ranging from 100m – 450m
DONLIN GOLD: LEVERAGE IN A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN KEEP THE REWARDS

AT A TIME OF EXTREME GEOPOLITICAL UNCERTAINTY, ALASKA WELCOMES NEW RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

ALASKA’S JURISDICTIONAL APPEAL:
- Mineral potential
- Established mining industry
- Political and social stability
- Excellent local partnerships
- A full embrace of the rule of law

A rare 39 million ounce1 gold deposit located in Alaska – a safe jurisdiction and the second largest gold producing U.S. State.

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Source: Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies 2017, Investment Attractiveness Index
DONLIN GOLD: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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Donlin Gold is located on private land specifically selected for its resource development potential
  - ANCSA\(^1\) 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

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“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)

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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
"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.Morgan

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
SAFE GEO-POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT
Alaska, top-rated mining jurisdiction

ACCOMPLISHED LEADERSHIP TEAM
Extensive experience with large-scale operations

PROLIFIC PRODUCTION PROFILE
Donlin Gold expected to be one of industry’s top producing assets; strong leverage to gold price

STRENGTHENED BALANCE SHEET
$166M cash + term deposits as of August 31, 2018

TIER ONE ASSET
Large, high-grade gold deposit with major permits received

OPTIMIZATION
Current optimization work creates unique value enhancing opportunity

SUPPORTIVE STAKEHOLDERS
Long standing shareholders and engaged partners

Focused on execution and delivery of our business plan.
POISED TO BE ONE OF THE LARGEST GOLD PRODUCERS IN THE WORLD

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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2) Some scientific and technical information contained herein with respect to the Donlin Gold project is derived from the “Donlin Creek Gold Project Alaska, USA NI 43-101 Technical Report on Second Updated Feasibility Study” prepared by AMEC with an effective date of November 18, 2011, as amended January 20, 2012 (the “Second Updated Feasibility Study”). Kirk Hanson, P.E., Technical Director, Open Pit Mining, North America, (AMEC, Reno), and Gordon Seibel, R.M. SME, Principal Geologist, (AMEC, Reno) are the Qualified Persons responsible for the preparation of the independent technical report, each of whom are independent “qualified persons” as defined by NI 43-101.
MINING IS A GROWING FORCE IN ALASKA’S ECONOMY WITH SIX PRODUCING MINES AND EIGHT ADVANCED EXPLORATION PROJECTS

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

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

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<td>Sharon Dowdall</td>
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<td>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. Currently serves as director of Olivut Resources and Foran Resources</td>
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**NOVAGOLD: THE MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**INDUSTRY LEADERS TO BRING DONLIN GOLD THROUGH PERMITTING & BEYOND**

| Gregory Lang  | • 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)  
| President and CEO | • In-depth knowledge of Donlin Gold |

| David Deisley | • Former EVP and General Counsel of Goldcorp  
| Executive VP and General Counsel | • 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 | • Former VP and Corporate Controller of Newmont Mining Corporation  
| VP and Chief Financial Officer | • 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 | • Held variety of executive and senior IR & corporate communications positions with Goldcorp, New Gold, and Hecla Mining Company  
| VP, Corporate Communications | • Leading NOVAGOLD’s internal and external communications functions |

| Ron Rimelman | • 25+ years of environmental experience, managing environmental impact assessments and permitting activities world-wide  
| VP, Environment, Health, Safety and Sustainability | • Leadership role on mine permitting and NEPA evaluations for mine projects in Alaska since 1993 |

| Richard Williams | • Led the design and construction of the Pueblo Viejo project in the Dominican Republic  
| VP, Engineering and Development | • 30+ years of experience developing and operating major mines (Goldstrike and Mercur)  
| | • Highly knowledgeable and experienced leader in autoclave technology  
| | • Member of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers; CIM |
**NOVAGOLD: RESERVE/RESOURCE TABLE**

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<th>Tonnage</th>
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<th>Metal content</th>
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<td>Proven</td>
<td>7,683</td>
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<td>Probable</td>
<td>497,128</td>
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<td>33,276</td>
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<td>P&amp;P</td>
<td>504,811</td>
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<td>Measured</td>
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<td>533,607</td>
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<td>38,380</td>
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<td>M&amp;I</td>
<td>541,337</td>
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<td>92,216</td>
<td>2.02</td>
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* Mineral reserves and resources are reported on a 100% basis. NOVAGOLD and Barrick each own 50% of the Donlin Gold project.

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- **Reserves**: 0.57 g/t gold
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- t = metric tonne
- g/t = grams/tonne
- oz = ounce
- k = thousand
- M = million

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**Footnotes:**

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$2.14/t); variable processing cost based on the formula 2.1874 x (5%) + 10.65 for each US$/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$975/oz – 1.78) * 0.045)) – (10.65 + 2.1874 * (5%) + 2.27 + 0.19) and reported in US$/tonne. Assuming an average recovery of 89.54% and an average 5% 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$1,200/oz – 1.85) * 0.045)) – (10.65 + 2.1874 * (5%) + 2.29 + 0.20) and reported in US$/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.
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