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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

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# K92 MINING INC.

## ANNUAL INFORMATION FORM

### INTRODUCTORY NOTES

In this annual information form (“**AIF**”), K92 Mining Inc., together with its subsidiaries, as the context requires, is referred to as “**we**”, “**our**”, “**us**”, the “**Company**” or “**K92**”.

This AIF has been prepared in accordance with Canadian securities laws and describes the Company’s history and its business, including the Company’s mineral projects, operations, the risks the Company faces, the market for its shares, sustainability commitments, and its Audit Committee governance, amongst other matters concerning the Company’s business.

#### DATE OF INFORMATION

This AIF is dated March 10, 2026. All information contained in this AIF is as of December 31, 2025, unless otherwise stated, being the date of our most recently completed financial year. The use of the present tense and of the words “is”, “are”, “current”, “currently”, “presently”, “now” and similar expressions in this AIF is to be construed as referring to information given as of that date.

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Readers are also encouraged to review the Company’s annual consolidated financial statements and the management’s discussion and analysis of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2025, which are available on the Company’s website at [www.k92mining.com](http://www.k92mining.com) or under the Company’s profile on SEDAR+ at [www.SEDARPLUS.ca](http://www.SEDARPLUS.ca).

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This AIF and the documents incorporated by reference in this AIF contain “forward-looking information” within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation (collectively, “**Forward-Looking Statements**”). All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that the Company believes, expects or anticipates will, may, could or might occur in the future are Forward-Looking Statements. The words “expect”, “anticipate”, “estimate”, “may”, “could”, “might”, “will”, “would”, “should”, “intend”, “believe”, “target”, “budget”, “plan”, “strategy”, “goals”, “objectives”, “projection” or the negative of any of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify Forward-Looking Statements, although these words may not be present in all Forward-Looking Statements. Forward-Looking Statements included or incorporated by reference in this AIF include, without limitation, statements with respect to:

- the impact of global supply chain and financial market disruptions;
- projections of future financial and operational performance;
- future events or future performance;
- production estimates;
- anticipated operating and production costs and revenue;
- estimates of capital expenditures;
- future demand for and prices of commodities and currencies;

- estimated mine life of our mine;
- estimated closure and reclamation costs;
- anticipated exploration, development, construction, production, commissioning, permitting and other activities on the Company's properties, including: expected gold, silver and copper production and the Stage 3 Expansion (defined below) and Stage 4 Expansion (defined below);
- estimates of mineral reserves and mineral resources; and
- the timely completion of additional required financings and their potential terms.

All Forward-Looking Statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management as of the date such statements are made.

Forward-Looking Statements are necessarily based on estimates and assumptions that are inherently subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond our ability to control, that may cause our actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. Such factors include, without limitation:

- changes in the price of gold, silver, copper and other metals in the world markets;
- fluctuations in the price and availability of infrastructure and energy and other commodities;
- effect of global economy on commodity prices;
- fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates;
- volatility in price of our Common Shares;
- inherent risks associated with the mining industry, including problems related to weather and climate in remote areas in which certain of the Company's operations are located;
- risks associated with the effectiveness of the strategic planning process to address changing conditions
- failure to achieve production, cost, budget and other estimates;
- risks and uncertainties associated with exploration and development;
- uncertainties relating to estimates of mineral reserves and mineral resources including uncertainty whether mineral resources will ever be converted into mineral reserves;
- the Company's ability to carry on current and future operations, including development and exploration activities and the timing, extent, duration and economic viability of such operations, including any identified or estimated mineral resources or mineral reserves;
- public health crises or outbreak or threatened outbreak of communicable disease;
- the accuracy and reliability of estimates, projections, forecasts, studies and assessments;
- the Company's ability to meet or achieve estimates, projections and forecasts;
- the availability and cost of inputs;
- the price and market for outputs, including gold, silver and copper;
- inability of the Company to identify appropriate acquisition targets or complete desirable acquisitions;
- risks associated with competition with other mining companies;
- conflicts of interest for the directors of the Company;
- litigations risks;
- adequacy of internal controls over financial reporting;
- climate change and applicable legislation;
- failures of information systems or information security threats;
- political, economic and other risks associated with the Company's operations;
- illegal mining activities on or near Company property;

- supply chain interruptions;
- geopolitical events and other uncertainties, including the conflicts in Ukraine and Iran;
- compliance with various laws and regulatory requirements to which the Company is subject, including taxation;
- the ability to obtain timely financing on reasonable terms when required;
- the current and future social, economic and political conditions, including relationships with key stakeholders and with the communities in jurisdictions we operate;
- the ability to receive and maintain licences, permits and approvals for exploration and development operations;
- environmental regulations and hazards;
- actual or alleged breaches of governance processes or instances of fraud, bribery or corruption;
- additional financing needs and the ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms;
- the Company's ability to attract and retain its key Personnel and maintain satisfactory labour relations;
- global financial and trade conditions, including actual or threatened trade measures;
- uninsured risks;
- dilution of the Common Shares;
- risks related to a default under the Credit Facilities (defined below);
- regulatory approval and compliance risks with respect to the 2026 Offtake Agreement (defined below) and potential counterparty risks and dilution risks associated with the 2026 Offtake Agreement;
- changes in interest rates;
- other assumptions and factors generally associated with the mining industry; and
- the risks, uncertainties and other factors referred to in this AIF under the heading "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this AIF and documents incorporated in this AIF.

Forward-Looking Statements are not a guarantee of future performance, and actual results and future events could materially differ from those anticipated in such statements. All of the Forward-Looking Statements contained in this AIF are qualified by these cautionary statements.

Although we have attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the Forward-Looking Statements, there may be other factors that cause actual results to differ materially from those that are anticipated, estimated, or intended. There can be no assurance that such information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. You should not place undue reliance on Forward-Looking Statements. Our Forward-Looking Statements reflect current expectations regarding future events and operating performance and speak only as of the date such statements are made, and we expressly disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any Forward-Looking Statements, whether as a result of new information, events or otherwise, except as may be required by applicable securities laws.

## CAUTIONARY NOTE TO U.S. READERS CONCERNING ESTIMATES OF MINERAL RESERVES AND MINERAL RESOURCES

This AIF has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the securities laws in effect in Canada, which differ from the requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”). The mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates contained in this AIF, and incorporated by reference, have been prepared in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators’ National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (“**NI 43-101**”). The terms “mineral resources”, “measured mineral resources”, “indicated mineral resources” and “inferred mineral resources” used in this AIF are in reference to the mining terms defined in the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum Standards (“**CIM Definition Standards**”), which definitions have been adopted by NI 43-101.

The SEC has amended the disclosure requirements and policies for mining properties (“**SEC Mining Rules**”) to more closely align with current industry and global regulatory practices and standards, including NI 43-101. As a result of the adoption of the SEC Mining Rules, the SEC now recognizes estimates of “measured mineral resources,” “indicated mineral resources” and “inferred mineral resources”. In addition, the SEC has amended its definitions of “proven mineral reserves” and “probable mineral reserves” to be substantially similar to the corresponding definitions under the CIM Definition Standards. While the SEC Mining Rules are “substantially similar” to the CIM Definition Standards, readers are cautioned that there are differences between the SEC Mining Rules and the CIM Definitions Standards. Accordingly, there is no assurance any mineral reserves or mineral resources that the Company may report as “proven mineral reserves”, “probable mineral reserves”, “measured mineral resources”, “indicated mineral resources” and “inferred mineral resources” under NI 43-101 would be the same had the Company prepared the reserve and resource estimates under the standards adopted under the SEC Mining Rules.

United States investors are also cautioned that while the SEC now recognizes “indicated mineral resources” and “inferred mineral resources”, investors should not assume that any part or all of the mineralization in these categories will ever be converted into a higher category of mineral resources or into mineral reserves. Mineralization described using these terms has a greater amount of uncertainty as to their existence and feasibility than mineralization that has been characterized as reserves. Accordingly, investors are cautioned not to assume that any “indicated mineral resources” or “inferred mineral resources” that the Company reports are or will be economically or legally mineable. Further, “inferred mineral resources” have a greater amount of uncertainty as to their existence and as to whether they can be mined legally or economically. Therefore, United States investors are also cautioned not to assume that all or any part of the “inferred mineral resources” exist. In accordance with Canadian securities laws, estimates of “inferred mineral resources” cannot form the basis of feasibility or other economic studies, except in limited circumstances where permitted under NI 43-101.

The mineral reserve and mineral resource data set out in this AIF are estimates, and no assurance can be given that the anticipated tonnages and grades will be achieved or that the indicated level of recovery will be realized. The Company does not include equivalent gold ounces for by-product metals contained in mineral reserves in its calculation of contained ounces and mineral reserves are not reported as a subset of mineral resources. See “Summary of Mineral Reserves and Mineral Resources” in this AIF for additional information.

## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING NON-IFRS MEASURES

This AIF presents certain measures, including "cash costs", "all-in sustaining costs" and "gold equivalent" that are common financial performance measures in the gold mining industry but do not have any standardized meaning under IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("**IFRS Accounting Standards**" or "**IFRS**") and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other gold producers. For a reconciliation of these measures to the most directly comparable financial information presented in the Company's consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS, see "Non-IFRS Financial Performance Measures" in the Company's Management discussion and analysis for the year ended December 31, 2025. The Company believes that these generally accepted industry measures are commonly used by certain investors, alongside conventional IFRS measures, to enhance their understanding of the Company's performance. These measures have been derived from the Company's financial statements and applied on a consistent basis. However, these non-IFRS measures should be considered together with other data prepared in accordance with IFRS, and these measures taken by themselves, are not necessarily indicative of operating costs or cash flow measures prepared in accordance with IFRS.

### ***Cash Costs per Ounce***

Cash costs include mine site operating costs, treatment and refining charges, and changes in doré and concentrate inventories, less non-cash costs such as depreciation and by-product credits. Total cash cost per gold ounce sold is calculated by dividing these costs by the number of gold ounces sold.

This measure is intended to provide additional information only and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. This measure is not necessarily indicative of cash generated from operations under IFRS or operating costs presented under IFRS.

### ***All-in Sustaining Cost per Ounce***

All-in sustaining costs ("**AISC**") of sales includes cash costs plus accretion of environmental provisions, general and administrative costs, and sustaining capital expenditures. Total all-in sustaining cost per gold ounce sold is calculated by dividing these costs by the number of gold ounces sold.

### ***EBITDA (Net Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization)***

EBITDA is profit attributable to shareholders before net finance expense, provision for income taxes, and depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is used as a supplemental financial measure by management and by external users of the Company's MD&A, such as investors, industry analysts, lenders, and ratings agencies, to assess the Company's operating performance compared to that of other companies in the industry, without regard to financing methods, historical cost basis, or capital structure. The IFRS Accounting Standards measure most directly comparable to EBITDA is earnings. EBITDA should not be considered an alternative to net earnings or loss, or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

### **Co-Product Costing Methodology**

In addition to the by-product cost methodology, the Company also presents cash costs and AISC on a co-product basis. Under the co-product method, total costs are allocated across all payable metals based on their gold equivalent production, without deducting by-product credits. Cash costs and all-in sustaining costs are then calculated on a per gold equivalent ounce sold basis.

### **RESERVE AND RESOURCE DISCLOSURE**

Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Confidence in an inferred mineral resource estimate is insufficient to allow meaningful application of the technical and economic parameters to enable an evaluation of economic viability sufficient for public disclosure, except in certain limited circumstances set out in NI 43-101. The mineral resource and mineral reserve figures referred to in this AIF and the documents incorporated in this AIF by reference are estimates and no assurances can be given that the indicated levels of gold, copper and silver will be produced. Such estimates are expressions of judgment based on knowledge, mining experience, analysis of drilling results and industry practices. Valid estimates made at a given time may significantly change when new information becomes available. By their nature, mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates are imprecise and depend, to a certain extent, upon statistical inferences which may ultimately prove unreliable. Any inaccuracy or future reduction in such estimates could have a material adverse impact on the Company.

### **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

The term “Qualified Person” as used in this Annual Information Form means a Qualified Person as that term is defined in National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* (“**NI 43-101**”). Except where otherwise disclosed, Andrew Kohler, PGeo, K92 Mine Geology and Mine Exploration Manager, and a Qualified Person under NI 43-101, has reviewed and approved the technical content contained in this Annual Information Form.

### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Incorporated by reference into this AIF are the following documents:

- the amended technical report dated March 21, 2025, with an effective date of January 1, 2024, and titled, “Independent Technical Report, Kainantu Gold Mine, Updated Definitive Feasibility Study, Kainantu Project, Papua New Guinea” (the “**Updated DFS Technical Report**”), prepared by Andrew Kohler, BAppSc (Geol), P.Geo, MAIG, Simon Tear, BSc (Hons), EurGeol, P.Geo, Brendan Mulvihill, MAusIMM (CP Met), RPEQ, Daniel Donald, B.Eng Hons (Mining), MBA, FAusIMM, MSME, Dr. Evan Kirby, BSc (Hons), FSAIMM Isaac Ahmed, BAsC, MAsC, P.Eng, Ralph Holding, FIEAust, CPEng, IEPNG, and Nicholas Currey, BSc, MAusIM,
- the amended technical report dated March 21, 2025, with an effective date of August 1, 2022 and titled, “Independent Technical Report, Mineral Resource Estimate Blue Lake Porphyry Deposit, Kainantu, Papua New Guinea” (the “**Blue Lake Technical Report**”), prepared by Simon Tear BSc (Hons), EurGeol, PGeo IGI, EurGeol, and Anthony Woodward BSc (Hons), M.Sc., MAIG.

The Updated DFS Technical Report and the Blue Lake Technical Report are available under the Company’s profile on the SEDAR+ website at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

## CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATE INFORMATION

Our financial statements are reported in U.S. dollars. Unless otherwise stated, reference in this Annual Information Form to:

- “**C\$**” is to the lawful currency of Canada; and
- “**\$**”, “**US\$**” or “**USD**” is to the lawful currency of the United States.

The following table sets forth, for each period indicated, the high and low exchange rates for Canadian dollars expressed in U.S. dollars, the average of such exchange rates during such period, and the exchange rate at the end of such period. These rates are based on the Bank of Canada rate of exchange.

Canadian Dollars to U.S. Dollars	12 Months Ended December 31		
	2023	2024	2025
Rate at the end of year	0.7561	0.6950	0.7296
Average rate during year	0.7409	0.7301	0.7157
Highest rate during year	0.7617	0.7510	0.7376
Lowest rate during year	0.7207	0.6937	0.6848

On March 10, 2026, the daily average rate of exchange for one Canadian dollar in United States dollars as reported by the Bank of Canada was C\$1.00 = US\$0.7371.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND MEASUREMENT CONVERSION

Refer to the Glossary of Terms in Schedule “**B**” of this AIF for definitions and abbreviations of certain scientific or technical terms that may be useful for your understanding of this document.

In this AIF metric units are used with respect to all our mineral properties, unless otherwise indicated. Refer to Schedule “**C**” for measurement conversion rates from imperial measures to metric units and from metric units to imperial measures.



## CORPORATE STRUCTURE

### NAME, ADDRESS AND INCORPORATION

K92 was incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the “**BCBCA**”) on March 22, 2010, under the name Otterburn Resources Corp. On May 20, 2016, in connection with a reverse takeover transaction, the Company:

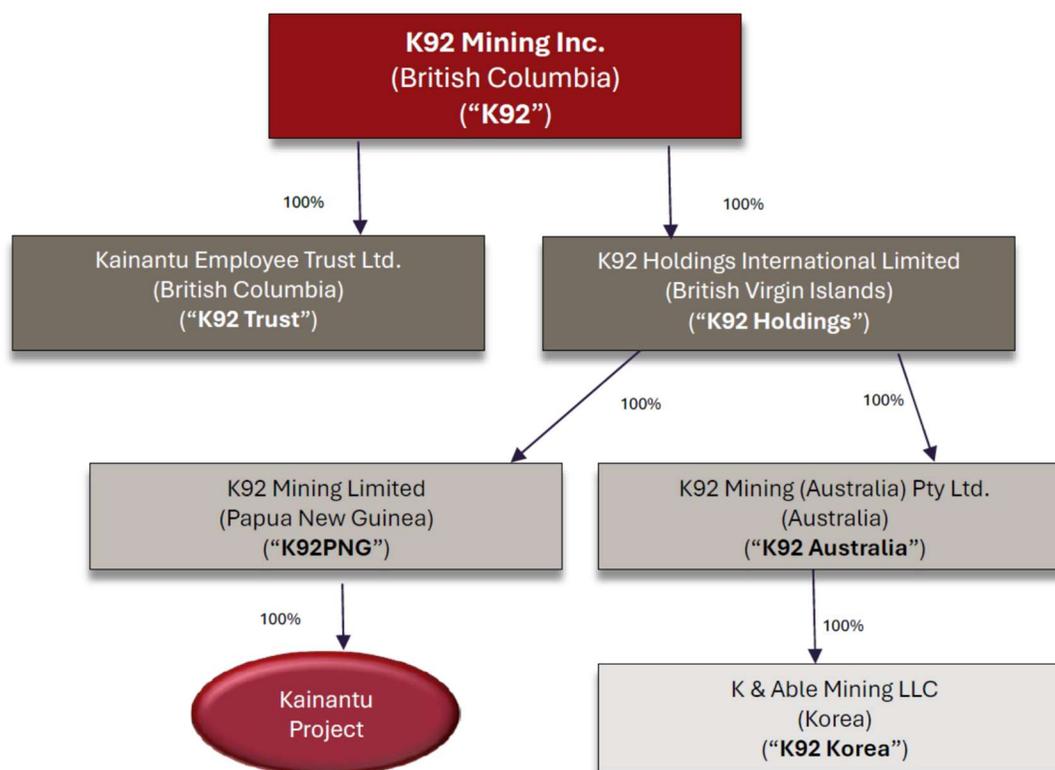
- (i) changed its name to its current name, “K92 Mining Inc.”;
- (ii) consolidated its issued and outstanding common shares on the basis of one new Common Share for every three previously issued common shares; and
- (iii) amended its Notice of Articles and Articles by adding a new class of preferred shares (the “**Preferred Shares**”).

On November 22, 2021, the Company amended its Notice of Articles and Articles to, among other matters, remove the Preferred Shares class of shares.

The Company’s head office and registered and records office is located at Suite 488, 1090 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 3V7, Canada.

### INTERCORPORATE RELATIONSHIPS

A significant portion of K92’s business is carried on through its subsidiaries. A chart showing the names of our subsidiaries and their respective jurisdiction of incorporation is set out below:



## GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS

### GENERAL

The Company was incorporated under the BCBCA on March 22, 2010. On January 5, 2011, the Company completed an initial public offering and commenced trading on the TSX Venture Exchange (“**TSXV**”). On December 9, 2020, the Common Shares commenced trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“**TSX**”) and were delisted from the TSXV. The Common Shares trade under the symbol “KNT”. The Company is also quoted on the OTCQX (OTCQX® Best Market) under the symbol “KNTNF”.

The Company carries out mining operations, and exploration and drilling campaigns to define and develop mineral resources and mineral reserves on the Company’s properties, with the intention of developing and mining the properties.

#### **Material Mineral Properties**

The Company is a high-grade gold (“**Au**”), copper (“**Cu**”) and silver (“**Ag**”) producer. The Company’s material mineral properties consist of its two wholly-owned projects:

- i) the Kainantu high-grade gold mine (the “**Kainantu Gold Mine**” or the “**Kainantu Mine**”) underground mine and mining infrastructure, which includes the Kora, Kora North, Kora South, Judd, Judd South and Irumafimpa deposits, located in Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea, as further described in “*Material Properties – Kainantu Project*”; and
- ii) the Blue Lake gold-copper porphyry deposit, located approximately 4 kilometres (“**km**”) southwest of the Kora and Judd intrusion-related deposits at the Kainantu Mine (the “**Blue Lake Project**”), as further described in “*Material Properties – Blue Lake Project*”.

#### **Other Assets**

The Company’s other significant assets include a processing plant, equipment and infrastructure located on Licence for Mining Purposes 78 (“**LMP78**”) (the “**Processing Facility**”), the Kainantu Mine and Mining Lease 150 (“**ML150**”), Mining Easements 80 and 81 (“**ME80**” and “**ME81**”) and LMP78 (the Processing Facility, together with the Kainantu Mine and ML150, ME80 and ME81, and LMP78, the “**Kainantu Project**”).

The Company holds Exploration Licences 470, 693, 1341, 2619, 2620 and 2753 (“**EL470**”, “**EL693**”, “**EL1341**”, “**EL2619**”, “**EL2620**” and “**EL2753**”).

#### **Corporate Objective**

K92’s corporate objective is to become a mid-tier Tier 1 producing company by discovering, developing and operating the best mines, and delivering sustainable value to all of its stakeholders in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

## OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

### Kainantu Gold Mine Project

The Kainantu Mine, located in the Eastern Highlands province of Papua New Guinea (“**Papua New Guinea**” or “**PNG**”), is a high-grade, low-cost underground mine within a land package of approximately 836 square kilometres in a region known for Tier 1 deposits.

In 2015, the Company acquired from Barrick Gold Corporation (“**Barrick**”) certain mineral rights and interests, including mining licence ML150 as well as the Kainantu Gold Mine.

K92 is focused on operating and expanding the Kainantu Mine and its mineral resources and reserves. Since acquiring the project from Barrick and restarting in 2016, K92 has transformed Kainantu into a rapidly growing, long-life producer supported by a substantial and expanding mineral resource base. Production has been low cost, which is a testament to the high grade, continuity, solid thickness, geotechnical and metallurgical characteristics of the deposit. The transformation was driven by a series of near-mine infrastructure exploration discoveries.

In May 2017, a near-mine infrastructure discovery of Kora North was made. This discovery ultimately combined the Kora, Eutompi and Kora North deposits into what is now known as the Kora deposit. Mining operations were restarted in the Irumafimpa mining area.

Limited mining activities were undertaken in the lower parts of Irumafimpa during 2017. The Company commenced the Kora North mine project following the initial identification of high-grade mineralization by developing a cross cut access to Kora North from the existing Irumafimpa Incline, while continuing an underground drilling program aimed at defining the resource. Since August 2017, operations focused on the Kora deposit with underground drilling and development following up on the Kora deposit northern extension discovery (Kora North).

K92 declared commercial production at the Kainantu Gold Mine in February 2018 and has continued expanding its production and mineral resources since then.

The Kainantu Gold Mine is progressing through multiple stages of plant expansion upgrade, escalating to a planned Stage 4 Expansion that is projected to have a throughput rate of at least 1.8 million tonnes per annum (“**mtpa**”). The Stage 2A Expansion run rate of 600,000 tonnes per annum (“**tpa**”) was achieved in 2024, upgrading the previously planned expansion rate of 500,000 tpa.

In December 2025, the Company completed commissioning of the “**Stage 3 Expansion**” to increase plant throughput by 100% to 1.2 mtpa. The Stage 3 Expansion projects an average run-rate of 303,000 oz AuEq per year, a peak run-rate of 319,000 oz AuEq per year and a mine life of 7 years. The plant has performed well, with recoveries exceeding design parameters, and daily throughput records achieved, of 3,822 tonnes and 3,794 tonnes. The Stage 3 Expansion process plant construction was delivered under budget, with first production achieved in October 2025. Commercial production was declared effective January 1, 2026, marking a significant milestone.

The Stage 3 Expansion involves a new standalone 1.2 mtpa process plant and supporting infrastructure, with mining focused on the Kora and Judd deposits. As demonstrated in the updated definitive feasibility study (“**Updated DFS**”), the Stage 3 Expansion case outlines life of mine average AISC of \$920/oz (co-product) or \$665/oz net of by-product credits.

The “**Stage 4 Expansion**” is scheduled for commissioning in late 2027, which is expected to bring throughput to 1.8 mtpa at a run-rate of approximately 400,000 oz AuEq per year. The Stage 3 and 4 Expansions are expected to transform the Kainantu Mine into a Tier 1 mine through significantly increased production at low costs driven by economies of scale.

To reach the Stage 4 Expansion growth capital cost, sustaining capital cost until operating both process plants, and life of mine sustaining capital cost are expected to be self-funded from existing cash balances, mine cash flow and available liquidity through credit facilities.

The Stage 3 Expansion and Stage 4 Expansion incorporate tailings management upgrades through the construction of a pastefill plant to provide improved underground backfill support and reduce surface tailings deposition needs. Commissioning of the pastefill plant is planned for 2026.

Descriptions of the Stage 3 Expansion and Stage 4 Expansion are included in the Updated DFS Technical Report. The Updated DFS incorporates the results of the September 12, 2023 mineral resource estimates.

For a summary of the development of the Kainantu Mine, see *“General Development of the Business – History”*. For further details, see *“Material Properties - Kainantu Project”*.

### **Blue Lake Copper-Gold Porphyry Project**

The Blue Lake porphyry project is located approximately 4 km southwest of the Company’s producing high-grade Kora and Judd intrusion-related gold-copper deposits at the Kainantu Mine. Blue Lake has a maiden inferred resource estimate of 14.6 million ounces of gold equivalent at Blue Lake.

The Blue Lake deposit is situated within exploration licence EL470. Drilling results to date indicate the Blue Lake porphyry deposit has the potential to be a large, mineralized Cu-Au porphyry deposit. It is an in-pit resource with high-grade core and is open at depth.

Blue Lake was discovered by K92 after a mineralized lithocap was identified in 2017. K92 has completed two diamond drill programs for a total of 26 holes and 16,474.8 metres at the project. Future exploration plans at Blue Lake include drilling and exploring for additional mineralized porphyries that extends to and includes the A1 copper-gold porphyry target, our highest priority porphyry target, based on results of an advanced Mobile MT geophysics program.

The maiden resource estimate is included in the Blue Lake Technical Report.

See *“Material Properties – Blue Lake Project”*.

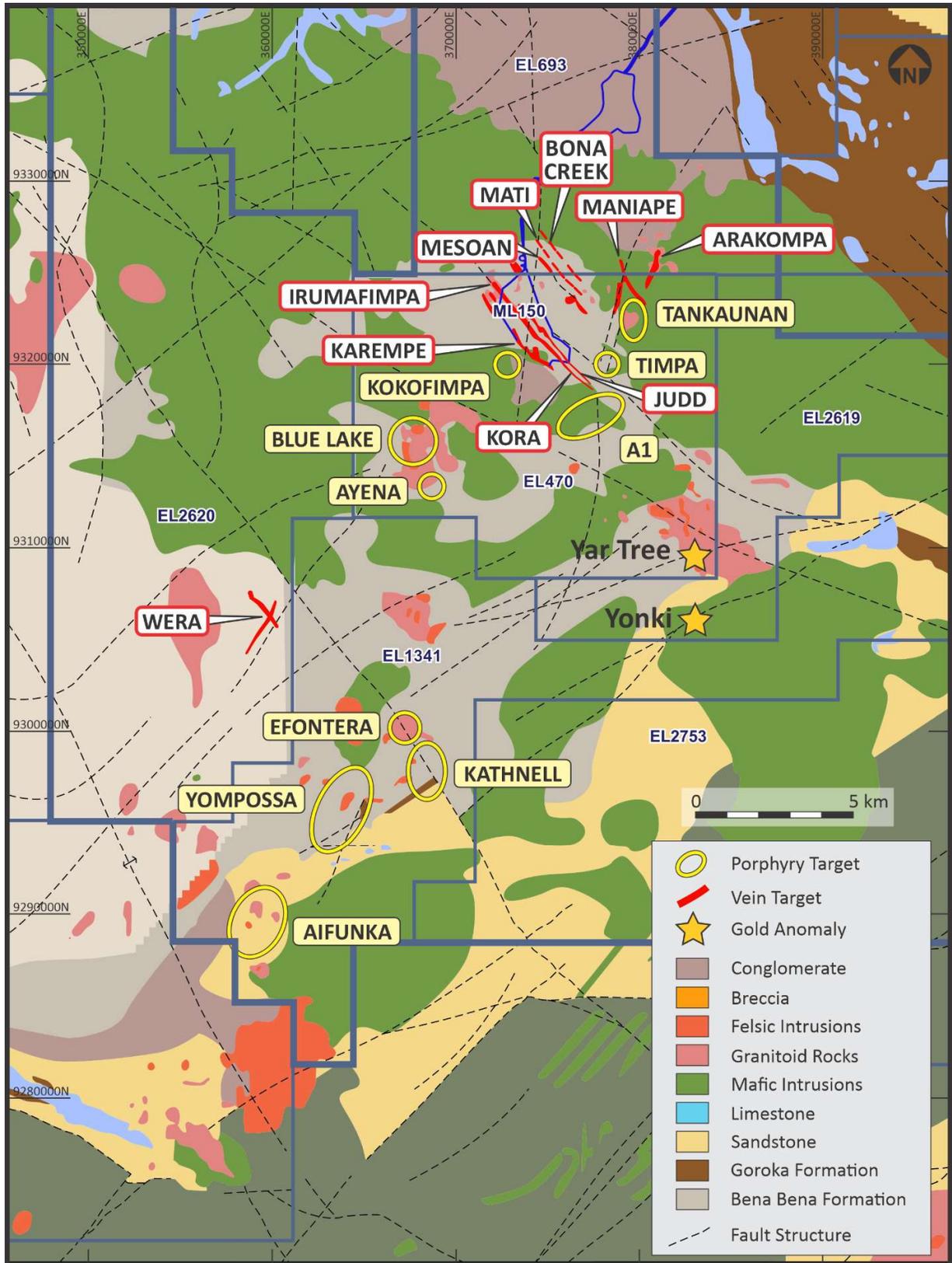
### **Exploration**

K92 holds a 836-square-kilometre land package in PNG, that hosts many highly prospective vein field and porphyry targets. Multiple targets are being drill tested concurrently.

The Kainantu district is recognized as an important mineral district owing to the presence of multiple economic vein deposits, as well as additional veins and porphyry prospects, at various stages of exploration. The Company is engaged in exploration and development of mineral deposits in the Kainantu district in the immediate vicinity of the Kainantu Mine. The Company holds Exploration Licences (“ELs”) EL470, EL693, EL1341, EL2619, EL2620 and EL2753.

In 2026, a \$31-\$35 million exploration program is planned for the year. Surface exploration plans are focused on the near-mine targets that include Arakompa, Maniape, and Judd North, with initial drilling planned at the Mati-Mesoan-Bona Creek vein systems located proximal to the Kora and Judd deposits and existing underground mining infrastructure. Regional exploration will continue to drill test vein-hosted Au-Ag mineralization at Wera. Underground drilling will focus on Kora, Kora South, Kora Deeps, Judd, Judd South, and Judd Deeps.

**Kainantu Project Geology and Known Vein and Porphyry Deposits and Prospects**



## SUMMARY OF MINERAL RESERVES AND MINERAL RESOURCES

A summary of the Company's mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates as of the date of this AIF are presented in the following tables.

### Kainantu Mineral Reserve Statement – Effective January 2024

<b>Kora and Judd Deposits – Mineral Reserve Statement</b>									
	Tonnes	Gold		Silver		Copper		AuEq	
	Mt	g/t	Moz	g/t	Moz	%	kt	g/t	Moz
<b>Kora</b>									
Proven	2.95	7.41	0.70	19.48	1.85	1.06	31.31	9.39	0.89
Probable	2.52	5.65	0.46	19.23	1.56	1.03	25.89	7.58	0.61
<b>Total Proven and Probable</b>	<b>5.47</b>	<b>6.60</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>19.37</b>	<b>3.41</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>57.20</b>	<b>8.55</b>	<b>1.50</b>
<b>Judd</b>									
Proven	0.24	8.26	0.06	16.53	0.13	0.56	1.33	9.40	0.07
Probable	0.47	6.48	0.10	13.15	0.20	0.52	2.45	7.50	0.11
<b>Total P&amp;P</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>7.08</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>14.28</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>3.79</b>	<b>8.14</b>	<b>0.18</b>
<b>Kora and Judd Consolidated</b>									
Proven	3.19	7.47	0.77	19.27	1.98	1.02	32.64	9.39	0.96
Probable	2.99	5.78	0.56	18.28	1.75	0.95	28.34	7.57	0.73
<b>Total Proven and Probable</b>	<b>6.18</b>	<b>6.66</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>18.79</b>	<b>3.73</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>60.98</b>	<b>8.51</b>	<b>1.69</b>

- The long-term metal prices used for calculating the financial analysis are US\$1,900/oz gold, US\$4.50/lb copper, US\$25/oz silver.
- Gold Equivalents are calculated as  $AuEq = Au \text{ g/t} + Cu \% * 1.62406 + Ag \text{ g/t} * 0.01316$ . Metal payabilities and recoveries are not incorporated into this formula.
- A minimum mining width of 3.0 m has been applied for stoping, inclusive of a 1.0 m dilution skin.
- In addition to the 1.0 m dilution skin, additional dilution of 5% has been added for Avoca mined stopes and 2.5% for long hole stoping with pastefill. Where a stope is within 5.0 m proximity of the HW or FW of the fault gouge, an additional 1.0m of dilution was added at a grade averaging 1.42 g/t AuEq. This results in a total average dilution of 27.8%.
- Mining recoveries of 90% have been applied to Avoca mined stopes, and 95% for long hole stoping with pastefill.
- A cut-off grade of 3.5 g/t AuEq was used to define stoping blocks. Stope shapes with uneconomic development were excluded. The cut-off grade takes into account site operating costs, G&A costs, sustaining capital costs and relevant processing and revenue inputs.
- Measured Mineral Resources were used to report Proven Mineral Reserves.
- Indicated Mineral Resources were used to report Probable Mineral Reserves.
- Tonnage and grade estimates include dilution and recovery allowance.
- The Mineral Reserves reported are not added to Mineral Resources.
- Numbers in the table have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate and may not sum due to rounding.
- Refer to the Updated DFS Technical Report for further details.

**Kainantu Mineral Resource Estimates at 3.0 AuEq g/t Cut-off  
Effective September 2023**

<b>Kora and Judd Deposits - Mineral Resource Estimate</b>									
Category	Tonne	Gold		Silver		Copper		AuEq	
	Mt	g/t	Moz	g/t	Moz	%	kt	g/t	Moz
<b>Kora</b>									
Measured	3.7	8.74	1.0	20.5	2.5	1.21	45.0	10.96	1.3
Indicated	3.1	6.99	0.7	21.9	2.2	1.31	41.3	9.40	1.0
<b>Total Measured and Indicated</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>7.94</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>10.24</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Inferred	14.3	5.60	2.6	28.7	13.2	1.62	231.2	8.60	3.9
<b>Judd</b>									
Measured	0.4	9.05	0.12	19.0	0.25	0.80	3.2	10.58	0.14
Indicated	0.8	6.37	0.17	15.6	0.42	0.73	6.2	7.76	0.21
<b>Total Measured and Indicated</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>7.24</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>8.68</b>	<b>0.35</b>
Inferred	2.3	6.27	0.45	15.8	1.15	0.76	17.2	7.72	0.56
<b>Kora and Judd</b>									
Measured	4.1	8.77	1.2	20.4	2.7	1.17	48.2	10.92	1.5
Indicated	4.0	6.86	0.9	20.6	2.6	1.19	47.4	9.05	1.2
<b>Total Measured and Indicated</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.83</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Inferred	16.5	5.69	3.0	27.0	14.3	1.50	248.3	8.48	4.5

*Kora and Judd Mineral Resources Disclosure:*

- *The Independent and Qualified Person responsible for the Mineral Resource estimate is Simon Tear, P.Geo. of H & S Consultants Pty. Ltd., Sydney, Australia, and the effective date of the estimate is September 12, 2023.*
- *Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.*
- *Geological interpretation has generated a series of narrow, sub-vertical vein structures based on delineated wireframes on 10 m, 20 m and 25 m spaced cross sections. The design of the lode wireframes is based on a combination of logged geology, Au, Cu & Ag assay grades and locally on a nominal minimum mining width of 5.2 m, all coupled with geological sense.*
- *Resources were compiled at 3.0 g/t gold equivalent cut-off grades for Kora and Judd.*
- *Density (t/m<sup>3</sup>) was modelled using Ordinary Kriging on 2,778 sample measurements. Areas within the mineral wireframes where no density grades were interpolated had average default values inserted at appropriate levels.*
- *Reported tonnage and grade figures are rounded from raw estimates to reflect the order of accuracy of the estimate.*
- *Minor variations may occur during the addition of rounded numbers.*
- *Estimations used metric units (metres, tonnes and g/t).*
- *Gold equivalents are calculated as AuEq = Au g/t + Cu%\*1.6481+ Ag g/t\*0.0114. Gold price US\$1,700/oz; Silver US\$22.5/oz; Copper US\$4.00/lb. Metal payabilities and recoveries are incorporated into the AuEq formula. Recoveries of 95% for copper and 80% for silver were used.*
- *Refer to the Updated DFS Technical Report for further details.*

**Blue Lake Mineral Resource Estimate at 0.4 g/t AuEq Cut-off Grade  
Effective January 1, 2025**

Blue Lake Mineral Resource Estimate									
Category	Tonnes	Gold		Silver		Copper		Gold Equivalent	
	Mt	g/t	Moz	g/t	Moz	%	Mt	g/t	Moz
Inferred	686	0.19	4.2	2.4	53.6	0.21	1.4	0.66	14.6

*Blue Lake Mineral Resource Disclosure:*

- Estimates are based on technical report titled, "Independent Technical Report, Mineral Resource Estimate Blue Lake Porphyry, Kainantu Project, Papua New Guinea" dated March 21, 2025 and effective August 1, 2022.
- The independent Qualified Person responsible for the mineral resource estimate is Simon Tear, P.Geo. of H&S Consultants Pty. Ltd., Sydney, Australia, and the effective date of the Mineral Resource is August 1, 2022.
- Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- Resources were compiled at 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6 g/t AuEq cut-off grades.
- Density was based on 2,473 measured density data recordings (weighed core trays and measured core technique) which were composited and subsequently modelled unconstrained using Ordinary Kriging. Reported tonnage and grade figures are rounded from raw estimates to reflect the order of accuracy of the estimate.
- Numbers in the table have been rounded. Minor variations may occur during the addition of rounded numbers.
- Estimations used metric units (metres, tonnes and g/t).
- Gold equivalents are calculated as  $AuEq = Au \text{ g/t} + Cu\% * 2.0629 + Ag \text{ g/t} * 0.0125$ . Gold price US\$1,600/oz; Silver US\$20/oz; Copper US\$3.75/lb. Metal recoveries are incorporated in the formula and are Au 67%, Ag 67% and copper 86% respectively.



## K92 HISTORY

In addition to the events described under “THREE-YEAR HISTORY – SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS (2023 – 2025)”, over recently completed financial years, the significant events described below contributed to the development of our business.

In 2015, the Company acquired from Barrick certain mineral rights and interests, including mining licence ML150 as well as the past-producing Kainantu Mine that had previously mined the Irumafimpa deposit. The mine had been on care and maintenance from 2008.

Rehabilitation of the mine, process plant and associated infrastructure commenced in March 2016. Limited mining activities were undertaken in the Irumafimpa area during 2017. In early 2017, the mine sold and shipped the first concentrates containing gold and copper for smelting and refining.

In 2017 initial exploration to the south of Irumafimpa had identified high-grade mineralization in the area between Irumafimpa and Kora; in the area initially referred to as Kora North. The Company started the Kora mine project by completing the underground incline drive from Irumafimpa to Kora and commencing underground drilling. A bulk sample from the Kora North area was mined and processed through the existing plant for metallurgical evaluation, with +90% recovery achieved for both gold and copper. In early 2018 mining activities ceased at Irumafimpa, and the focus of mining changed to development of the new Kora North deposit with underground drilling and development following up on the Kora deposit northern extension discovery.

The Company announced the declaration of commercial production effective February 2018 with production focused on the northern Kora area. The Company has continued expanding its production and mineral resources since then.

In January 2019, the Company published a mineral resource estimate update and PEA on the Kainantu Project. Based on the PEA, the Company announced the Stage 2 Expansion to double the capacity at the Kainantu Mine to 400,000 tonnes per annum, increasing annual production to an average of 120,000 ounces of AuEq.

As part of the Stage 2 Expansion, the Company began process plant expansion construction completion, commenced commissioning of a gravity circuit expected to increase recoveries, upgraded the ventilation system and underground electrical reticulation, resulting in a more than 100% increase in flow rates, commenced preparation for development of the twin incline, and expanded the fleet of mining vehicles and equipment.

During the first quarter of 2019, a diamond drilling exploration program commenced at the Blue Lake Project that was discovered in early 2017.

On July 1, 2019, the Company, through K92PNG, entered into an offtake agreement with Trafigura Pte Ltd. (“**Trafigura**”) (the “**2019 Offtake Agreement**”) for the purchase by Trafigura of 100% of K92PNG’s copper/gold concentrate produced at the Kainantu Mine. The 2019 Offtake agreement had a term of nine years ending on the later of February 11, 2028, or upon delivery of 165,000 dry metric tonnes (“**DMT**”) of concentrate to Trafigura. In 2024, K92PNG and Trafigura entered into a the 2026 Offtake Agreement which replaced the 2019 Offtake Agreement once its term completes (see *Three-year History*).

On July 1, 2019, the Company entered into a \$15 million loan agreement with Trafigura (the “**2019 Loan Agreement**”), with a two-year payment term.

In 2019, the Kainantu Mine's underground mine infrastructure was upgraded and expanded, with several key projects completed, including installation of two 132 kw fans, completion of the main incline debottlenecking program, completion of the new underground magazine, implementation of a bulk emulsion charging system, and establishment of seven mine sublevels.

In 2020, the Company completed the Stage 2 Expansion and commissioning of the plant to maximize recovery resulting in a realized increase to throughputs from approximately 550 tpd to approximately 1,100 tpd (400,000 tpa). The concrete batching plant was also constructed and commissioned for both site construction projects and underground shotcrete capability.

In 2020, the Company also reported preliminary bulk sample results from the Judd #1 Vein of the Judd Vein System, marking the first significant exploration activity undertaken on Judd by K92. The Judd Vein System at the Kainantu Mine is located near-mine infrastructure, subparallel to and approximately 150-200 metres east of the producing Kora deposit and within the mining lease. The Company initiated an underground drill program on the sparsely drill tested Judd Vein System.

On December 9, 2020, the Company graduated from the TSXV and was listed on the TSX.

In February 2021, the Company made the final payment pursuant to the 2019 Loan Agreement and had no further obligations under the 2019 Loan Agreement.

On September 20, 2021, the Company was added to the S&P/TSX Composite Index. The S&P/TSX Composite Index is the headline index for Canada and is the principal benchmark measure for the Canadian equity markets, represented by the largest companies on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

On October 27, 2021, the Company announced that the Judd vein system at the Kainantu Project became a new mining front and major exploration focus based on promising drilling, underground development and metallurgical results.

In February 2022, the Company announced results from the maiden mineral resource estimate of the Judd deposit and an updated mineral resource estimate of the Kora deposit.

In August 2022, the Company announced a maiden mineral resource estimate at the Blue Lake porphyry copper-gold project.

In September 2022, the Company announced that it was included in the TSX's 2022 TSX30, a flagship program recognizing the 30 top-performing stocks over a three-year period based on dividend-adjusted share price appreciation.

On December 6, 2022, the Company announced that the Government of Papua New Guinea granted an extension of Mining Lease 150 (ML150) for the Kainantu Mine for a period of 10 years to June 13, 2034.

On December 6, 2022, the Company announced its decision to proceed with Kainantu Mine's Stage 3 Expansion and Stage 4 Expansion.

## THREE-YEAR HISTORY

### SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS (2023 – 2025)

#### 2023 DEVELOPMENTS

On **January 1, 2023**, David Medilek was promoted to the position of President and Warren Uyen was appointed to the position of Chief Operating Officer (“**COO**”). Mr. Medilek, a mining professional with over 15 years of mining capital markets, corporate strategy and technical operating experience, had served as the Company’s Vice President Business Development and Investor Relations for over three years.

On **February 1, 2023**, Christopher Muller was promoted to the position Executive Vice President Exploration. He served as the Company’s Vice President Exploration from October 2017 and joined K92 in 2016.

On **March 27, 2023**, the Company announced the death of Chairman, R. Stuart “Tookie” Angus. Mr. Angus had been Chairman of the Company since its inception and its acquisition of the Kainantu Project in 2014. The Board appointed Anne E. Giardini as Lead Director.

On **April 18, 2023**, the Company announced the appointment of Anne E. Giardini as the Company’s Chair of the Board. Ms. Giardini, KC, who served as an independent director of K92 since 2020, brings 40 years of experience as a director, senior executive, lawyer, journalist and author.

On **June 21, 2023**, the Company announced that it set its inaugural energy and greenhouse gas emissions (“**GHG**”) reduction target as part of its overall climate commitments. The Company set a target to reduce Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by 25% on a business-as-usual basis by 2030 (25% reduction against forecast Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by 2030 assuming no mitigation measures are implemented to reduce carbon emissions). Additional details were included in the Company’s 2022 Sustainability Report.

On **June 28, 2023**, the Company announced that two individuals were fatally injured following a vehicle incident in the underground mine; no other injuries were reported. Mining operations were temporarily halted while an investigation was completed. Other activities were not impacted.

On **July 24, 2023**, the Company announced the award of the engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning (“**EPC**”) contract for the 1.2-mtpa Stage 3 Expansion Process Plant to GR Engineering Services Limited (GRES) following a tender process.

On **September 26, 2023**, the Company announced that, through K92 PNG, it had entered into an amended and restated offtake agreement (the “**Amended Offtake Agreement**”) with Trafigura for the purchase by Trafigura of 100% of K92PNG’s copper/gold concentrates produced at the Kainantu Gold Mine. The Amended Offtake Agreement was subsequently replaced and superseded by the 2026 Offtake Agreement. For details of the 2026 Offtake Agreement, see the June 19, 2024 description under “*2024 Developments*”.

On **September 26, 2023**, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the “**2023 Loan Agreement**”) with Trafigura in connection with concentrate sales, securing a \$100.0 million senior

secured loan (the “**Loan**”) from Trafigura. The Loan had a term of four years from the date of the first advance and was secured by a charge over the Company’s assets and a pledge of shares in the Company’s subsidiaries. (In June 2024, the 2023 Loan Agreement was superseded by the Credit Facilities with Trafigura. For details of the Credit Facilities, see the June 19, 2024 description under “*2024 Developments*”.)

On **December 5, 2023**, the Company announced results of an updated mineral resource estimate on the Kora and Judd deposits of the Kainantu Mine. See “*Material Properties – Kainantu Project*”.

Highlights of the 2023 Kora and Judd Deposit Mineral Resource Estimate:

- Kora measured and indicated resource of 2.3 million ounces at 10.24 g/t AuEq (7.94 g/t Au, 21.1 g/t Ag, 1.25% Cu), representing an 8% increase from the previous resource estimate of 2.1 million ounces AuEq in 2021.
- Kora inferred resource increased to 3.9 million ounces at 8.60 g/t AuEq (5.60 g/t Au, 29.7 g/t Ag, 1.62% Cu), representing a 58% increase from the previous resource estimate of 2.5 million ounces in October 2021.
- Judd measured and indicated resource of 0.35 million ounces at 8.68 g/t AuEq (7.24 g/t Au, 16.7 g/t Ag, 0.75% Cu), representing an increase of 167% from the previous resource estimate of 0.13 million ounces in 2021.
- Judd inferred resource of 0.56 million ounces at 7.72 g/t AuEq (6.27 g/t Au, 15.8 g/t Ag, 0.76% Cu), representing a 211% increase from the previous resource estimate of 0.18 million ounces in 2021.

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## 2024 DEVELOPMENTS

On **January 9, 2024**, the Company announced the promotions of David Medilek to the position of President and COO, and of Chris Kinver to the position of Vice President, Projects and Engineering. The Company also announced the departure of Warren Uyen as COO. Mr. Uyen served as Senior Vice President, Operations from 2019 to 2023, and as COO from January 2023.

On **February 21, 2024**, the Company announced results of the first two drill holes completed from the maiden drill program at its Arakompa property located near infrastructure (4.5 km) of the Kainantu Mine.

On **March 19, 2024**, the Company announced that underground operations at the Kainantu Mine were temporarily suspended after a non-industrial incident resulted in a deceased employee on the Company’s mining lease. Underground operations resumed in April 2024, following the completion of an independent safety audit.

On **June 19, 2024**, the Company announced that, through K92 PNG, it entered into a new offtake agreement (the “**2026 Offtake Agreement**”) with Trafigura for the purchase by Trafigura of 100% of K92PNG’s copper/gold concentrates produced at the Kainantu Gold Mine. The 2026 Offtake Agreement, which replaced and superseded the Amended Offtake Agreement, became effective on January 1, 2026 until the later of i) December 31, 2032 and ii) the delivery of a minimum quantity of 600,000 DMT of concentrate to Trafigura. The 2019 Offtake Agreement remained in effect until December 31, 2025. Key terms of the 2026 Offtake Agreement are substantially the

same as the Amended Offtake Agreement. Under the 2026 Offtake Agreement, Trafigura will purchase gold and copper concentrates from the Kainantu Mine at London Metals Exchange spot prices, amended penalties, treatment and refining charges, and transport charges, all amended and improved from those included in the Updated DFS.

On **June 19, 2024**, the Company announced that the Company and K92PNG, as borrowers, entered into two separate credit facilities (together the “**Credit Facilities**” and individually the “**Canadian Credit Facility**” and the “**PNG Credit Facility**”, respectively) with Trafigura, as lender, in the principal aggregate amount of US\$120 million, with an accordion feature to increase the aggregate amount available under the Credit Facilities to US\$150 million (the “**Accordion Feature**”). The Credit Facilities upsized, on an aggregate basis, the 2023 Loan Agreement amount from US\$100 million to US\$120 million, and included an accordion feature. The Canadian Credit Facility is secured by, among other things, a pledge of the shares of K92 Holdings (which holds indirectly through K92PNG the Kainantu Gold Mine) and a right in favour of Trafigura to, on default under the Canadian Loan Agreement, convert any portion of the outstanding balance under the Canadian Loan Agreement into Common Shares of the Company, to a maximum of 4.5% of the then outstanding Common Shares (the “**Conversion Right**”). The Credit Facilities may be used for general corporate purposes, working capital purposes, and capital expenditure. The Credit Facilities replaced the 2023 Loan Agreement that was terminated with the parties having entered into an agreement to release all related security.

On **October 16, 2024**, the Company announced the results of the Updated DFS for the Kainantu Project that superseded an earlier integrated development plan for the Kainantu Project. The Updated DFS incorporates the results of 2023 mineral resource estimates. The Updated DFS delivers an improvement over the 2022 DFS in economics of the DFS Case, including the following improvements:

- A significant increase to the Kora and Judd mineral resource estimate, with measured and indicated resources increasing by 14% to 2.6 million ounces at 10.0 g/t AuEq (7.83 g/t Au, 20.5 g/t Ag, 1.18% Cu), extending the Kainantu Mine life for the DFS Case to 2030 from 2028.
- Assumptions that use favourable amendments to the Updated Offtake Agreement, commencing January 1, 2026, improving metals’ payabilities for deliveries of concentrates, penalties, treatment and refining charges, and transport charges.
- Significant margin expansion potential due to moderate increase of cash costs and all-in sustaining costs compared to significant increased gold price assumptions used, from \$1,600/oz to \$1,900/oz, to better align with the price environment.
- Throughput increase, driven by the Stage 2A Plant design throughput upgraded from 0.5 mtpa to 0.6 mtpa as demonstrated from recent plant performance.

The growth capital cost, sustaining capital cost until operating both process plants, and life of mine sustaining capital cost are expected to be funded from mine cash flow as well as proceeds from the Credit Facilities.

The results of the Updated DFS are set forth in the independent Updated DFS Technical Report.

## 2025 DEVELOPMENTS

On **January 16, 2025**, the Company announced the resignation of Chris Muller, the Company's Executive Vice President – Exploration. On **March 20, 2025**, the Company announced the appointment of Robert Smillie as the Company's Vice President – Exploration.

On **February 20, 2025**, the Company announced drilling results from its maiden surface diamond drill program at the Arakompa property, including confirmation of two significant thick high-grade subparallel veins, a southern strike extension, and bulk tonnage zone strike length expansion of approximately 150 metres to the south, for a total of approximately 900 metres.

On **March 20, 2025**, the Company announced the appointment of Robert Smillie, MBA MSc FSEG MAusIMM, as Vice President – Exploration. Mr. Smillie is a highly experienced mineral exploration executive, with over 35 years in the mining industry, specializing in epithermal gold and copper-gold systems. He has held senior leadership roles throughout the Asia Pacific region, including Australia, New Zealand, PNG, Indonesia, the Philippines, South Korea, and Timor-Leste. He brings extensive experience in greenfield and brownfield exploration, as well as mine geology, at mining companies that include OceanaGold, WMC Resources, and Calibre Mining.

On **March 31, 2025**, the Company announced the filing of an amended technical report containing the Blue Lake Amended Resource Estimate that declared an inferred mineral resource estimate of 14.6 million AuEq at 0.66 g/t AuEq based on 686 million tonnes at 0.19 g/t Au, 0.21% Cu and 2.4 g/t Ag at a 0.4 g/t AuEq cut-off grade. See "*Material Properties – Blue Lake Project*".

On **March 31, 2025**, the Company also announced the filing of the Updated DFS Technical Report containing the Updated DFS for the Kainantu Project. See "*Material Properties – Kainantu Project*".

On **May 5, 2025**, the Company announced the passing of director, Graham Wheelock. Mr. Wheelock served on K92's Board continuously from February 2016, having been appointed to the Board of K92 when the Company first began trading in 2016.

On **June 5, 2025**, the Company announced high-grade results from ongoing surface and underground diamond drilling of the Kora, Kora South, Judd and Judd South deposits in addition to the Kora and Judd Deeps, reinforcing the potential for high-grade resource growth at Kainantu. The multiple high-grade intersections extended the interpreted dilatant zone up-dip from the area defined in 2024 further expanding the potential for bulk mining near-term. Drilling also continued to extend high-grade mineralization in multiple areas, with many intersections recording grades well above the 2023 mineral resource estimate.

On **July 8, 2025**, the Company announced the retirement of Philip Samar from his role as Vice President, Government and Community Affairs. Mr. Samar continues to support the Company as a senior advisor.

On **August 13, 2025**, the Company announced the promotion of Stanley Komunt, to the position of Vice President, Community Affairs and External Relations, and the appointment of Felix Kipalan, as General Manager, Community Affairs. Mr. Komunt is an experienced community and government relations leader with over 25 years of experience in the mining industry, specializing in corporate governance, stakeholder engagement, and risk management.

On **September 11, 2025**, the Company announced its fifth set of drilling results from its maiden surface diamond drill program at Arakompa, located approximately 4.5 km from the Kainantu Gold

Mine Process Plant. The regional exploration results significantly expanded the bulk zone and discovery of a potential porphyry within a 600 m x 600 m copper-in-soils anomaly. Additionally, the Company reported initial results from its maiden greenfields exploration program at the Wera prospect, outlining a large 3.5 km by 3.5 km mineralized system located approximately 10 km southwest of the Kora and Judd deposits.

On **October 16, 2025**, the Company announced that it had produced its inaugural commercial grade gold-copper-silver concentrate and its plan to imminently commence shipments from its new Stage 3 Expansion process plant at the Kainantu Gold Mine. The official inauguration ceremony was attended by the Prime Minister of PNG, the Minister for Mining, Ministers and Members of PNG's national parliament. Members of Eastern Highlands Provincial Government, Heads of Government Departments and Agencies, members of the diplomatic community, business and industry representatives, the directors of K92, project partners and industry peers were also in attendance.

### ***RECENT DEVELOPMENTS (subsequent to year ended December 31, 2025)***

On **January 12, 2026**, the Company announced that commissioning and performance testing of the new 1.2 mtpa Stage 3 Expansion Process Plant was completed in December. As at December 31, 2025, 95% of Stage 3 Expansion growth capital was either spent or committed, and the Stage 3 Expansion cost was below budget.

On **February 18, 2026**, the Company announced that its latest high-grade results from the ongoing underground diamond drilling of the Kora, Kora South, Judd and Judd South deposits, and the Kora and Judd Deeps targets at the Kainantu Gold Mine expanded the near-mine infrastructure dilatant zone, and significant depth extension. Multiple high-grade dilatant zone intercepts were recorded at Kora. The intersections are associated with a previously-interpreted dilatant zone that is defined to approximately 100 m along strike by 200 m vertical extent.

### ***LOOKING FORWARD***

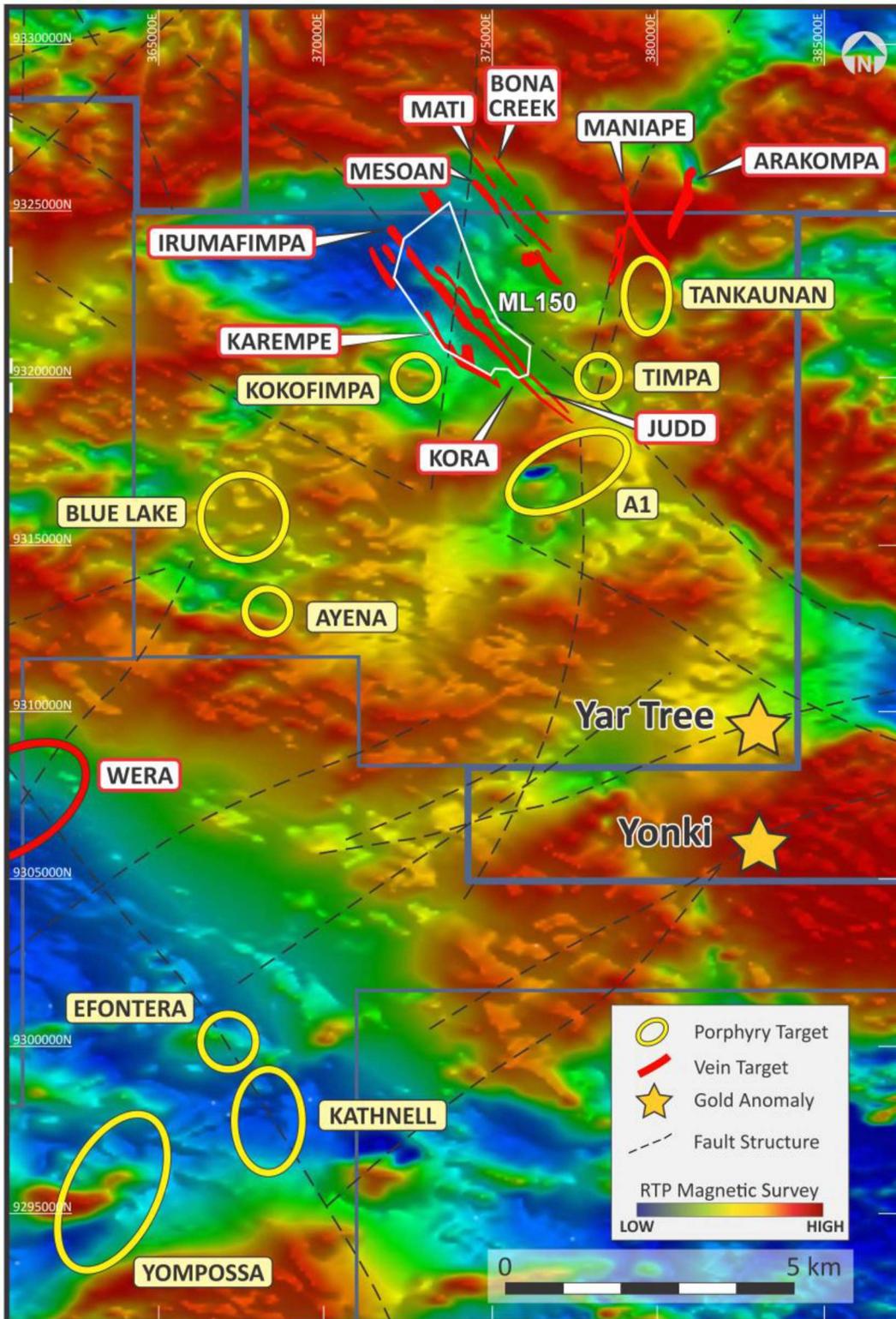
As K92 works on transforming into a Tier 1 mid-tier producer with the delivery of the Stage 3 and Stage 4 Expansions, in 2026, the Company's focus is on increasing production, while progressing with various infrastructure projects on surface and underground for the Stage 3 and Stage 4 Expansions. These include the power station expansion, pastefill infrastructure, the material pass, ventilation upgrades, the decline-incline convergence project, and load and haulage expansion.

#### ***Exploration Plans***

In 2025, an exploration program of \$17.96 million was completed, with up to 11 drill rigs operating at Kora, Kora South, Judd, Judd South, Arakompa, and the A1 porphyry target.

In 2026, a larger exploration program is planned, with \$31-\$35 million projected for the year. Surface exploration plans are focused on the near-mine targets, including Arakompa, Maniape, and Judd North, with initial drilling planned at the Mati-Mesoan-Bona Creek vein systems located near the Kora and Judd deposits and underground mining infrastructure. Regional exploration will drill-test vein-hosted gold-silver mineralization at Wera. Underground drilling will focus on Kora, Kora South, Kora Deeps, Judd, Judd South, and Judd Deeps.

### K92 Exploration Targets



## DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS

### GENERAL

The Company is a Canada-based gold, copper and silver mining producer and operates the Kainantu Mine in Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea, 180 km from the city of Lae. The Company conducts mining operations, and exploration and drilling campaigns to define and develop mineral resources and mineral reserves on the Company's properties with an intention of developing, constructing and operating mines on such properties. The Company is currently engaged in the production of gold, copper and silver at the Kainantu Mine.

The Company is also focused on the exploration and development of mineral deposits in the immediate vicinity of the Kainantu Mine, including the Judd, Kora, Judd South, Kora South, Arakompa, Maniape, Mati-Mesoan-Bona Creek, Wera, and the A1 porphyry target, and the Blue Lake copper-gold porphyry project.

Since restarting operations in October 2016, K92 has consistently delivered production growth, achieving approximately production of 174,134 oz AuEq (164,484 oz gold, 5,942,203 lbs copper and 159,309 oz silver) in 2025.

In November 2024, the Company announced the results of its updated definitive feasibility study (Updated DFS) for the Kainantu Mine. The Updated DFS involves constructing a new stand-alone 1.2 mtpa process plant with the Stage 2A plant idled, targeting a run-rate of 300,000 oz AuEq per annum. The Company is also advancing a Stage 4 Expansion, which involves upgrading the 1.2 mtpa process plant to 1.8 mtpa, with a run-rate production targeting approximately 400,000 ounces AuEq.

The Company's corporate objective is to become a mid-tier, Tier 1 producer by discovering, developing and operating the best mines, delivering sustainable value to all our stakeholders in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

K92's Common Shares are listed on the TSX under the trading symbol "KNT" and are quoted on the OTCQX under the symbol "KNTNF".

For a more detailed description of the Company's business, refer to the Company's management's discussion and analysis ("**MD&A**") for the year ended December 31, 2025, available on the Company's website or under the Company's profile at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

### PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS

The Company's principal products are gold doré and a concentrate containing gold, copper, and silver. Most of the Company's revenues are from gold production. There is a global market into which the Company can sell its gold and other minerals. The Company is a party to the 2026 Offtake Agreement, which became effective on January 1, 2026, superseded the 2019 Offtake Agreement, pursuant to which Trafigura purchases gold/copper concentrate produced at the Kainantu Mine. The primary demand for gold is jewellery fabrication, investment, and the technology industry and dentistry sectors. Demand for and the price of gold is volatile and affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control. The price of gold is generally quoted in US dollars. See "*Risk Factors*".

The following table sets out the Company's revenue by principal product for each of the last two financial years. Further details can be found in the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025.

### Revenue by Principal Product

	2024		2025	
	(\$000s)	%	(\$000s)	%
<b>Gold</b>	331,087	94%	567,791	95%
<b>Copper</b>	16,662	5%	23,340	4%
<b>Silver</b>	2,875	1%	4,118	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>349,375</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>595,249</b>	<b>100%</b>

### SPECIAL SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Various aspects of the Company's business require specialized skills and knowledge. Such skills and knowledge include the areas of permitting, engineering, geology, metallurgy, mineral resource estimation, logistical planning, implementation of exploration programs, mine construction and development, mine operation, environmental compliance, construction, procurement, information technology, community/public and government relations, legal compliance, governance, tax and accounting.

The Company has an active recruitment program, has highly qualified Personnel, and believes that persons having the necessary skills are generally available. The Company maintains competitive remuneration and compensation packages and has a record of locating and retaining competent employees and consultants in such fields as well as maintaining a high retention rate of highly skilled employees. The Company anticipates that it will not have significant difficulty in recruiting other Personnel as needed. The Company has training programs in place for workers who are recruited.

### COMPETITIVE CONDITIONS

The gold exploration and mining business is a competitive business. The Company competes with numerous other individuals and companies, including many large established mining companies with substantial capabilities and greater financial and technical resources than the Company, in the search for and the acquisition of quality gold properties, mineral claims, permits, concessions and other mineral interests, as well as in recruiting and retaining qualified employees. The Company also competes with other companies in sourcing goods, services, and supplies to be used in our operations. The Company's ability to acquire properties in the future will depend not only on its ability to develop its present properties, but also on its ability to select and acquire suitable producing properties or prospects for development or mineral exploration.

### CYCLES

The mineral exploration and development business, and particularly precious metals production, is subject to mineral price cycles. The marketability of minerals is also affected by worldwide economic cycles. Gold prices fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors such as global supply, demand, inflation, exchange rates, interest rates, forward selling by producers, central bank sales and purchases, production, global or regional political, economic or financial situations and other factors beyond the Company's control. See "*Risk Factors*".

## ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE – TRAFIGURA AGREEMENTS

### ***Trafigura Credit Facilities***

The Company and K92PNG, as borrowers, are parties to the two separate Credit Facilities (the Canadian Credit Facility and the PNG Credit Facility) with Trafigura, as lender, in the principal aggregate amount of US\$120 million, which also had an Accordion Feature (since expired) to increase the aggregate amount available under the Credit Facilities to US\$150 million. The Canadian Credit Facility is secured by, among other things, a pledge of the shares of K92 Holdings (which holds indirectly through K92PNG the Kainantu Gold Mine) and a right in favour of Trafigura to, on default under the Canadian Loan Agreement, convert any portion of the outstanding balance under the Canadian Loan Agreement into Common Shares of the Company, up to a cap of 4.5% of the then outstanding Common Shares. K92 has, among other things, guaranteed the obligations of K92PNG under the PNG Credit Facility.

During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company drew \$20 million under the Canadian Credit Facility of which \$10 million was subsequently repaid and, fully repaid the remaining \$20 million outstanding under the PNG Credit Facility. The PNG Credit Facility had been secured by \$20 million in restricted cash, funded through an advance from the Canadian Credit Facility. Following the full repayment of the PNG Credit Facility, the Company no longer holds any restricted cash designated as security under that loan. As at December 31, 2025, the Company had \$50 million drawn under the Canadian Credit Facility, \$Nil drawn under the PNG Credit Facility, and \$60 million remaining available.

### ***Trafigura Offtake Agreements***

K92PNG and Trafigura were parties to the 2019 Offtake Agreement, for the purchase by Trafigura of 100% of K92PNG's copper/gold concentrate produced at the Kainantu Mine. The 2019 Offtake Agreement originally had a term of nine years ending on the later of February 11, 2028, or on completion of delivery of 165,000 DMT of concentrate to Trafigura. In 2024, K92PNG and Trafigura entered into the 2026 Offtake Agreement for the purchase by Trafigura of 100% of K92PNG's copper/gold concentrates produced at the Kainantu Gold Mine. The 2026 Offtake Agreement became effective commencing January 1, 2026 and will continue until the later of December 31, 2032 and delivery of a minimum quantity of 600,000 DMT of concentrate to Trafigura. The 2019 Offtake Agreement remained in effect until December 31, 2025. As at December 31, 2025, the Company delivered a total of 122,950 DMT of concentrate under the 2019 and 2026 Offtake Agreements.

## EMPLOYEES

Our business is administered principally from our head office in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. We also have a corporate office in Brisbane, Australia. As at the date of this AIF, we, including our subsidiaries, employ approximately 1,700 permanent employees, approximately 1,200 contractors, and approximately 250 casual workers. Over 90% of our employees are PNG nationals, of which 28% are from our local landowner communities.

Production at the Company's mining operations is dependent upon the efforts of the Company's employees and the Company's relations with the Company's employees.

## FOREIGN OPERATIONS

The Company's principal operations and assets are located in Papua New Guinea. The Company's operations are exposed to various levels of political, economic and other risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to government regulations (or changes to such regulations) with respect to production and restrictions on production, export controls, income and other taxes, expropriation of rights and property, repatriation of profits, the environment, land use, water use, local ownership requirements and land claims of local people, regional and national instability and mine and road safety. The effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted. See "*Risk Factors*".

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Company's operations are subject to extensive laws, regulations, and associated permits governing the protection of the environment, natural resources and human health. These requirements address, among other things, emissions into the air, discharges into water, management of waste, management of hazardous substances, protection of natural resources, cultural heritage, biodiversity, and reclamation of lands disturbed by mining operations, including requirements for closure. Violations of environmental, health and safety laws are subject to civil sanctions and, in some cases, criminal sanctions, including the suspension or revocation of permits. The failure to comply with environmental laws and regulations or liabilities could result in project development delays, material financial impacts or other material impacts to the Company's projects and activities, fines, penalties, lawsuits by the government or private parties, or material capital expenditures.

### *Environmental Permits*

The Company currently operates under a consolidated environmental permit issued by the PNG Conservation and Environmental Protection Authority ("**CEPA**"), which was issued in November 2023. This permit covers mining and associated activities related to its primary mining and mining-related leases, including the Stage 3 Expansion.

In the fourth quarter of 2025, the Company received a consolidated environmental permit from CEPA covering activities across its six ELs. The permit provides environmental authorization for exploration and drilling activities on all the Company's ELs for a further five-year period, through December 2030.

Throughout 2025, the Company advanced environmental permitting work related to its new Tailings Storage Facility ("**TSF**"). Environmental authorization is required from CEPA to construct and operate the new TSF, which requires the approval of an Environmental Impact Statement ("**EIS**"). In the fourth quarter of 2025, the Company awarded the primary contract for the Lead EIS consultant to complete the required work for submission to CEPA. The Company expects to submit the EIS to CEPA in the second half of 2026. Subject to approval from CEPA, new environmental authorizations will be included in a revised, consolidated permit covering the Company's existing mining and mining-related activities, in addition to the construction and operation of the new TSF.

## ***Environmental Management***

At K92, we are committed to conducting our operations in an environmentally responsible manner in line with our overall business strategy. To support this commitment, we have established an Environmental Management System (“**EMS**”) at our operations. Key elements of the EMS include:

- defined resources, roles, and responsibilities for environmental management;
- a risk assessment process to identify potential environmental hazards;
- environmental risk mitigation objectives and targets;
- training and awareness initiatives;
- standard operating procedures, including for emergency preparedness and response;
- audit and compliance programs; and
- a clear process for mitigation of non-conformance and corrective actions.

As part of our EMS, the Company operates a site-wide, government-approved Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (“**EMMP**”) covering key environmental risks and potential impacts, including sub-plans for water management, land management, mine closure, biodiversity, air quality, hazardous materials and waste, and environmental compliance. The EMMP is intended to help ensure environmental risks are adequately addressed while committing to environmental protection for all the Company’s activities. The EMMP is regularly updated to reflect new environmental authorizations issued by CEPA.

## ***Independent Environmental Audits/Reviews***

Environmental laws in Papua New Guinea require that the Company periodically perform audits and environmental impact studies at the Company’s mines. These studies could reveal environmental impacts that would require the Company to make significant capital outlays or cause material changes or delays in the Company’s intended activities.

In 2025, the Company voluntarily commissioned an annual, independent assessment of its environmental and social performance against the International Finance Corporation (“**IFC**”) Performance Standards, a key framework the Company is working to embed into its sustainability practices. An updated annual workplan is currently being updated to provide a roadmap for alignment with these standards.

## ***Reclamation and Closure Costs***

As at December 31, 2025, the Company’s total current reclamation liability associated with the Kainantu Mine totalled \$8.4 million (discounted). This amount is based on the estimate of the costs associated with the reclamation and closure procedures related to disturbances as at December 31, 2025 to meet constructive obligations and compliance with the PNG Government legislation. The majority of the reclamation expenditures are currently projected to begin in 2037. Details and quantification of the Company’s reclamation and closure cost obligations are set out in Note 9 of the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements for the year-ended December 31, 2025.

## **SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES**

K92 is committed to responsible mining and strives to ensure that it is following the highest legal and ethical standards. The Company’s reputation for acting responsibly plays a critical role in our success as a business.

These commitments are reflected in our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (“**Code of Conduct**”) which outlines our fundamental principles of legal, moral and ethical conduct. The Code applies to the Company’s directors, officers, employees, consultants and contractors (“**Personnel**”) who are regularly required to review the Code to confirm they understand their responsibilities and that they conform to its requirements. The Code of Conduct addresses K92’s expectations concerning its values and reputation, acting with honesty, respect, integrity, using information responsibly, fair dealing, compliance with laws and regulations and speaking up about deviations from the Code of Conduct.

Under our Whistleblower Policy, we maintain a confidential whistleblower mechanism to enable employees and other stakeholders to submit concerns related to violations of the Code, or fraudulent or unacceptable financial or non-financial behaviour, conduct or practices carried out by Personnel. The policy provides a formal yet simple procedure to facilitate the receipt, retention, review and resolution of complaints, denunciations, and warnings given by Personnel.

Our Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy provides a framework to ensure that the Company, together with its directors, officers, employees, consultants, and contractors, conducts its business honestly and ethically, reflecting the highest standards of integrity and in compliance with the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act (Canada) all relevant laws and regulations. The policy sets out our expectations for compliance with anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws in the jurisdictions in which we do business.

The Company maintains a Health and Safety Policy that outlines the Company’s commitment to health and safety management. This includes prioritizing a robust culture of safety and health underlying our business functions. Our policy is supported by standards manuals for operational safety, health and wellbeing.

In early 2026, K92 adopted an Environmental Policy, which outlines the Company’s commitments to responsible environmental management, and to summarize how these commitments will be implemented and administered by K92.

Also in early 2026, the Company adopted a Tailings Management Policy to summarize its commitments related to the safe and responsible management of tailings at its operations. This includes outlining the Company’s commitments related to internationally recognized standards.

K92 has adopted a Human Rights Policy that recognizes local and internationally recognized human rights standards, including those set out in the International Bill of Human Rights and the International Labour Organization (“**ILO**”). Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, which is in line with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The policy outlines the Company’s commitments to these principles in support of human rights, sets out the expectations of Personnel regarding the principles, and summarizes how the commitments will be implemented and administered by K92.

To help ensure responsible business practices throughout our supply chain, we maintain a Supplier Code of Conduct (“**Supplier Code**”), which establishes clear expectations for all suppliers to operate in alignment with our core values and commitment to socially responsible mining. The Supplier Code mandates compliance with applicable laws and regulations, robust health and safety protocols, environmental responsibility, ethical labor practices, and more. It applies to all suppliers conducting business with K92 and is included in our contractual agreements to reinforce accountability.

More information on the Company's commitment to protecting the environment from the impact of its activities and supporting its Personnel and communities in which it operates is available in the Company's most recent Sustainability Report. The Sustainability Report is not incorporated by reference in this AIF.

Copies of the Company's primary corporate policies and its annual Sustainability Reports are available on the Company's website at [www.K92mining.com](http://www.K92mining.com).

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT

K92 understands that local communities are important stakeholders in our business activities. We seek to understand and react appropriately to their interests. We believe that our mining project can provide significant economic benefits and social development opportunities for local communities that can endure well beyond the life of a project. K92 offers training programs and is committed to hiring locally. K92 also supports development initiatives that meet the needs and priorities of the local community with the objective of leaving a legacy of improved infrastructure, skills development and more sustainable communities.

### ***Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA")***

The Company, in consultation with the PNG Government, local landowners, and other key stakeholders, is working towards the finalization and signing of a revised MOA. The MOA provides a framework for the relationship between the Company, local communities, and government and sets out commitments from the various parties. In July 2020, the Company participated in a formal MOA meeting involving PNG representatives from the local landowners, the State, and the Provincial Government. The parties agreed in principle on a revised MOA that will require approval from the National Executive Council of the PNG Government. The original 2003 MOA will remain in place as mining operations and associated expansions continue, until the new draft MOA is formally approved. Engagement with government and regulatory stakeholders continued throughout 2025, to help expedite the signing of the new MOA.

### ***Community Programs***

The Company has been actively engaged in community programs aimed at improving the quality of life for local communities. The programs to support community development include diversity initiatives, freshwater systems, road maintenance, medical clinic funding, school refurbishment, adult literacy, agricultural livelihood and training, and support for small enterprises.

The Company is scaling its Adult Literacy Program in partnership with local communities. The program, that was initiated by the Company in late 2019, offers three levels of literacy in English and Tok Pisin, the local language in PNG, for those with limited or no literacy skills. Over 1,000 participants have graduated from the program to date. In recognition of the program, K92 was awarded the 2025 Outstanding Community Humanitarian Initiative award by the PNG Chamber of Resources and Energy ("**CORE**") at the PNG Investment Week conference in Sydney, Australia in December 2025. This is the fourth consecutive year that K92 received the primary community-related award from the PNG CORE.

The Company also continues to advance its flagship Sustainable Livelihood Agriculture Program. The program focuses on leveraging local agricultural potential that currently spans 10 farms across 66.5 hectares. The program benefits more than 200 farmers, approximately 75% of whom are women.

### ***PNG Infrastructure Tax Credit Scheme***

The Company is now participating in the Infrastructure Tax Credit Scheme (“ITCS”) of the PNG Government, through which up to 2% of the Company’s assessable income can be allocated by the Company for spending on approved PNG community projects, including local infrastructure, health programs, and educational initiatives, and deducted from future corporate tax payable.

The first project for implementation was formally approved by the PNG Department of National Planning in 2023 for local road upgrades. Construction work commenced in 2024. The Company has allocated \$6.6 million for the project, which includes \$0.5 million for administrative-related costs. Planning is ongoing with local stakeholders to define future projects based on local development needs.

### ***Local Business Opportunities***

The Company has created multiple business opportunities for communities to benefit from the operation of the mine. These include several major joint venture contracts between the communities and PNG companies for the provision of services as well as smaller contracts with local communities. The major contracts include catering and camp management, security, road transportation and ancillary mobile. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2025, these contracts generated \$33.1 million in revenue, supporting local communities.

### ***Scholarships***

The Company supports education and skills development of the mining industry in PNG through a variety of programs and initiatives. The Company has established the K92 Mining Tertiary Scholarship Program that included six tertiary scholarships for 2025 to support local students in the fields of mineral processing, mine engineering, geology, and agriculture. A total of 68 scholarships were awarded by the Company in 2025, including community bursaries.

In addition, the Company has signed multiple memoranda of understanding with universities in PNG to support areas of mutual benefit. These partnerships include financial support for the universities, work experience for students and undergraduates, technical cooperation, and project generation.

The Company is advancing work related to the establishment of the Kainantu Endowment, which was founded by K92 Mining Ltd. in 2023 to provide scholarships for the advancement of Papua New Guinean students enrolled in post- and undergraduate studies at a university in PNG. The Kainantu Endowment was established pursuant to a deed with an independent trustee and advisory board, and received its income tax exemption status, including a donation deductibility, as a charitable body in PNG in 2024.

### ***Canada’s “Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act”***

In May 2025, the Company published its second annual report required under the Canadian *Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act* (the “Act”). The Act obliges certain entities to report on the measures they have taken to prevent and reduce the risk that forced labour or child labour are used by them or in their supply chains.

In line with the ILO Convention 29 on Forced Labour and ILO Convention 138 on Minimum Age, the Company prohibits the use of child, forced or bonded labour. No person under the age of eighteen years is permitted to be employed by any Personnel associated with K92.

## SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL IMPACTS

The Company has in place a **Sustainability Committee** of the Board to assist the Board in overseeing the Company's environmental and sustainability policies, programs, and performance. The Sustainability Committee supports the Company's commitment to conduct operations with environmentally sound, socially responsible and sustainable business practices. In addition, the Board's **Health and Safety Committee** provides oversight of the Company's health and safety practices and policies.

### **Sustainability Reporting**

The Company's non-financial, sustainability disclosures (including climate-related disclosures) are disclosed annually. In May 2025, the Company released its sixth annual Sustainability Report (the "**2024 Sustainability Report**"), which was prepared in alignment with the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board ("**SASB**") Metals and Mining Sustainability Accounting Standard. Climate-related disclosures were guided by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ("**TCFD**") framework. The 2024 Sustainability Report is not incorporated by reference in this AIF. Refer to the Company's website at [www.K92mining.com](http://www.K92mining.com) for a copy of the 2024 Sustainability Report. The Company is monitoring regulatory developments of the Canadian Sustainability Disclosure Standards ("**CSDS**") related to general sustainability and climate disclosures.

### **Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Targets**

The Company is advancing its climate strategy in support of its energy and GHG emissions reduction target that was set in June 2023. After completing detailed energy and GHG forecasts for its Stage 3 Expansion and Stage 4 Expansion, and identifying opportunities for energy reductions, the Company set a target to reduce Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by 25% on a business-as-usual basis by 2030 (a 25% reduction against forecast Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by 2030 assuming no mitigation measures are implemented to reduce carbon emissions).

A core component of the Company's climate strategy is to enhance the Company's access to local hydroelectricity, which is being advanced through partnerships with the local electricity provider, PNG Power Ltd. A significant amount of power for the Kainantu Mine operation is sourced from hydroelectricity, a cleaner, renewable power source. A dedicated 22kV powerline was installed at the mine site to increase the reliability of clean hydroelectric power from the grid and reduce the use of backup diesel gensets. Additional power upgrades to increase our renewable energy profile are planned as part of growth and Stage 4 Expansion projects. This includes the potential construction of a solar farm adjacent to the mine site to provide a renewable, clean power source to the operation. In late-2025, the Company initiated preliminary engineering and design work related to the development of the solar farm. Additional information on the GHG target and the overall approach to sustainability is available in the Company's 2024 Sustainability Report.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

At K92, the health and safety of our employees, contractors and local communities is our number one priority. Safety Always is one of our core values that define how we operate as a Company. This is further reflected in our operation's safety motto – Safety Starts with Me. K92 maintains a Health and Safety Policy that outlines the Company's commitments to robust health and safety management. The policy is available on the Company's public website.

The Company implemented a health and safety management system that conforms to the criteria of the International Standards Organization (ISO) 45001 standard, as confirmed by independent safety audits. As part of the system, we maintain a Health and Safety Policy, which outlines our commitment to build a strong, supportive and compliant health and safety culture across the Company. This includes our commitment to use our systems to develop robust internal standards and provide training, equipment and tools for our people to work safely.

The Health and Safety Committee maintains Board-level oversight of health and safety management across the Company. This includes monitoring and reviewing health and safety performance, and recommending policies and management systems with respect to health and safety and related matters affecting the Company. The committee meets at least four times a year, with the President and COO in attendance.

K92's safety practices are guided by a "Hierarchy of Controls", which help prevent and mitigate hazards across the operations. Key elements of this framework include:

- Elimination of the hazard completely.
- Substitution of the hazard for something less hazardous.
- Engineering control – creation of a physical barrier to the hazard.
- Administrative control – implementation of procedures, policies, rules and training.
- Use of personal protective equipment (PPE) as a last line of defence to create a barrier to the hazard.

The Company has also established a formal health and safety risk assessment process, which is based on the following multi-level approach:

- 3W analysis ("Who, What, Where").
- Job safety environmental analysis.
- Formal risk assessment through "Probabilistic Risk Assessment".

The Company has a three-year Health, Safety, and Security strategic plan. The overall purpose of the plan is to maintain a safe, secure and productive working environment for employees and contractors, which is to be achieved through:

- Effective risk management.
- Tailored training programs to meet management expectations.
- Health, Safety, and Security procedures that are simple, understood and embedded across operations.
- Legal compliance tracking and management.
- Understanding and control of occupational exposures.

- Lifestyle campaigns to promote healthy living.
- Medical facilities and capability for access to quality health care.
- Effective emergency response capability, including emergency preparedness and response plans.
- Regular independent audits of operational safety management systems.

In 2025, K92 completed the entire year with zero lost-time injuries, marking 918 days without a lost-time incident at our operations. As at December 31, 2025, the Company's lost-time injury frequency rate (LTIFR) was zero and our total recordable injury frequency rate (TRIFR) was 0.62. Both rates are calculated per 1,000,000 hours worked and include both employees and contractors

## INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND CYBERSECURITY

The Company relies, in part, on the accessibility, capability, dependability, and protection of its information technology ("IT") infrastructure, including technological and artificial intelligence ("AI"). This includes its capacity to expand and modernize the infrastructure to conduct daily operations, as required. The Company utilizes a combination of internal IT assets and third-party vendors for continual IT assistance, management, and system maintenance, including in Canada, Australia, and Papua New Guinea.

As part of its mandate, the Audit Committee of the Board is responsible for board-level oversight of our cybersecurity and IT management and risk issues. The Audit Committee, which is composed of three independent directors, is chaired by Saurabh Handa, who is considered to have advanced IT expertise. The Company's CFO is primarily responsible for IT management at the management level and reports on IT and cybersecurity matters to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis.

The Company has adopted a formal Cybersecurity Policy that establishes governance, oversight, and accountability for the management of cybersecurity risks throughout its operations. The policy applies to all employees, contractors, and consultants and is overseen by the Board, with executive responsibility assigned to the CFO. It provides a structured framework for identifying, managing, and responding to cybersecurity incidents, including defined escalation pathways to senior management and the Board, and supports continuous monitoring through managed security operations and an incident detection function. The policy also emphasizes compliance with applicable cybersecurity laws in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates, and the protection of confidential and personal information.

The Company regularly performs scheduled maintenance, updates, and replacements of networks, equipment, IT systems, and software. This includes proactive measures and redundancies to minimize the impact of any potential failures. Furthermore, the Company employs a range of tools to protect its IT systems and information, including, but not limited to, endpoint protection systems, firewalls, password protocols that include multi-factor authentication for remote access, endpoint protection systems, and email threat-prevention solutions.

The Company provides ongoing cybersecurity and IT training to its employees. At the corporate level, annual training is provided through a Canadian, external IT service provider. Online compliance training software that is procured from a third-party company based in Australia is

used for providing training of the Company's operations staff and employees. Regular phishing tests are also routinely conducted by the Company.

To date, the Company has not experienced any known losses related to cyber attacks or other information/data security breaches, including in relation to third-party breaches. See "Risk Factors" for more information related to IT and cybersecurity risks that may impact the Company.



## MATERIAL PROPERTIES

The Company currently has two material properties, the Kainantu Project and the Blue Lake Porphyry Project, both located in Papua New Guinea.



### KAINANTU PROJECT

The Kainantu Mine, located in the Eastern Highlands province of Papua New Guinea, is a high-grade, low-cost underground mine located in a region known for Tier 1 deposits. The Company declared commercial production from Kainantu in February 2018 and has continued expanding its production and mineral resources since then. Mining activities are conducted under Mining Lease 150 that has been approved until June 13, 2034,

Commissioning and performance testing of the new Stage 3 Expansion Process Plant was completed in December 2025. The plant has performed well, with recoveries exceeding design parameters and daily throughput records of 3,822 tonnes and 3,794 tonnes. Commercial production was declared for the new process plant effective January 1, 2026.

The project is now advancing the Stage 3 Expansion to a run-rate of 1.2 mtpa, with plans to escalate to the Stage 4 Expansion production run-rate of 1.8 mtpa for 414,000 oz of gold equivalent per year. Annual production on completion of the Stage 3 Expansion is expected to be 303,000 oz AuEq. The Stage 3 Expansion involves on-site treatment of ore by a new standalone process plant utilizing single stage crushing, SAG and ball milling, along with gravity and flotation recovery. Under the Stage 4 Expansion, low-capex upgrades would be made to the Stage 3 Plant, with the Stage 2A Plant remaining available to support the next phase of expansion.

A new twin incline development has been completed and will provide the major mine access infrastructure for increased production capability required for the Stage 3 Expansion and Stage 4 Expansion and potentially beyond to further expansions. Drilling to support potential further expansions is underway with eleven to thirteen drill rigs on site.

The most recent technical report for the Kainantu Project is the Updated DFS Technical Report, dated March 21, 2025, with an effective date of January 1, 2024, and can be found on the Company's website at [www.k92mining.com](http://www.k92mining.com) and the under the Company's profile at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

The most recent mineral resource estimate for the Kora and Judd deposit was announced in December 2023. The resource estimate, with an effective date of September 12, 2023, was based on surface and underground exploration diamond drilling and underground face sampling. Using a cut-off of 3 g/t AuEq, the resource estimate reported a combined Kora and Judd measured and indicated resource of 2.6 million ounces at 10.00 g/t AuEq (7.83 g/t Au, 20.5 g/t Ag, 1.18 g/t Cu), and a combined Kora and Judd inferred resource of 4.5 million ounces at 8.48 g/t AuEq (5.69 g/t Au, 27.0 g/t Ag, 1.50 g/t Cu). For further details, refer to the Company's news release dated December 5, 2023 or the Updated DFS Technical Report.

The following disclosure relating to the Kainantu Project is the summary excerpt from the Updated DFS Technical Report. The entire Updated DFS Technical Report is incorporated by reference into this AIF, and readers are encouraged to review the complete text of the technical report. A full list of references cited in the below summary is included in the Updated DFS Technical Report.

## 2024 KAINANTU PROJECT UPDATED DFS TECHNICAL REPORT SUMMARY

The following summary, that begins on page 37 and ends on page 60, does not purport to be a complete summary of the Kainantu Project. The Updated DFS Technical Report is intended to be read as a whole, and sections should not be read or relied upon out of context. The Updated DFS Technical Report contains the expression of the professional opinions of the Qualified Persons (as defined under NI 43-101) who prepared the Updated DFS Technical Report based upon information available at the time of preparation of the report. The following disclosure, which is derived from the DFS Technical Report, is subject to the assumptions, qualifications and disclosures contained in the Updated DFS Technical Report. The following summary has been reviewed by Andrew Kohler BAppSc (Geol), PGCert (Geostatistics), MAIG, the Company's Mine Geology and Mine Exploration Manager and a Qualified Persons (as defined under NI 43-101).

### 1.0 Executive Summary

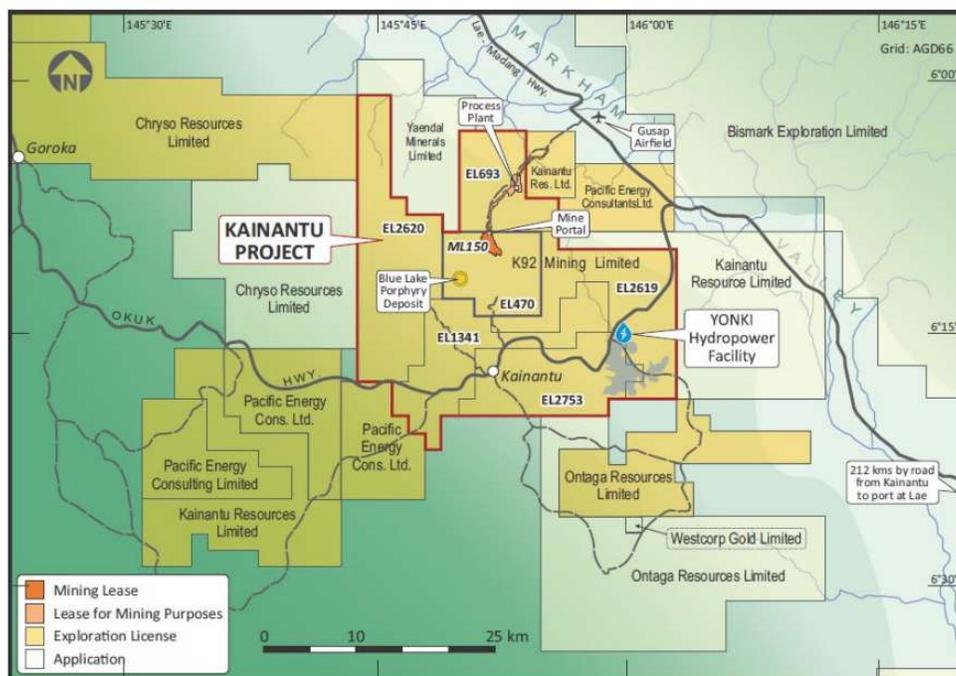
#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

This report is an Independent Technical Report dated 1 January 2024 of the Updated Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) for K92 Mining Inc.'s Kainantu Gold Mine Project (the "**Kainantu Project**") in Papua New Guinea.

The Updated DFS was prepared by K92PNG; Entech Pty Ltd of Perth, Australia ("**Entech**"); ATC Williams Pty Ltd of Brisbane, Australia ("**ATC Williams**"); WSP Engineering Ltd of Ontario, Canada; Metallurgical Management Services Pty Ltd of Perth, Australia ("**MMS**"); GR Engineering Services Ltd of Brisbane, Australia ("**GRES**"); EMM Consulting of Brisbane, Australia; and H & S Consultants Pty Ltd of Sydney, Australia ("**H&SC**").

The Kainantu property covers a total area of 836.8 km<sup>2</sup> and is in the Eastern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea, approximately 180 km west-northwest of Lae. Figure 1-1 shows the Kainantu Project Location and Tenements.

The Property lies within an area of mostly rugged topography, with transecting rivers forming lower lying areas. Elevations range from 400 m to 3,130 m above sea level. The processing plant infrastructure and the majority of the surface support infrastructure is located in flat lying topography, within the Markham Valley. Vegetation is mostly primary rainforest with areas of shifting cultivation in valley floors.



*Figure 1-1 Kainantu Project Location and Tenements*

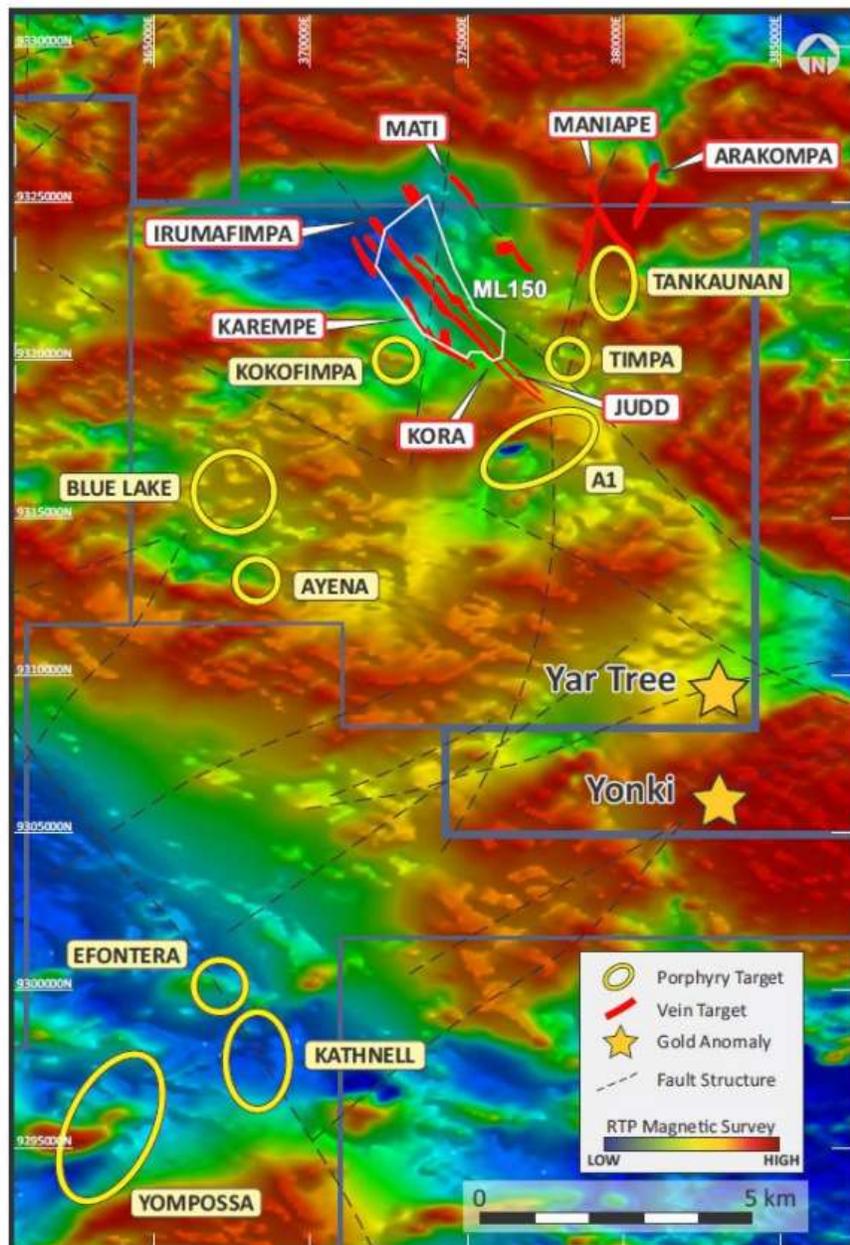
## 1.2 GEOLOGICAL SETTING AND MINERALIZATION

The Kainantu region is in the north-eastern flank of the northwest trending Papuan Mobile Belt which is a major foreland thrust belt. The regional structural package of the Kainantu district is bounded in the northeast by the northwest trending Ramu-Markham Fault, a major suture zone that marks the northern margin of the Australian craton, and in the southeast by the Aure Deformation Zone. The belt is characterized by several north-northeast trending fault zones that commonly host major ore deposits.

The dominant host rock of the Kora - Judd - Irumafimpa vein systems (Kora was previously termed Kora Consolidated and made up of Kora, Kora North and Eutompi in earlier documents) is the highly sheared and deformed Bena Bena Formation, composed of low grade metamorphosed phyllites and amphibolites, intruded by Elandora type dacitic intrusives, marginal to the vein system.

Mineralization on the property includes gold, silver and copper in epithermal gold-telluride veins (Irumafimpa), gold, copper and silver sulphide veins of Intrusion Related Gold Copper (“IRGC”) affinity (Kora and Judd) and also, less explored porphyry copper-gold systems (Blue Lake), and alluvial gold. The Kora vein systems have been demonstrated from K92PNG’s drilling and surface mapping results to be a continuous mineralized structure. This mineralized structure occurs in the centre of a large, mineralized complex approximately 5 km x 5 km, in which drilling has identified several individual zones of IRGC and porphyry style mineralization.

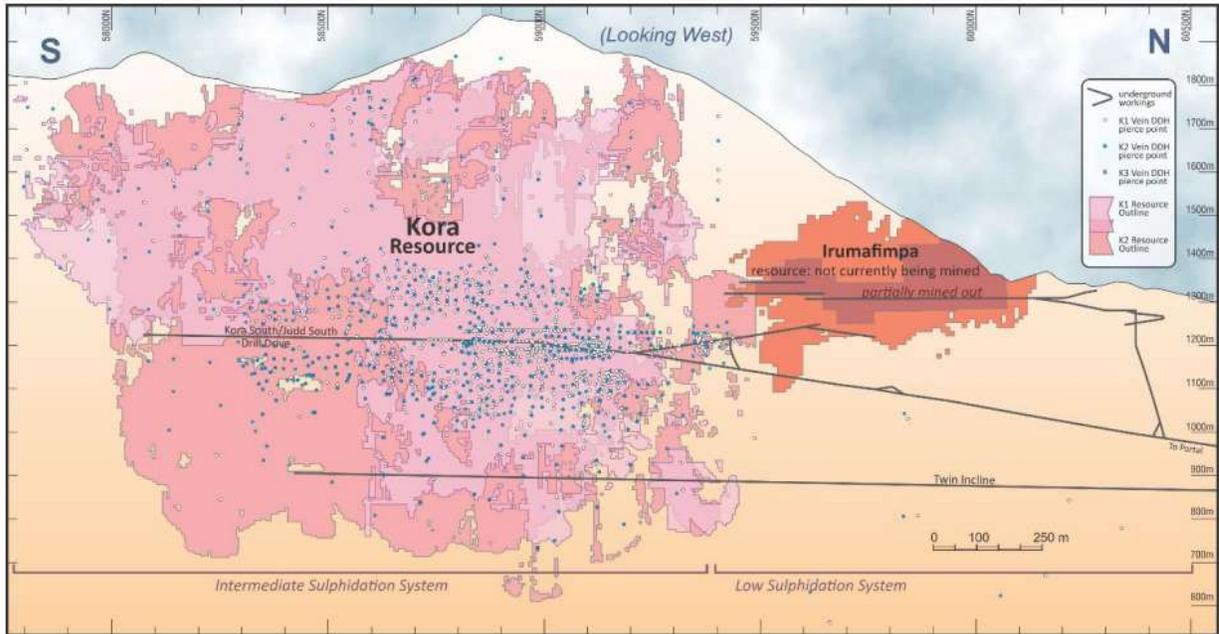
The current Mineral Resources for Kora and Irumafimpa occupy a broad northwest trending mineralized zone more than 2.5 km long and approximately 60 to 80 m wide with down dip continuity of over 1,000 m. The Kora mineralized zone comprises a series of individual veins and stringer vein systems named from west to east, as K2, Kora Link and K1. The parallel Judd vein system, which is located 90 to 150 m east of Kora, also comprises multiple veins, from J1W and J1 in the west to J3 in the east, although the J1W and J3 veins are yet to be thoroughly defined by drilling. The total width across the Judd vein system from J1W to J3 is between 60 to 80 m. All of the vein lodes are composed of quartz-sulphide veins that vary in width throughout the vein packages from < 1 m pinch and swell structures at Irumafimpa to veins up to 10 m wide at Kora. Figure 1-2 below shows the main vein systems and porphyry targets identified to date at the Kainantu Project.



Source: K92ML (2024)

**Figure 1-2 Kainantu Property Geology and Known Vein and Porphyry Deposits and Prospects**

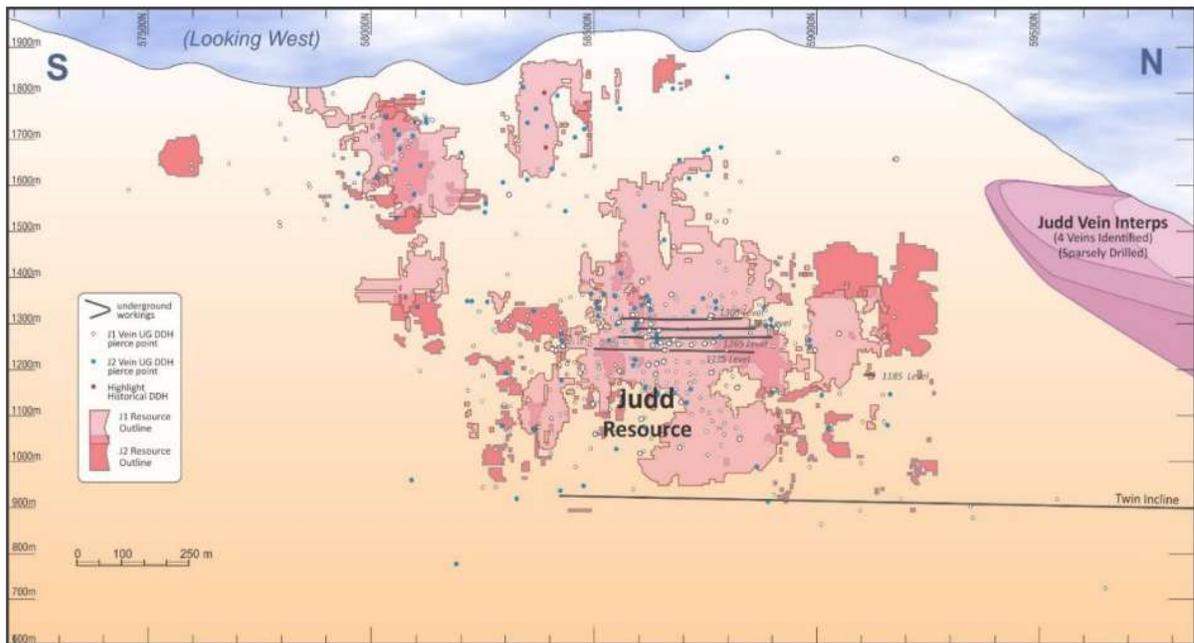
At Kora and to the northwest along strike at Irumafimpa, two stages of mineralization have been recognized in the same northwest-trending sub-vertical structure. There is an early copper sulphide dominant stage of mostly chalcopyrite overprinted by a later, quartz, pyrite dominant stage of mineralization including high grade gold associated with tellurides. The tellurides at Kora are minor and do not hamper processing, the gold and copper mineralization is significant and generates a significant revenue for the mine. The Kora deposit currently comprises two parallel, steeply west dipping, north south striking quartz-sulphide vein systems, K1 and K2. An additional structure, the Kora Link, has also been defined and provides a possible link between the two main vein systems. Drilling has confirmed that the overall system has a vertical extent greater than 1,000 m (Figure 1-3).



Source: K92ML (2024)

**Figure 1-3 Kora and Irumafimpa Longitudinal Section**

The Judd vein system has been defined by drilling and the mineralization style is similar to Kora. J1 and J2 are displayed in Figure 1-4, note the Judd Vein interpretations to the north in the long section are the geologist interpretation based on sparse data.



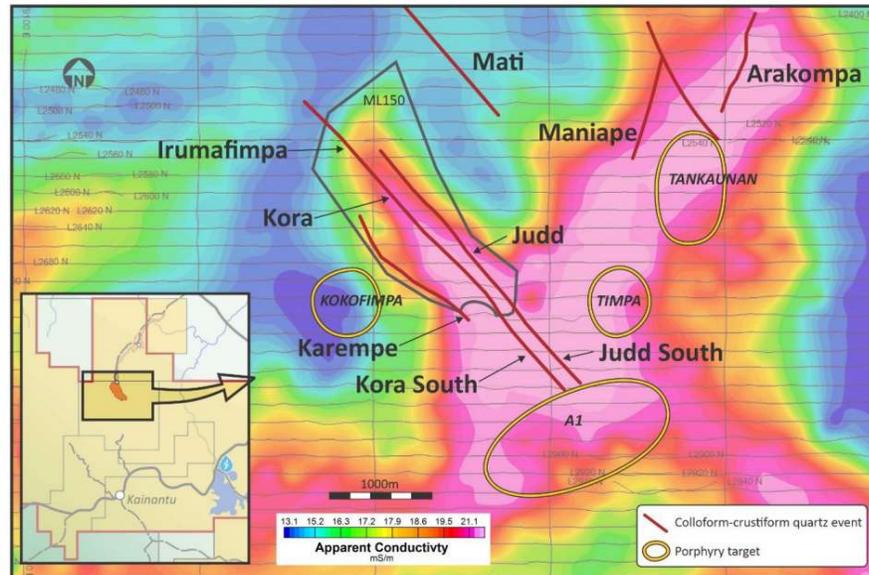
Source: K92ML (2024)

**Figure 1-4 Judd Longitudinal Section**

### 1.3 EXPLORATION

The Kainantu Project is recognised as an important mineral district, owing to the presence of multiple economic vein deposits, as well as additional veins and porphyry prospects, at various stages of exploration. K92PNG has a very substantial land package of exploration tenement totalling 836 km<sup>2</sup>.

An airborne geophysical (Magnetotellurics or MobileMT) survey was completed in 2021 over the entire area of K92PNG's tenements shown in Figure 1-5. Numerous conductive targets were identified; and, where previously drill tested, conform closely with known deposits and prospects, both vein and porphyry occurrences.



Source: K92ML (2021)

*Figure 1-5 Judd, Kora and Irumafimpa Vein Systems with Mobile MT Contours*

### 1.4 MINERALS PROCESSING AND METALLURGICAL TESTING

#### 1.4.1 Process Plant

The 2021 testwork evaluated samples from K92PNG plant operations, taken during separate campaigns on K1, K2, and Judd ores. Ore for these campaigns was supplied from a combination of mining and development activities. Additional testwork was performed on a series of variability samples from exploration drilling. This report gives a brief review of the testwork results, focussing on important aspects of the treatment response of K92PNG ores.

Reference should be made to the technical report dated October 26, 2022, and titled, “Independent Technical Report, Kainantu Gold Mine Integrated Development Plan, Kainantu Project, Papua New Guinea” (“**2022 Technical Report**”) for comprehensive details and interpretation of the testwork results. This document is available under the K92 profile at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

For the 2022 Technical Report, plant performance data from the period January 2021 to March 2022 was used in conjunction with the testwork results to predict future plant performance. This current report considers plant performance over the period from January 2018 to June 2024 for the performance prediction. This longer interval covers changes and additions to the processing plant flowsheet during the Stage 2 (400k tpa) and 2A (500k tpa) expansions and their effect on performance and throughput capability.

### 1.4.2 Paste Plant

For the paste system design a range of processes, rheology and geomechanical tests were completed on Kainantu tailings. This testwork campaign comprised:

- Characterization testing, including:
  - Tailings mineralogy, particle size distribution, and specific gravity;
  - Process water chemical analysis - Water Quality Analysis (WQA) testing;
  - Proctor and Transportable Moisture Limit Testing;
  - Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) testing;
- Filter cake bin storage and mass flow characterization;
  - Filter cake bulk density.
  - Filtration testing, including:
- Cloth disc vacuum filtration testing;
  - Pressure Filtration testing using a bench-scale unit with different filter cloths and chamber thicknesses.
- Rheology testing including:
  - Bench scale yield vane rheometer testing;
  - Bench scale viscosity bob and cup rheometer testing;
  - Laboratory scale flow loop testing;
  - Water retention testing at different solid consistencies on uncemented paste material;
- Cemented strength testing include only unconfined compressive strength testing.

Paste mix designs included in this work considered the influence of binder type, binder quantity, solid consistencies, water sources, and curing times.

Results from this testwork were used for the purpose of selecting the optimal paste system arrangement as well as supporting the design of all relevant components.

## 1.5 MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATES

The new Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) for the Kora and Judd deposits are reported in Table 1-1 for a 3 g/t gold equivalent cut off respectively. The 3 g/t AuEq cut off was supplied by K92PNG and is based on mine design studies incorporating previous mining. The constraints for the K1 and Kora Link MRE are for an uncut gold grade for block centroids inside the K1 and Kora Link mineral wireframes with mined depletion removed. The constraints for the K2 MRE are a cut gold grade (to 1,000 g/t AuEq) for block centroids inside the K2 mineral wireframe with mined depletion removed. The MRE for the Judd lodes are reported using block centroids inside the relevant lode wireframes but with a cut gold grade to the data of 400 g/t AuEq.

The Mineral Resources reported in this section have been classified under the 2014 CIM Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves prepared by the CIM Standing Committee on Reserve Definitions.

The effective date of the MRE for the Kora and Judd lodes is the 12th of September 2023, which was the date that the latest database was received by H&SC.

The updated MRE for the Kora and Judd Lode systems are based on samples from diamond drillholes (surface and underground) and face sampling of development drives.

Mineral wireframes for the different lodes were interpreted from a combination of drillhole geology and assay grades. The narrow sub-vertical vein systems had a nominal minimum mining width of 5.2 m. 1 m sample composites were extracted from the drillhole database using the wireframes and subsequently modelled using Ordinary Kriging. Gold, copper and silver were modelled along with density. Minimal top cuts to the gold data were required. Classification of the Mineral Resources is primarily based on the drillhole/data point distribution in consideration of other factors e.g. the geological model, QAQC data, variography, sample recovery and density data. The resulting resource models reconciled well with production.

K92PNG requested reporting of a gold equivalent g/t (AuEq) to include copper and silver credits using the formula:

$$\text{AuEq} = \text{Au g/t} + (\text{Cu \%} * 1.6481) + (\text{Ag g/t} * 0.0114)$$

Assumptions include:

- Gold prices of USD \$1,700/oz; Silver USD \$22.5/oz; Copper USD \$4.0/lb.
- Recoveries relative to gold of 93% for copper and 80% for silver.

A gold equivalent grade of 3 g/t AuEq was used to report the Mineral Resources as block centroids from within the relevant mineral wireframes.

*Table 1-1 Mineral Resources for the Kora & Judd Deposits (Effective Date 12 September 2023)*

	Tonnes	Gold		Silver		Copper		AuEq	
	Mt	g/t	Moz	g/t	Moz	%	kt	g/t	Moz
<b>Kora</b>									
Measured	3.7	8.74	1.0	20.5	2.5	1.21	45.0	10.96	1.3
Indicated	3.1	6.99	0.7	21.9	2.2	1.31	41.3	9.40	1.0
Total M&I	6.9	7.94	1.8	21.1	4.7	1.25	86.2	10.24	2.3
Inferred	14.3	5.60	2.6	28.7	13.2	1.62	231.2	8.60	3.9
<b>Judd</b>									
Measured	0.4	9.05	0.12	19.0	0.25	0.80	3.2	10.58	0.14
Indicated	0.8	6.37	0.17	15.6	0.42	0.73	6.2	7.76	0.21
Total M&I	1.2	7.24	0.29	16.7	0.67	0.75	9.4	8.68	0.35
Inferred	2.3	6.27	0.45	15.8	1.15	0.76	17.2	7.72	0.56
<b>Kora and Judd</b>									
Measured	4.1	8.77	1.2	20.4	2.7	1.17	48.2	10.92	1.5
Indicated	4.0	6.86	0.9	20.6	2.6	1.19	47.4	9.05	1.2
Total M&I	8.1	7.83	2.0	20.5	5.3	1.18	95.6	10.00	2.6
Inferred	16.5	5.69	3.0	27.0	14.3	1.50	248.3	8.48	4.5

The key to the confidence of the resource estimates is the apparent good reconciliation of the block model with the mill feed in an area of very high gold grades. This would strongly support the methodologies used for the resource modelling, in particular the geological interpretation, the composite interval, the variography, the top cutting practices, the search parameters and the relatively small block size.

## 1.6 MINERAL RESERVE ESTIMATES

The Mineral Reserve estimate outlined in the Updated DFS was prepared by Daniel Donald FAusIMM MSME of Entech, in accordance with the classification criteria set out in the 2014 CIM Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves. Daniel Donald is an independent consultant of the Company and is a Qualified Person defined by NI 43-101.

The total Mineral Reserve for the Kainantu Project is shown in Table 1-2. The Mineral Reserve estimate is based on the Global Kora and Judd Mineral Resource estimate (12 September 2023 effective date - refer to Table 1-3), net of post-resource mining depletion from 12 September 2023 to 31 December 2023, of 183,768 tonnes at 8.1 g/t Au, 0.9% Cu and 15 g/t Ag.

*Table 1-2 Kainantu Mineral Reserve Statement (Effective Date 1 January 2024)*

	Tonnes	Gold		Silver		Copper		AuEq	
	Mt	g/t	Moz	g/t	Moz	%	kt	g/t	Moz
<b>Kora</b>									
Proven	2.95	7.41	0.70	19.48	1.85	1.06	31.31	9.39	0.89
Probable	2.52	5.65	0.46	19.23	1.56	1.03	25.89	7.58	0.61
<b>Total P&amp;P</b>	<b>5.47</b>	<b>6.60</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>19.37</b>	<b>3.41</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>57.20</b>	<b>8.55</b>	<b>1.50</b>
<b>Judd</b>									
Proven	0.24	8.26	0.06	16.53	0.13	0.56	1.33	9.40	0.07
Probable	0.47	6.48	0.10	13.15	0.20	0.52	2.45	7.50	0.11
<b>Total P&amp;P</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>7.08</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>14.28</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>3.79</b>	<b>8.14</b>	<b>0.18</b>
<b>Kora and Judd</b>									
Proven	3.19	7.47	0.77	19.27	1.98	1.02	32.64	9.39	0.96
Probable	2.99	5.78	0.56	18.28	1.75	0.95	28.34	7.57	0.73
<b>Total P&amp;P</b>	<b>6.18</b>	<b>6.66</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>18.79</b>	<b>3.73</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>60.98</b>	<b>8.51</b>	<b>1.69</b>

This estimate is based on underground mine design work undertaken by Entech Pty Ltd. The estimate includes modifications to account for un-mineable material, dilution, and inferred metal within the mining shapes (any contained inferred material was set to waste grade). The following are the key assumptions for the reserve estimate:

- The long-term metal prices used for calculating the financial analysis are USD \$1,900/oz gold, USD \$4.50/lb Copper, USD \$25/oz Silver.
- Gold Equivalents are calculated as  $AuEq = Au \text{ g/t} + Cu \% * 1.62404 + Ag \text{ g/t} * 0.01316$ , based on commodity pricing. Metal payabilities and recoveries are not incorporated into this formula.
- A minimum mining width of 3.0 m has been applied for stoping, inclusive of a 1.0 m dilution skin at contained Mineral Resource grade.
- In addition to the 1.0 m dilution skin, dilution of 5% has been added for Avoca mined stopes and 2.5% for long hole stoping with paste fill. Where a stope is within 5.0 m proximity of the HW or FW of the fault gouge, an additional 1.0m of dilution was added at a grade averaging 1.42 g/t AuEq. This results in a total average dilution of 27.8%.

- Mining recoveries of 90% have been applied to Avoca mined stopes, and 95% for long hole stoping with paste fill.
- A cut-off grade of 3.5 g/t AuEq was used to define stoping blocks. Stope shapes with uneconomic development were excluded. The cut-off grade takes into account site operating costs, general and administrative (“**G&A**”) costs, sustaining capital costs and relevant processing and revenue inputs.
- Measured Mineral Resources were used to report Proven Mineral Reserves.
- Indicated Mineral Resources were used to report Probable Mineral Reserves. No Measured Mineral Resources were used to report Probable Mineral Reserves.
- Tonnage and grade estimates include dilution and recovery allowance.
- The Mineral Reserves reported are not added to Mineral Resources.

The mine plan assumes mining of Mineral Reserve material only and was shown to be economically viable with a reasonable degree of margin to buffer against unfavourable input movements. It should, however, be noted that sufficient negative movements in the assumed gold prices and/or exchange rates, metallurgical recoveries and/or costs could potentially render portions or the whole of the Mineral Reserves mine plan uneconomic.

## 1.7 MINING METHODS

### 1.7.1 Introduction

The underground mine has been operated by K92PNG since October 2016 and has a current processing throughput of 600,000 tpa as per the “**Stage 2A Expansion**”. The Updated DFS targets an expansion to a peak processing rate of 1,200,000 tpa with a 7-year mine life. The Updated DFS assumes a start date of the life of mine schedule of 1 January 2024.

### 1.7.2 Geotechnical

Overall stability of the Kora stoping panels is largely controlled by the proximity of the K1 hangingwall and K2 footwall to the Fault Gouge Zone (FGZ). Rock mass conditions in terms of Q rating ranged significantly from ‘Extremely Poor’ up to ‘Extremely Good’. These worst and best cases are considered rarer occurrences being spatially limited and linked to lithology contacts and/or fault / shear zones, with the ground deteriorating with increased proximity to the FGZ. On average both the Kora and Judd orebodies can be classed as good ground.

The FGZ is often situated between the K1 and K2 veins. Where it is proximal or intersecting, there is the possibility of slabbing, sliding and unravelling failure types accruing along structure planes and the FGZ. To control this, restricting stope spans, avoidance of undercutting of the FGZ or within a critical standoff distance of the FGZ, along with drill and blast practices is required to minimize stoping performance issues. This is the current practice and is expected to be improved upon with pastefill.

### 1.7.3 Mining Method Selection

The mining method selection process resulted in Avoca and modified Avoca being selected for mining prior to commissioning of the paste fill plant in Q3 2025, and longhole stoping with pastefill for the remainder of the mine life. An economic comparison was done in 2022 on extending the Avoca and modified Avoca mining methods for the full life of mine schedule instead of transitioning to longhole stoping with paste fill and confirmed that longhole stoping with pastefill provided superior project economics.

### 1.7.4 Mine Design and Physicals

On completion of the trade-off studies in 2022, Entech were provided with the 2022 DFS geological model. Stope optimisations were completed to compare to the trade-off studies and validate the selected Avoca, and LHS with paste fill mining methods. The stope optimisation results aligned with the findings of the trade-off studies and K92PNG confirmed selection of the Avoca/Modified Avoca and LHS with paste fill mining methods for design and scheduling of the DFS.

A new DFS geological model completed in September 2023 was provided for this update of the DFS mine plan - it includes Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources.

A provisional cut-off grade was estimated based on costs derived from both the 2022 DFS and PEA studies along with updated inputs provided by K92. This information was then used in the trade-off study to generate the lower bound of 2.5 g/t AuEq for the DFS stope optimisations. To assess the appropriate final cut-off grade to use in design and scheduling, it was agreed to produce stope optimisations on a range of cut-off grades to conduct further analysis and compare results.

K92PNG selected the 3.5 g/t AuEq stope optimisations to carry forward for the final mine design and DFS LOM scheduling. This selection was supported by the NPV analysis, cut-off grade estimates, and the trade-off study results as well as aligning with K92's objectives for inventory size and grade.

The mine is planned to produce at a rate of 1,200,000 t per annum (1.2M tpa). The mine life is 7 years with a 3-year production ramp up (inclusive of 2024), sustained production of 1.2M tpa for 3 years, and final year production of 0.3M tpa.

### 1.7.5 Ventilation

The Updated DFS plan to ventilate K92PNG underground sees fresh air entering the mine through four portals in the side of the mountain hosting the Kora deposit, with air exhausting out a large single exhaust air drive that is currently being developed. The original Puma portal will be repurposed as an intake, which is currently the main exhaust for the existing workings.

Production haulage is confined to two horizontal side-mountain drifts, with development haulage using the Kora and internal inclines. Fresh air enters all portals and converges at the mid-point, where production is currently occurring along the Kora Incline. From here a spiral incline continues to the top of the deposit. Exhausting air links all production zones to the newly developed 6.0mW x 6.0mH Puma return air drive that daylight near the old workings in the remnant area.

Using the peak flow rate from the LOM model of 673 m<sup>3</sup>/s to ensure possible future requirements can be met, Entech recommends that multiple primary fans in parallel are used to meet these duties. This means that the wide range in the performance envelope can be met when fan speed controls alone cannot satisfy, i.e. switching fans on and off between ventilation milestones. The peak flow rate for the DFS model is 499 m<sup>3</sup>/s.

### 1.7.6 Mining Fleet and Personnel

#### Mining Fleet

Assumptions for mine equipment requirements have been derived by K92PNG based on actual site productivities and first principles' calculations. The listed equipment types have been reviewed by Entech and are appropriate for the mine design and schedule developed by Entech.

This represents the equipment necessary to perform the following duties:

- Excavate the lateral and decline development in both ore and waste.
- Install all ground support including rock bolting and surface support.
- Maintain the underground road surfaces.
- Drill, charge and bog (including remote loading) all stoping ore material.
- Drill slot rises for production stoping.
- Install all underground services for development and production.

## Personnel

The Personnel requirements have been calculated based on the equipment numbers for underground production. The proposed Personnel requirements are based on a mix of Papua New Guinea national employees and expatriate employees.

The typical roster for the national employees is 20 days on site and 10 days off, with a roster of 4 weeks on and 4 weeks off for expatriate employees.

The total number of employed personnel in the underground operation at peak production reaches approximately 561, with all positions detailed in Table 16-20, Table 16-21, Table 16-22, and Table 16-23.

## 1.8 RECOVERY METHODS

The plant has been designed on the basis of treating underground ore from the Kora and Judd deposits. The process plant design and technology is well proven in the industry and treats ore through a conventional crushing and grinding circuit incorporating both gravity recovery and flash flotation, followed by conventional flotation to produce saleable gold-silver-copper concentrate and a dorè product. The flowsheet makes use of metallurgical unit processes already used in the existing Kainantu processing plant treating these ore types.

The key project design criteria for the plant are:

- Throughput of 1.2M tpa of ore with a grind size of 80% passing (P80) 106 µm.
- Crushing plant utilization of 68.5% (6,000 hr/y).
- Grinding and flotation plant utilization of 91.3% (8,000 hr/y) supported by crushed ore storage, standby equipment in critical areas and back-up power from an on-site diesel power station.

The treatment facility incorporates the following unit process operations:

- Single stage crushing to produce a crushed product size of 80% passing (P80) of 90 mm.
- Direct mill feed via a crushed ore surge bin with an emergency dead stockpile arrangement and reclaim feeder facilities.
- Primary semi-autogenous (SAG) milling followed by secondary ball milling in closed circuit with hydro-cyclones to produce a grinding circuit product size of 80% passing (P80) of 106 µm.
- A dedicated flash flotation cell on the cyclone underflow to recover gold, silver and copper bearing minerals into a high-grade stream that will report to final concentrate.
- Gravity gold recovery from a portion of the cyclone underflow followed by gravity separation using wet shaking tables and gold room operations to produce dorè bars.
- Gold-silver-copper flotation utilising roughing, scavenging, cleaning, cleaner scavenging and recleaning stages to produce a saleable high-grade gold-silver-copper concentrate.
- Concentrate thickening, filtration and loading of concentrates into 20 ft sea-containers for dispatch from the mine site.
- Tailings thickening and disposal to a tailings storage facility (TSF) for deposition or to the tailings pressure filter plant for the paste fill system.
- Reagent mixing, storage and distribution.
- Water and air services.

## 1.9 PROJECT INFRASTRUCTURE

### 1.9.1 Power and Water

The supply of electric power to the project will be via grid connection to the Papua New Guinea Power Limited (PPL) network, 22 kV overhead line (OHL) from the Gusap Substation located 24 km away.

A diesel back-up power station forms part of the site-wide power reticulation for the project.

Generators that are located on the existing power system at the 800-portal area, 500k tpa Process Plant, and camp will operate independently as satellite systems until the main back-up power plant becomes fully operational.

K92PNG recently constructed a 4.8 MW power station which became fully operational beginning of 2024. The main purpose of 4.8 MW power station is to be back-up power supplier for the UG facility in area 800 via existing 11 kV OHL, prior to the completion of the back-up power station.

Currently the area 800 Portal Switchroom, 12 MVA and 1.5 MVA associated transformers are scheduled to be on site by end of 2024, which will require conversion of the existing 11 kV OHL to 22 kV. At that point 4.8 MW power Station transformers will be adjusted to step-up the voltage to 22 kV.

Following are the summary of the existing and future power stations for the Kainantu Mine:

- Existing satellite gensets: These units are spread across the site in 3 locations: existing process plant, camp, and 800 portal. These units act as back up to the current power supply to the site. (22 kV OHL from Gusap substation).
- 4.8 MW power station: This was built and commissioned recently, using some of the existing gensets from the site in addition with new units. The main purpose of this power station is to act as back up for 800 portal and UG loads; as it was expected that UG load will increase prior to installation of the main back up power 20 MW power station. Soon this 4.8 MW power station will be re-purpose to be connected to 22 kV network.
- New 8.8/20 MW power station: this power station will act as back up for the entire Kainantu Mine when it becomes operational. All the other power stations and satellite units will become redundant. The new power station will be built in two (2) stages; each having 7 x 1.63 MW generators. This will result in total installed power of 14 x 1.63 MW unit after building the second stage.

Raw water for the process plant will be sourced from mine dewatering water from the 800 Portal. The water from the 800 Portal will make its way to the plant site via an existing HDPE pipe and report to sediment pond one and then overflow to sediment pond two. Raw water is then pumped from sediment pond two into the raw water tank and used as required.

Surface run-off from the plant site will be collected in a storm water pond, this is then recycled to be used again in the process plant.

### 1.9.2 Paste Fill Plant Project Infrastructure

To improve underground geotechnical stability, facilitate increased ore extraction, and to dispose of approximately 74% of the Kainantu tailings underground, cemented paste backfill manufactured from thickened and pressure filtered concentrator tailings is used as the mine backfilling method. The system is designed to use approximately 74% of the instantaneous available tailings, with a nominal paste production rate of 108 m<sup>3</sup>/h and a design rate of 148 m<sup>3</sup>/h to facilitate sprint production when required. The nominal production rate is expected to satisfy the peak underground backfill demand of 46,298 m<sup>3</sup>/month, at a utilization rate of 59%. The utilization rate is typical for paste backfill systems and includes downtime for reticulation system changes, filter cake stockpile buildup, and regular maintenance.

The average stope size (~2,400 m<sup>3</sup>) is expected to be filled in a single pour campaign taking into account stope bulkheads and exclusion zones, which will not require downtime associated with fill cure periods and which will accelerate stope turn-around times. Larger sized stopes may require a series of pour campaigns to complete but these are expected to be relatively few compared to the amount of average sized stopes.

As part of the stope extraction sequence, paste is to be exposed both vertically and horizontally. Due to the narrow stope widths, relatively low paste strengths (typically less than 550 kPa) are typically required. A paste cure period of 28 days is used to achieve this relatively low strength requirement and indicates a binder content of 5% should be used. Binder content may be required to vary up to 9% for certain mining areas and pumping distances. Optimization studies show the optimal binder product to be predominantly ground granulated blast furnace slag (slag) with GP cement addition, mixed at a mass ratio of 90:10 slag:cement. Being a waste product, the predominant use of slag (in the binding agent) presents a favourable solution from an environmental as well as cost perspective.

The operating philosophy of the Paste Fill Infrastructure was modified from the original feasibility design which pumped thickened slurry from the mill area to a processing facility located at the mine portal. The basic engineering design shifted to trucking pressure filtered tailings from the mill area leveraging the back haul cycle of the ore haul fleet to a staging area near the village located near the mine. The staging area colloquially known as the “bus stop” area will act as a tailings stockpile to decouple the operation of the mill from the capability to produce paste backfill. Decoupling the backfill system from mill and filtration operations will allow operations to improve plant availability/operability. The bus stop will serve as a staging area for both filter cake and binder storage to service the backfill plant operation.

From the bus stop a dedicated fleet of tailings haul trucks will transport the filter cake to the underground paste plant. In the underground plant the tailings will be mixed with water and binder slurry to form the backfill. The mixed backfill will be pumped to the stope using twin piston diaphragm pumps with one operating and one on standby.

### **1.9.3 Tailings Storage Facility**

The TSF is a critical component of the project infrastructure, designed to contain the waste material from the Kainantu Mine Process Plant. As part of the Kora Expansion Project Updated Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS), processing throughput is projected to increase from 600,000 tpa to 1,200,000 tpa, necessitating an enhanced tailings management system. The increase in throughput between 2024 and 2030 will also significantly increase the total volume of tailings produced.

To accommodate the proposed Kora Expansion Project, the existing TSF will be expanded, and an underground Paste Backfill System is proposed to be implemented which reduced surface tailings storage requirements.

Initially, 100% of the tailings will be directed to the TSF. By end-2025, with the commencement of the Paste Backfill Plant, over 70% of the tailings will be redirected to fill underground voids, with the remaining continuing to the existing TSF.

The existing TSF is a cross-valley tailings impoundment with a downstream embankment, standing 33 meters high. Initially constructed in 2005 using compacted earthfill materials, tailings were sub-aerially deposited up to approximately 502 mRL between 2006 and 2008. From 2008 to 2015, the facility was placed under care and maintenance, during which no tailings were added to the TSF. Mining operations resumed in 2016, and tailings have been continuously deposited in the TSF since then. In May 2021, the TSF embankment was raised by downstream methods to 515 mRL (Stage 1A/1B) using rockfill materials. A shear key trench, up to 5 meters deep, was excavated under the downstream rockfill buttress to enhance embankment stability and improve seepage collection. The embankment has an overall downstream slope ranging from 2.5H:1V to 3H:1V. The construction of Stage 1C, with the embankment raised to 517 mRL, was completed in October 2024.

Given the site is located in a tropical rainforest climate with high annual rainfall (1,750 mm to 2,000 mm) and very high seismic activity, robust measures are necessary to ensure stability and safety of the TSF. A probabilistic seismic hazard analysis highlights the importance of these measures. Additionally, a dam break analysis has been conducted to evaluate the potential impacts on nearby populations, particularly focusing on the Kumian mine camp, which is identified as a high-risk area. Recommendations include the construction of a flood protection levee around the camp to mitigate the impact of a dam break.

Previous geotechnical investigations had identified uncertainties in the foundation conditions, such as the presence of potentially liquefiable soils. This has led to a recent drilling campaign to obtain additional information to understand and address these foundation conditions before proceeding with the TSF expansion to an embankment crest level of RL 530 m (Stage 3). It should be noted that this investigation does not affect the detailed design of Stage 2. The Stage 2 design has been finalized and is in the final stages of Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) approval.

Geochemical testing of the tailings indicates that the tailings material is non-plastic and contains pyrite (making it potentially acid-forming), while the waste rock used in embankment construction is low in sulfur and non-acid forming. This differentiation in material properties is crucial for planning the handling and disposal of these materials.

While the construction of a new TSF was considered, it was determined that expanding the existing TSF, coupled with the implementation of the Paste Backfill system, remains the preferred option. This decision is supported by the known site conditions, the relative simplicity of operation, and a more favourable balance of capital and operating costs.

This approach not only aligns with environmental management practices but also leverages existing infrastructure to meet increased production demands efficiently and sustainably.

## **1.10 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, PERMITTING AND SOCIAL OR COMMUNITY IMPACT**

### **1.10.1 Legal Requirements**

Papua New Guinea National Government regulatory bodies such as the MRA and the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) have granted various approvals, permits and licences required by K92PNG to operate the Kainantu Gold Mine. The primary legislation for these approvals is the Mining Act 1992 and the Environment Act 2000.

K92PNG holds Environment Permit EP-L3(34) issued under the Environment Act 2000. In December 2023, the Company received a revised environmental permit from CEPA for the Stage 3 Expansion. The receipt of the permit followed a standard, government-sanctioned environmental impact assessment process. The revised permit contained minor amendments to the existing environmental authorizations. All environmental authorizations are now consolidated under the revised EP-L3(34).

As per environmental regulations, a revised Environmental Management Plan is currently being developed for submission to CEPA to enable meeting the requirements of the revised permit. Following receipt of the permit, CEPA advised K92PNG that permitting activities for a new tailings storage facility, which as per the mine plan will be required in 2027, should commence in mid-2024.

K92PNG's existing mining lease (ML150), contains approximately two-thirds of the known Kora resource, 100% of the known Judd resource, and was issued under the Mining Act 1992. The Kora deposit extends from ML150 to the south, into K92PNG's exploration licence, (EL 470). K92PNG will need to apply for another mining licence to include the extension of Kora to the south prior to mining. The Company intends to submit a mining lease application for these purposes in the second half of 2024.

### 1.10.2 Environment and Community Setting

The project area is part of the upper Ramu River catchment. The surroundings have a dendritic drainage system composed of smaller creeks and streams draining from the surrounding mountains and hills in the area into four catchments. Two of these catchments are directly impacted by the project infrastructure. The local topography and geology mean the hydrogeological conditions are complex. Local groundwater systems, localized recharge areas and inter-connectivity with regional aquifer systems determine recharge of groundwater in the project area.

Water quality monitoring locations for the Kainantu Gold Mine are situated in three catchment areas - Baupa catchment, Maniape Catchment and at Ramu River where the access road crosses. Water quality monitoring has been undertaken or commissioned by K92PNG and previous operators. Results have been reported in annual reports from 2004 to present and this monitoring is ongoing.

The vegetation surrounding the mine area is mainly of irregular hill forest. The forests in this area have irregular canopy and secondary species are common. The area has low intensity shifting agriculture surrounded by tall secondary forest. Several terrestrial flora and fauna species in the greater region (i.e. within the bordering Ramu floodplains) are IUCN red listed threatened species, some of which are endemic to the surrounding area.

The Government of PNG has designated four “impacted communities” in the project area, namely the villages of Bilimoia (composed of three sub-villages), Unantu, Pomasi, and Sakimaniap (Watarais/Marawasa). There are other informal settlements (i.e. hamlets) within the vicinity of the mine that have been established as mining operations have progressed.

The K92PNG External Affairs and Sustainable Development department conducts ongoing social baseline and mapping surveys to collect demographic and socioeconomic indicators related to local communities. Based on these surveys, the total population of the “impacted communities” is 8,718.

To support its social licence to operate, K92PNG has a range of community and social development initiatives in place relating to the supply of services, infrastructure and maintenance for local communities, water supply, health programs, education assistance, livelihood programs and business development. This is in addition to prioritizing members of impacted communities for direct employment at the mine.

The Company continues to work towards signing a revised Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The MOA provides a framework for the relationship between the Company, the Community, and Government and sets out commitments from the various parties. In July 2020, the Company had a formal MOA meeting involving local landowners, the State, and the Provincial Government. Attending the meeting were representatives from local clans, the PNG Mining Minister, the Managing Director of the Mineral Resources Authority of PNG, and the Provincial Governor. In principle, the parties agreed on a revised MOA, which requires approval from the National Executive Council of the PNG Government. Follow up consultations were held in mid-2023. The original MOA framework will remain in place as mining operations and associated expansions continue, until a new MOA is formally approved, which is a common occurrence for natural resource projects in the country. Delays are primarily attributed to the Land Titles Commission (LTC) completing an investigation into landholding within the existing operations’ leased boundaries.

### 1.10.3 Assessed Environment and Community impacts

Based on the proposed developments as part of the Kora Expansion Project the key potential environmental impacts are likely to be:

- Acid and metalliferous drainage from mine waste.
- Adverse changes to surface water quality and hydrology.
- Adverse changes to groundwater quality and flow.
- Reduction in downstream ecological values.

The scale, duration and intensity of these impacts and management and mitigation measures to address them were the focus of investigations during the EIS process.

The proposed expansion will increase the mine's workforce and employment for the local communities. There will be continued community development enhancements through provision of livelihoods training, educational assistance for children, training opportunities, provision of easier access to clean and safe drinking water, assistance in identifying genuine landowners, and creation of business opportunities. In using underground mining methods, the surface disruption to landowners is minimized; however, an extended or new mining licence to the south of ML150, to cover the extension of the Kora deposit into EL470 will require the necessary permitting, according to PNG Mining Law, prior to mining. Part of the process involves a compensation agreement with the landowner group concerned.

While Landowner identification and social mapping would be required to extend the mining lease, it is anticipated that there would be no change to the recognized Landowners. It is noted that the outstanding LTC determination of landholdings within the existing project will also apply to the extension of the ML. At present, some compensation payments, including distribution of a portion of royalties, are being accrued pending the determination from the TLC.

Construction activities will produce dust and noise which may impact on nearby receptors. In the context of the operating mine, these emissions are expected to be negligible compared to dust and noise emissions from existing mining and processing activities.

Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with the Kora Expansion Project are expected to increase on an absolute basis. However, GHG emissions are expected to decline significantly based on an emissions per tonne milled and an emissions per gold-equivalent ounces produced basis.

In June 2023, K92PNG set an emissions reduction target of a 25% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030 against a business-as-usual forecast, which is defined as a reduction in GHG emissions against an established baseline forecast assuming no intervention measures have been taken to reduce carbon emissions. A key component of the Company's strategy to achieve this target is enhancing the mine's access to grid electricity, and in doing so, reducing its reliance on diesel-powered electricity generation. Hydroelectricity comprises a significant amount of the local grid electricity, which is a cleaner alternative to diesel-powered generators.

#### **1.10.4 Management Plan**

The existing operations run under the CEPA-approved Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP). The purpose of the EMMP is to satisfy conditions under the existing Environment Permit EP-L3(34) and to provide a policy framework, K92PNG management commitments, and monitoring and improvement actions necessary to prevent, mitigate or manage environmentally degrading conditions resulting from the mining operations. Routine environmental monitoring as part of the EMP will continue to provide relevant environmental data to assess and manage operational impacts. As per the requirements of the revised environmental permit issued to K92PNG in December 2023, the EMMP will need to be updated to account for minor permit amendments.

The Company implements ongoing community consultation and engagement initiatives tailored to the local operating environment in PNG, given the unique sociocultural context within the country. The Company maintains a strong presence in local communities, including through Village Liaison Officers (VLOs), who are present in local communities on a daily basis to enable frequent, two-way communication with local stakeholders. The Company also maintains a regional external affairs office in Kainantu, the district capital of the Kainantu District, Eastern Highlands Province.

The Company's community engagement efforts are led by its External Affairs and Sustainable Development team, which is composed of approximately 40 community relations practitioners. The Company maintains a grievance mechanism to obtain feedback and resolve complaints from local communities.

### 1.10.5 Closure Plan

The Kainantu Gold Mine has a conceptual mine closure plan, and it will need to be updated to include closure and rehabilitation aspects that will arise from the proposed expansion project. The key aspects that require inclusion in the updated mine closure plan that relate to the expansion project are:

- Additional infrastructure, including the new processing plant, paste plant, and ancillary infrastructure.
- Maintaining TSF integrity. (Initial work pertaining to an update of the TSF closure plan has commenced in Q4 2024.)

### 1.10.6 Forward Works Plan

The forward works plan for environment and community aspects includes updating the operational EMMP in support of the revised environmental permit that was issued in December 2023. Initial permitting work for a new tailings storage facility that will be required to commence construction in 2027 as part of the Stage 4 Expansion will commence in 2025.

## 1.11 CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS

### 1.11.1 Capital Cost

The capital estimate for the DFS is summarised in Table 1-3 and Table 1-4.

*Table 1-3 Capital Estimate Summary (USD, 1Q24, +15%/-5%)*

Main Area	USD M
Mine	\$0.0
Process Plant	\$90.3
Paste Plant	\$42.5
Power	\$19.1
Camp	\$4.2
River Crossing	\$14.4
Warehouse/Maintenance Facilities	\$3.8
Owners Costs	\$20.1
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$194.4</b>

The total LOM capital cost for the DFS is estimated at USD \$540.5M, including sustaining capital costs of USD \$346.1M, as shown in Table 1-4.

*Table 1-4 Sustaining Capital Estimate Summary (USD, 1Q24, +15%/-5%)*

Main Area	USD M
Mining	\$265.3
Processing Plant	\$5.4
Surface Fleet	\$39.2
Site Services	\$19.3
TSF	\$7.9
Closure	\$9.0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$346.1</b>

### 1.11.2 Operating Cost

The mining operating cost estimate for the DFS has been compiled by Entech. For the new process plant, the operating cost estimate has been compiled from a variety of sources, including K92PNG advice, metallurgical test work, first principle calculations, vendor quotations and the GRES database. In terms of the infrastructure, the paste backfill system operating cost estimate has been compiled by GRES. The TSF operating cost estimate has been compiled by ATC Williams. The G&A costs have been compiled by K92PNG.

The operating cost estimates for the DFS are summarised in Table 1-5.

*Table 1-5 Operating Costs Summary (USD, 1Q24, +15%/-10%)*

Area	Source	USD \$ / Value
Mining (average over LOM)	Entech	\$68.1 / t ore
Processing Plant - Existing - Fixed	GRES	\$5.4M / year
Processing Plant - Existing - Variable	GRES	\$12.3 / t ore
Processing Plant - New - Fixed	GRES	\$12.5M / year
Processing Plant - New - Variable	GRES	\$7.7 / t ore
Processing Plant - New - Total (average over LOM)	GRES	\$19.4 / t ore
General & Admin - Total (average over LOM)	K92PNG	\$37.1 / t ore
Paste Plant - Fixed	GRES	\$2.1M / year
Paste Plant - Variable	GRES	\$23.8 / m <sup>3</sup> paste
Paste Plant - Total (average over LOM)	GRES	\$29.6 / m <sup>3</sup> paste
TSF (average over LOM)	ATC Williams	\$0.64 / t ore
Transport & Insurance (average over LOM)	K92	\$9.9 / t ore
<b>Total (average over LOM)</b>		<b>USD \$145.4 / t ore</b>

### 1.12 ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

An economic analysis has been carried out for the project using a cash flow model. The model is constructed using annual cash flows by considering annual mined and processed tonnages and grades, process recoveries, metal prices, operating costs and refining charges, royalties, and capital expenditures (both initial and sustaining).

PNG tax regulations are applied to assess the tax liabilities. All amounts in this section are presented in USD.

The cash flow model commences with operation in 2024, with processing through the existing plant. Discounting has been applied monthly from the first year of operation.

The model reflects the base case and technical assumptions as described in the foregoing sections of this report.

### 1.12.1 Model Inputs and Assumptions

The key model inputs used in the economic analysis for the DFS are summarised in Table 1-6.

*Table 1-6 Key Model Inputs*

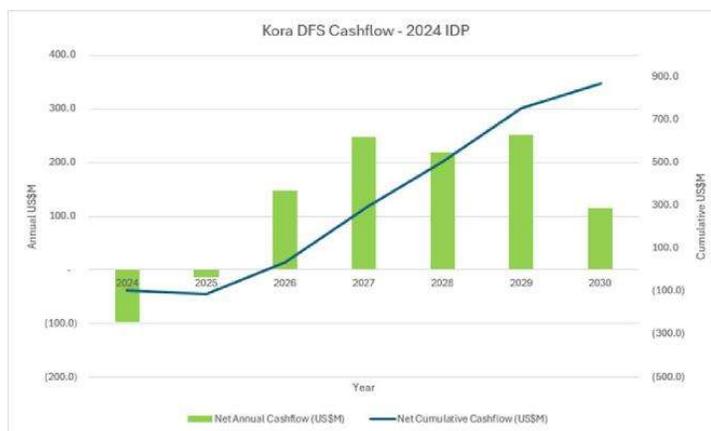
Model Inputs	Source	Unit / Value
Base Currency		USD
Base Date		1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024
Ore Processed over LOM	Entech	6.18 Mt
<b>Metal Prices</b>		
Gold	K92PNG	USD1,900 / oz (fixed)
Copper	K92PNG	USD4.50 / lb (fixed)
Silver	K92PNG	USD25 / oz (fixed)
<b>Recoveries</b>		
Gold (total)	MMS	92.6%
Gold (gravity to doré)	MMS	15.0%
Copper	MMS	94.0%
Silver	MMS	78.0%
Concentrate copper grade	MMS	18.7%
<b>Processing Plant Capacity</b> (dry tonnes of ore)		
Existing Plant	K92PNG	600,000 tpa
New Plant	GRES	1,200,000 tpa
Royalties (deducted from net revenue)	K92PNG	2.0%
Levies (deducted from gross revenue)	K92PNG	0.5%
Tax Rate	K92PNG	30%
Depreciation		Not considered
NPV Discount Rate	K92PNG	5%

### 1.12.2 Financial Model Results

The financial model indicates that the DFS project has a post-tax Net Present Value (NPV) of USD \$680.5M at a discount rate of 5%.

Figure 1-6 shows the post-tax annual and cumulative cash flow for the project over the LOM.

Cash flow starts negative in 2024 and 2025 due to the expenditure on the Stage 3 expansion project.



*Figure 1-6 Cumulative Cash Flow*

A summary of the cashflow analyses for the DFS is shown in Table 1-7.

**Table 1-7 Simplified Financial Model at USD \$1,900/oz Au, USD \$4.50/lb Cu, USD \$25.00/oz Ag**

Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Mill Throughput (k tpa)	473	800	1,001	1,200	1,200	1,200	302
Gold Grade (g/t)	7.59	6.54	6.43	6.86	5.26	6.48	11.66
Copper Grade (%)	0.60%	0.55%	0.62%	1.11%	1.48%	1.10%	1.07%
Silver Grade (g/t)	11.48	12.04	14.37	22.44	25.07	18.50	24.39
<b>AuEq Grade (g/t)</b>	<b>8.72</b>	<b>7.59</b>	<b>7.63</b>	<b>8.95</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>8.52</b>	<b>13.72</b>
Gold Produced (000s oz)	107	154	190	245	190	231	106
Silver Produced (000s oz)	136	241	361	675	754	557	185
Copper Produced (M lbs)	5.9	9.1	12.7	27.5	37.1	27.4	6.8
<b>AuEq Produced (000s oz)</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>125</b>
Net Revenue (USD M) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$212	\$310	\$405	\$575	\$507	\$547	\$225
Total OPEX (USD M) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$96	\$130	\$159	\$179	\$172	\$172	\$57
Growth Capital (USD M)	\$107	\$87	-	-	-	-	-
Sustaining Capital (USD M)	\$82	\$72	\$47	\$56	\$38	\$30	\$13
Closure Costs (USD M)	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$9
After-tax CF (USD M)	(\$98)	(\$14)	\$147	\$247	\$219	\$252	\$116
Cumulative After-tax CF (USD M)	(\$98)	(\$112)	\$36	\$283	\$502	\$754	\$869

1. Net revenue in summary model excludes the impact of royalty payments and transport costs. These are included within operating costs.

## 1.13 INTERPRETATION AND CONCLUSIONS

### 1.13.1 Mining and Mineral Reserve Estimate

The DFS demonstrates robust economics, schedule and mine life. As an operating mine, there is increased confidence in execution of the LOM plan, and the accuracy of costs.

The proposed mining methods are well understood and utilised globally in underground mining. The proposed mine plan is technically achievable.

It is Entech's opinion that the Mineral Reserve estimation is reported in compliance with the NI 43-101 standards.

The mine plan assumes mining of Mineral Reserve material only and was shown to be economically viable with a reasonable degree of margin to buffer against unfavourable input movements.

### 1.13.2 New 1.2M tpa Treatment Plant

The 1.2M tpa processing plant design flowsheet incorporates a conventional single stage jaw crushing (200 tph) reporting to a crushed ore overflow surge bin and dead stockpile providing 12 hours of stockpile capacity. The primary crushed ore supplies a SAB milling circuit (150 tph) that includes an open circuit SAG mill and a closed-circuit ball mill. The ball mill product reports to hydro-cyclones, with cyclone overflow reporting to the flotation circuit and the cyclone underflow stream being split between the gravity circuit, flash flotation cell and ball mill for grinding.

The gravity circuit comprises a single batch centrifugal concentrator followed by two stages of gravity separation using wet shaking tables to upgrade the gravity concentrate, which is then calcined and smelted to produce gold doré. The flotation circuit includes flash flotation and conventional sulphide flotation, followed by thickening and filtering to produce a saleable gold-copper-silver concentrate. The circuit is based on conventional technology with the flowsheet largely similar to but optimized from the existing Kainantu processing plant. The key difference between the existing plant and the new treatment plant flowsheet configuration is the implementation of a single stage crushing, SAG and ball mill comminution circuit versus the existing two stage crushing and single stage ball circuit.

### 1.13.3 Tailings Storage Facility

As part of the production expansion, the management of tailings will utilize the existing TSF and the underground mine stopes. To ensure the TSF's readiness and compliance with both local and international standards, a specialized tailings consultant has been engaged. This review focuses on assessing the structural integrity, environmental compliance, and expansion capability of the TSF.

The tailings management strategies adhere to stringent guidelines, including:

- Australian National Committee on Large Dams (ANCOLD, 2019): This document provides comprehensive standards for the planning, design, construction, operation, and closure of tailings facilities. Adherence to these standards ensures robust structural integrity and operational safety.
- Global Industry Standards on Tailings Management (GISTM, 2020): These standards are designed to enhance the mining industry's practices by integrating social, environmental, and technical considerations. Implementation of GISTM guidelines has led to improvements in environmental monitoring systems and community engagement processes.

In addition to international standards, the tailings management practices are aligned with local regulatory requirements, ensuring that they meet specific local environmental and safety standards. The commitment to these standards demonstrates a proactive approach to responsible tailings management, which includes regular updates to practices as new regulations and technologies emerge.

### 1.13.4 Paste Plant

To improve underground geotechnical stability, facilitate complete ore extraction and dispose an estimated 74% of the Kainantu tailings underground, cemented paste backfill manufactured from fresh concentrator tailings is the preferred mine backfill method for the Updated DFS K92PNG mining plans.

The topographic conditions and site layout at Kainantu present unique challenges for the paste system design. Through rigorous laboratory characterization and utilization of design principals, based on proven design methodologies, a robust paste system is proposed. This system can service the mining operation with the quantities and quality of fill required to enable the proposed mining strategy, while disposing of mine tailings in an environmentally friendly manner.

## 1.14 RECOMMENDATIONS

### 1.14.1 Mineral Resources and Exploration

- The entire mineralized district held under tenement should be assessed but with priority given to certain areas.
- Infill drilling should continue to upgrade both the Kora and Judd Mineral Resources. Drilling should be undertaken to the south of both Judd and Kora, following up significant isolated drill intercepts, with a view to expanding the current Mineral Resources.

- Reconnaissance drilling of other potential mineral lodes/systems identified from surface mapping and sampling is recommended.
- The Kora lode(s) is demonstrably richer in copper towards the south, thus potentially being closer to the original fluid source. This corresponds with an area of interpreted extensive dilation, where high grade gold/copper veins are haloed by long intervals of moderate grades. This corridor, linking Kora and Judd with the A1 porphyry target, known as Kora South and Judd South, should be a priority in the ongoing exploration program.
- Maniape and Arakompa both have historic resources which makes them a high priority for follow up exploration programs.
- The work program for each licence has been planned taking into consideration the current level of exploration on the tenement. Some programs will require detailed surface work prior to any drilling. Surface work should include assessment of lithocaps and vein expressions, as well as geophysical anomalies prior to drilling and are planned to be used in any future resource work.

### 1.14.2 Mining

Items for consideration are detailed in the following list:

- Optimization studies to increase NPV through scheduling and design improvements.
- Optimization of ore pass locations, and potential use of truck chutes at their termination points as opposed to rehandle with a loader.
- Continue to develop the mine with setting up required infrastructure i.e. air, water, power and ventilation.
- Prioritize decline and incline developments to link upper part (access from Portal 1) to lower part (access from Portal 2/3) of the mine together so multiple accesses to entire mine can be established.
- A dedicated geotechnical drilling program designed to cover critical infrastructure locations and the Kora orebody.
- Ongoing campaign geotechnical logging of resource definition drill holes, with focus on any holes intercepting mineralised zones Judd, K1 and K2 and the FGZ.
- Additional geotechnical testwork is required for all lithologies to confirm DFS assumptions for operational levels of robustness.
- A stress measurement program utilising the either WASM AE (Acoustic Emission) method or Hollow Inclusion Cell (HI-Cell) method is advised to be commissioned from the Kora mining area to assess the in-situ major principal stress magnitudes and directions at the Kora deposit.
- Detailed geotechnical mapping of ore drives should be routinely undertaken for input into stope design and determining a more accurate characterization of the rock mass.
- Numerical modelling of the stope extraction sequence needs to be refined once final stope designs are determined and re-run using the stress measurement test results to assess mining-induced stress re-distribution in terms of magnitudes and directions.
- A full review of the ground support systems should be undertaken as mining progresses to include updated geotechnical data to improve and justify the standards recommended.

### 1.14.3 1.2M tpa Treatment Plant

Complete the construction of 1.2M tpa Treatment Plant as per design and allocated timeframe.

### 1.14.4 Tailings Storage Facility

Based on the Definitive Feasibility Study for the Kora Expansion, the following recommendations are made to manage the tailings effectively and sustainably:

- **Foundation assessment:** Conduct comprehensive assessments to validate the suitability of the TSF foundations. This involves detailed geotechnical evaluations to address potential risks and ensure structural integrity under increased load.
- **Maximization of Settled Density:** Implement actions that maximize the settled density of tailings. Techniques such as adjusting the tailings' material properties or revising the deposition methodology should be considered to enhance the compactness and stability of the deposited tailings.
- **Enhanced Drainage Systems:** Consider the installation of additional drainage systems within the TSF to promote the consolidation of tailings. Improved drainage will facilitate faster water removal, which contributes to the overall stability of the tailings mass.
- **Sustained Water Discharge:** Implement systems to ensure sustained discharge of water from the tailings to minimize the volume of stored water within the TSF. Effective water management is critical to reducing the pressure on the embankment and enhancing the operational safety of the facility.
- **Water Pond Management:** Manage the size and location of the water pond within the TSF to ensure that tailings beaches are consistently maintained against the embankment. This practice is crucial in controlling the migration of the water body and preserving the structural integrity of the embankment.

These recommendations aim to enhance the operational efficiency and safety of the TSF, ensuring compliance with international standards and best practices in tailings management. Regular monitoring and adaptive management strategies should be employed to respond to any changes in tailings behaviour or external conditions.

### 1.14.5 Paste Plant

The filter plant has the potential to be a bottleneck for backfill operations. Pressure filters are known to require significant maintenance with lower availability compared to other filtration methods. K92PNG would ensure that sufficient operational spares for the filters are always stocked on site to deal with all maintenance eventualities and the vendors should be tasked with providing a list of best practices for operations.

K92PNG should implement a geotechnical program at the proposed "bus stop" area to determine final foundation requirements for the support of the tailings stockpile, wash bay and binder silo installations. In addition, enhanced fleet maintenance planning will be required to allow for the additional trucking requirements for hauling binder to site and servicing the extra wear that the haul fleet will experience due to the back haul of filter cake tailings from the mill to the bus stop. Also, the extra vehicles required to haul cake from the bus stop to the paste plant will introduce additional maintenance capacity requirements. This has been accounted for in the workshop design planning completed by K92PNG.

The back haul of filter cake tailings using the ore haul fleet has the potential to introduce over-sized material into the backfill production stream. It will be necessary for K92PNG to ensure that all truck operators are well trained on the use of the wash bay facilities. Proper procedure and training programs will help to prevent excessive fouling of the backfill stream and protect the piston diaphragm pumps from potential damage caused by oversized material entering the system.

Slag and cement supply streams will form a significant portion of the operational costs of running the backfill system. Volatility in the price of these commodities will therefore have a significant impact on the cost per tonne of backfill for K92PNG. Kainantu staff should remain vigilant in looking for opportunities to find alternative sources for these inputs in case there is ever a disruption, or price increase from currently suppliers.

Locating the paste plant underground will involve different maintenance and operational challenges. K92PNG must be prepared to service the maintenance needs of a remote plant. The paste plant will require a level of care and maintenance similar to the mill. Additionally, the operational challenges presented by pumping backfill up into the mine and the handling and stockpiling of filter cake will require proper training and management of operational procedures for upset and abnormal conditions. Operators should be trained on the intricacies of this installation configuration and be tested regularly for upset condition response preparedness.

#### **1.14.6 Environmental Studies, Permitting and Social or Community Impact**

- Geochemical characterisation of the ore body and waste rock should be reviewed, and an ore/waste acid mine drainage potential block model developed. With an extensive exploration program underway, drill core sampling is a cost-effective way to sample, and feed into a predictive ore/waste model. Potential acid generating wastes can be managed at the underground source rather than retrospectively on surface.
  - Timely resolution of the 2020 MOA renegotiation with the Provincial Government and Landowners, with signing of the MOA still awaiting approval from the National Executive Council of the PNG Government pending the results of the PNG Land Titles Commission appeals process. This will result in flow of royalties (held in escrow) to the landowners and provide the basis for future negotiations as the mine develops.
  - The Environmental Management System (EMS) and statutory Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP) should continue to be updated to include the project expansion aspects and impacts. Environmental program specific management plans and SOPs should include new permit requirements.
  - The mine closure plan will need to be reviewed and updated to reflect material changes following the expansion.
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## BLUE LAKE PORPHYRY PROJECT

The Blue Lake copper-gold porphyry project is located approximately 4 km southwest of the Kainantu Mine. In August 2022, the Company announced a maiden inferred resource estimate of 14.6 million ounces of gold equivalent at Blue Lake.

The maiden resource estimate is included in the Blue Lake Technical Report, titled, “Independent Technical Report, Mineral Resource Estimate Blue Lake Porphyry Deposit, Kainantu, Papua New Guinea” dated March 21, 2025, with an effective date of August 1, 2022, prepared by Simon Tear BSc (Hons), EurGeol, PGeo IGI, EurGeol, and Anthony Woodward BSc (Hons), M.Sc., MAIG. The Blue Lake Technical Report can be found on the Company’s website at [www.K92mining.com](http://www.K92mining.com) or under the Company’s profile on the SEDAR+ website at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

The Blue Lake mineral resource is the fifth largest known mineralized porphyry in Papua New Guinea in terms of pre-mined contained gold equivalent ounces, after the Golpu, Panguna, Ok Tedi and Frieda River porphyry deposits.

Blue Lake was discovered by K92 after mineralized lithocap was identified in 2017. K92 has completed two diamond drill programs for a total of 26 holes and 16,474.8 metres at the project, with the majority of drillholes intersecting mineralization and at a discovery cost of less than \$1/oz AuEq.

The Blue Lake Porphyry is concentrically zoned with respect to gold and copper concentration and has a particularly metal rich core associated with Kspar and biotite alteration. There is much scope for expanding the Blue Lake Porphyry resource as the porphyry is open ended at depth.

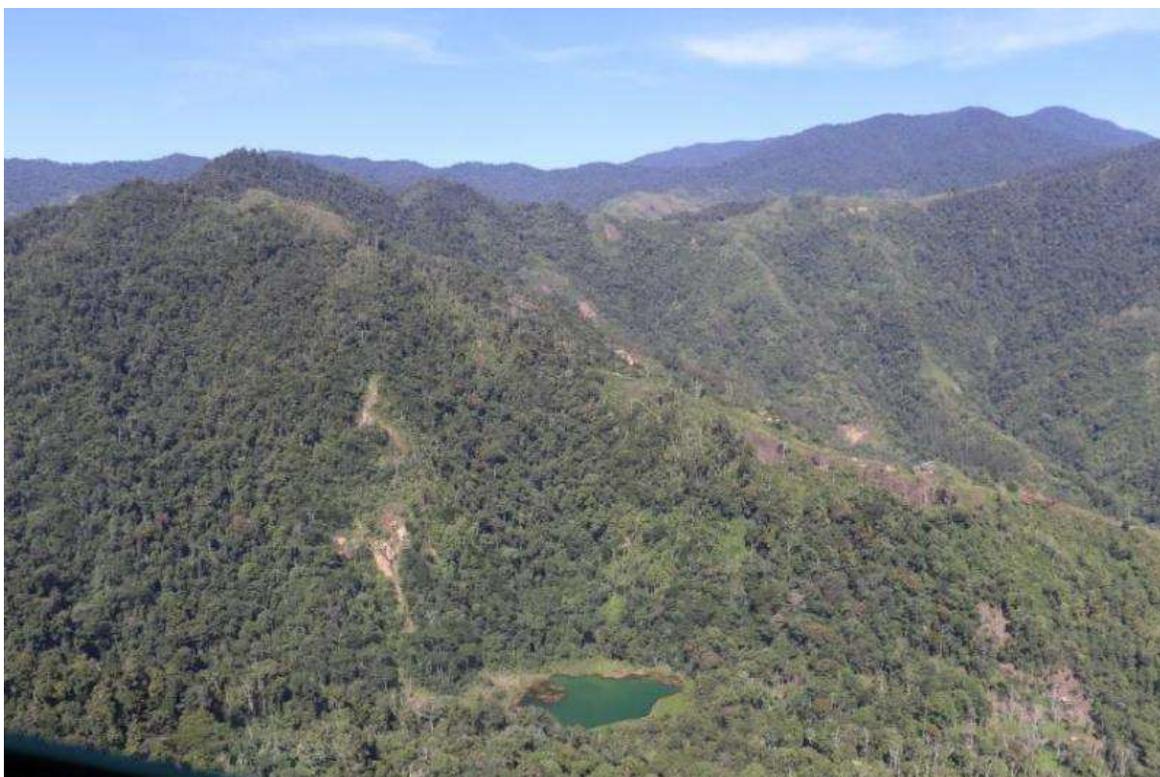
The Blue Lake Porphyry is evidently a very large, well-mineralized system, with a number of overprinting events that have introduced gold and copper. Future exploration plans include exploring for additional mineralized porphyries beneath an extensive composite lithocap, with advanced argillic alteration prominent over an area of 20 square kilometres, from Blue Lake to the A1 copper-gold porphyry target, our highest priority porphyry target based on a Mobile MT geophysical program completed in 2021. Blue Lake exploration is carried out under exploration licence EL470.

The following disclosure relating to Blue Lake is the summary excerpt from the Blue Lake Technical Report. The entire Blue Lake Technical Report is incorporated by reference into this AIF, and readers are encouraged to review the complete text of the technical report. A full list of references cited in the below summary is contained in the Blue Lake Technical Report.



## BLUE LAKE TECHNICAL REPORT SUMMARY

The following summary of the Blue Lake Technical Report, which begins on page 62 and ends on page 69, does not purport to be a complete summary of the Blue Lake Project. The Blue Lake Technical Report is intended to be read as a whole, and sections should not be read or relied upon out of context. The Blue Lake Technical Report contains the expression of the professional opinions of the Qualified Persons (as defined under NI 43-101) who prepared the Blue Lake Technical Report based upon information available at the time of preparation of the reports. The following disclosure, which is derived from the Blue Lake Technical Report, is subject to the assumptions, qualifications and procedures contained in the Blue Lake Technical Report. The following summary has been reviewed by Andrew Kohler BAppSc (Geol), PGCert (Geostatistics), MAIG, the Company's Mine Geology and Mine Exploration Manager, and a Qualified Persons (as defined under NI 43-101).

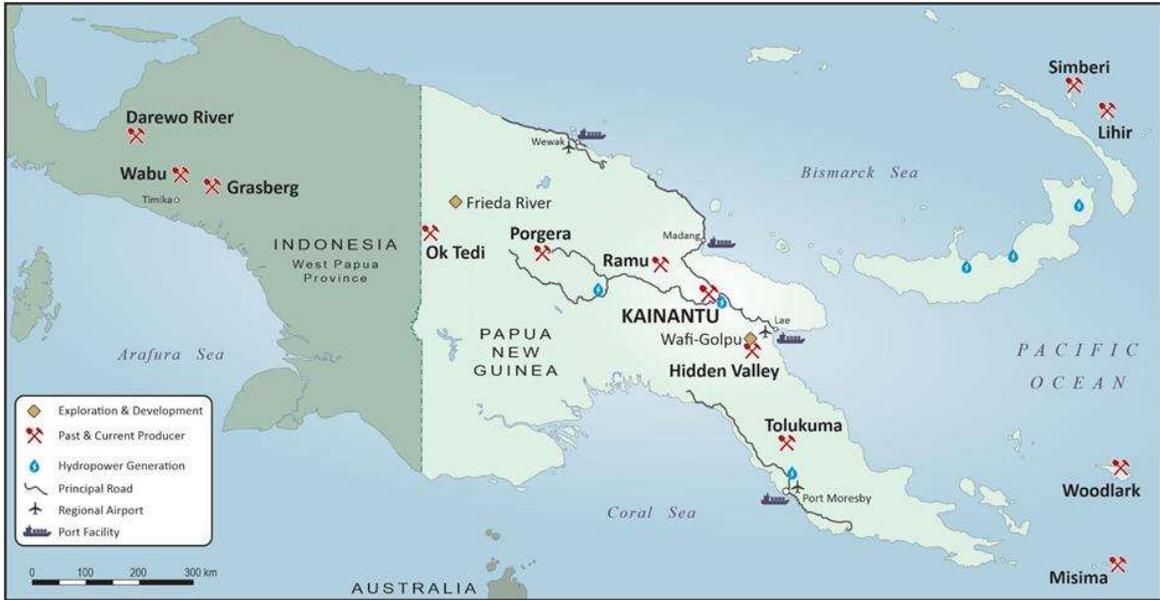


### 1. SUMMARY

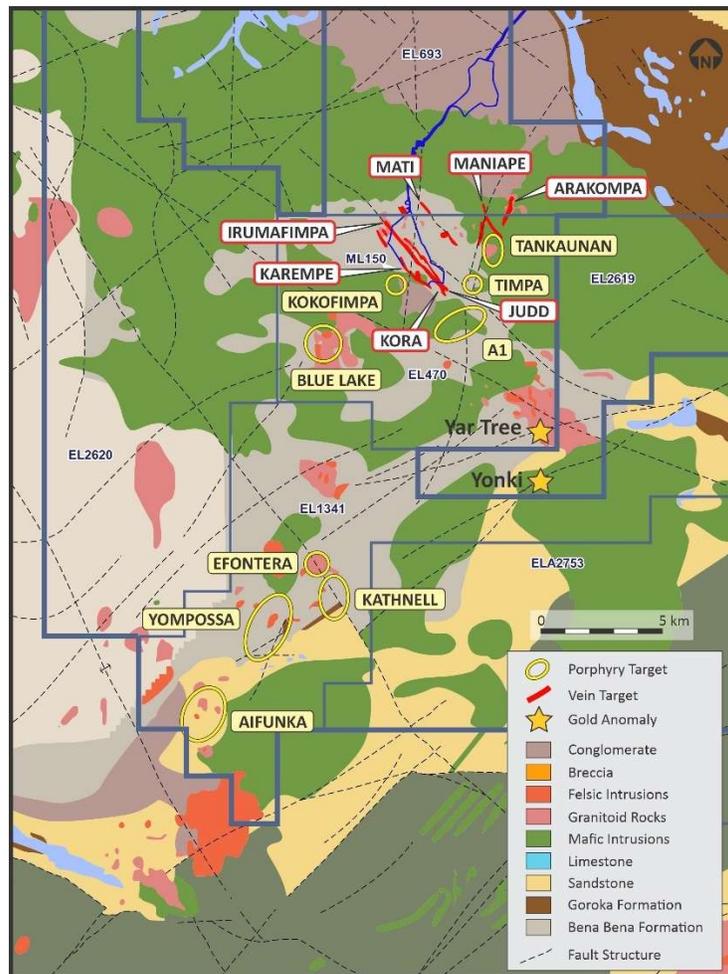
#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

K92 Mining Ltd ("K92ML") is the registered holder of Exploration Licence 470 ("EL470"), in PNG as issued by the applicable government authorities in accordance with the PNG Mining Act 1992 (the "Mining Act").

Exploration Licence 470 is effective until February 04, 2021. K92ML have lodged an application for renewal for a further two years. The Blue Lake deposit is situated within EL470, see Figure 1-1.



**Blue Lake Property Location**



**Figure 1.1 EL470 geology and known vein and porphyry prospects.**  
(K92ML, 2021)

## 1.2 GEOLOGY AND MINERALIZATION

The Kainantu region is in the northeastern flank of the northwest trending Papuan Mobile Belt which is a major foreland thrust belt. The regional structural package of the Kainantu district is bounded in the northeast by the northwest trending Ramu-Markham Fault, a major suture zone that marks the northern margin of the Australian Craton, and in the southeast by the Aure Deformation Zone. The belt is characterized by a number of north-northeast trending fault zones that commonly host major ore deposits.

The Blue Lake Porphyry Project at Kotampa is approximately 4 km southwest of K92ML's producing high-grade Kora and Judd intrusion-related gold deposits at the Kainantu Gold Mine. Drilling at Blue Lake has defined a large tonalite porphyry stock, comprising multiple overprinting intrusives, that are variably mineralized with gold and copper within Akuna Granodiorite. The mid-Miocene Akuna Intrusive Complex consists of multiple phases ranging from olivine gabbros, dolerites, hornblende gabbros and biotite diorites to granodiorites

A prominent silica-clay lithocap is present overlying mineralized propylitic (epidote-chlorite) alteration, with higher grade potassic alteration. The mineralized porphyry is concentrically zoned and tilted towards the north-west. This zonation is apparent both in metal (sulphide) distribution, with bornite grading into chalcopyrite with a molybdenum periphery, and finally into pyrite, as well as in alteration mineral assemblages, with biotite-K feldspar giving way peripherally to epidote-albite through a transitional actinolite zone. The prograde assemblages have been largely overprinted by intense sericite-pyrite alteration. There is a prominent silica-clay cap, characterized by dominant pyrophyllite, with alunite feeder zones. See Figure 1-2 below.

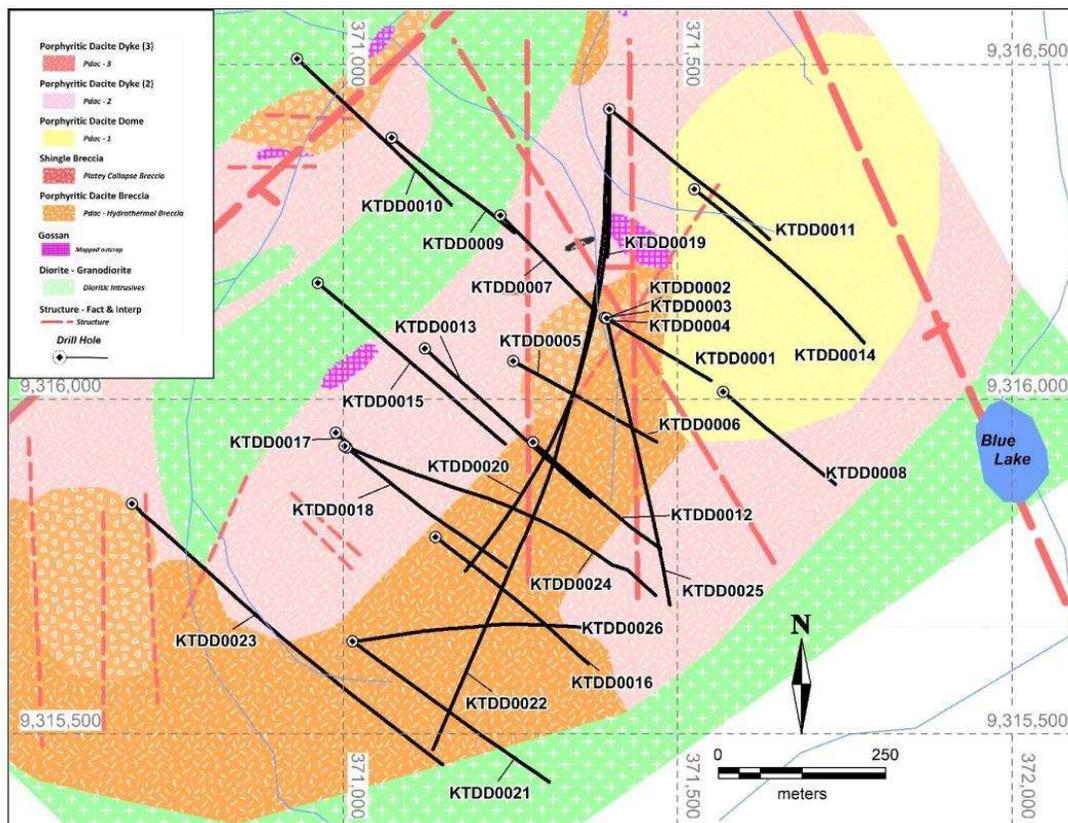


Figure 1-2 Blue Lake Prospect Surface Geology

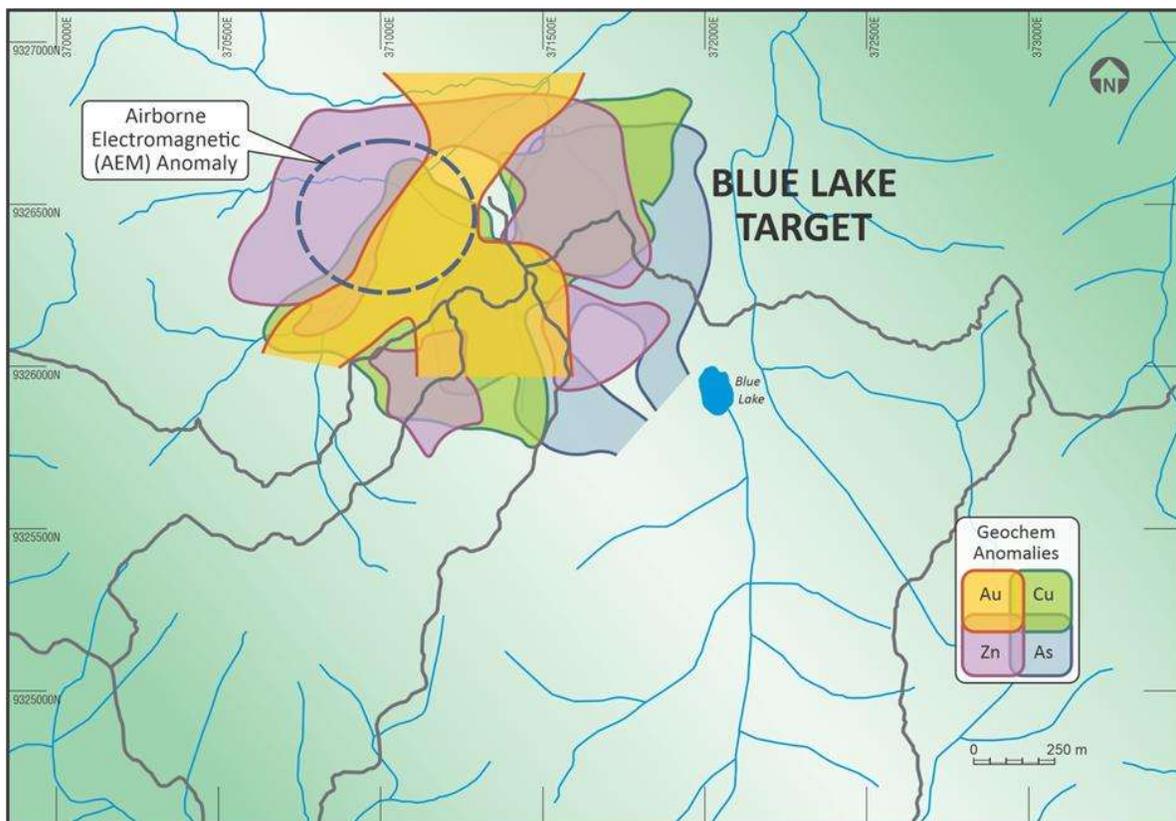
The highest grades are associated with a potassic alteration core, characterized by biotite, K-feldspar and chalcopyrite/bornite mineralization, with a propensity of quartz stockwork veins. Copper/Gold mineralization is approximately at a 1:1 ratio and open to the south-west.

### 1.3 K92 MINING EXPLORATION

Surficial Au-Ag-Cu mineralization, associated with enargite-bearing breccia and vuggy silica, was identified by K92ML geologists in the Blue Lake area on EL470 during September 2017 after which a large coincident Au-Cu soil geochemical anomaly was defined by soil sampling.

Detailed mapping, rock chip and soil sampling revealed a substantial (1.2 km x 0.8 km) geological, geochemical (Au-Cu) anomaly which was coincident with a historic airborne electromagnetic anomaly see Figure 1-3.

An initial program of ten diamond drillholes was completed at the prospect in 2019. The first drill hole, KTDD0001, returned an open-ended intercept of 174.6m @ 0.28 g/t Au, 0.22 % Cu, from 259.3m. and was terminated in mineralization at 433.9m. 16 holes were drilled in a second phase commencing in November 2020, with multiple long intervals of significant gold-copper mineralization intersected.



**Figure 1-3 Geochemistry and airborne EM anomalies at Blue Lake prospect**

(K92ML, 2020)

## 1.4 MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE BLUE LAKE PORPHYRY DEPOSIT

Mineral Resource estimates were generated by Simon Tear (PGEO), of H&S Consultants Pty Ltd, (“H&S”) based in Brisbane, Qld, Australia. The effective date of the Mineral Resource estimate for the Blue Lake porphyry deposit is the 1st of August 2022, which was the date that the latest database was received by HS&C.

The entire resource is classified as Inferred, based on the Qualified Person’s experience with similar porphyry copper deposits elsewhere, especially in PNG. This takes into account a number of factors, including data distribution, the continuity of geology and metal grades including variography, the QAQC data, the quality of the density data and sampling method and core recoveries. It is also assumed that the deposit will be mined by a bulk mining method, e.g. open pit or block caving. The Mineral Resources reported in this section have been classified under the 2014 CIM Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves. The Mineral Resources have been reported using a gold equivalent (“AuEq”) cut off grade, see Table 1-1.

**Table 1-1 Blue Lake Deposit Inferred Mineral Resources at 0.4 g/t AuEq Cut-off Grade**

Mt	Au g/t	Cu %	Ag ppm	AuEq g/t	Au Moz	Cu Mt	Ag Moz	AuEq Moz
686	0.19	0.21	2.4	0.66	4.2	1.4	53.6	14.6

(effective date 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022)

The gold equivalent cut off of 0.4 g/t, is based on cut off grades used for other similar deposits in the region.

- *Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.*
- *Mineral Resources were compiled at 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6 g/t AuEq cut-off grades.*
- *Density was based on 2,473 measured density data recordings (weighed core trays and measured core technique) which were composited and subsequently modelled unconstrained using Ordinary Kriging.*
- *Reported tonnage and grade figures are rounded from raw estimates to reflect the order of accuracy of the estimate.*
- *Minor variations may occur during the addition of rounded numbers.*
- *Estimations used metric units (metres, tonnes and g/t)*
- *Gold equivalents are calculated as  $AuEq = Au\ g/t + Cu\% * 2.0629 + Ag\ g/t * 0.0125$ . Gold price US\$1,600/oz; Silver US\$20/oz; Copper US\$3.75/lb. Metal recoveries are incorporated in the formula and are Au 67%, Ag 67% and copper 86% respectively.*

The Mineral Resource estimates are based on 26 diamond core holes with logged geology and assays, totalling 16,530.3m. Downhole sampling was on 1m intervals with all drillcore sampled. Data was supplied in an orthogonal local grid coordinate system.

An initial review of the assay data in 3D and cross section indicated two distinct, broad mineral zones,

A large lower copper/gold zone (Zone 2) predominantly coincident with a mineralized altered tonalite, and

An upper copper-poor zone (Zone 1) generally concomitant with low, sub-economic copper grades and lower densities, both attributable to being part of the lithocap to the underlying intrusive. The gold mineralization in this zone is very variable and "spotty", often occurring as small, unconnected zones of mineralization.

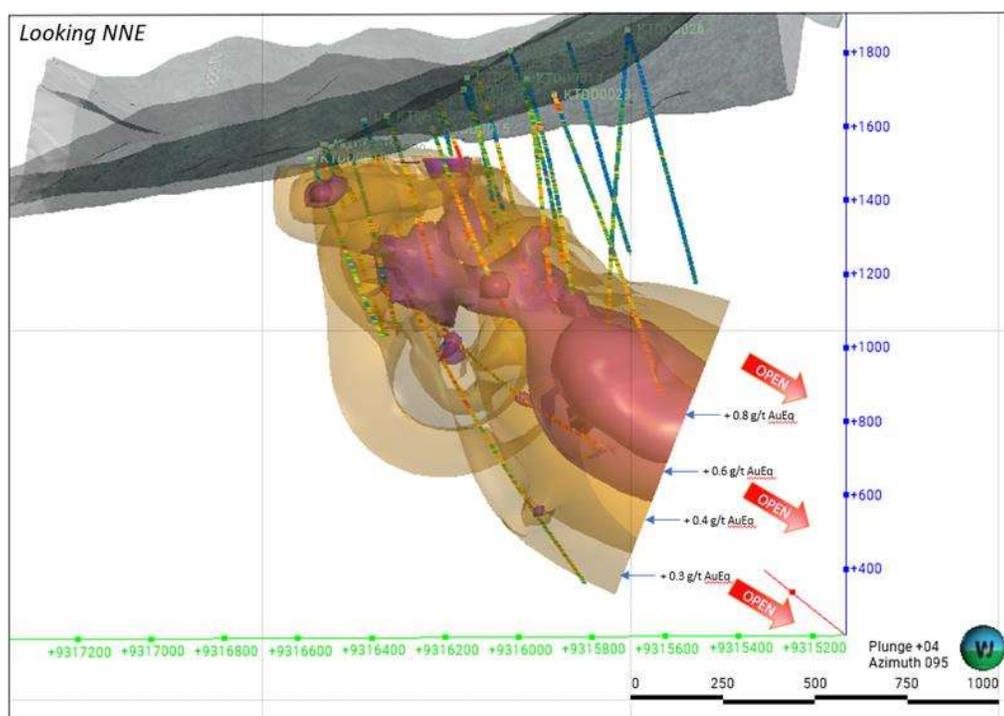
Gold grades appeared to be more ambiguously distributed in both zones, with localised intercepts of high grade gold scattered within the lithocap unit.

The complete drill hole dataset was composited to 2m intervals for gold, copper, silver and a gold equivalent and was subsequently modelled using Ordinary Kriging ("OK"). The unconstrained modelling of the 2m composites data confirmed the two distinct zones of mineralization and allowed for the interpretation of the porphyry body in conjunction with supplied alteration data.:

Porphyry-style mineralization is interpreted to be bound in the west by the Baupa Transfer Fault and in the east and northeast by the drilling and the Blue Lake Transfer Fault respectively. The mineralization appears to taper to the north and south, with the deposit open at depth.

The interpreted porphyry body and its associated mineralization has overall dimensions of 1500m (X) by 1300m (y) by 1100m (Z) with a modest plunge to grid south-east. Mineralization is close to surface (1950mRL approx.) in the grid west and is open at depth. The Mineral Resource is terminated by a notional-pit outline down to 500m RL. Drillhole spacing was nominally on 100m centres in the centre of the deposit extending to 200m in the periphery. See Figure 1-4 below.

The density data was composited to 4m giving 1,879 data points which were subsequently modelled unconstrained using OK, using similar search parameters and rotations to the global metal grade interpolation. Density showed a marked segregation between the upper lithocap dominated zone and the lower altered tonalite zone.



**Figure 1-4 Blue Lake Porphyry – Section, viewed north-north-east**  
**Drill holes showing downhole gold and copper grades and distribution of mineralization.**

Mineral Resources are reported for 0.4 g/t AuEq cut-off; with the tabulation below containing other cut-off values provided for information only.

**Table 1-2 Mineral Resources at Different Cut-Off Grades**

<b>AuEq Cut Off g/t</b>	<b>Mt</b>	<b>Au g/t</b>	<b>Cu %</b>	<b>Ag ppm</b>	<b>AuEq g/t</b>	<b>Au Mozs</b>	<b>Cu Mt</b>	<b>Ag Mozs</b>	<b>AuEq Mozs</b>
0.1	1,251	0.14	0.16	2.2	0.48	5.6	2.0	87	19.5
0.2	1,125	0.15	0.17	2.2	0.52	5.4	1.9	81	18.8
0.3	901	0.17	0.19	2.4	0.59	4.9	1.7	70	17.0
0.4	686	0.19	0.21	2.4	0.66	4.2	1.4	54	14.6
0.5	499	0.22	0.24	2.4	0.74	3.5	1.2	39	11.9
0.6	364	0.25	0.26	2.4	0.81	2.9	0.9	28	9.5

The Mineral Resource classification is based on a range of considerations.

Positive aspects:

- Relatively simple geological model that conforms to the gold/copper porphyry style.
- All drilling is diamond core of an appropriate core size.
- Good core recovery with no relationship between metal grades and recovery.
- Good sampling procedures and no issues with the QAQC data.
- Significant amount of density data of a reasonable quality.

Negative aspects:

- Data point spacing (i.e. wide drill hole spacing) and the limited amount of drilling.
- There is an absence of any detailed drilling to get a better measure of any trends in the metal distribution and/or grade continuity as exemplified by the weak variography.
- No information on likely metallurgical recoveries. Assumed metallurgical recoveries have been taken from the Frieda River 2023 feasibility study, which is considered a suitable analogue for the type of mineralization at Blue Lake.

## 1.5 CONCLUSIONS

The Kainantu district is recognized as an important mineral district, owing to the presence of multiple economic vein deposits, as well as additional veins and porphyry prospects, at various stages of exploration.

Drilling results to date indicate the Blue Lake Porphyry has the potential to be a large, mineralized Cu-Au porphyry deposit. Locally, the roots of the lithocap remain in situ (dominated by pyrophyllite, typically present deep in lithocaps and nearest to porphyry mineralization). The Blue Lake deposit remains open along strike and down plunge. Additionally, with a higher grade core, it is possible that the mineralization is much more extensive than currently understood and higher grades may be expected in the deeper parts of the system.

## 1.6 RECOMMENDATIONS

The general drill hole spacing and hence data distribution is considered wide for a large part of the deposit. This, plus the nature of the mineralization impacts negatively on the variography, which in turn indicates that much closer spaced drilling, perhaps in a localised test area, is required for more confidence in any grade continuity, which in turn is reflected in the resource classification. In H&SC's experience modelling of gold (and copper) composite data with such wide drill hole spacings is relatively high risk, hence the Inferred Resource classification.

The assay values from the drilling and simple unconstrained modelling of the composite data, particularly for copper, indicate quite clearly the subdivision of the mineral body into an upper gold lithocap zone and a lower porphyry intrusive copper/gold zone. Cross referencing with the alteration zones indicated that more work is required in defining these zones, and if they specifically relate to mineral styles and metal grade tenors.

The entire mineralized district covered by EL470 should be assessed but with priority given to the Blue Lake deposit and the A1 porphyry prospect. Wider scale geological mapping to understand the geological setting and more surface alteration mapping to define the distribution of the lithocap is recommended.

Additional drilling is recommended to target the definition and expansion of the zone of quartz stockwork veins and bornite mineralization within the potassic core at Blue Lake.

The work program (Table 1-3) has been planned taking into consideration the current level of exploration on the tenement. Some programs will require detailed surface work which should include assessment of lithocaps and vein expressions, as well as geochemical and geophysical anomalies prior to commencement of drilling.

**Table 1-3 EL470 Work Program and Budget**

Tenement No.	Term End Date	Proposed Work Program Budget		Planned 2-Year Program
		Unit	Amount	
EL470	04/02/2023	PGK	4,800,000	16 km <sup>2</sup> reconnaissance mapping, 6 km <sup>2</sup> detailed geological mapping, significant soil + rock chip sampling (including costeaning), samples for petrology, 25 km <sup>2</sup> airborne EM geophysics, 24 cored drill holes.

## RISK FACTORS

*The exploration, development and mining of natural resources are highly speculative in nature and are subject to significant risks. The following risk factors could materially adversely affect our future business, operations, and financial condition, and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in our forward-looking statements. The risk factors noted below do not necessarily comprise all risks faced by us. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Company or that the Company currently considers immaterial may also impair the Company's business, operations and future prospects. If any of the following risks actually occur, the Company's business may be harmed, and its financial condition and results of operations may suffer significantly.*

### RISKS RELATED TO THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS

#### a) COMMODITY, CURRENCY AND MARKET RISKS

*Changes in the price of gold, silver, copper and other metals in the world markets, which can fluctuate widely, significantly affect the profitability of the Company's operations, the Company's financial condition and the Company's ability to expand operations and develop new mines.*

The profitability of the Company's operations is significantly affected by changes in the market price of gold, silver, copper and other mineral commodities. Mineral prices fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond the Company's control, including interest rates; the rate and anticipated rate of inflation; world supply of mineral commodities; consumption patterns; purchases and sales of gold by central banks; forward sales by producers; production costs; demand from the jewelry industry; speculative activities; stability of exchange rates; the relative strength of the U.S. dollar and other currencies; changes in international investment patterns; monetary systems; and political nationalist and economic events.

Although the price of gold increased over the recently completed fiscal year, future price declines could cause commercial production or the development of new mines to be impracticable or unpredictable. If the gold price declines significantly, or declines for an extended period of time, the Company might not be able to continue its operations, develop its properties. This could result in the Company losing its interest in some or all of its rights and properties, or being forced to cease operations or development activities or to abandon or sell properties, which could have a negative effect on the Company's profitability and cash flow.

*Fluctuations in the price and availability of infrastructure and energy and other commodities could affect the Company's profitability and development of projects.*

Mining, processing, development and exploration activities depend on adequate infrastructure. Reliable roads, bridges, power sources and water supply are important determinants which affect capital and operating

costs. The Company's inability to secure adequate water and power resources as well as other events outside of the Company's control, such as unusual or infrequent weather phenomena, sabotage, terrorism, community or government or other interference in the maintenance or provision of such infrastructure, or failure to maintain or extend such infrastructure, could

adversely affect the Company's operations, financial condition, environmental compliance and results of operations.

Profitability is affected by the market prices and availability of commodities that the Company uses or consumes for the Company's operations and development projects. Prices for commodities like diesel fuel, electricity, steel, concrete, and chemicals can be volatile, and changes can be material, occur over short periods of time and be affected by factors beyond the Company's control. The Company's operations use a significant amount of energy and depend on suppliers to meet those needs. Higher costs for such required commodities and construction materials, or tighter supplies, can affect the timing and cost of the Company's development projects, and the Company may decide that it is not economically feasible to continue some or all of the Company's commercial production and development activities, which could have an adverse effect on the Company's profitability.

Higher worldwide demand for critical resources like input commodities, equipment and skilled labour could affect the Company's ability to acquire them, and lead to delays in delivery and unanticipated cost increases, which could have an effect on the Company's operating costs, capital expenditures and production schedules.

#### ***Effect of global economy on commodity prices.***

Reduction in credit, combined with reduced economic activity and the fluctuations in the United States dollar, may adversely affect businesses and industries that purchase commodities, affecting commodity prices in more significant and unpredictable ways than the normal risks associated with commodity prices. The availability of services such as drilling contractors and geological service companies and/or the terms on which these services are provided may be adversely affected by the economic impact on the service providers. The adverse effects on the capital markets generally make the raising of capital by equity or debt financing much more difficult and the Company is dependent upon the capital markets to raise financing. Any of these events, or any other events caused by turmoil in world financial and trade markets, may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operating results and financial condition.

#### ***The Company's cost containment efforts may not achieve their intended objectives.***

Costs at any particular mining location are also subject to variation due to a number of operational factors, such as changing ore grade, changing metallurgy and revisions to mine plans in response to changes in the estimated physical shape and location of the orebody or due to operational or processing changes. Costs could also be impacted by other factors such as risks and hazards associated with mining; security matters and resulting responses; natural phenomena, such as inclement weather conditions and seismic events; unexpected labour shortages or strikes; the availability of labour and contractors; the failure of contractors to perform on time or as expected; the availability and price of key inputs; inflation and currency and exchange rates. A material increase in costs at any significant location could have a significant effect on the Company's capital expenditures, production schedules, profitability and operating cash flow.

The Company's cost containment efforts may not achieve their intended objectives because of internal or external factors, many of which are outside of the Company's control and which, individually or combined, could cause declining margins. The Company's production and cost estimates depend on many factors, some or all of which are outside the Company's control and may vary from actual production and costs, which could have an adverse impact on the Company's financial results.

Failure to achieve production or cost estimates or the occurrence of material increases in costs could result in a material adverse on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates could materially affect the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.***

The Company's assets and operations are located in Papua New Guinea, Canada and Australia. As a result, the Company has foreign currency exposure with respect to items not denominated in U.S. dollars. The three main types of foreign exchange risk the Company faces can be categorized as follows:

- Transaction exposure: the Company's operations sell commodities and incur costs in different currencies. This creates exposure at the operational level, which may affect the Company's profitability as exchange rates fluctuate;
- Exposure to currency risk: the Company is exposed to currency risk through a portion of the following assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar: cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, trade and other payables, inventory, prepayments, lease liabilities, tax liabilities, and reclamation and closure costs obligations; and
- Translation exposure: the Company's functional and reporting currency is U.S. dollars. The Company's operations may have assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, with translation foreign exchange gains and losses included from these balances in the determination of profit or loss. Therefore, as the exchange rates between the Canadian dollar, Australian dollar and Papua New Guinea kina fluctuate against the United States dollar, the Company will experience foreign exchange gains and losses, which can have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated operating results.

As a result, fluctuations in currency exchange rates could significantly affect the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

***Volatility of market price of the Common Shares could result in losses.***

The Common Shares are publicly traded and are subject to various factors that have historically made the Common Share price volatile. The market price of the Common Shares has experienced, and may continue to experience, significant volatility, which may result in losses to investors. The market price of the Common Shares may increase or decrease in response to a number of events and factors, including, as a result of the risk factors described in this AIF.

In addition, the global stock markets and prices for mining company shares have experienced volatility that often has been unrelated to the operating performance of such companies. These market and industry fluctuations may adversely affect the market price of the Common Shares, regardless of the Company's operating performance.

**b) PRODUCTION, MINING, OPERATING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS RISKS**

***Mining is inherently dangerous and subject to conditions or events beyond the Company's control, including problems related to weather and climate in remote areas in which the***

***Company's operations are located, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, and mineral exploration is speculative and uncertain.***

Mining operations generally involve a high degree of risk. The Company's operations are subject to all the hazards and risks normally encountered in the production of gold, silver and copper, including: unusual and unexpected geologic formations; seismic activity; rock bursts; cave-ins or slides; fire; flooding; structural collapse; periodic interruption due to inclement or hazardous weather conditions; and other conditions involved in the drilling and removal of material, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of, mines and other producing facilities, personal injury or death, damage to property, environmental damage and possible legal liability. Milling operations are subject to hazards such as fire, flooding, equipment failure or failure of retaining dams around tailings disposal areas, which may result in environmental pollution and consequent liability. The occurrence of any of these events could result in a prolonged interruption of our operations, affect the profitability of our operations, lead to a loss of licences, damage community relations and adversely affect our reputation.

The Company's operations are located in remote areas and are affected by adverse climate events, resulting in technical challenges for conducting both geological exploration and mining operations. Although the Company benefits from modern mining technology, the Company may sometimes be unable to overcome problems related to weather and climate either expeditiously or at a commercially reasonable cost, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.

***The Company's strategic plans may be affected by unforeseen events and there is no guarantee that the Company will be effective in developing a plan that can address changing conditions.***

The Company conducts a strategic planning process that is intended to define long-term objectives and execution strategies designed to achieve those objectives. These plans are regularly reviewed and updated as current or prospective external and internal conditions change. The strategic plans are based on certain assumptions around key variables that can directly impact the validity of the strategy and the achievement of anticipated results. As unforeseen changes in business, operating and market conditions can occur at any time, resulting in the assumptions underlying the Company's decision-making process becoming invalid, there can be no assurance that the Company's strategic planning process will be completely effective in developing a strategic plan that addresses changing conditions and could result in a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. Additionally, due to internal and external factors, the Company may not have sufficient capital resources, organizational skills and knowledge, or systems and processes in place to be able to execute its strategic plans in a timely or efficient manner.

***The Company's failure to achieve production, cost and other estimates could have a material adverse effect on the Company's future cash flows, profitability, results of operations and financial condition.***

This AIF and our other public disclosure contain guidance and estimates of future production, operating costs, capital costs and other economic and financial measures with respect to our existing mine and certain of our exploration and development stage projects. The estimates can change, or we may be unable to achieve them. Actual production, costs, returns and other economic and financial performance may vary from the estimates depending on a variety of factors, many of which are not within our control. These factors include, but are not limited to:

actual ore mined varying from estimates of grade, tonnage, dilution, and metallurgical and other characteristics; short-term operating factors such as the need for sequential development of ore bodies and the processing of new or different ore grades from those planned; mine failure, slope failures or equipment failures; accidents; natural phenomena such as inclement weather conditions, floods, droughts, rock slides and earthquakes; unusual or unexpected geological conditions; regional epidemic or pandemic of disease; changes in power costs and potential power shortages; exchange rate and commodity price fluctuations; price changes or shortages of principal supplies needed for operations, including construction materials, explosives, fuels, water and equipment parts; labour shortages or strikes; litigation; regional or national instability, imposition of sanctions, insurrection, war or acts of terrorism; suspensions or closures imposed by governmental authorities; civil disobedience and protests; failure to comply with applicable regulations, or new restrictions or regulations, imposed by governmental or regulatory authorities; permitting or licensing issues; claims by landowners; overlap with other activities declared as activities for the public benefit; issues arising from the presence of illegal miners; obstacles and requisites imposed by local financial entities; shipping interruptions or delays; or other risks described in this AIF. The failure to achieve production, cost and other estimates could have a material adverse effect on our future cash flows, profitability, results of operations, and financial condition.

***Mineral exploration and development involves significant risks and uncertainties, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.***

The development of mineral deposits involves significant risks that even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate. Few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines and no assurance can be given that minerals will be discovered in sufficient quantities or having sufficient grade to justify commercial operations or that funds required for development can be obtained on a timely basis. Major expenses may be required to locate and establish mineral reserves, to develop metallurgical processes and to construct mining and processing facilities at a particular site. It is impossible to ensure that the exploration or development programs the Company will carry out will result in a profitable commercial mining operation.

Properties not yet in production, starting production or slated for expansion, are subject to higher risks as new mining operations often experience unexpected problems during the start-up phase, and production delays and cost adjustments can often happen. Further, technical studies contain project-specific estimates of future production, which are based on a variety of factors and assumptions. There is no assurance that such estimates will be achieved, and the failure to achieve production or cost estimates, or material increases in costs could have a material adverse effect on the Company's future cash flows, profitability, results of operations and financial condition and the Company's share price.

In addition, developments are prone to material cost overruns versus budget. The capital expenditures and time required to develop new mines, including building mining and processing facilities for new properties are considerable and changes in cost or construction schedules can significantly increase both the time and capital required to build the mine. The project development schedules are also dependent on obtaining the governmental approvals and permits necessary for the operation of a mine, which is often beyond the Company's control. It is not unusual in the mining industry for new mining operations to experience unexpected problems during the start-up phase, resulting in delays and requiring more capital than anticipated. There

is no assurance that there will be sufficient availability of funds to finance construction and development activities, particularly if unexpected problems arise.

Other risks associated with mineral exploration and development include, but are not limited to: the availability and costs of skilled labour and the ability of key contractors to perform services in the manner contracted for; unanticipated changes in grade and tonnage of ore to be mined and processed; unanticipated adverse geotechnical and geological conditions; incorrect data on which engineering assumptions are made; potential increases in construction and operating costs due to shortages of and/or changes in the cost of fuel, power, materials, security and supplies; adequate access to the site and unanticipated transportation costs or disruptions; potential opposition or obstruction from non-governmental organizations, environmental groups or local groups that may delay or prevent development activities; equipment failures; natural phenomena; exchange rate and commodity price fluctuations; high rates of inflation; civil disobedience, protests and acts of civil unrest or terrorism; the risk of applicable taxes and restrictions or regulations imposed by governmental or regulatory authorities or other changes in the regulatory environments; and other risks associated with mining described in this AIF.

The combination of these factors may result in the Company's inability to develop its non-producing properties, to achieve or maintain historical or estimated production, revenue or cost levels, or to receive an adequate return on invested capital, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business results of operations and financial condition.

#### ***Capital and operating costs, production schedules and economic returns risks.***

The Company's expected capital and operating costs, production schedules and estimates, anticipated economic returns and other projections, estimates and forecasts that are included in this AIF or included in any technical reports prepared for us are based on assumed or estimated future metals prices, cut-off grades, operating costs, capital costs, metallurgical recoveries, that the actual ore mined is amenable to mining or treatment, environmental considerations, labour volumes, permitting and other factors, any of which may prove to be inaccurate. As a result, technical reports prepared for us may prove to be unreliable. Our capital and operating costs are affected by the cost and availability of commodities and goods such as steel, cement, explosives, fuel, electrical power and supplies. Significant declines in market prices for gold and other metals could have an adverse effect on our economic projections. Management assumes that the materials and supplies required for operations will be available for purchase and that we will have access to the required amount of sufficiently skilled labour. As we rely on certain third-party suppliers and contractors, these factors can be outside of our control, and an increase in the costs of, or a lack of availability of, commodities, goods and labour may have an adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations. We may experience difficulty in obtaining the necessary permits for our exploration, development or operational activities, if such permits are obtained at all, which may cause delays and increases to projected budgets. Any of these discrepancies from our expected capital and operating costs, production schedules and economic returns could cause a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. The Company has in the past, and may in the future, provide estimates and projections of our future production, costs and financial results. Any such information is forward-looking. Neither our auditors nor any other independent expert or outside party compiles or examines these forward-looking statements. Such estimates are made by our management and technical Personnel and are qualified by, and subject to the assumptions, contained or referred to in the filing, release or presentation in which they are made, including assumptions about the availability, accessibility, sufficiency and quality of mineralized material, our costs of production, the market prices of gold and other metals, our ability to sustain and increase production levels,

the sufficiency of our infrastructure, the performance of our Personnel and equipment, our ability to maintain and obtain mining interests and permits, the state of governments and community relations, and our compliance with existing and future laws and regulations. Actual results and experience may differ materially from these assumptions. Failure to achieve estimates or material increases to costs could have a material adverse impact on our future cashflows, profitability, results of operations and financial condition. Any such production, cost, or financial results estimates speak only as of the date on which they are made, and we disclaim any intent or obligation to update such estimates, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Accordingly, such forward-looking statements should be considered in the context in which they are made, and undue reliance should not be placed on them.

### ***Tailings Storage Facility Risks.***

Mining companies face inherent risks in their operations with respect to tailings storage facilities and structures built for the containment of processed rock that remains after target minerals are extracted. Unexpected failings or breaches of tailings storage facilities, such as slope failures, foundation failures, or erosion, could release tailings and result in extensive environmental damage to the surrounding area as well as damage to property, personal injury, or death. Tailings storage facility failures can result in the immediate suspension of mining operations by governmental authorities, and lead to significant costs and expenses, write-offs of material assets, and the recognition of provisions for remediation, which could materially affect the Company's operations and financial condition. A major spill or failure of the tailings facilities, including as a result of matters beyond the Company's control such as extreme weather, a seismic event, or other incident, could cause damage to the environment and surrounding communities, wildlife, and areas. Failure to comply with existing or new environmental, health, and safety laws and regulations with respect to tailings management could lead to injunctions, fines, suspension or revocation of permits and other penalties. The Company could also be held responsible for the costs associated with investigating and addressing contamination or for fines or penalties from governmental authorities relating to tailings issues. The costs associated with such responsibilities and liabilities could be significant, be higher than estimated, and may involve time-consuming remediation. Furthermore, in the event the Company is deemed liable for any damage caused by overflow, the Company's losses or consequences of regulatory action might not be sufficiently covered by insurance policies. Should the Company be unable to fully fund the cost of remedying such environmental concerns, the Company could be required to temporarily or permanently suspend operations at the Kainantu Mine.

### ***Public health crises, including a pandemic, may significantly affect the Company.***

The Company's operations are subject to the risk of emerging infectious diseases or the threat of outbreaks of viruses or other contagions or epidemic diseases, such as COVID-19 (which, for the purposes of this AIF, includes any variants where applicable). These infectious disease risks may not be adequately responded to locally, nationally or internationally due to lack of preparedness to detect and respond to outbreaks or respond to significant pandemic threats. As such, there are potentially significant economic and social impacts of infectious disease risks, including the inability of the Company's mining and exploration operations to operate as intended due to a shortage of skilled employees, shortages or disruptions in supply chains, inability of employees to access sufficient healthcare, significant social upheavals, government or regulatory actions or inactions, decreased demand or the inability to sell commodities or declines in the price of commodities, capital market volatility or other unknown but potentially significant impacts. There are also potentially significant economic losses from infectious disease outbreaks that can extend far beyond the initial location of an infectious disease outbreak. The extent to which an infectious

disease outbreak will have an impact on our business, results of operations, future cash flows, earnings, liquidity and financial condition will depend on future developments that are highly uncertain and difficult to predict. The Company may not be able to accurately predict the quantum of such risks. Any of these factors could result in a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations, future cash flows, earnings, liquidity and financial condition.

***Dependence on the Kainantu Mine for all of K92's operating revenue and cash flows.***

While the Company may invest in additional mining and exploration projects in the future, the Kainantu Gold Mine is currently the Company's sole producing asset, providing all of the Company's operating revenue and cash flows. Consequently, a delay or difficulty encountered in the operations of the Kainantu Mine would materially and adversely affect the Company's financial condition and financial sustainability including K92's ability to fund future development.

Any adverse changes or developments affecting the Kainantu Mine, such as, but not limited to, the Company's inability to successfully mine, complete any of the development projects, work programs or expansions, obtain financing on commercially suitable terms, or hire suitable Personnel and contractors, may have a material adverse effect on K92's financial performance, results of operations and liquidity.

In addition, the results of operations of the Company could be materially and adversely affected by any events which cause the Kainantu Mine to operate at less than optimal capacity, including, among other things, equipment failure or shortages of spares, consumables and reagents, adverse weather, serious environmental and safety issues, any permitting or licensing issues and any failure to produce expected amounts of gold.

***Undue reliance should not be placed on estimates of mineral reserves or mineral resources, since these estimates are subject to numerous uncertainties. Mineral resources may never be converted into mineral reserves, which could adversely affect the Company's operating results and financial condition.***

Mineral reserves and mineral resources are estimates only, and no assurance can be given that the anticipated tonnages and grades will be achieved, that the indicated level of recovery will be realized. Mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-political, marketing and other risks and relevant issues. There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating mineral reserves and mineral resources, including many factors beyond the Company's control. Such estimation is a subjective process, and the accuracy of any mineral reserve or mineral resource estimate is a function of the quantity and quality of available data, the accuracy of assumptions, the nature of the ore body and of the assumptions made and judgments used in engineering and geological interpretation. These estimates may require adjustments or downward revisions based upon further exploration or development work, drilling or actual production experience.

Fluctuations in gold, copper and silver prices, results of drilling, metallurgical testing and production, the evaluation of mine plans after the date of any estimate, permitting requirements or unforeseen technical or operational difficulties may require revision of mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates. Prolonged declines in the market price of gold (or applicable by-product metal prices) may render mineral reserves and mineral resources containing relatively lower grades of mineralization uneconomical to recover and could materially reduce the Company's mineral reserves and mineral resources.

The following factors could potentially materially impact the current mineral resource estimates:

- The “inferred” category is intended to cover situations where a mineral concentration or occurrence has been identified and limited measurements and sampling completed, but where the data are sufficient to allow the geological and grade continuity to be reasonably assumed. Due to the uncertainty that may be attached to inferred mineral resources, it cannot be assumed that all or any part will be upgraded to an indicated or measured mineral resource as a result of continued exploration.
- Potential underestimation or overestimation of gold grade due to poor core recovery in mineralized zones.
- Results of additional drilling, metallurgical testing, receipt of new information, and production and the evaluation of mine plans subsequent to the date of any mineral resource estimate may require revision of such an estimate.

Mineral resources and mineral reserves should not be interpreted as assurances of mine life or of the profitability of current or future operations. In addition, the estimates of mineral resources, mineral reserves and economic projections rely in part on third-party reports and investigations. There is a degree of uncertainty attributable to the calculation and estimation of mineral resources and mineral reserves, and corresponding grades being mined and, as a result, the volume and grade of reserves mined and processed and recovery rates may not be the same as currently anticipated. Any material reductions in estimates of mineral reserves and mineral resources, or of the Company’s ability to extract these mineral reserves and mineral resources, could have a material adverse effect on the Company’s projects, results of operations and financial condition.

Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Due to uncertainty that may attach to inferred mineral resources, inferred mineral resources may not be upgraded to measured and indicated mineral resources or proven and probable reserves as a result of continued exploration. Inferred mineral resources are considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves and there is no certainty that such projections will be realized.

***The Company may be unable to identify appropriate acquisition targets or complete desirable acquisitions, and the Company may be unsuccessful in integrating businesses and assets that it has acquired or may acquire in the future.***

As part of its business strategy, the Company has sought and will continue to seek new operating and development opportunities in the mining industry. In pursuit of such opportunities, the Company may fail to select appropriate acquisition candidates or negotiate acceptable arrangements, including arrangements to finance acquisitions or integrate the acquired businesses and their personnel into the Company. There can be no assurance that the Company can complete any acquisition or business arrangement that it pursues, or is pursuing, on favorable terms, if at all, or that any acquisitions or business arrangements completed will ultimately benefit the Company’s business.

Acquisitions are accompanied by risks, such as a significant decline in the relevant metal price after the Company commits to complete an acquisition on certain terms; the quality of the mineral deposit acquired proving to be lower than expected; the difficulty of assimilating the operations and personnel of any acquired companies; the potential disruption of the Company’s ongoing

business; the inability of management to realize anticipated synergies and maximize the Company's financial and strategic position; the failure to maintain uniform standards, controls, procedures and policies; the impairment of relationships with employees, customers and contractors as a result of any integration of new management personnel; and the potential for unknown or unanticipated liabilities associated with acquired assets and businesses, including tax, environmental or other liabilities. There can be no assurance that acquired businesses or assets will be profitable, that the Company will be able to integrate the acquired businesses or assets successfully or that the Company will identify all potential liabilities during the course of due diligence. Any of these factors could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, expansion, results of operations and financial condition.

***The Company may be unable to compete successfully with other mining companies.***

The mining industry is intensely competitive in all of its phases, and the Company competes with many companies possessing greater financial resources and technical facilities with respect to the discovery and acquisition of interests in mineral properties, and the recruitment and retention of qualified employees and other persons to carry out its mineral production and exploration activities. Competition in the mining industry could adversely affect the Company's prospects for mineral exploration and development in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's revenues, operations and financial condition.

***The Company's directors may experience conflicts of interest.***

Certain of the Company's directors are also directors, officers or shareholders of other companies that are engaged in the business of acquiring, developing and exploring natural resource properties. Such associations may give rise to conflicts of interest from time to time. In particular, one of the consequences will be that corporate opportunities presented to a director or employee or officer of the Company may be offered to another company or companies with which the director or employee/officer is associated and may not be presented or made available to the Company. If a conflict of interest arises, any director or officer in a conflict is required by law to disclose his or her interest and abstain from voting on such matter.

***The Company may be subject to litigation risks which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial position.***

All industries, including the mining industry, are subject to legal claims, with and without merit. The Company is, from time to time, involved in various claims, legal proceedings and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. In addition, companies in the mining industry have experienced volatility in their share price and have been subjected to class action securities litigation by shareholders. Defense and settlement costs can be substantial, even for claims that are without merit. Due to the inherent uncertainty of the litigation process, the litigation process could take away from management time and effort and the resolution of any particular legal proceeding to which the Company may become subject could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial position.

Furthermore, in the event of a dispute arising from the Company's activities, the Company may be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of courts or arbitral proceedings outside of North America or may not be successful in subjecting persons to the jurisdiction of courts in North America, either of which could unexpectedly and adversely affect the outcome of a dispute.

***The Company may be affected by failures of information systems or information security threats or attacks.***

The Company has entered into agreements with third parties for hardware, software, telecommunications and other IT services in connection with the Company's operations. The Company's operations depend, in part, on how well the Company and its suppliers protect networks, equipment, IT systems and software against damage from a number of threats, including, but not limited to, cable cuts, damage to physical plants, natural disasters, terrorism, fire, power loss, hacking, computer viruses, vandalism and theft. The Company's operations also depend on the timely maintenance, upgrade and replacement of networks, equipment, IT systems and software, as well as pre-emptive expenses to mitigate the risks of failures. Any of these and other events could result in information system failures, delays and/or increase in capital expenses, which may adversely impact the Company's reputation and results of operations.

Furthermore, the Company and its third-party service providers collect and store sensitive data in the ordinary course of the Company's business, including personal information of the Company's employees, as well as proprietary and confidential business information relating to the Company and in some cases, the Company's customers, suppliers, investors and other stakeholders. This may also include confidential information of prospective merger or acquisition targets or candidates with which the Company may have entered into confidentiality agreements. With the increasing dependence and interdependence on electronic data communication and storage, including the use of cloud-based services and personal devices, the Company is exposed to evolving technological risks relating to this information and data. These risks include targeted attacks on the Company's systems or on systems of third parties that the Company relies on, failure or non-availability of a key information technology systems, or a breach of security measures designed to protect the Company's systems.

Although to date the Company has not experienced any known material losses relating to cyber-attacks or other information security breaches, there can be no assurance that it will not incur such losses in the future. The Company cannot be certain that it will be successful in securing this information and data and there may be instances where the Company is exposed to malware, cyber-attacks or other unauthorized access or use of the Company's information and data. Any data breach or other improper or unauthorized access or use of the Company's information could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and could damage the Company's reputation, compromise the Company's network or systems and result in a loss or escape of sensitive information, a misappropriation of assets or incidents of fraud, disrupt the Company's normal operations, and cause the Company to incur additional time and expense to remediate and improve the Company's information systems. In addition, the Company could be subject to legal and regulatory liability in connection with any such cyberattack or breach, including potential breaches of laws relating to the protection of personal information.

As cyber threats continue to evolve, the Company may be required to expend additional resources to continue to modify or enhance protective measures or to investigate and remediate any security vulnerabilities.

The increasing sophistication of attacks, including deepfakes, credential theft and supply-chain exploits, together with third-party platform dependencies, further elevate the Company's technology risks despite ongoing security investments. In addition to legal and regulatory liability, such events could subject the Company to the imposition of significant fines or penalties, which could adversely impact the Company's business, results of operations and the price of the Common Shares.

***The Company may not be able to effectively implement and use artificial intelligence systems.***

The Company increasingly relies on advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence (“AI”). While AI may provide benefits, inadequate governance, poor-quality data, or insufficient human oversight could result in inaccurate or biased outputs, operational inefficiencies, cybersecurity vulnerabilities, data breaches, regulatory scrutiny or reputational harm. The regulatory framework applicable to AI is rapidly evolving in Canada and internationally. Proposed Canadian legislation, such as the *Artificial Intelligence and Data Act*, and guidance from the Canadian Securities Administrators emphasize transparency and responsible AI use. Failure to comply with new AI regulations or to appropriately disclose AI-related risks could result in enforcement actions, litigation, or reputational harm. There can be no assurance that the Company will fully realize the expected benefits of AI or mitigate all associated risks.

***The Company may fail to maintain adequacy of internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures.***

The Company is required to maintain adequate internal control over financial reporting according to the requirements of National Instrument 52-109 – *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers’ Annual and Interim Filings* (“NI 52-109”). The Company may fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal control over financial reporting as such standards are modified, supplemented or amended from time to time, and we may not be able to conclude, on an ongoing basis, that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting. The Company’s failure to satisfy the requirements could result in the loss of investor confidence in the reliability of its financial statements, which in turn could harm our business and negatively impact the share price of our securities.

The Company may fail to maintain adequately designed disclosure controls and procedures. Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports filed with securities regulatory agencies is recorded, processed, summarized and is accumulated and communicated to the Company’s management, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

***The Company may be affected by climate change.***

The Company is subject to evolving climate change legislation that may increase both compliance costs and the risk of non-compliance. New and/or future climate change legislation may affect the Company’s ability to continue to operate as currently operated or planned to be operated. Additionally, there are climate change impact risks such as floods, drought, extreme weather events, and changes in rainfall and temperatures that could significantly increase costs of operations and/or have material adverse effects on the Company’s business.

Global climate change continues to attract considerable public, scientific and regulatory attention. Governments and regulatory bodies at the international, national, regional and local levels have introduced or may introduce legislative changes to respond to the potential impacts of climate change. Additional government action to regulate climate change, including regulations on carbon emissions and energy use, could increase direct and indirect costs to the Company’s operations and may have a material adverse impact on the Company. The Company’s primary operations are located in Papua New Guinea, that is a signatory to the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (the “Paris Agreement”). Additional requirements from the Paris Agreement or other climate change regulations could lead to increased costs for the Company.

In addition, the Company's operations are subject to the physical risks of climate change, which may include increased extreme weather events and significantly restricted water availability. In the long term, the Company may be required to respond to the physical effects of climate change which could have a material adverse impact on the Company and cause increases in expenditures and costs or require abandonment or delays in developing new mining properties. Climate changes or prolonged periods of wet weather in Papua New Guinea may also severely limit the length of time per year in which exploration, development and production can be carried out, which could have a material adverse impact upon the Company. In addition, water shortages can have a significant adverse impact on the operations of the Company and may result in delays and significant additional costs associated with mining and other operations.

Based on risk assessments conducted by the Company, climate change is not an immediate material risk faced by the Company. However, as time goes on, it may have an impact on how the Company conducts its business.

### **c) RISKS IN FOREIGN OPERATIONS**

*The Company's operations in Papua New Guinea subject the Company to political, economic and other risks that could negatively impact the Company's operations and financial condition.*

The Company's exploration, development and production activities are conducted in Papua New Guinea and, as such, our operations are exposed to relatively high levels of political, economic and other risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the existence or possibility of political or economic instability; conflict; terrorism; hostage-taking; crime; military repression; extreme fluctuations in currency exchange rates; high rates of inflation; labour unrest; war or civil unrest; expropriation and nationalization; uncertainty as to the outcome of any litigation in a foreign jurisdiction; uncertainty as to enforcement of local laws; uncertainty in relation to the impact of a potential pandemic on mining operations and travel limitations on fly-in fly-out employees; the impact of any declared State of Emergency laws in Papua New Guinea on fly-in fly-out employees and on labour force generally; environmental controls and permitting; restrictions on the use of land and natural resources; renegotiation or nullification of existing concessions, licences, permits and contracts; illegal mining; changes in taxation laws or policies; restrictions on foreign exchange and repatriation; corruption; unstable legal systems; changing political conditions; changes in mining laws and social policies; social unrest on account of poverty or unequal income distribution; local ownership legislation; currency controls and governmental regulations that favour or require the awarding of contracts to local contractors or require foreign contractors to employ citizens of, or purchase supplies from, the foreign jurisdiction or require equity participation by local citizens; and other risks arising out of foreign sovereignty issues.

Legislation in Papua New Guinea provides that the holder of a tenement must not enter onto or occupy any land that is the subject of the tenement for the purpose of mining, until it has made an agreement with the landholders as to the amount, times and mode of compensation and the agreement has been registered in accordance with such legislation. The Company has entered into agreements with the national, provincial and local levels of the Papua New Guinea Government and various landowner groups whereby the landowners will collectively receive a portion of the royalty paid by the Company to the National Government pursuant to the Mining Act 1992. However, there are residual land disputes concerning whether the Company has entered into agreements with all of the correct landowners to be dealt with. If it is determined that there are landowners that the Company is required to have agreements with that it currently does not, additional agreements will have to be negotiated. Inter-clan disputes seem to be a material

cause of the failure to be able to expeditiously resolve the local landowner matters. Failure to come to sufficient resolutions on such matters may adversely impact on the Company's ability to carry on exploration and mining operations on its properties.

The Papua New Guinea government has the right but not the obligation to participate in mining operations by acquiring up to a 30% interest in a mining lease. It is the Company's position that the government has waived its rights to participate, and ML150 does not contain any specific provision enabling such a right. Although there is no condition to the renewal of ML150 that the government's right to acquire a participating interest be reactivated, the risk remains that the government could seek to impose and exercise such right, which could result in, among other things, material and costly negotiations as to the fair market value of such right and the terms of payment.

The Company's interests in exploration and development properties are located in Papua New Guinea, a developing country, and therefore its mineral exploration and mining activities may be affected by political instability and governmental legislation and regulations relating to foreign investment and the mining industry. Papua New Guinea can often experience periods of civil unrest and instability. Changes, if any, in mining or investment laws or policies, political attitude or the level of stability in Papua New Guinea may adversely affect the Company's operations or profitability.

Due to the potential for criminal activity and civil unrest in Papua New Guinea, the Company has to maintain a minimum level of security to protect its assets and personnel; however, there is no guarantee that such measures will provide an adequate level of protection for the Company or its assets and Personnel.

#### ***Outbreak, or threatened outbreak, of any severe communicable disease in Papua New Guinea.***

The outbreak, or threatened outbreak, of any severe communicable diseases in Papua New Guinea could materially and adversely affect the Company's operations, particularly if such outbreak is inadequately controlled. This in turn could materially and adversely affect domestic labour supply. As all of the Company's revenue is currently derived from the Kainantu Mine, any labour shortages in Papua New Guinea could materially and adversely affect K92's business and results of operations. In addition, if any of the Company's employees are affected by any severe communicable disease, it could adversely affect or disrupt K92's production, development and exploration and materially and adversely affect the results of operations as the Company may be required to shut down its facilities to prevent the spread of the disease. The spread of any severe communicable disease in Papua New Guinea may also affect the operations of the Company's suppliers, which could materially and adversely affect K92's business and results of operations.

In particular, malaria, HIV/AIDS and other diseases such as COVID-19 represent a serious threat to maintaining a skilled workforce in the mining industry throughout Papua New Guinea and are a major healthcare challenge faced by the operations of the Company. There can be no assurance that K92 will not lose members of its workforce or see its workforce man-hours reduced or incur increased medical costs as a result of these health risks, which could materially and adversely affect the business and results of operations of the Company.

#### ***The Company encounters illegal mining on its properties.***

There has been and continues to be illegal mining activities on the Company's mineral properties. For the most part, such mining activity is restricted to the oxidized upper portions of mineralized prospects where gold is easily obtainable in its native form. There are no agreements in place

between the Company and any of the illegal miners. While illegal miners do not extract material amounts of minerals from the Company's properties, risks to the Company include altercations with illegal miners, restrictions to access over certain parts of the Company's properties, injury or death to illegal miners while on the Company's properties, and damages to the environment that the Company may have to incur resources to remediate. There is a risk of conflict with illegal miners, which could materially adversely affect the Company's operations.

***The Company's operations may be impacted by potential supply chain interruptions.***

Due to limited suppliers of equipment, materials, supplies and services available in Papua New Guinea, any disruption at supplier facilities could result in curtailment or suspension of activities. Any disruption in the transportation of or restriction in the flow of these goods or the imposition of customs clearance requirements may result in production delays.

The Company is also exposed to price volatility in respect of key inputs, such as fuel. Increases in global fuel prices can materially increase operating costs, erode operating margins and project investment returns, and potentially reduce viable reserves. Conversely, a significant and sustained decline in world fuel prices may offset other costs and improve returns.

The Company may also be exposed to worldwide political, economic or other risks and uncertainties, including a risk of war or civil unrest. In particular, the Company's business could be materially adversely affected by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine or any conflict involving China, which could in turn have potential impacts on commodity prices and negative implications on the financial markets. The effect of these factors cannot be predicted with any accuracy by K92 or its management.

***The Company's community relations are critical for future success.***

The Company's relationships with stakeholders are critical to ensure the future success of its existing operations and the construction and development of its projects. Mineral resource companies face increasing public scrutiny of their activities and are under pressure to demonstrate that their operations have potential to generate satisfactory returns not only to their shareholders, but also to benefit local governments and the communities surrounding the properties where it operates. Certain non-governmental organizations, public interest groups and reporting organizations ("**NGOs**") and civil society groups, some of which oppose globalization and resource development, are often vocal critics of the mining industry and its practices, including the use of hazardous substances and the handling, transportation and storage of various waste, including hazardous waste. The potential consequences of these pressures include reputational damages, lawsuits, increasing social investment obligations and pressure to increase taxes and future royalties payable to local governments and surrounding communities. While the Company seeks to operate in a socially responsible manner and believes it has good relationships with local communities in the regions in which it operates, NGOs or local community organizations could direct adverse publicity against and/or disrupt the operations of the Company in respect of one or more of its properties, regardless of its successful compliance with social and environmental best practices, due to political factors, activities of unrelated third parties on lands in which the Company has an interest or the Company's operations specifically. Reputation loss may result in decreased investor confidence, increased challenges in developing and maintaining community relations and an impediment to the Company's overall ability to advance its projects, obtain permits and licences and/or continue its operations. As a result of these considerations, the Company may incur increased costs and delays in permitting and other operational matters with respect to its property interests in Papua New Guinea.

#### **d) COMPLIANCE AND REGULATORY RISKS**

*The Company's operations are subject to stringent laws and regulations, which could significantly limit the Company's ability to conduct its business.*

The Company's activities are subject to stringent laws and regulations governing, among other things, prospecting, development and production; imports and exports; taxes; labour standards, occupational health and mine safety; mineral tenure, land title and land use; land, water and air quality regulations; protection of endangered and protected species; social legislation; carbon mitigation, and other matters.

Compliance with these laws may require significant expenditures. If the Company is unable to comply fully, it may be subject to enforcement actions or other liabilities (including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease, be suspended or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions) or the Company's image may be harmed, all of which could materially affect the Company's operating costs, delay or curtail its operations or cause the Company to be unable to obtain or maintain required permits. There can be no assurance that the Company has been or will be at all times in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, that compliance will not be challenged, or that the costs of complying with current and future laws and regulations will not materially or adversely affect the Company's business, operations or results.

New laws and regulations, amendments to existing laws and regulations or administrative interpretation, or more stringent enforcement of existing laws and regulations, whether in response to changes in the political or social environment the Company operates in or otherwise, could have a material and adverse effect on the Company's future cash flow, results of operations and financial condition.

*Mineral rights or surface rights to the Company's properties could be challenged, and, if successful, such challenges could have a material adverse effect on the Company's production and results of operations.*

The Company's ability to carry out successful mineral exploration and development activities and mining operations will depend on a number of factors including changes to laws, compliance with the Company's obligations with respect to acquiring and maintaining title to the Company's interest in its properties. The acquisition of title to mineral properties is a very detailed and time-consuming process. No guarantee can be given that the Company will be in a position to comply with all such conditions and obligations, or to require third parties to comply with their obligations with respect to such properties. Furthermore, while it is common practice that permits and licences may be renewed, extended or transferred into other forms of licences appropriate for ongoing operations, no guarantee can be given that a renewal, extension or a transfer will be granted to the Company or, if they are granted, that the Company will be in a position to comply with all conditions that are imposed. A number of the Company's interests are the subject of pending applications to register assignments, extend the term, and increase the area or to convert licences to concession contracts and there is no assurance that such applications will be approved as submitted.

The interests in the Company's properties may not be free from defects or the material contracts between the Company and the entities owned or controlled by a foreign government may be unilaterally altered or revoked. There can be no assurances that the Company's rights and title

interests will not be revoked or significantly altered to the Company's detriment. There can be no assurances that the Company's rights and title interests will not be challenged or impugned by third parties. The Company's interests in properties may be subject to prior unregistered liens, agreements, claims or transfers and title may be affected by, among other things, undetected defects or governmental actions.

***The Company is subject to taxation in foreign jurisdictions, and adverse changes to the taxation laws of such foreign jurisdictions or unanticipated tax consequences of corporate reorganizations, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's profitability.***

The Company is subject to the taxation laws of different jurisdictions. These taxation laws are complicated and subject to changes, and are subject to review and assessment in the ordinary course. Any such changes in taxation law or reviews and assessments could result in higher taxes being payable by the Company, which could adversely affect the Company's ability to generate a profit. Taxes may also adversely affect the Company's ability to repatriate earnings and otherwise deploy its assets.

The Company may complete in the future intercorporate transactions, corporate reorganizations and reorganizations of the entities holding the Company's projects. If such transactions or reorganizations result in the imposition of an unanticipated tax or penalty, it may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. The Company may also be subject to ongoing tax audits from time to time. Adverse results of such tax audits may have a negative effect on the business of the Company.

***The Company requires licences, permits and approvals from various governmental authorities to conduct its operations, the failure to obtain or loss of which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business.***

The Company's mining and exploration and development operations in Papua New Guinea are subject to receiving and maintaining licences, permits and approvals from appropriate governmental authorities. Although the Company's mining operations currently have all required licences, permits and approvals that the Company believes are necessary for operations as currently conducted, no assurance can be provided that the Company will be able to maintain and renew such permits or obtain any other permits that may be required.

There is no assurance that changes of laws will not occur or that delays will not occur in connection with obtaining necessary renewals of authorizations for existing operations, additional licences, permits and approvals for future operations, or additional licences, permits and approvals associated with new legislation. An inability to obtain or conduct mining operations pursuant to applicable authorizations would materially reduce the Company's production and cash flow and could undermine the Company's ability to generate sufficient revenue to continue operations.

There are several permits required for mining operations in Papua New Guinea, including:

- Licence to keep, store or possess explosives;
- Permit for persons using explosives;
- Conveyance of explosives and dangerous goods;
- Licence to keep, or register premises to store inflammable liquids;

- Approval to recruit non-citizens;
- Gold export licence;
- Establishing foreign bank accounts to meet exchange control requirements; and
- Tax clearance certificates for transfer of funds out of Papua New Guinea.

While the Company currently has the valid permits it requires to carry on its current operations, there is no guarantee the Company will be able to retain the necessary permits. A loss of a permit could materially delay the Company's operations, and failure to obtain or renew any necessary permit could materially restrict the Company's ability to meet the ML150 renewal obligations or future operations.

Pursuant to Section 22(2) of the Mining Act 1992, the holder of an exploration licence must relinquish not less than 50% of the area at the time of application for extension of that licence so that after each relinquishment the area of land that remains subject to the exploration licence consists of not more than three discrete areas each or which comprises one sub-block or more than one sub-blocks, each of which shall have a common side with at least one other such sub-block. Where, as a result of this requirement, the area of an exploration licence has been reduced to not more than:

- 1) 30 sub-blocks — the holder is not required to make any further relinquishments under Section 22(2); or
- 2) 75 sub-blocks — the holder may apply to the Managing Director of the Mineral Resources Authority of Papua New Guinea to waive or vary Section 22(2) and where the Managing Director is satisfied, after receiving advice from the Mining Advisory Council, that special circumstances exist which in his opinion justify retention of more than 30 sub-blocks, he may waive or vary those requirements, but the total area permitted to be held after such a waiver or variation must not exceed 75 sub-blocks.

A relinquishment under Section 22 takes effect on the date on which the exploration licence would have expired but for the lodgement of an application for an extension of term.

At the time of making subsequent applications for renewal of the Company's exploration licences, the Company will make an application under Section 22(3)(a) of the Mining Act, for an exemption from the requirement to relinquish any part of the licence areas. No assurance can be made that such applications will be successful, and if an application is denied and the Company is required to relinquish any part of an exploration licence, it could materially affect the nature and scope of the Company's future mineral exploration.

In addition, the grant of and the registration of mining tenements in Papua New Guinea do not guarantee title under applicable legislation. As such, there is the risk of third-party claims which could be made against title to any or all of the tenement interests held by or to be held by the Company, to which none the Company or any of its subsidiaries are aware; and such claims could be material and adverse to the Company's right or ability to carry out exploration, development or mining activities thereon.

***The Company is subject to risks relating to environmental regulations, and the Company's properties may be subject to environmental hazards, which may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operations and financial condition.***

The Company's operations are subject to local laws and regulations regarding environmental matters, including, without limitation, the renewal of environmental clearance certificates, the use or abstraction of water, land use and reclamation, air quality and the discharge of mining wastes and materials. Any changes in these laws could affect the Company's operations and economics. Environmental laws and regulations change frequently, and the implementation of new, or the modification of existing, laws or regulations could harm the Company. The Company cannot predict how agencies or courts in foreign countries will interpret existing laws and regulations or the effect that these adoptions and interpretations may have on the Company's business or financial condition.

The Company may be required to make significant expenditures to comply with governmental laws and regulations. Any significant mining operations will have some environmental impact, including land and habitat impact, arising from the use of land for mining and related activities, and certain impact on water resources near the project sites, resulting from water use, rock disposal and drainage run-off. The Company may also acquire properties with known or undiscovered environmental risks. Any claim against or indemnification from the entity from whom the Company has acquired such properties may not be adequate to pay all the fines, penalties and costs (such as clean-up and restoration costs) incurred related to such properties.

Some of the Company's properties have been used for mining and related operations for many years before the Company acquired them, and were acquired as-is or with assumed environmental liabilities from previous owners or operators. The Company has been required to address contamination at its properties in the past and may need to continue to do so in the future, either for existing environmental conditions or for leaks or discharges that may arise from the Company's ongoing operations or other contingencies. Contamination from hazardous substances, either at the Company's own properties or other locations for which the Company may be responsible, may subject the Company to liability for the investigation or remediation of contamination, as well as for claims seeking to recover for related property damage, personal injury or damage to natural resources. The occurrence of any of these adverse events could have a material adverse effect on the Company's future growth, results of operations and financial position.

While the Company believes it does not currently have any material unrecognized risks under environmental obligations, exploration, development and mining activities may give rise in the future to significant liabilities on the Company's part to the government and third parties and may require the Company to incur substantial costs of remediation. Additionally, the Company does not maintain insurance against environmental risks. As a result, any claims against the Company may result in liabilities that the Company will not be able to afford, resulting in the failure of the Company's business.

The Company's mining lease, ML150, requires the Company to develop a detailed Rehabilitation and Mine Closure Plan ("**RMCP**") for the Kainantu Mine prepared in accordance with relevant regulatory requirements in force in PNG at the time. A copy of the RMCP must be provided to the PNG Mineral Resources Authority ("**MRA**") at least five years prior to the earlier of 1) the planned closure of the mine, or 2) the expiration of the mining lease. There is a risk that the MRA may not accept the Company's RMCP at the time of its submission.

The cost of the Company's reclamation activities and mine closure costs may materially exceed the Company's provisions for them, or regulatory developments or changes in the assessment of conditions at closed operations may cause these costs to vary substantially, from prior estimates of reclamation liabilities.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions thereunder, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. Parties engaged in exploration operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of the exploration activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations and, in particular, environmental laws. Amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of exploration companies, or more stringent implementation, could have a material adverse impact on the Company and cause increases in expenditures and costs or require abandonment or delays in developing new mining properties.

The Company's operations are associated with the emission of 'greenhouse gasses'. Ongoing international negotiations that aim to limit greenhouse gas emissions may result in the introduction of new regulations and may have an adverse impact on the Company's operations.

***The Company is subject to various anti-corruption laws and regulations, and the Company's failure to comply with such laws and regulations may have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.***

The Company is subject to Canadian and other anti-corruption laws and regulations such as the *Canadian Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act* and *Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act (Canada)* (the "**Anti-Corruption Legislation**"), which require companies to report annually on payments made to all levels of governments both in Canada and abroad. In general, these laws prohibit a company and its employees and intermediaries from bribing or making other prohibited payments to foreign officials or other persons to obtain or retain business or gain some other business advantage. The Anti-Corruption Legislation also require Canadian public companies to make and keep books and records that accurately and fairly reflect their transactions and to devise and maintain an adequate system of internal accounting controls.

According to Transparency International, Papua New Guinea is perceived as having fairly high levels of corruption relative to Canada. The Company relies, to a great extent, on the Company's local advisors in respect of legal, environmental compliance, banking, financing and tax matters to ensure compliance with material legal, regulatory and governmental developments as they pertain to and affect the Company's operations in Papua New Guinea. The Company cannot predict the nature, scope or effect of future regulatory requirements to which the Company's operations might be subject or the manner in which existing laws might be administered or interpreted. The Company's operations in the Papua New Guinea may create the risk of unauthorized payments or offers of payments by the Company's employees, consultants or agents. Failure by the Company or its predecessors to comply with the applicable legislation and other similar foreign laws could expose the Company and its senior management to civil and/or criminal penalties, other sanctions and remedial measures, legal expenses and reputational damage, all of which could materially and adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. Likewise, any investigation of any alleged violations of the applicable Anti-Corruption Legislation by Canadian or foreign authorities could also have an adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

***The Company's environmental, social and governance ("ESG") practices and reporting may be scrutinized, and failure to meet evolving standards may adversely impact the Company's reputation and ability to access capital.***

There are many analysts, reviewing agencies and consultants ("**ESG Reviewers**") that evaluate the Company's performance on specific ESG matters, and issue reports and ratings relating to the Company. There is a wide variety of ESG reporting frameworks and limited standardization on reporting metrics within the global ESG reporting space. There is also a wide variety of methodologies employed by ESG Reviewers, most of which are not transparent about the metrics they rely on or the weightings they give them in generating a particular report or ranking. The Company has systems in place to manage ESG matters at the Company's operations and to ensure proper and complete reporting. However, given the wide variety in ESG reporting frameworks and ESG Reviewer methodologies, there are no assurances that the Company's efforts will be successful or meet the standards set by any given ESG Reviewer. ESG reporting frameworks and ESG factors, including climate change, are increasingly becoming a relevant metric for institutional investors to review and assess the performance of the Company and a significant factor in their investment decisions. In addition, ESG expectations adopted by the capital markets may not be consistent with explicit statutory obligations to which the Company is subject. There is no assurance that the Company's systems will be able to reliably manage potential impacts of ESG reports and rankings on the Company's ability to attract capital at a reasonable cost.

***Trade Tariffs and Protectionism.***

The Company's ability to import materials needed to conduct its operations, construct its projects, and export its products may be impacted by the threat or imposition of protectionist or retaliatory trade tariffs by various countries. Changes to trade policies, tariff regimes, or the threat of or imposition of new duties could increase costs for supplies, equipment, and materials necessary for the Company's operations, or could restrict the Company's ability to export its products at economically feasible prices. The threat or imposition of tariffs or trade restrictions could also lead to retaliatory measures by affected countries, disrupting supply chains and increasing market volatility. The Company cannot predict the scope or duration of such measures or the extent to which they may impact the Company's business, costs, or revenues. Any significant tariffs or trade barriers could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, and results of operations.

***Social Media and Reputational Risks.***

As a result of the increased usage, speed, and global reach of social media and other internet-based applications used to generate, publish, and discuss user-generated content, and to connect with others, the Company is at a greater risk of losing control over how it is perceived by the public. Damage to the Company's reputation can be the result of the actual or perceived occurrence of any number of events, and could include any negative publicity, whether credible, factual, true, or not. While the Company places emphasis on protecting and nurturing its reputation, the Company does not ultimately have direct control over how it is perceived by others, including how it is viewed on social media and other internet-based applications. Harm to the Company's reputation, which could be promulgated through social media and other internet-based applications, may lead to increased challenges in developing and maintaining investor confidence and stakeholder relations, and could act as an obstacle to the Company's overall ability to maintain its current operations, to advance its projects, and to procure capital from investors, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company and its business.

### ***Shareholder Activism.***

Publicly traded companies are often subject to demands or publicity campaigns from activist shareholders advocating for changes to corporate governance practices, executive compensation practices, social issues, or for certain corporate actions or reorganizations. There can be no assurance that the Company will not be subject to any such campaign, including proxy contests, media campaigns, or other activities. Responding to challenges from activist shareholders can be costly and time consuming and may have an adverse effect on the Company's reputation. In addition, responding to such campaigns would likely divert the attention and resources of the Company's management and board, which could have an adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations. Even if the Company were to undertake changes or actions in response to activism, activist shareholders may continue to promote or attempt to effect further changes and may attempt to acquire control of the Company. If shareholder activists are ultimately elected to the board, this could adversely affect the Company's business and future operations. This type of activism can also create uncertainty about the Company's future strategic direction, resulting in loss of future business opportunities, which could adversely affect the Company's business, future operations, profitability, and the Company's ability to attract and retain qualified Personnel.

### ***Risk of Delisting from Stock Exchange.***

The Company must meet continuing listing standards to maintain the listing of the Common Shares on the TSX. If the Company fails to comply with listing standards and the TSX delists the Common Shares, the Company and its shareholders could face significant material adverse consequences, including: a limited availability of market quotations for the Common Shares; reduced liquidity for the Common Shares; and a decreased ability for the Company to issue additional equity securities or obtain additional equity or debt financing in the future.

## **e) FINANCIAL RISKS**

### ***The Company may not be able to obtain additional financing on acceptable terms, or at all.***

Future exploration, development, mining, and processing of minerals from the Company's properties, or repayment of current or future indebtedness, could require substantial additional financing. No assurances can be given that the Company will be able to raise the additional funding that may be required for such activities or repayment of indebtedness, should such funding not be fully generated from operations. To meet such funding requirements, the Company may be required to undertake additional equity financing, which would be dilutive to shareholders. Debt financing, if available, may involve certain restrictions on operating activities or other financings. There is no assurance that such equity or debt financing will be available to the Company or that they would be obtained on terms favourable to the Company, if at all, which may adversely affect the Company's business and financial position. Failure to obtain sufficient financing may result in delaying or indefinite postponement of exploration, development, or production on any or all of the Company's properties, or even a loss of property interests.

### ***The Company is exposed to global financial conditions.***

Global financial conditions have been characterized by ongoing volatility. Global financial conditions could suddenly and rapidly destabilize in response to current or future events, as government authorities may have limited resources to respond to future crises. Global capital markets have continued to display increased volatility in response to global events. In particular,

the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and any restrictive actions that are or may be taken by Canada, the U.S., and other countries, whether or not in response thereto, such as sanctions or export controls, could have potential negative implications to the global capital markets.

Future crises may be precipitated by any number of causes, including natural disasters, pandemics, geopolitical instability, changes to energy prices or sovereign defaults. Market events and conditions, significant fluctuations in fuel and energy costs and prices, political instability in the Middle East and Russia and international trade tension have resulted in commodity prices remaining volatile. These conditions have also caused a loss of confidence in global financial markets, causing consumer spending to decrease, employment rates to reach historic lows and consumer debt levels to increase. Notwithstanding various actions by governments, concerns about the general condition of the capital markets have caused these markets to be volatile and interest rates to remain at historical lows. These events are illustrative of the effect that events beyond the Company's control may have on commodity prices, demand for metals, including gold, silver and copper, availability of credit, investor confidence, and general financial market liquidity, all of which may adversely affect the Company's business. Global financial conditions have always been subject to volatility. Any sudden or rapid destabilization of global economic conditions could negatively impact K92's ability to obtain equity or debt financing or make other suitable arrangements to finance their projects. Additionally, increased levels of volatility and market turmoil can adversely impact the operations of K92 and the value and the price of the Common Shares could be adversely affected.

***The Company's insurance does not cover all potential losses, liabilities and damage related to its business and certain risks are uninsured or uninsurable.***

Although the Company maintains insurance to protect against certain risks in such amounts as the Company considers to be reasonable, the Company's insurance will not cover all the potential risks associated with its operations and insurance coverage may not continue to be available or may not be adequate to cover any resulting liability. It is not always possible to obtain insurance against all risks and the Company may decide not to insure against certain risks because of high premiums or other reasons. Moreover, insurance against risks such as loss of title to mineral property, environmental pollution or other hazards as a result of exploration and production is not generally available to the Company or to other companies in the mining industry on acceptable terms. Losses from these events may cause the Company to incur significant costs that could have a material adverse effect upon the Company's financial performance and results of operations.

***Potential dilution of the Common Shares.***

The Company may sell additional equity securities in subsequent offerings and may issue additional equity securities to finance its operations, exploration, development, acquisitions or other projects. The Company cannot predict the size of future sales and issuances of equity securities or the effect, if any, that future sales and issuances of equity securities will have on the market price of the Company's shares.

***The Company has not declared dividends on its Common Shares.***

The Company has not declared or paid any dividends on the Common Shares. The Company intends to retain future earnings, if any, to finance the growth and development of its business and does not intend to pay cash dividends on the Common Shares at the date hereof. Any payments of dividends will be dependent upon the financial requirements of the Company to

finance future growth, the financial condition of the Company and other factors which the Board may consider appropriate in the circumstances.

#### **f) RELATIONSHIPS WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS**

*The Company is subject to risks related to community relations and community action, including aboriginal and local community title claims and rights to consultation and accommodation, which may affect the Company's existing operations and development projects.*

As a mining business, the Company comes under pressure in the jurisdictions in which it operates to demonstrate that other stakeholders (including employees, communities surrounding operations and the countries in which it operates) benefit and will continue to benefit from the Company's commercial activities, and/or that the Company operates in a manner that will minimize any potential damage or disruption to the interests of those stakeholders. The Company may face opposition with respect to its current and future development and exploration projects which could materially adversely affect the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.

Governments in many jurisdictions, including the jurisdictions in which the Company operates, must consult with aboriginal peoples and local communities with respect to grants of mineral rights and the issuance or amendment of project authorizations. Consultation and other rights of Aboriginal people and local communities frequently require accommodations, including undertakings regarding employment, royalty payments and other matters. This may affect the Company's ability to acquire within a reasonable time frame effective mineral titles, permits or licences in the jurisdictions in which it operates and may affect the timetable and costs of development of the Company's mineral properties.

Furthermore, certain NGOs, some of which oppose globalization and resource development, are often vocal critics of the mining industry and its practices, including the use of hazardous substances in processing activities. Adverse publicity generated by such NGOs or others related to extractive industries generally, or the Company's operations specifically, could have an adverse effect on the Company's reputation and financial condition and may impact its relationship with the communities in which the Company operates. They may also attempt to disrupt the Company's operations.

*The Company depends on key Personnel, and if it is unable to attract and retain such persons in the future it could have an adverse effect on the Company's operations.*

The Company's success will be largely dependent on the performance of its key officers, employees, outside contractors and consultants. Locating and developing mineral deposits depends on a number of factors, not the least of which is the technical skill of the exploration, development and production Personnel involved. The Company will compete with numerous other companies for the recruitment and retention of qualified employees and contractors. There is no assurance that the Company can maintain the service of its officers, employees or other qualified Personnel required to operate its business. Failure to retain key Personnel or to attract or retain additional key individuals with necessary skills could have a materially adverse impact upon the Company's success and a loss of expertise or institutional knowledge could result in a competitive disadvantage. The Company has not purchased any "key-man" insurance with respect to any of the Company's directors, officers or key employees and has no current plans to do so.

***The Company's operations would be adversely affected if it failed to maintain satisfactory labour relations or attract and retain skilled Personnel.***

Production at the Company's mining operations is dependent upon the efforts of its employees and the Company's relations with its employees. The Company may not be able to satisfactorily renegotiate its labour agreements when they expire. Existing labour agreements may not prevent a strike or work stoppage at the Company's facilities in the future. In addition, relations between the Company and its employees may be affected by changes in the scheme of labour relations that may be introduced by the relevant governmental authorities in those jurisdictions in which the Company carries on business. Changes in such legislation or in the relationship between the Company and its employees may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

In Papua New Guinea, due to high levels of unemployment, it may be difficult for the Company to obtain skilled Personnel that may be required in exploration or mining operations. In addition, Papua New Guinea suffers from high levels of poverty. A significant proportion of the Papua New Guinea workforce can be classified as unskilled or semi-skilled labourers as a result of which it may be difficult for the Company to find skilled Personnel for specialized tasks. Shortages of suitably qualified Personnel in Papua New Guinea could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

**g) RISKS RELATING TO THE TRAFIGURA LOAN AND 2026 OFFTAKE AGREEMENT (THE "TRAFIGURA TRANSACTION")**

There are also certain risks and uncertainties associated with the Trafigura Transaction, which risk factors could materially adversely affect our future business, operations and financial condition, and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in our Forward-Looking Statements. The risk factors noted below do not necessarily comprise all risks related to the Trafigura Transactions. Additional risks and uncertainties associated with the Trafigura Transactions that are not presently known to us or that we currently consider immaterial may also impair our business, operations and future prospects.

***The Company may default under the Loan Agreement.***

The Company and its subsidiaries, K92PNG and K92 Holdings, are subject to the terms of the two senior secured Credit Facilities with Trafigura, consisting of the Canadian Credit Facility and the PNG Credit Facility. The Canadian Credit Facility is secured by, among other things, a pledge of the shares of K92 Holdings and the Conversion Right. A default under the Credit Facilities, including failure to meet repayment obligations, would allow Trafigura to accelerate repayment of amounts outstanding, enforce security interests, or exercise the Conversion Right. Such actions could materially and adversely impact the Company's financial position, dilute shareholder value, result in the loss of the Company's interest in the Kainantu Mine, and materially adversely impact the Common Share price.

***Exposure to interest rate risk.***

The Credit Facilities are subject to interest at competitive but floating rates. An increase in prevailing interest rates could increase the Company's borrowing costs and have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and operating results.

### ***Regulatory approval and compliance risks with respect to the 2026 Offtake Agreement with Trafigura.***

The 2026 Offtake Agreement has received regulatory approval in Papua New Guinea, subject to compliance with certain conditions, including but not limited to, K92's adherence to the terms of its gold export licence. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the suspension or termination of the 2026 Offtake Agreement, which would materially and adversely affect the Company's revenue and operations.

Any failure to meet the terms of the 2026 Offtake Agreement, regulatory requirements, or operational challenges in producing and delivering the required quantities of concentrate could result in significant financial and operational consequences for the Company.

Additionally, the 2026 Offtake Agreement is integral to the Company's revenue stream and long-term financial planning. Any disruption to the 2026 Offtake Agreements, whether due to regulatory, operational, or market-related factors, could have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial position, cash flows, and ability to fund its Stage 4 Expansion plans.

### ***Concentration of counterparty risk.***

The Company's reliance on Trafigura creates a concentration of counterparty risk. Any disruption in Trafigura's operations or its financial condition could have a material adverse effect on the Company's ability to sell its concentrate product and generate revenue.

### ***Potential dilution from conversion right.***

In the event of a default under the Canadian Credit Facility, Trafigura may exercise the Conversion Right, resulting in the issuance of additional Common Shares. This could dilute the holdings of existing shareholders and negatively impact the market value of the Company's Common Shares.

## **DIVIDENDS**

We have not declared any dividends or distributions on our Common Shares since our incorporation. The Board may declare from time to time such cash dividends or distributions out of the monies legally available for dividends or distributions as the Board considers advisable. Any future determination to pay dividends or make distributions will be at the discretion of the Board and will depend on our capital requirements, results of operations and such other factors as the Board considers relevant.

## **DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

The Company's authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares without par value. As at the date of this AIF, 245,078,724 Common Shares are issued and outstanding. As at December 31, 2025, 243,895,640 Common Shares were issued and outstanding.

For detailed information about our equity compensation arrangements, specifically, our Share Compensation Plan, including the compensation principles that govern the grants made, please refer to our management information circular for the most recent annual general meeting, available under our Company's profile on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

## COMMON SHARES

The holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and vote at, all meetings of shareholders (other than meetings at which only holders of another class or series of shares are entitled to vote). Each Common Share carries the right to one vote. In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, the holders of Common Shares will be entitled to receive on pro rata basis, all of the assets remaining after the payment by the Company of all of its liabilities. The holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive any dividends declared by the Company in respect of the Common Shares, on a pro rata basis.

## SHARE COMPENSATION PLAN

Until October 28, 2021, the Company had a "rolling" stock option plan (the "**Stock Option Plan**") whereby the Company was authorized to grant stock options ("**Options**") equal to up to 10% of the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares to directors, officers, employees and consultants. The Company's Stock Option Plan was prepared by the Company in accordance with the policies of the TSX and was in the form of a "rolling 10% plan" reserving for issuance upon the exercise of Options granted pursuant to the Stock Option Plan a maximum of 10% of the outstanding Common Shares.

Effective October 28, 2021, the Company replaced the Stock Option Plan with an omnibus share compensation plan (the "**Share Compensation Plan**") that provides for the issuance of Options, restricted share units ("**RSUs**"), and performance share units ("**PSUs**") to directors, officers, employees and consultants (each an "**Eligible Person**"). Certain terms of the Share Compensation Plan were amended on June 29, 2023 and further amendments were made on June 27, 2024. The maximum number of underlying Common Shares issuable pursuant to the Share Compensation Plan, as amended, is **2.30%** of the number of Common Shares outstanding at the time of grant.

The aggregate number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to Options, PSUs and RSUs granted to any one non-employee director within a one-year period may not exceed an aggregate value of \$150,000 per such non-employee director, of which no more than \$100,000 may consist of Options.

## STOCK OPTIONS

Pursuant to the Share Compensation Plan, the Company is authorized to grant Options to executive officers, directors, employees and consultants. Each Option is exercisable into one Common Share. The maximum number of Options that may be granted under the Share Compensation Plan, together with any other shares issuable pursuant to Options granted under the Share Compensation Plan, is **2.3%** of the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares at the time of the grant, on a non-diluted basis. The options have a term of no more than five years and vest in equal segments over three years.

As at December 31, 2025, the Company had 553,000 outstanding Options. As of the date of this AIF, the Company has Options outstanding to purchase 212,000 Common Shares at an exercise price of C\$8.02 per share with original terms of 5 years, and with the last Options expiring on April 30, 2026. Based on the Company having 245,078,724 Common Shares outstanding on February 27, 2026, a total of 5,415,811 Options are available for issuance under the Share Compensation Plan. No Options have been issued since 2021. For additional details regarding these securities, refer to the notes to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025, which are available on the Company's website at [www.K92mining.com](http://www.K92mining.com) and under the Company's profile at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

## PERFORMANCE SHARE UNITS

The Company is authorized to grant PSUs to officers, directors, employees and consultants pursuant to the Share Compensation Plan. The maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issuable pursuant to PSUs together with RSUs may not exceed **3.7%** of the number of outstanding Common Shares, calculated at the time of grant. Unless otherwise determined by the Board in accordance with the Share Compensation Plan, the PSUs vest in three installments; one-third vesting one year from the grant date, one-third vesting two years from the grant date and the remainder vesting three years from the grant date, subject to certain performance criteria having been met. The vesting of the PSUs is based on the Company's share performance in comparison to its peer group (GDX and GDXJ), with the final number of PSUs vested ranging from 25% to 150% of the number of initial PSUs granted. During the year-ended December 31, 2025, the Company granted a total of 558,745 PSUs of which 186,248 PSUs would vest during 2026, 186,248 PSUs would vest during 2027, and 186,249 PSUs would vest during 2028, subject to the RSU holders being Eligible Persons.

## RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

Pursuant to the Share Compensation Plan, the Company is authorized to grant RSUs to officers, directors, employees and consultants. Each RSU entitles the holder to one Common Share. The maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issuable pursuant to RSUs together with PSUs may not exceed **3.7%** of the number of outstanding Common Shares, calculated at the time of grant.

Unless otherwise determined by the Board in accordance with the Share Compensation Plan, the RSUs vest in three installments; one-third vesting one year from the grant date, one-third vesting two years from the grant date and the remainder vesting three years from the grant date. During the year-ended December 31, 2025, the Company granted a total of 409,202 RSUs of which 136,401 RSUs would vest during 2026, 136,401 RSUs would vest during 2027, and 136,401 RSUs would vest during 2028, subject to the RSU holders being Eligible Persons. In addition, 150,000 RSUs were granted to the Kainantu Employee Trust as set out below.

### *Kainantu Employee Trust*

In order for the Company to ensure that it is providing compensation opportunities to attract, retain and motivate the employees of its Papua New Guinea subsidiary, K92 PNG, and to ensure that the interests of the employees of K92 PNG are aligned with the success of the Company, in 2023 the Company amended the Share Compensation Plan to allow the Company to grant RSUs to a the Kainantu Employee Trust (the "**RSU Trust**") established for the benefit of resident PNG employees of K92 PNG from time to time (the "Trust Beneficiaries"). The amendments allow the Company to award RSUs to the RSU Trust. Once vested, the Company will arrange for the

issuance of the vested Common Shares to the RSU Trust, the RSU Trust will then sell the Common Shares in the market and distribute the cash proceeds to Trust Beneficiaries in accordance with the terms and conditions and distribution criteria set out in the governing documents of the RSU Trust. During the year-ended December 31, 2025, the Company granted a total of 150,000 RSUs to the RSU Trust, of which 50,000 RSUs vest on each of November 30, 2026, November 30, 2027, and November 30, 2028.

## MARKET FOR SECURITIES

### TRADING PRICE AND VOLUME

Our Common Shares are listed for trading on the TSX under the symbol “KNT” and quoted on the OTCQX under the trading symbol “KNTNF”.

The following table sets out the market price range and trading volumes of our Common Shares on the TSX for year ended December 31, 2025.

Month	High (C\$)	Low (C\$)	Volume (# shares)
December	24.14	19.82	19,362,463
November	21.10	17.44	11,955,041
October	21.28	16.56	22,937,978
September	17.48	15.30	27,450,834
August	15.77	14.21	15,825,104
July	15.41	14.13	14,899,533
June	16.22	14.44	17,694,386
May	14.26	12.06	13,558,886
April	13.58	10.28	17,747,523
March	12.50	9.26	14,326,667
February	10.71	9.27	10,501,056
January	10.39	8.53	13,141,744

On March 9, 2026, the closing price of our Common Shares on the TSX was C\$28.31 per share.

The following table sets out the market price range and trading volumes of our Common Shares on the OTCQX for year ended December 31, 2025.

Month	High (US\$)	Low (US\$)	Volume (# shares)
December	17.74	14.23	3,074,200
November	14.96	12.40	1,855,300
October	15.14	11.64	4,903,100
September	12.59	11.15	4,059,400
August	11.44	10.19	2,965,800
July	11.45	10.00	2,566,600
June	12.00	10.41	3,993,800
May	10.37	8.73	2,535,900
April	9.87	7.16	3,688,000
March	8.74	6.40	3,761,900
February	7.50	6.43	2,103,600
January	7.17	5.95	2,914,100

### PRIOR SALES

The following table summarizes the Company's issuances of securities convertible into or exercisable for Common Shares during the year ended December 31, 2025.

Date of Issue	RSUs (#)	PSUs (#)	Stock Options (#)	Price per Security (C\$)
January 20, 2025	164,826	247,510	-	9.98
June 30, 2025	207,486	311,235	-	15.36
November 30, 2025	150,000	-	-	21.09
December 2, 2025	36,890	-	-	20.33
	<b>559,202</b>	<b>558,745</b>	<b>Nil</b>	

## DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Board is, as of the date of this AIF, composed of six directors, each of whom is elected at each annual meeting of shareholders, to hold office until the next AGM or until their successor is duly elected or appointed, unless they resign, or their office becomes vacant. As at December 31, 2025, the Board consisted of six directors.

The following table sets forth the name, municipality, province or state of residence, position held with us, the date of appointment of each of our current directors and executive officers, their principal occupation within the immediately preceding five years, and the shareholdings of each director and executive officer as at the date of this AIF. The statement as to Common Shares beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, by the directors and executive officers named below is in each instance based on information furnished by the person concerned and is as at the date of this AIF.

## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Name and Province or State and Country of Residence	Position with K92	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years	Director / Officer Since	Number of Voting Securities <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Anne Giardini</b> <sup>(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)</sup> Rome, Italy	Chair	Corporate Director: K92 since 2020; Stella-Jones Inc. since 2021; Capstone Copper since 2021; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation from 2018 to 2022.	July 2020	692,198
<b>John D. Lewins</b> <sup>(6)(7)</sup> British Columbia, Canada	CEO and Director	Chief Executive Officer of the Company since August 2017.	May 2016	5,004,264
<b>Mark Eaton</b> <sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup> Ontario, Canada	Director	Business Consultant. Executive Chairman of Belo Sun Mining Corp. from February 2014 until June 2025.	May 2016	115,305
<b>Nan Lee</b> <sup>(5)(6)(7)</sup> Saskatchewan, Canada	Director	Mining and Engineering Project Development Consultant since 2009; Vice President, Project Development UEX Corporation, a uranium mining company, from 2011 until 2017.	April 2022	31,796
<b>Saurabh Handa</b> <sup>(3)(4)</sup> British Columbia, Canada	Director	Chief Financial Officer of Metalla Royalty & Streaming Ltd. since October 2020; Principal of Handa Financial Consulting Inc.	May 2016	26,760
<b>Cyndi Laval</b> <sup>(7)</sup> British Columbia, Canada	Director	Partner at the law firm of Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP.	November 2019	177,044
<b>David Medilek</b> British Columbia, Canada	President and COO	President and COO of the Company since January 2024; President of the Company from January 2023 to January 2024; Vice President, Business Development and Investor Relations of the Company from June 2019 until January 2023; Equity Research Analyst at Macquarie Group Limited from 2016 until 2019.	June 2019	250,000
<b>Justin Blanchet</b> British Columbia, Canada	CFO	Chief Financial Officer of the Company since May 2016.	May 2016	396,250

Name and Province or State and Country of Residence	Position with K92	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years	Director / Officer Since	Number of Voting Securities <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Christopher Kinver</b> Queensland, Australia	Vice President, Projects and Engineering	Vice President, Projects and Engineering of the Company since September 2019.	June 2024	12,766

Notes:

- (1) The information as to the nature of Common Shares beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, by the directors and executive officers, not being within our knowledge, has been furnished by such directors and officers.
- (2) Ms. Giardini is Board Chair.
- (3) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (4) Member of the Compensation and Benefits Committee.
- (5) Member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.
- (6) Member of the Sustainability Committee.
- (7) Member of the Health and Safety Committee.

## SHAREHOLDINGS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

As at the date of this AIF, our directors and executive officers, as a group, beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, 6,706,383 Common Shares, representing approximately 2.74% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

The following table identifies the members of each of the Company's committees of the Board and indicates whether each committee member is considered independent or non-independent:

Board Committee	Committee Members	Independence Status
Audit Committee	Saurabh Handa (Chair) Mark Eaton Anne Giardini	Independent Independent Independent
Compensation and Benefits Committee	Mark Eaton (Chair) Saurabh Handa Anne Giardini	Independent Independent Independent
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	Anne Giardini (Chair) Mark Eaton Nan Lee	Independent Independent Independent
Sustainability Committee	Nan Lee (Chair) Anne Giardini John Lewins	Independent Independent Non-Independent

Board Committee	Committee Members	Independence Status
Health and Safety Committee	Cyndi Laval (Chair) Nan Lee John Lewins	Non-Independent Independent Non-Independent

As of the date of this AIF, four of the Board's six directors are independent as that term is defined in NI 52-110. Independence is formally assessed annually and considered continually throughout the year to ensure the directors can act objectively and in an unfettered manner, independent of management and free from any interest and any business or other relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with their ability to act in the Company's best interests. John Lewins is not independent because he is the Company's CEO. Cyndi Laval is not independent because she is a partner of the Company's legal counsel.

### CEASE TRADE ORDERS OR BANKRUPTCIES

Except as disclosed below, none of our directors or executive officers is, as at the date of this Annual Information Form, or was within 10 years before the date of this AIF, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including K92), that:

- (a) was subject to an order that was issued while the director or executive officer was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
- (b) was subject to an order that was issued after the director or executive officer ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

For the purposes of subsections (a) and (b), "order" means a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, and in each case that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.

None of our directors or executive officers, or a shareholder holding a sufficient number of our securities to affect materially the control of K92:

- (a) is, as at the date of this Annual Information Form, or has been within the 10 years before the date of this Annual Information Form, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including K92) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (b) has, within the 10 years before the date of this Annual Information Form, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the director, executive officer or shareholder.

The following information, not being within the knowledge of the Company, has been furnished by the respective directors, officers and shareholders holding a sufficient number of our securities to affect materially control of K92.

Saurabh Handa was a director of Banks Island Gold Ltd. from June 7, 2011 to July 28, 2015. On January 8, 2016, Banks Island Gold Ltd. announced its intention to make an assignment into bankruptcy and Industry Canada accepted that assignment effective January 8, 2016. The assignment was also filed with the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy the same day.

## PENALTIES OR SANCTIONS

None of our directors or executive officers, or a shareholder holding a sufficient number of our securities to affect materially the control of K92, has been subject to:

- (a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision regarding us.

The foregoing information, not being within our knowledge, has been furnished by the respective directors, officers and shareholders holding a sufficient number of our securities to affect materially control of K92.

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Certain directors and officers of the Company are also directors, officers or shareholders of other companies that are similarly engaged in the business of acquiring and exploiting natural resource properties. These associations to other public companies in the resource sector may give rise to conflicts of interest from time to time. Under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, the directors and senior officers of the Company are required by law to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company. If such a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of the Company's directors, a director who has such a conflict will disclose such interest in a contract or transaction and will abstain from voting on any resolution in respect of such contract or transaction.

## CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS

We have adopted a **Code of Conduct**, which is applicable to all directors, officers and employees and sets out the standards which guide the conduct of our business and the behaviour of our employees, officers and directors. A copy of the Code can be obtained from our website at [www.K92Mining.com](http://www.K92Mining.com).

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company's Audit Committee is governed by an audit committee charter. A copy of the Company's Audit Committee Charter is attached hereto as Schedule "A". The Audit Committee Charter may also be obtained upon request to the Company's Corporate Secretary or through its website at [www.K92Mining.com](http://www.K92Mining.com).

The Audit Committee is responsible for the review of both interim and annual financial statements for the Company. Board approval of interim financial statements is delegated to the Audit Committee. For the purposes of performing their duties, the members of the Audit Committee have the right at all times, to inspect all the books and financial records of the Company and any subsidiaries and to discuss with management and the external auditor of the Company any accounts, records and matters relating to the financial statements of the Company. The Audit Committee members meet periodically with management and annually with the external auditor.

### COMPOSITION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee must consist of at least three directors, all of whom must be independent and "financially literate" (within the meaning of applicable requirements or guidelines for audit committee service under securities laws or the rules of any applicable stock exchange, including NI 52-110). The Company's Audit Committee is composed of three independent directors: Saurabh Handa (Chair), Mark Eaton and Anne Giardini.

All of the Audit Committee members are "financially literate", as defined in NI 52-110, as all have the industry experience and expertise necessary to read, understand and analyze financial statements of the Company, as well as understand the complexity of issues, accounting principles, internal controls and procedures necessary for the Company's financial reporting.

Each of the Audit Committee members have education and experience that is relevant to the performance of their responsibilities as audit committee members, as described below.

#### ***Financial Expert***

Saurabh Handa is considered an audit committee "financial expert" within the meaning of the applicable U.S. securities laws as he has extensive experience as the CFO with public companies and previously served as a public accountant with Deloitte in its audit and valuation practices, working with international mining clients.

Committee Member Name	Independent <sup>(1)</sup>	Financially Literate <sup>(2)</sup>	Relevant Education and Experience
<b>Saurabh Handa</b> <i>(Chair)</i>	Yes	Yes	<p>Mr. Handa is a mining professional with over twenty years of diverse senior experience that includes finance, mergers and acquisitions and multi-jurisdictional public company disclosures. He is considered an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of the applicable U.S. securities laws. He is currently the Chief Financial Officer of Metalla Royalty &amp; Streaming Ltd., and the Principal of Handa Financial Consulting Inc. Previously, he was Chief Financial Officer of Titan Mining Corp., Vice President, Finance of Imperial Metals Corp., Chief Financial Officer of Meryllion Resources Corp., Chief Financial Officer of Yellowhead Mining Inc. and Controller for SouthGobi Resources Ltd. Mr. Handa also worked four three years as a CPA at Deloitte Vancouver in its audit and valuation practices, primarily with international mining clients.</p> <p>Saurabh Handa is a Chartered Professional Accountant (“CPA”) and graduated with Honours from the University of British Columbia with a diploma in Accounting. Prior to joining the accounting profession, Mr. Handa obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Genetics from the University of British Columbia and a diploma in Computer Systems from the British Columbia Institute of Technology.</p>
<b>Mark Eaton</b>	Yes	Yes	<p>Mr. Eaton is an experienced investment professional with over 25 years of experience in equity capital markets specializing in the resource sector. He is currently Executive Chairman and is the former President and CEO of Belo Sun Mining Corp. Mr. Eaton was a Partner and Director of Loewen Ondaatje McCutcheon Ltd., a Toronto-based investment dealer, from January 2007 until March 2008. From 1998 to 2007, he held the position of Managing Director of Global Mining Sales, a division of CIBC World Markets of Toronto and Manager of US Equity Sales for CIBC World Markets. Mr. Eaton has also served in the capacity of CEO, President and director of several other TSX and TSXV listed companies. Mr. Eaton is a graduate from Hull University, England.</p>

Committee Member Name	Independent <sup>(1)</sup>	Financially Literate <sup>(2)</sup>	Relevant Education and Experience
Anne Giardini	Yes	Yes	<p>Ms. Giardini, KC, also serves on the boards of Capstone Copper Corp. and Stella-Jones Inc., both TSX-listed issuers. She currently serves on the Audit Committee of Capstone Copper Corp. and is Chair of its Governance, Nominating and Sustainability Committee; and on the Environmental, Health and Safety Committee of Stella-Jones Inc. and is Chair of its Governance and Nomination Committee. She was previously Chair of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade and served on numerous boards including Nevsun Resources Ltd., Thompson Creek Metals Company Inc., HydroOne, TransLink and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). Ms. Giardini has served on and chaired audit and finance committees of a number of organizations and has reviewed, analyzed, and evaluated financial statements and the internal controls and procedures for financial reporting. In addition, she has advised on and led measures to ensure safe and sustainable operations, financial, legal, and environmental transparency, and other aspects of sound corporate governance. In 2016, Ms. Giardini was made an Officer of the Order of Canada, and in 2018 she was admitted to the Order of British Columbia.</p> <p>Ms. Giardini holds an L.L.M. from Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, an L.L.B. from the University of British Columbia, and a B.A. (Economics) from Simon Fraser University.</p>

(1) A member of an audit committee is independent if the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company that could, in the view of the Board of Directors, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment or is otherwise deemed to have a material relationship pursuant to NI 52-110.

(2) An individual is financially literate if they have the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

### RELIANCE ON CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS

At no time since the commencement of our most recently completed financial year has K92 relied on any exemption from NI 52-110.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT

At no time since the commencement of our most recently completed financial year was a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the Board.

## NON-AUDIT RELATED PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All non-audit related services to be performed by the Company's independent auditor must be approved in advance by the Audit Committee and such approval is subject to ratification by the Board at its next meeting. The Audit Committee may delegate certain pre-approval functions for non-audit services to one or more independent members of the Audit Committee if it first adopts specific policies and procedures in respect of this delegation and provided such decisions are presented to the full Audit Committee for approval at its next meeting.

## EXTERNAL AUDITOR SERVICE FEES

The aggregate fees billed by our external auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, in each of the last financial years are as follows:

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	Audit-Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>
2025	C\$597,698	C\$3,644	C\$31,289	-
2024	C\$432,352	C\$3,686	C\$59,385	-

Notes:

- (1) Represents the aggregate fees billed by the Company's external auditor in each of the last two financial years for audit services, including interim reviews.
- (2) Represents Canadian Public Accountability Board (CPAB) fees related to the annual audit.
- (3) Represents fees for return of capital, preparation of income tax returns and stock options tax withholding analyses.
- (4) Represents the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two financial years by the Company's external auditor for services not included under the headings "Audit Fees", "Audit Related Fees" and "Tax Fees".

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

To the Company's knowledge, there are no pending or contemplated legal proceedings to which the Company is a party or of which any of its material properties is the subject that would have a material effect on our financial condition or future results of operations. During the last financial year, the Company has not been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a regulatory body in respect of securities legislation or regulatory requirements or any penalty or sanction that would likely to be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision. The Company has not entered into any settlement agreement in respect of securities legislation or regulatory requirements.

## INTEREST OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Except as disclosed in this AIF, during the three most recently completed financial years, no director or executive officer, insider, or any associate or affiliate of such insider, or director, or executive officer has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction or any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

## TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

The transfer agent and registrar for the Common Shares is TSX Trust Company at its offices in Vancouver, British Columbia.

## MATERIAL CONTRACTS

There are no contracts, other than those disclosed in this AIF and other than those entered into in the ordinary course of the Company's business, that are material to the Company and which were entered into in the most recently completed financial year ended December 31, 2025, or before the most recently completed financial year but are still in effect as of the date of this AIF.

## INTEREST OF EXPERTS

The persons referred to below have been named as having prepared or certified a report, valuation, statement or opinion described or included in a filing, or referred to in a filing, made under National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* during, or relating to, as of the date of this AIF.

### **Qualified Persons**

The following individuals, and Qualified Persons as defined by NI 43-101, are the authors responsible for the Blue Lake Technical Report:

- Simon Tear, P.Geo. of H & S Consultants Pty. Ltd.
- Anthony Woodward BSc (Hons), M.Sc., MAIG, Consulting Geologist

The following individuals, and Qualified Persons as defined by NI 43-101, are the authors responsible for the Updated DFS Technical Report:

- Evan Kirby BSc (Hons), FSAIMM, of Metallurgical Management Services Pty Ltd.
- Ralph Holding, CPEng, FIEAust, ATC Williams Pty Ltd.
- Simon Tear BSc (Hons), EurGeol, PGeo IGI, EurGeol, of H&S Consultants Pty Ltd.
- Andrew Kohler BAppSc (Geol), PGCert (Geostatistics), MAIG, of K92 Mining Limited
- Brendan Mulvihill, MAusIMM, (CP Met), RPEQ, of GR Engineering Services Limited
- Daniel Donald, B.Eng Hons (Mining), MBA, FAusIMM, MSME, of Entech Pty Ltd.
- Isaac Ahmed, BAsC, MASc, P.Eng, of WSP Canada Inc.
- Nicholas Currey, BSc, MAusIM, of EMM Consulting Pty Limited

Andrew Kohler, the Company's Chief Geologist, a "qualified person" within the meaning of this term in NI 43-101, in addition to contributing to the Updated DFS Technical Report, reviewed the Company's news releases, sections of this AIF and other disclosure documents that are of a scientific and technical nature pertaining to the Company's mineral projects and has verified the data disclosed in such documents. Mr. Kohler is not independent as he is an employee of the Company.

None of the persons above, at the time of or after such person prepared or certified the applicable report, valuation, statement or opinion (a) held registered or beneficial interests, direct or indirect,

in any of our securities or other property (or securities or other property of one of our associates or affiliates), representing 1% or more of our outstanding securities, or (b) was expected to be, elected, appointed or hired as a director, officer or employee of K92 or of any associate or affiliate.

### ***Independent Auditor***

The Company's independent auditors are PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants of Suite 1400 - 250 Howe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3S7, who have prepared an independent auditor's report dated March 1, 2026, in respect of the Company's consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2025 and 2024 and for the years then ended. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has advised that they are independent with respect to the Company within the meaning of the relevant rules and related interpretations prescribed by the relevant professional bodies in Canada, including the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia Code of Professional Conduct, and any application legislation or regulations.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information regarding the Company and its business activities is available free of charge through the Company's website at [www.K92Mining.com](http://www.K92Mining.com) or under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

Additional financial information, including directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of the Company's securities and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, if applicable, is contained in the Company's information circular for its most recently held annual meeting of shareholders that involved the election of directors. The information circular may be found on the Company's website or on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

Additional financial information is provided in the Company's most recent consolidated financial statements and the MD&A for its most recently completed financial year.

**SCHEDULE A****AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER****Effective March 30, 2022****1. PURPOSE**

The Audit Committee (the “**Committee**”) is a committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the “**Board**”). The Audit Committee is accountable to the Board.

- A.** The Committee’s primary function is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to:
- (a) the integrity of the financial information to be provided to the shareholders and others;
  - (b) the adequacy and maintenance of the systems of internal controls, and accounting and financial reporting processes that management has established under supervision of the Audit Committee;
  - (c) the Company’s internal and external audit process including the external auditor’s qualifications, independence and performance;
  - (d) the assessment, monitoring and management of the strategic, operational, reporting and compliance risks of the Company’s business (including but not limited to financial, disclosure, fraud, tax, and financial reporting risks and exposures) (“**Risks**”); and
  - (e) monitoring compliance with the Company’s legal and regulatory requirements with respect to this Committee mandate and financial disclosure.
- B.** In the course of fulfilling its specific responsibilities, the Committee is expected to maintain an open communication between the Company’s external auditors and the Board. In addition, the Committee will facilitate communication among the auditors, management and the Board for financial reporting and control matters.
- C.** The Committee, in collaboration with the external auditors, has the duty to review and ensure that the Company’s financial disclosures are complete and accurate, are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and fairly present the financial position and Risks of the Company’s business.
- D.** The responsibilities of a member of the Audit Committee are in addition to such member’s fiduciary responsibility and duties as a member of the Board.

## 2. COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP

- A. The Audit Committee shall consist of at least three Directors of the Company who shall serve on behalf of the Board. The members will be appointed annually by the Board at the time of each annual meeting of shareholders and shall hold office until the next annual meeting or until they cease to be directors or Committee members. The Board may, at any time and from time to time, remove or replace any member of the Committee, fill any vacancy in the Committee or add a member to the Committee.
- B. All Committee members shall be “independent” as that term is defined by Canadian National Instrument 52-110 - *Audit Committees*, U.S. securities laws and regulations and applicable stock exchange rules.
- C. All the Committee members shall be “financially literate” (i.e., able to read and understand a set of financial statements and associated notes that represent a breadth and level of complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company’s consolidated financial statements.) Additionally, at least one member of the Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise and be considered an “audit committee financial expert” within the meaning of the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.
- D. The Board, at its organizational meeting held in conjunction with each annual general meeting of the shareholders, will appoint a Committee Chair and the other members of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Board may at any time remove or replace any member of the Committee and may fill any vacancy in the Committee.
- E. The Chair shall preside over all Committee meetings, coordinate the Committee’s compliance with this Charter, and provide reports of the Committee to the Board.
- F. A member shall cease to be a member of the Committee upon ceasing to be a director of the Company.

## 3. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### A. General

As part of its responsibilities, authorities and procedures, the Audit Committee shall:

- (a) take charge of all responsibilities imparted on an Audit Committee of the Company, as they may apply from time to time, under the Business Corporations Act (*British Columbia*), National Instrument 52-110 - *Audit Committees*, and any other applicable laws or stock exchange rules;
- (b) be satisfied that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company’s public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company’s financial statements and periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures;
- (c) report material decisions and actions of the Committee to the Board, together with such recommendations as the Committee may deem appropriate, at the subsequent Board meeting. The reports of the Committee shall include any issues of which the Committee is aware with respect to the integrity of the Company’s

financial statements, any instances of fraud or illegal acts, its compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, the performance and independence of the Company's independent auditor and changes in Risks;

- (d) ensure that the Board is aware of matters which may significantly impact the financial condition or affairs of the business;
- (e) review the performance of the Committee, including its compliance with this Charter, on an annual basis and report the results of its evaluation to the Board;
- (f) review and assess this Committee Charter at least annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board of Directors;
- (g) review and assess the adequacy of insurance coverage for the Company, including directors' and officers' liability coverage;
- (h) have the power to conduct or authorize investigations into any matter within the scope of its responsibilities;
- (i) have the authority to communicate directly with the external and internal auditors;
- (j) have the right to communicate directly with the CFO and other members of management who have responsibility for the accounting and financial reporting process, if applicable;
- (k) have the authority to pre-approve non-audit services (subject to ratification by the Board at its next meeting) to be performed by the external auditors; and
- (l) perform other functions as requested by the Board from time to time or as may be required by any applicable stock exchanges, regulatory authorities or legislation.

#### **B. Meetings and Transacting of Business**

- (a) The Committee shall meet regularly and at least four times annually either by telephone or virtual conference, or in person.
- (b) The Committee shall have the opportunity to hold in-camera sessions without the presence of management after each meeting.
- (c) A meeting may be called at the request of the external auditor, the Chair of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") or the CFO, or any member of the Committee by notifying the Company's Corporate Secretary who will notify the members of the Audit Committee.
- (d) Notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Committee shall be given in writing to each member of the Committee a reasonable time before the meeting.
- (e) In advance of every meeting of the Committee, the Chair, with the assistance of the CFO, will ensure that the agenda and meeting materials are distributed in a timely manner.

- (f) No business may be transacted by the Committee at a meeting of its members unless a quorum of the Committee is present. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, provided that if the number of members of the Committee is an even number, one-half of the number of members plus one shall constitute a quorum.
- (g) The Chair of the Committee shall chair each meeting. In his or her absence, the Committee may appoint another person to act as chair of a meeting of the Committee provided a quorum is present. The Chair will appoint a secretary of the meeting, who need not be a member of the Committee and who will maintain the minutes of the meeting.
- (h) The external auditors shall receive notice of and are entitled to attend and be heard at each Committee meeting.
- (i) The Committee may invite to a meeting any directors, officers or employees of the Company, legal counsel, advisors and other persons whose attendance it considers necessary or desirable in order to carry out its responsibilities.
- (j) The Committee shall maintain minutes or other records of meetings and activities of the Committee in sufficient detail to convey the substance of all discussions held. A member of the Committee may be designated as the liaison member to report on the deliberations of the Committee to the Board.
- (k) If a meeting is not convened, the Committee may alternatively approve matters by resolution in writing signed by all the members of the Committee.

### **C. Engagement of Other Advisors**

The Committee shall have the authority to engage independent counsel, consultants and other advisors as the Committee may deem appropriate in its sole discretion and to set and pay the compensation for any advisors employed by the Committee. The Committee shall not be required to obtain the approval of the Board in order to retain or compensate such consultants or advisors. The Company shall provide appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for the services of these advisors.

### **D. Access to Information**

The Committee shall have access to such officers and employees any and to all books and records of the Company necessary for the execution of the Committee's obligations and shall discuss with the CEO, Controller or CFO such records and other matters considered appropriate.

### **E. Authority of External Auditors**

The internal accounting staff, any external accounting consultant(s) and the external auditors of the Company will have a direct line of communication to the Committee and may bypass management if deemed necessary. The external auditors will report directly to the Committee.

#### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee shall have the duties and responsibilities set out below as well as any other duties that are specifically delegated to the Committee by the Board and that the Board is authorized to delegate by applicable laws and regulations. In addition to these duties and responsibilities, the Committee shall perform the duties required of an audit committee by any exchange upon which securities of the Company are traded, or any governmental or regulatory body exercising authority over the Company, as are in effect from time to time (collectively, the “Applicable Requirements”).

##### A. External Auditors

The Audit Committee has primary responsibility for the selection, engagement, dismissal, compensation and oversight of the external auditors, subject to the overall approval of the shareholders and the Board as is required under applicable legislation and stock exchange requirements. For this purpose, the Committee may consult with management.

The responsibilities of the Committee in respect of external auditors are to:

- (a) Recommend to the Board:
  - i. whether the current external auditor should be re-nominated for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor’s report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company;
  - ii. if the current external auditor is not to be re-nominated, an acceptable alternative auditor; and
  - iii. the compensation to be paid to the external auditor.
- (b) Oversee the work of the external auditors engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor’s report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company. The external auditors must report directly to the Committee.
- (c) Resolve disagreements, if any, between management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting through querying management and the external auditors.
- (d) Take reasonable steps to confirm, at least annually, the independence of the external auditors. Obtain from the external auditors a formal written statement delineating all relationships between the external auditors and the Company, consistent with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Rule 3526. Actively engage in a dialogue with the external auditors with respect to any disclosed relationships or services that impact the objectivity and independence of the external auditor. Assure the regular rotation of the lead audit partner as may be required by law. Consider whether, in order to assure continuing external auditor independence, there should be regular rotation of the audit firm itself.
- (e) Review and approve the Company’s hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the Company’s present and former external auditors to ensure the external auditor remains independent.

- (f) Consider, in consultation with the external auditors, the audit scope, plan and timing of the external audit and the related engagement letter, and ensure no unjustifiable restriction or limitations have been placed on the scope. Recommend approval of the audit engagement and plan to the Board.
- (g) Confirm with the external auditor and receive written confirmation at least annually as to the external auditor's internal processes and quality control, and disclosure of any investigations or government enquiries, reviews or investigations of the external auditors, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues.
- (h) In accordance with any applicable regulatory requirements and applicable stock exchanges, pre-approve any non-audit related services provided by the external auditors to the Company or the Company's subsidiaries, if any. The Committee may decide pre-approval is not required if:
  - i. the aggregate amount of all the non-audit services that were not pre-approved is reasonably expected to constitute no more than five percent of the total amount of fees paid by the Company and its subsidiary entities to the Company's external auditor during the fiscal year in which the services are provided;
  - ii. the Company or the subsidiary entity of the Company did not recognize the services as non-audit services at the time of the engagement; and
  - iii. the services are promptly brought to the attention of the Audit Committee of the Company and approved, prior to the completion of the audit, by the Audit Committee or by one or more of its members to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Audit Committee.

The Committee may delegate certain pre-approval functions for non-audit services to one or more independent members of the Committee if it first adopts specific policies and procedures respecting same and provided such decisions are presented to the full Committee for approval at its next meeting.

- (i) Obtain confirmation from the external auditors that the external auditors are a 'participating audit' firm for the purpose of National Instrument 52-108 - *Auditor Oversight* and in compliance with governing regulations.
- (j) Review and evaluate the performance of the external auditors including the external auditors' internal quality-control procedures and provide feedback to the extent deemed appropriate.
- (k) Review and evaluate, at least annually, and oversee the performance of the external auditors and the lead audit partner. Consider the opinions of the Company's management and internal auditors or other personnel serving the internal audit function. The Committee should present its conclusions to the full Board.
- (l) Recommend to the Board any change of the external auditors, and in the event of a proposed change of auditor, review all issues relating to the change, including the information to be included in any notice of change of auditor as required under applicable securities laws, and the planned steps for an orderly transition.

**B. Internal Auditors**

The Audit Committee must assist the Board in its oversight of the performance of the Company's internal audit function, if any. In connection with the Company's internal audit function, if any, the Committee shall:

- (a) review the terms of reference of the internal auditor and meet with the internal auditor as the Committee may consider appropriate to discuss any concerns or issues;
- (b) in consultation with the external auditor and the internal audit group, review the adequacy of the Company's internal control structure and procedures designed to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and any special audit steps adopted in light of material deficiencies and controls;
- (c) review the internal control report prepared by management, including management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control structure and procedures for financial reporting; and
- (d) periodically review with the internal auditor any significant difficulties, disagreements with management or scope restrictions encountered in the course of the work of the internal auditor.

**C. Audit and Review Process and Results**

The Committee has a duty to receive, review and make any inquiry regarding the completeness, accuracy and presentation of the Company's financial statements to ensure that the financial statements fairly present the financial position and Risks of the organization and that they are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. To accomplish this, the Committee is required to:

- (a) Review annually the Company's internal system of audit and financial controls, internal audit procedures and results of such audits.
- (b) Ensure the auditors have full, unrestricted access to required information and have the cooperation of management.
- (c) Review with the external auditors, in advance of the audit, the scope and general extent of the external auditors' review, including the audit engagement letter, the audit process and standards, as well as regulatory or Company-initiated changes in accounting practices and policies and the financial impact, and selection or application of appropriate accounting principles.
- (d) Review with the external auditors and, if necessary, legal counsel, any litigation, claim or contingency, including tax assessments, that could have a material effect upon the financial position of the Company and the manner in which these matters are being disclosed in the financial statements.
- (e) Review the appropriateness and disclosure of any off-balance sheet matters.
- (f) Review disclosure of related-party transactions and potential conflicts of interest.

- (g) Receive and review with the external auditors, the external auditors' audit reports and the audited or reviewed financial statements. Make recommendations to the Board respecting approval of the audited financial statements.
- (h) Determine whether the auditors are satisfied that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- (i) In connection with the annual audit, review material written matters between the external auditors and management, such as management letters, schedules of unadjusted differences and analyses of alternative assumptions, estimates or generally accepted accounting methods.
- (j) Ascertain whether any significant financial reporting issues were discussed by management and the external auditor during the fiscal period and review the method of resolution.
- (k) Review and resolve any significant disagreement among management and the external auditors in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.
- (l) Meet with the auditors separately from management to review the integrity of the Company's financial reporting, including the clarity of financial disclosure and usage of the accounting policies and estimates, performance of internal audit management, any significant disagreements or difficulties in obtaining information, adequacy of internal controls over financial reporting and the degree of compliance of the Company with prior recommendations of the external auditors. The Audit Committee shall direct management to implement such changes as the Audit Committee considers appropriate, subject to any required approvals of the Board arising out of the review.
- (m) Meet at least annually with the external auditors, independent of management, and report to the Board the results of such meetings.

#### **D. Annual Financial Statements, MD&A and Other Financial Disclosure**

The Audit Committee shall:

- (a) Review on an annual basis the Company's practice with respect to review of annual financial statements by the external auditors.
- (b) Conduct all such reviews and discussions with the external auditors and management as it deems appropriate.
- (c) Review the annual financial statements, management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A"), annual information form (only to the extent that it contains financial information or projections), and the results of the audit with management and the external auditors prior to the submission to the Board for approval and distribution of such statements, and obtain an explanation from management of all significant variances between comparative reporting periods. Such review must occur at a meeting, and not merely by polling or written consent.
- (d) Assess the fairness of the financial statements and disclosures, and obtain explanations from management on whether:

- i. actual financial results for the financial period varied significantly from budgeted or projected results;
  - ii. generally accepted accounting principles have been consistently applied;
  - iii. there are any actual or proposed changes in accounting or financial reporting practices; and
  - iv. there are any significant, complex and/or unusual events or transactions such as related party transactions or those involving derivative instruments and consider the adequacy of such disclosure.
- (e) Prior to their submission to the Board and public release, review and discuss all public disclosure concerning audited financial information where such disclosures are required to be approved by the Board (including, without limitation, annual financial statements, annual MD&A, any annual press release, as well as financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts, any financial outlook or future-oriented financial information, and financial information contained in any prospectus, private placement offering document, annual report, annual information form or takeover bid circular) and approve such disclosures for recommendation to the Board. Provide the Board with such recommendations and reports with respect to the annual financial statements and MD&A of the Company as it deems advisable.

#### **E. Interim Financial Statements, MD&A and Financial Press Releases**

The Board has delegated to the Committee the power to approve the Company's interim financial statements and management's discussion and analysis. The Committee shall:

- (a) Review on an annual basis the Company's practice with respect to review of interim financial statements by the external auditors.
- (b) Conduct all such reviews and discussions with the external auditors and management as it deems appropriate.
- (c) Evaluate and, if appropriate, approve the interim financial statements and MD&A.
- (d) Review interim profit or loss press releases before the Company publicly discloses this information.
- (e) If the external auditors conduct a review of the interim financial statements:
  - i. receive and review the interim financial statements with the external auditors; and
  - ii. receive and review the external auditors' interim review reports to the Committee.

## Involvement with Management

The Audit Committee has primary responsibility for overseeing the actions of management in all aspects of financial management and reporting. The Audit Committee shall:

- (a) Ensure that management has the proper and adequate systems and procedures in place for the review of the Company's financial statements, financial reports and other financial information, including all Company disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements, and that they satisfy all legal and regulatory requirements; periodically assess the adequacy of such procedures.
- (b) Retain an understanding of the current areas of greatest financial Risk. Review material financial Risks with management, the plan that management has implemented to monitor and deal with such Risks and the success of management in following the plan.
- (c) Consult annually and otherwise as required with the Company's CEO and CFO respecting the adequacy of the internal controls and review any breaches or deficiencies.
- (d) Obtain such certifications by the CEO and CFO attesting to internal controls, disclosure and procedures as deemed advisable. Review disclosures made to the Committee by the CEO and CFO during their certification process for any statutory disclosures regarding any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls or material weakness, and any fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in internal controls.
- (e) Review management's response to significant written reports and recommendations issued by the external auditors and the extent to which such recommendations have been implemented by management.
- (f) Oversee the development of and monitor the Company's cybersecurity activities and plans.
- (g) Review as required with management annual financial statements, quarterly financial statements, MD&A, Annual Information Form, future-oriented financial information or pro-forma information, press releases and other financial disclosure in continuous disclosure documents.
- (h) Review with management the Company's compliance with applicable laws and regulations respecting financial matters.
- (i) Review any legal matters that could significantly impact the financial statements and meet with outside counsel whenever deemed appropriate.
- (j) Periodically receive and review reports from management on tax matters that could have a material effect on the Company's financial position or operating results, including corporate structural changes, tax positions and plans, material tax developments, and tax assessments from regulatory authorities.

- (k) Review significant accounting and reporting issues, including recent professional and regulatory pronouncements, and understand their impact on the financial statements, reviewing with management and the external auditor where appropriate.
- (l) Review with management and approve public disclosure of the Audit Committee Charter in the Company's Annual Information Form, if applicable, the Information Circular and on the Company's website.

## **F. Internal Controls**

The Committee shall require management to implement and maintain appropriate systems of internal controls in accordance with Applicable Requirements, including internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure and to review, evaluate and approve these procedures.

At least annually, the Audit Committee shall consider and review with management and the auditors:

- (a) the effectiveness of, or weaknesses or deficiencies in: the design or operation of the Company's internal controls (including computerized information system controls and security), the overall control environment for managing business Risks, accounting, financial and disclosure controls (including, without limitation, controls over financial reporting), non-financial controls, regulatory controls, and the impact of any weaknesses in internal controls on management's conclusions;
- (b) any significant changes in internal controls over financial reporting that are disclosed, or considered for disclosure, including those in the Company's periodic regulatory filings;
- (c) the Company's fraud prevention and detection program, including, and any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting, that may impact the integrity of financial information, or expose the Company to other significant internal or external fraud losses and the extent of those losses and any disciplinary action in respect of fraud taken against those involved; and
- (d) any related significant issues and recommendations of the auditors together with management's responses to them, including the timetable for implementation of recommendations to correct weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls.

## **G. Risks**

The Committee shall be responsible for the following related to Risks:

- (a) Review and approve for recommendation to the Board, together with any other applicable committees, the risk management sections of the annual financial reports to shareholders, the Annual Information Form, prospectuses and other public reports or documents requiring approval by the Board.

- (b) Coordinate with any other applicable committees, and regularly review and discuss with management the following, with a view to ensuring that the Company's Risks and exposures are being effectively managed, monitored or controlled:
- i. the Company's risk philosophy as set forth by management and the Board;
  - ii. the effectiveness of the Corporation's policies and procedures with respect to Risk identification, assessment and management;
  - iii. the Corporation's major Risk exposures;
  - iv. the steps management has taken and management's plans and programs to monitor and control such exposures; and
  - v. the effect of relevant regulatory initiatives and trends.

## 5. WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINTS

### A. Confidentiality

Complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters may be submitted to the Chair of the Audit Committee in accordance with the Company's Whistleblower Policy. Complaints may be made anonymously and, if not made anonymously, the identity of the person submitting the complaint will be kept confidential.

### B. Treatment of Complaints

Upon receipt of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters, the Committee Chair will conduct or designate a member of the Committee to conduct an initial investigation. If the results of that initial investigation indicate there may be any merit to the complaint, the matter will be brought before the Committee for a determination of further investigation and action.

### C. Recording of Complaints

Records of complaints made and the resulting action or determination with respect to the complaint shall be documented and kept in the records of the Committee for a period of three years.

## REPORTING

The Audit Committee shall report to the Board of Directors at its regularly scheduled meetings.

## ANNUAL REVIEW

This Charter will be reviewed annually, and any recommended changes will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

At least annually, the Committee will assess its performance of the duties specified in this charter and report its findings to the Board.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

This Charter was implemented by the Board on May 20, 2016 and updated on March 30, 2022.

**SCHEDULE B****GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

<b>2019 Offtake Agreement</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 16 of this AIF
<b>2019 Loan Agreement</b>	the loan agreement dated July 1, 2019 between the Company, K92 PNG, and Trafigura pursuant to which Trafigura made available to the Company a loan in the principal amount of US\$15 million
<b>2023 Loan Agreement</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 18 of this AIF
<b>2026 Offtake Agreement</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 19 of this AIF
<b>Accordion Feature</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 20 of this AIF
<b>AIF</b>	this annual information form
<b>AISC</b>	all-in sustaining costs
<b>Ag</b>	silver
<b>Amended Offtake Agreement</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 18 of this AIF
<b>Anti-Corruption Legislation</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 89 of this AIF
<b>Au</b>	gold
<b>AuEq</b>	gold equivalent
<b>B</b>	billion
<b>BCBCA</b>	the Business Corporations Act ( <i>British Columbia</i> )
<b>Board</b>	board of directors of the Company
<b>Barrick</b>	Barrick Gold Corporation
<b>Blue Lake Technical Report</b>	The technical report, titled, "Independent Technical Report, Mineral Resource Estimate Blue Lake Porphyry Deposit, Kainantu, Papua New Guinea" dated March 21, 2025, with an effective date of August 1, 2022, prepared by Simon Tear BSc (Hons), EurGeol, PGeo IGI, EurGeol, and Anthony Woodward BSc (Hons), M.Sc., MAIG.
<b>C\$</b>	Canadian dollars
<b>Canadian Credit Facility</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 20 of this AIF
<b>CEPA</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 27 of this AIF
<b>CEO</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>CFO</b>	Chief Financial Officer
<b>CIM Definition Standards</b>	mining terms defined in the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum Standards
<b>Code of Conduct</b>	the Company's code of business conduct and ethics
<b>Common Shares</b>	the common shares in the authorized capital of the Company as presently constituted
<b>Conversion Right</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 20 of this AIF

<b>COO</b>	Chief Operating Officer
<b>COVID-19</b>	the worldwide pandemic (coronavirus disease 2019) caused by a virus named SARS-CoV-2
<b>Credit Facilities</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 20 of this AIF
<b>CSDS</b>	Canadian Sustainability Disclosure Standards
<b>CSSB</b>	the Canadian Sustainability Standards Board, which promotes sustainability disclosure standards in Canada.
<b>Cu</b>	copper
<b>CuEq</b>	copper equivalent
<b>DFS</b>	definitive feasibility study
<b>DFS Case</b>	the Kainantu Stage 3 Expansion DFS case outlined in the Updated DFS Technical Report
<b>DMT</b>	dry metric tonnes
<b>EBITDA</b>	net earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization
<b>EIS</b>	environmental impact statement
<b>EL470</b>	the Company's PNG Exploration Licence 470 effective until February 4, 2025 (application lodged for a further two-year renewal)
<b>EL693</b>	the Company's PNG Exploration Licence 693 effective until February 4, 2025 (application lodged for a further two-year renewal)
<b>EL1341</b>	the Company's PNG Exploration Licence 1341 effective until June 20, 2026.
<b>EL2619</b>	the Company's PNG Exploration Licence 2619 effective until January 22, 2026 (application lodged for a further two-year renewal).
<b>EL2620</b>	the Company's PNG Exploration Licence 2620 effective until June 2, 2025 (application lodged for a further two-year renewal).
<b>ELA2753</b>	the Company's PNG Exploration Licence Application 2753 effective until December 20, 2025 (application lodged for a further two-year renewal).
<b>Eligible Person</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 96 of this AIF
<b>EMS</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 28 of this AIF
<b>EMMP</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 28 of this AIF
<b>Entech</b>	Entech Pty Ltd of Perth, Australia
<b>EPC</b>	engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning
<b>ESG</b>	environmental, social and governance
<b>ESG Reviewers</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 90 of this AIF
<b>Forward-Looking Statements</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 1 of this AIF
<b>g/t</b>	grams per tonne

<b>H&amp;SC</b>	H&S Consultants Pty Ltd.
<b>HSES</b>	health, safety, environmental and corporate social responsibility policies and programs
<b>IFC</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 28 of this AIF
<b>IFRS</b>	International Financial Reporting Standards
<b>IRGC</b>	intrusion related gold copper
<b>IRR</b>	Internal rate of return
<b>ISSB</b>	the International Sustainability Standards Board, an independent, private-sector body that develops and approves IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards
<b>IT</b>	information technology
<b>K92</b>	K92 Mining Inc.
<b>K92 Australia</b>	K92 Mining (Australia) Pty Ltd., the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary in Australia
<b>K92 Holdings</b>	K92 Holdings International Limited, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary in the British Virgin Islands
<b>K92 Korea</b>	K & Able Mining LLC, the Company's wholly-owned Korean subsidiary of K92 Australia
<b>K92PNG</b>	K92 Mining Limited, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary in Papua New Guinea
<b>K92 Trust</b>	The Kainantu Employee Trust Ltd., the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary incorporated in British Columbia 2023 through which the RSU Trust is administered
<b>Kainantu Mine</b>	the Kainantu gold mine that includes the Kora, Kora North, Kora South, Judd, Judd South and Irumafimpa deposits
<b>Kainantu Project</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 9 of this AIF
<b>km</b>	kilometres
<b>Kora Consolidated deposit</b>	the combined Kora, Kora North and Eutompi deposits in PNG
<b>lb or lbs</b>	pound or pounds
<b>LMP78</b>	PNG Licence for Mining Purposes 78 effective until June 13, 2034
<b>LOM</b>	life of mine
<b>m</b>	metre or metres
<b>M</b>	million
<b>MD&amp;A</b>	management's discussion and analysis
<b>ME80</b>	PNG Mining Easement 80 effective until June 13, 2034
<b>ME81</b>	PNG Mining Easement 81 effective until June 13, 2034
<b>Mining Act</b>	the PNG Mining Act 1992
<b>ML150</b>	the PNG mining lease 150 effective until June 13, 2034
<b>MRA</b>	PNG Mineral Resources Authority

<b>MRE</b>	mineral resource estimate
<b>mtpa</b>	million tonnes per annum
<b>NGOs</b>	non-governmental organizations, public interest groups and reporting organizations
<b>NI 43-101</b>	National Instrument 43-101 - <i>Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects</i>
<b>NI 52-109</b>	National Instrument 52-109 - <i>Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings</i>
<b>NI 52-110</b>	National Instrument 52-110 - <i>Audit Committees</i>
<b>NPV</b>	net present value
<b>OK</b>	ordinary kriging
<b>Options</b>	stock options as defined on page 96 of this AIF
<b>oz</b>	ounce or ounces
<b>Paris Agreement</b>	the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
<b>PEA</b>	preliminary economic assessment
<b>Personnel</b>	directors, officers, employees, consultants and contractors
<b>PGK</b>	Papua New Guinea currency, Kina
<b>PNG</b>	the country of Papua New Guinea
<b>PNG Credit Facility</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 20 of this AIF
<b>Preferred Shares</b>	the former Class A Preferred Shares of the Company
<b>Processing Facility</b>	the Company's processing plant, equipment and infrastructure located on ML150
<b>PSU</b>	performance share unit
<b>RMCP</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 88 of this AIF
<b>RSU</b>	restricted share unit
<b>RSU Trust</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 98 of this AIF
<b>SDGs</b>	the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
<b>SEC</b>	the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
<b>SEC Mining Rules</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 4 of this AIF
<b>SEDAR+</b>	the Canadian Securities Administrators' system for electronic document analysis and retrieval at <a href="http://www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>
<b>Share Compensation Plan</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 96 of this AIF
<b>Stage 3 Expansion Case</b>	The Kainantu Stage 3 Expansion Case outlined in the Updated DFS Technical Report. Increase of throughput to 1.2 mtpa with an average run-rate of 303,000 oz AuEq per annum, a peak run-rate of 319,000 oz AuEq per annum and a mine life of 7 years.

<b>Stage 4 Expansion Case</b>	The Kainantu Stage 4 Expansion case involves increasing the capacity of the 1.2 mtpa mill by 50% to 1.8 mtpa, targeting a run-rate production of +400,000 oz AuEq per annum.
<b>Stock Option Plan</b>	has the meaning ascribed to that term on page 96 of this AIF
<b>technical report</b>	a technical report as defined under NI 43-101
<b>TCFD</b>	Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures
<b>tpa</b>	tonnes per annum
<b>Trafigura</b>	Trafigura Pte Ltd.
<b>TSX</b>	the Toronto Stock Exchange
<b>TSXV</b>	the TSX Venture Exchange
<b>Updated DFS</b>	the 2024 definitive feasibility study that updates the 2022 IDP for the Kainantu Mine Project as described in the Updated DFS Technical Report
<b>Updated DFS Technical Report</b>	the technical report titled “Kainantu Gold Mine Updated Definitive Feasibility Study, Kainantu Project, Papua New Guinea”, with an effective date of January 1, 2024, and dated March 21, 2025
<b>US\$, \$ or USD</b>	United States dollars
<b>U.S.</b>	the United States of America

**SCHEDULE C****Measurement Conversions**

In this AIF metric units are used with respect to all our mineral properties, unless otherwise indicated. Conversion rates from imperial measures to metric units and from metric units to imperial measures are provided in the table below.

<b>Imperial Measure = Metric Unit</b>		<b>Metric Unit = Imperial Measure</b>	
2.47 acres	1 hectare	0.4047 hectares	1 acre
3.28 feet	1 metre	0.3048 metres	1 foot
0.62 miles	1 kilometre	1.6093 kilometres	1 mile
0.032 ounces (troy)	1 gram	31.1 grams	1 ounce (troy)
2.2 pounds	1 kilogram	0.454 kilograms	1 pound
1.102 tons (short)	1 tonne	0.907 tonnes	1 ton (short)
0.029 ounces (troy)/ton (short)	1 gram/tonne	34.28 grams/tonne	1 ounce (troy)/ton (short)
2,204.62 pounds	1 tonne	0.00045 tonnes	1 pound