"Pogo Project" – Geology & Mineral Deposits

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Underlying EBITDA and Cash Earnings are non-GAAP measures.

Note 1: Underlying EBITDA is Revenue (\$2,248M); less cost of sales excluding D&A (\$1,311M), less corporate overheads excluding D&A (\$58M), plus other income (\$3M), plus foreign exchange gains (\$11M), plus Merger and Acquisition related costs (\$4M), less Insurance proceeds received (\$5M), less foreign exchange on net unhedged USD Senior Unsecured Notes (\$3M).

Cash Earnings is defined as Underlying EBITDA (\$889M) less sustaining capital (\$164M from AISC tables in December 2023 Quarter Report, which includes \$59M of lease repayments) less net interest paid (\$9M), less corporate tax paid (\$14M; which excludes \$11M tax refund received during FY24).

Underlying Free Cash Flow is a non-GAAP measure defined as operating cashflow (\$840M) less capital expenditure (\$614M) less equipment finance and leases (\$79M), less exploration expenditure (\$59M), plus payment for merger and acquisition related costs (landholder duty, \$7M), plus movement in bullion (\$36M). HY24 Dividend - Interim 15cps (HY23 – 11cps).

Note 2: Net cash is defined as cash and bullion (\$939M cash plus \$150M bullion) less unsecured loans (A\$860 million = US\$600 million at AUD:USD rate of 0.68, less capitalised transaction costs).

Rounding is applied in this presentation.

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Summary Slide

This talk will give an overview of the Regional and District geology at the Pogo Project.

- A brief look at District geology, geophysics and geochemistry will be shown.
- A detailed discussion of "What is a Pogo-type gold deposit" is presented. Pogo Mine is a high-grade, UG gold deposit, 8 gpt average RoM grade, with a very small surface footprint!
 - An example of a different "Fort Knox-type" gold deposit at Pogo Project follows.
- New findings from USGS/ NSR cooperative programs and joint research will be presented.
- Detailed discussions of Pogo Project recent exploration discoveries are given towards the end of the talk.
- As promised, photos of drill core from our newest discoveries are "on tap". And at right!







Pogo Project in the Tintina Belt Location



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Figure 7.2 Major Gold Deposits and occurrences of the Tintina Gold Belt, Alaska.

Regional Geological Setting USGS mapping





Geophysical Surveys Magnetics



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Elements of a Pogo-type, IRGS Gold Deposit

Oldest Events

- **A.** Host units with strong rheology contrasts are deposited in E-W patterns;
- Sediments are metamorphosed to paragneisses up to 115Ma (# 3 on the map).
- Early granite to granodiorite intrusions are metamorphosed to orthogneisses.

B. Next Events

- Thrust Faults Occur in (up to) 300m thick stacks above basal thrusts (map green at right) and form Orthogonal to metamorphic foliations. All major rock units are planar with NW dips.
- Steeply-dipping WNW shears formed next(?). WNW Shears control Intrusion Emplacements (115 to 95Ma) related to pre-syn and post-mineralization.

C. Gold Emplacement

- Au-Bi-Te mineralization emanates from intrusion areas along WNW corridors.
- **Repeated** compressional/extensional phases create shallow-steep lodes.
- Deposits form in multiple phases (4 or more - USGS). A later phase of lower temperature gold re-distribution is indicated (USGS in progress).
- $\circ~\textbf{Narrow}$ alteration selvedges are typical.
- o Detailed Mapping is Important!



- Post-Pogo gold deposit Diorite intrusions 93 to 96 Ma are emplaced; accompanied by NW high-angle, postmineral faults.
- Later, numerous, post-mineral fault offsets dissect deposit terrains.





Goodpaster - Section North 040°

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Gold Geochemistry in Rocks and Soils at Pogo



 One anomalous area of Au/ Sb remains to be investigated.

District-wide Gold in Soil Grids – Different Systems





Note the pattern differences:

- the Pogo claim block at left.
- the Brink claims at lower right.

Brink Deposit --- A Fort Knox-type Occurrence

- Gold is distributed throughout the host, no fault breccia or thick quartz veins were cut.
- Gold grades also occur in Hb granodiorite (in orange, at left)
- See the core photo at right in DDH 11-29 / 603 – 612'





Long Section NNE looking eastwards







Pogo "Pre-Post" Mineral Fault Examples

- Early to late E-W normal
 Faults noted in host units.
- WNW orientation to the batholith and intrusion complex margins; then postmineral right-lateral movements(note Central Creek).
- Period of NW high-angle normal faults with CO3 veins.
- Major offsets of rock units along thrust Faults (green – early and late); Goodpaster.
- NE left-lateral post-mineral offsets (Paleocene age?)at
 Shaw Creek, Liese East.
- Numerous (un-shown) faults of smaller magnitude e.g. N-S, NNW.

Gold Mineralization Events



≥USGS

Gold Mineralization — many assemblages / generations

1 Milled Qtz clasts with gold ± Aspy

2 Gold-Aspy rock flour matrix cataclasite cement

3 Gold-bearing rockflour matrix cataclasite cementing earlier Qtz-Aspy clasts and truncating bladed calcite veinlet

3/4 Aspy-Gold vein cutting complex, multiply re-opened milky Qtz-grey Qtz vein





Early Au within Aspy and late gold cemented Aspy





Sugary Qtz vein with Au interstitial to grains



Qtz-Aspy-Au vein cut by Aspy, breccia and late Au infill in breccia

Sulphides and Age Dates



Geochronology of Sulfides: LLHR



- Most Aspy, Po, Pyr coeval with Au has common Os
 - Requires isochrons still in progress
- Some have low-level, highly radiogenic characteristics

 like molybdenite
- These provide *preliminary* mineralization *age of* ~105
 Ma
- They represent multiple paragenetic stages on this diagram



Ongoing collaboration with AIRIE to continue sulfide geochronology



USGS Work – Intrusion Sequences & Geochronology



District Composite Geochronology



- Regional amphibolite facies metamorphism ceased by ~115 Ma: Metamorphic Zrc rims, monazite, corroborated by Ar-Ar cooling ages
- Peraluminous magmatism: Indicative of melting of over thickened crust from 114-109 Ma
 - Dillworth et al. (2007) uncorroborated monazite ages interpreted as ~107-105 Ma tonalite suite (new ages pending from resampled Dillworth outcrops)
- New 106-105 Ma Re-Os arsenopyrite and pyrrhotite ages cogenetic with gold corroborate Selby et al. moly Re-Os date during magmatic lull
- Post-mineral intermediate to mafic metaluminous magmatism from 101-93 Ma
 - Moly Re-Os date suggests mineralization during late metaluminous magmatism quartz-base metal, distinct from Pogo



Current Pogo Mine & "Near Mine" Deposits





- Liese Zone
 -Production
 - East Deep -New Exploration
 - North Zone -Production

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- South Pogo -Production
- Fun Zone -Production
- Central Zone - Under Development
- Lily Zone -Under Development
- Goodpaster Deposit
 -Exploration

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- Host rock is primarily BQFG / paragneiss.
- Gold mineralisation is located in the hanging wall of the basal Goodpaster Shear
- Lodes sit directly on the Goodpaster and B Shears in selected areas. The best gold grades occur above rheology differences between host rock above and below the main Shear(slide 9).
- Interpreted lodes can vary slightly in strike and dip between (and within) domains but overall remain in planar alignments.
- Lodes are still open for exploration to the NE along strike and directly down dip to the Northwest.





Goodpaster Maiden INF Resource 3.2Mt @ 10.3 gpt for 1.1Moz Au

Star Discovery Cross-sections

Star Shear – Gold in silicified, sheared paragneiss with arsenopyrite, pyrite, V.G. **Discovery hole 22-036** etw 9.7m at 52.9 gpt Au



Star Shear – Gold in silicified, sheared paragneiss with arsenopyrite, pyrite, Bi and Te minerals, V.G. Sericite alteration haloes < 1-2m wide.

Star Cross-section looking North

Cross-section with the Intrusive Complex in purple color; granite bodies in pink; (basal) Star Shear in grey.



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Pogo Processing

Plant

Pogo

1600

Portal

Pogo 1525 Portal Pogo

1875

Porta

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DDH 22-044 Shear – "The Christmas Lode" in the Star Shear System







DDH 22-044 716.9 – 725.4m 12.4m etw at 10.5 gpt (0.31opt) Au Fracture-fill pyrite, pyrrhotite, and arsenopyrite in reticulating

fractures and silicified, sheared paragneiss host.

How Many Cards were Pushed Up, then Slid Down the Hill?





Liese East Oxide Gold Deposit – 3km. E. of Pogo Mine





The Liese East oxide Veins (in red) and 2 peraluminous Granitic sills (in blue) that roughly parallel known thrust faults; looking North. The Granitic sill shapes are preliminary; exact cross cutting relationships are to be determined.



Reserve Slides





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Brink Deposit --- A Fort Knox-type Occurrence









Geological Map - Pogo Exploration Project

- Augen Gneiss dome at lower right (in brown).
- Note WNW orientation to the gneiss units (yellow & grey colors).
- WNW orientation to the batholith and intrusion complexes (in pink/red).
- Orientation of major rock units along WNW highangle shears.
- Major offsets of rock units along thrust Faults (green – early and late) and NE post-mineral offsets (Paleocene).

Key to Rock Unit Abbreviations



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4021- Schematic Long Section



USGS Info



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What is a Fort Knox-type Deposit?

- The Fort Knox deposit had pre-production reserves in 1996 of 158.3 Mt @ 0.83 g/t Au with a 0.39 g/t Au cut-off (Bakke *et al.*, 1998).
 - In December 31, 2011, reserves and resources were (Kinross Gold, 2012): Proven + probable mineral reserves - 314.67 Mt @ 0.43 g/t Au; plus Measured+indicated resource - 112.10 Mt @ 0.40 g/t Au; Inferred resource - 22.18 Mt @ 0.41 g/t Au;
- A bulk tonnage low grade deposit style
- Gold mineralization at Fort Knox occurs in early pegmatite veins, sheeted quartz <k-feldspar veins and late quartz shear veins that cut a small stock composed of three phases of porphyritic granite plus aplite/pegmatite dykes.
- The pre- dominant sheeted quartz veins are 2±15 cm thick, typically 10± 50 cm apart and reflect district-wide structural controls (Bakke). The veins have low total sulphide contents (<0.5 vol%), mainly pyrite, marcasite, pyrrhotite, arsenopyrite, bismuthinite, and molybdenite.
- Narrow alteration envelopes are dominated by K-feldspar, albite or muscovite. Quartz veins contain significant bismuth (up to 2000 ppm), tungsten (up to 600 ppm) and tellurium (up to 20 ppm) (McCoy et al. 1997).
- Gold correlates well with bismuth and tellurium, but not with tungsten, molybdenum, arsenic or antimony (Bakke 1995; McCoy et al. 1997).
- · At the Pogo Project, Northern Star has a
- Fort Knox-type gold system in hosted in granodiorite at Brink (Stoneboy claims); it contains > 1Moz Au in sheeted, low-sulphide clear quartz veins accompanied by minor sericite alteration.





