#### **ASX Release**



#### 26 August 2021

#### Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources Statements as at 30 June 2021

- Group Ore Reserves increased ~4% to 6.2 Moz of contained gold, net after depletion
- Group Mineral Resources increased ~13% to 13.1Moz of contained gold, net after depletion
- Resource extension drilling has contributed to an increase in Gwalia Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves
- Review of material type models has resulted in an increase in Simberi Oxide + Transitional Reserves

#### Company Summary

- Total Ore Reserves are estimated at: 101 Mt @ 1.9 g/t Au for 6.2 Moz of contained gold, comprising:
  - Leonora Operations 15.9 Mt @ 4.9 g/t Au for 2.5 Moz of contained gold
  - Simberi Operations 35.3 Mt @ 1.8 g/t Au for 2.1 Moz of contained gold
  - Atlantic Operations 49.9 Mt @ 1.0 g/t Au for 1.7 Moz of contained gold
- Total Mineral Resources.1 are estimated at: 202.7 Mt @ 2.0 g/t Au for 13.1 Moz of contained gold, comprising:
  - Leonora Operations 51.9 Mt @ 4.1 g/t Au for 6.8 Moz of contained gold
  - Simberi Operations 90.1 Mt @ 1.4 g/t Au for 4.2 Moz of contained gold
  - Atlantic Operations 60.7 Mt @ 1.1 g/t Au for 2.1 Moz of contained gold

The 30 June 2021 Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources Statements are attached.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mineral Resources are reported inclusive of Ore Reserves



#### Overview

St Barbara's Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves position at 30 June 2021, is summarised and compared with the 30 June 2020 statement in Table 1.

Project	202	0 Ore Reser	ves	FY21 Production	2021 Ore Reserves		
Project	Tonnes ('000)	Grade (g/t Au)	Ounces ('000)	Ounces ('000)	Tonnes ('000)	Grade (g/t Au)	Ounces ('000)
Gwalia Deeps (WA)	9,407	6.3	1,892		13,308	5.2	2,22
Tower Hill (WA)	2,572	3.7	306	153	2,572	3.7	30
Total Leonora Operations	11,979	5.7	2,198		15,880	4.9	2,52
Simberi Oxide (PNG)	7,737	1.2	293		4,675	1.2	178
Simberi Transitional (PNG)	-	-	-		6,378	1.5	307
Simberi Sulphide (PNG)	22,638	2.4	1,765	74	24,010	2.0	1,563
Simberi Stockpile	678	0.6	12		188	2.3	14
Total Simberi Operations	31,053	2.1	2,070		35,251	1.8	2,062
Atlantic Operations (NS)	45,070	1.1	1,647		43,480	1.1	1,558
Atlantic Operations Stockpile (NS)	5,450	0.5	89	101	6,400	0.5	97
Total Atlantic Operations	50,520	1.1	1,737		49,880	1.0	1,65
Grand Total	93,552	2.0	6,005	328	101,011	1.9	6,24
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	2020	Mineral Reso	ources		2021 Mir	neral Resour	ces
Project	Tonnes ('000)	Grade (g/t Au)	Ounces ('000)		Tonnes ('000)	Grade (g/t Au)	Ounces ('000)
Gwalia Deeps (WA)	22,595	6.0	4,386		25,448	5.9	4,81
Gwalia Open Pit (WA)	-	-	-		8,439	2.8	764
Harbour Lights (WA)	-	-	-		12,884	1.5	60
Tower Hill (WA)	5,093	3.8	625		5,093	3.8	62
Total Leonora Operations	27,688	5.6	5,011		51,864	4.1	6,80
Simberi Oxide (PNG)	18,801	1.0	630		12,061	1.1	42
Simberi Transitional (PNG)	-	-	-		17,023	1.1	60
Simberi Sulphide (PNG)	72,459	1.6	3,687		61,023	1.6	3,16
Total Simberi Operations	91,260	1.4	4,318		90,107	1.4	4,19
Atlantic Operations (NS)	63,883	1.1	2,227		60,693	1.1	2,09
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	2020 Mineral Resources			2021 Mineral Resources				
Project	Tonnes ('000)	Grade (g/t Au)	Ounces ('000)	Tonnes ('000)	Grade (g/t Au)	Ounces ('000)		
Gwalia Deeps (WA)	22,595	6.0	4,386	25,448	5.9	4,813		
Gwalia Open Pit (WA)	-	-	-	8,439	2.8	764		
Harbour Lights (WA)	-	-	-	12,884	1.5	602		
Tower Hill (WA)	5,093	3.8	625	5,093	3.8	625		
Total Leonora Operations	27,688	5.6	5,011	51,864	4.1	6,804		
Simberi Oxide (PNG)	18,801	1.0	630	12,061	1.1	422		
Simberi Transitional (PNG)	-	-	-	17,023	1.1	605		
Simberi Sulphide (PNG)	72,459	1.6	3,687	61,023	1.6	3,164		
Total Simberi Operations	91,260	1.4	4,318	90,107	1.4	4,192		
Atlantic Operations (NS)	63,883	1.1	2,227	60,693	1.1	2,091		
Total Atlantic Operations	63,883	1.1	2,227	60,693	1.1	2,091		
Grand Total	182,832	2.0	11,555	202,665	2.0	13,087		

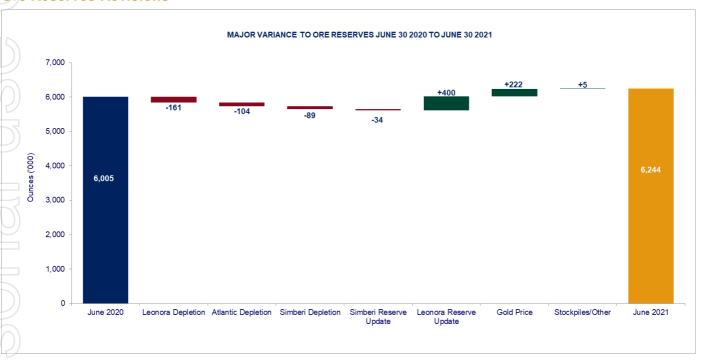
Table 1: St Barbara 2021 and 2020 Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources Comparison

The Company's Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources have increased since June 2020 above net mining depletion as a consequence of:



- The update of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves for Gwalia Deeps with resource extension drilling and mine design changes,
- the inclusion of updated Mineral Resources for Gwalia Open Pit and Harbour Lights (refer ASX Release 21 June, 2021 'Progress on the Leonora Province Plan'),
- the reassessment of Gwalia Deeps, Simberi and Atlantic Ore Reserves at a higher gold price, A\$2000/oz, US\$1,500/oz and C\$1,948/oz (Touquoy and Beaver Dam only. Fifteen Mile Stream and Cochrane Hill used C\$1,688/oz as per 30 June 2020 Ore Reserves) respectively.

#### **Ore Reserves Revisions**



#### **Gwalia Deeps**

The previous publicly reported Proved and Probable Ore Reserves Estimate reported at 30 June 2020 was 9,407,000 t @ 6.3 g/t Au containing 1,892,000 ounces of gold. This has increased by 329,000 ounces of gold to 13,308,000 t @ 5.2 g/t Au containing 2,221,000 ounces of gold.

Gwalia Ore Reserves increased after mining depletion primarily due to resource extension and infill drilling which has extended mineralisation along strike and at depth and upgraded some Inferred Resources to Indicated. Changes to the mine design which have reduced development intensity have also helped with bringing these strike and depth extensions into the Ore Reserves along with a higher gold price (from A\$1,600/oz to A\$2,000/oz). Resource extensions however, have a lower average grade than existing Reserves and in combination with a lower cut-off grade has resulted in an overall reduction in Reserve grade from 6.3 g/t Au to 5.2 g/t Au.

#### **Simberi Operations**

The previous publicly reported Proved and Probable Ore Reserves Estimate reported at 30 June 2020 was 31,053,000 t @ 2.1 g/t Au containing 2,070,000 ounces of gold. This has reduced by 8,000 ounces of gold to 35,251,000 t @ 1.8 g/t Au containing 2,062,000 ounces of gold.

Outside of mining depletion and notwithstanding a higher gold price (from US\$1,300 to US\$1,500) the Simberi Ore Reserves have reduced, marginally because of the application of modifying factors (ore loss and dilution).

Transitional Ore Reserves, which were previously reported as part of the Sulphide Ore Reserves, are reported separately for the first time due to the importance of this material type in the Simberi Life of Mine plan while work continues toward progressing the mining and processing of sulphides. This change in reporting combined with a revised geological model has contributed to a reduction in the Sulphide Ore Reserves but an increase in Oxide/Transitional Ore Reserves.



#### **Atlantic Operation**

The previous publicly reported Proved and Probable Ore Reserves Estimate reported at 30 June 2020 was 50,250,000 t @ 1.1 g/t Au containing 1,737,000 ounces of gold. This has reduced by 82,000 ounces of gold to 49,880,000 t @ 1.0 g/t Au containing 1,655,000 ounces of gold.

The decrease in the Ore Reserves is largely driven by mining depletion at Touquoy, partially offset by pit design changes for Beaver

#### Mineral Resources Revisions

#### **Gwalia Deeps**

The previous publicly reported Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources Estimate reported at 30 June 2020 was 22,595,000 t @ 6.0 g/t Au containing 4,386,000 ounces of gold. This has increased by 427,000 ounces of gold to 25,448,000 t @ 5.9 g/t Au containing 4,813,000 ounces of gold.

Net of mining depletion Gwalia Mineral Resources have increased primarily due to resource extension and infill drilling which has extended mineralisation along strike and at depth.

#### **Gwalia Open Pit**

As part of the Leonora Province Plan (LPP) remnant mineralisation at the Gwalia Mine between 280 and 500 metres below surface was identified as a potential source of open pit mill feed, post the completion of underground mining. Existing unreported models were reviewed and resulted in the addition of Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources of 8.4 million tonnes at 2.8 g/t Au containing 764,000 ounces of gold (refer ASX Release 21 June 2021 - 'Progress on the Leonora Province Plan').

#### Harbour Lights

Also as part of the LPP, a revised estimate of the Harbour Lights Mineral Resources was completed during the year adding Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources totalling 12,884,000 t @ 1.5 g/t Au containing 602,000 ounces of gold (refer ASX Release 21 June 2021 - 'Progress on the Leonora Province Plan').

#### Simberi Operations

The previous publicly reported Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources Estimate reported at 30 June 2020 was 91,260,000 t @ 1.4 g/t Au containing 4,318,000 ounces of gold. This has decreased by 126,000 ounces of gold to 90,107,000 t @ 1.4 g/t Au containing 4,192,000 ounces of gold.

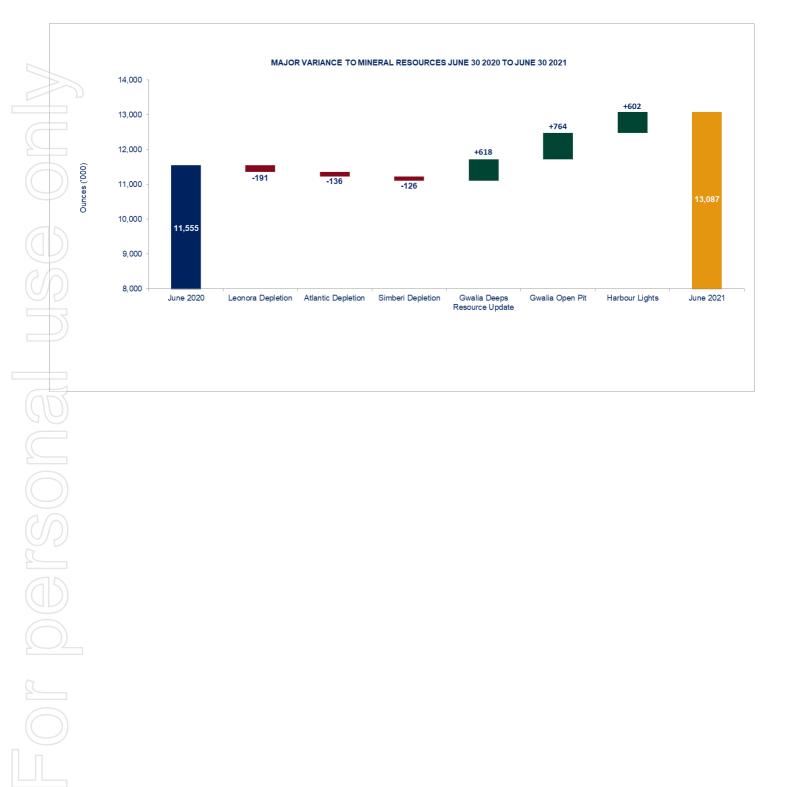
Transitional Mineral Resources, which were previously reported as part of the Sulphide Mineral Resources, are reported separately for the first time due to the importance of this material type in the Simberi Life of Mine plan. This change in reporting combined with a revised geological model has contributed to a reduction in Sulphide Mineral Resources but an increase in Oxide/Transitional Mineral Resources.

#### **Atlantic Operations**

The previous publicly reported Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources Estimate reported at 30 June 2020 was 63,883,000 t @ 1.1 g/t Au containing 2,227,000 ounces of gold. This has reduced by 136,000 ounces of gold to 60,693,000 t @ 1.1 g/t Au containing 2,091,000 ounces of gold.

The Mineral Resources are unchanged and have been depleted for mining at the Touquoy pit.







#### Ore Reserves 30 June 2021

		Proved Probable				Total			
Project	Tonnes ('000)	Gold (g/t)	Ounces ('000)	Tonnes ('000)	Gold (g/t)	Ounces ('000)	Tonnes ('000)	Gold (g/t)	Ounces ('000)
Gwalia, (WA)	1,631	7.0	368	11,677	4.9	1,853	13,308	5.2	2,221
Tower Hill, (WA)	-	-	-	2,572	3.7	306	2,572	3.7	306
Simberi Oxide, (PNG)	1,257	1.4	58	3,418	1.1	120	4,675	1.2	178
Simberi Transitional, (PNG)	1,416	1.7	77	4,963	1.6	230	6,378	1.5	307
Simberi Sulphide, (PNG)	1,255	2.0	81	22,755	2.0	1,483	24,010	2.0	1,563
Simberi Stockpile, (PNG)	0	0	0	188	2.3	14	188	2.3	14
Atlantic Mining, (NS)	21,210	1.1	778	22,270	1.1	781	43,480	1.1	1,558
Atlantic Mining Stockpile, (NS)	6,400	0.5	97	-	-	-	6,400	0.5	97

1,459

#### **Notes**

**Total All Projects** 

1. Ore Reserves are based on a gold price of: Gwalia (A\$2,000/oz), Tower Hill (A\$1,250/oz), Simberi (US\$1,500/oz) and Atlantic Gold (C\$1,948/oz for Touquoy & Beaver Dam and C\$1,688/oz for Fifteen Mile Stream & Cochrane Hill)

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- 2. Cut-off Grades Gwalia (4.0 g/t Au), Tower Hill (2.8 g/t Au), Simberi Oxide (0.4 g/t Au), Atlantic Mining (0.3 g/t Au 0.4 g/t Au).
- 3. Mineral Resources are reported inclusive of Ore Reserves.
- 4. Data is rounded to thousands of tonnes and thousands of ounces. Discrepancies in totals may occur due to rounding.

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33,169





		Measured			Indicated			Inferred			Total	
Project	Tonnes ('000)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces ('000)									
Gwalia Deeps, (WA)	3,843	5.9	730	19,120	5.8	3,543	2,485	6.8	540	25,448	5.9	4,813
Gwalia Open Pit, (WA)	2,221	2.3	164	6,218	2.9	600	-	-	-	8,439	2.8	764
Harbour Lights, (WA)	-	-	-	12,268	1.4	569	616	1.7	33	12,884	1.5	602
Tower Hill, (WA)	-	-	-	4,604	3.9	574	489	3.3	51	5,093	3.8	625
Simberi Oxide, (PNG)	1,974	1.3	80	6,117	1.0	202	3,970	1.1	140	12,061	1.1	422
Simberi Transitional, (PNG)	2,665	1.2	104	11,044	1.1	389	3,315	1.1	113	17,023	1.1	605
Simberi Sulphide, (PNG)	1,941	1.6	98	41,916	1.7	2,238	17,166	1.5	828	61,023	1.6	3,164
Atlantic Operations, (NS)	23,471	1.1	838	30,196	1.0	1,004	7,026	1.1	249	60,693	1.1	2,091
Total All Projects	36,115	1.7	2,014	131,483	2.2	9,120	35,066	1.7	1,953	202,665	2.0	13,087

#### **Notes**

- 1. Mineral Resources are reported inclusive of Ore Reserves.
- 2. Cut-off Grades Gwalia (2.5 g/t Au), Gwalia Open Pit (0.4 g/t Au), Harbour Lights (0.4 g/t Au Oxide / 0.8 g/t Au Sulphide), Tower Hill (2.5 g/t Au), Simberi Oxide (0.4 g/t Au), Simberi Transitional and Sulphide (0.6 g/t Au), Atlantic Mining (0.3 g/t Au)
- 3. Gwalia Open Pit & Harbour Lights Mineral Resources are reported constrained by a A\$2,500/oz pit shell. Simberi Mineral Resources are reported constrained by a US\$1,875/oz pit shell. Atlantic Mineral Resources are reported constrained by a C\$2,338/oz pit shell.
- 4. Data is rounded to thousands of tonnes and thousands of ounces. Discrepancies in totals may occur due to rounding.



#### **JORC Code Compliance Statements**

The information in this report that relates to Ore Reserves at Gwalia is based on information compiled by Mr. Kevin Oborne who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Kevin Oborne is a full-time employee of Oborne Engineering Pty Ltd and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Kevin Oborne consents to the inclusion in the statement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to Ore Reserves at Tower Hill is based on information compiled by Mr. Angus Roe who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Angus Roe is a full-time employee of St Barbara Ltd and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Angus Roe consents to the inclusion in the statement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to Ore Reserves at Simberi Operations is based on information compiled by Mr. Cameron Legg who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Cameron Legg is a full-time employee of Mining One Pty Ltd and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Cameron Legg consents to the inclusion in the statement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to Ore Reserves at Atlantic Operations is based on information compiled by Mr. Marc Schulte who is a Member of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta. Marc Schulte is an associate of Moose Mountain Technical Services and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Marc Schulte consents to the inclusion in the statement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources at Gwalia Deeps, Gwalia Open Pit, Harbour Lights and Tower Hill is based on information compiled by Ms. Jane Bateman who is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Jane Bateman is a full-time employee of St Barbara Ltd and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which she is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Jane Bateman consents to the inclusion in the statement of the matters based on her information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources at Simberi Operations is based on information compiled by Mr. Chris De-Vitry who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Chris De-Vitry is a full-time employee of Manna Hill Geoconsulting and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Chris De-Vitry consents to the inclusion in the statement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources at Atlantic Operations is based on information compiled by Mr. Neil Schofield who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Geoscientists. Neil Schofield is a full-time employee of FSSI Consultants (Australia) Pty Ltd and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Neil Schofield consents to the inclusion in the statement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.



### JORC Table 1 Checklist of Assessment and Reporting Criteria

Section 1 Sampling Technique	Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data – Gwalia Deeps				
Criteria	Comments				
Sampling Techniques	Sampling boundaries are geologically defined and mostly one metre in length unless a significant geological feature warrants a change from this standard unit. The upper or right-hand side of the core is routinely submitted for sample analysis, with each one metre of half core providing between 2.5 – 3 kg of material as an assay sample.				
Drilling Techniques	Surface and underground diamond drill holes used NQ2 (50.6 mm) sized core (standard tubes). SBM surface drill holes have been down hole surveyed by north seeking gyro and underground drill holes have been surveyed by single shot electronic camera. Surface holes are orientated using a Reflex ACT II RD orientation tool.				
Drill Sample Recovery	Core is metre marked and orientated and checked against driller's blocks to ensure that any core loss is accounted for. Sample recovery was rarely less than 100%. Minor occurrences of core loss can in most instances be attributed to drilling conditions and not ground conditions.				
Logging	All SBM holes are logged primarily for lithology, alteration and vein type/intensity which are key to modelling gold grade distributions. Validation of geological data is controlled via the use of library codes and reliability and consistency of data is monitored through regular peer review.				
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	SBM half core is cut using a core saw before being sent to an accredited lab (SGS laboratory in Kalgoorlie) where the entire sample is crushed to achieve particle size <4mm followed by complete pulverisation (90% passing 75 $\square$ m).				
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	SBM samples were analysed for gold using fire assay with a 50g charge and analysis by flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (AAS). QC included insertion of 3 commercial standards (1 per 25 samples), use of barren flush material between designated high grade samples during the pulverising stage, re-numbered sample pulp residues resubmitted to original laboratory, and sample pulp residues submitted to accredited umpire laboratory, submission of residual (duplicate) half core from ore intervals. The analysis of gold was sound and re-analysis of pulps showed acceptable repeatability with no significant bias.				
Verification of sampling and assay	Sampling data is recorded electronically in spreadsheets which ensure only valid non-overlapping data can be recorded. Assay and down hole survey data are subsequently merged electronically. All drill data is stored in a SQL database on secure company server.				
Location of data points	Collars for surface holes are recorded by DGPS. Upon completion of underground drill holes an authorised surveyor will pick up the collar by placing a survey rod into the hole to measure azimuth and dip. This process may also occur while the hole is in progress by surveying the drill rods in the hole.				
Data spacing and distribution	Data spacing for grade control drilling is approximately 10m x 15m from 1000mbs to 1480mbs, resource definition is approximately 20m x 30m from 1480mbs – 1800mbs and surface drilling is approximately 60m x 80m from 1800mbs to 2300mbs. Drilling data is sufficient to establish down plunge continuity for all lodes.				
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	Sampling is perpendicular to lode orientations and based on past production and underground mapping.				
Sample security	Only SBM personnel or approved contractors are allowed on drill sites; drill samples are only removed from drill site by approved contractors to SBM's secure core logging/processing facility; cut core is consigned to accredited laboratories for sample				

preparation and analysis.

Regular reviews of core logging and sampling have been completed through SBM mentoring and auditing. Laboratory inspections have been conducted throughout the

**Audits or reviews** 



review period by SBM personnel. Inspections are documented electronically and stored on secure company server. No significant issues were identified.

#### Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results - Gwalia Deeps

Comments

#### Mineral Tenement and The reported resource is completely located within M37/25, M37/333, M37/849 which are **Land Tenure Status** 100% owned by St Barbara Limited. The tenements are in good standing at the time of reporting. Exploration Done by Other Drilling of the resource by other parties is discussed in the previous section. **Parties** Geology Gold mineralisation occurs as a number of en echelon, moderately east dipping foliation parallel lodes within strongly potassic altered mafic rocks and extends over a strike length of approximately 500 m and to a vertical depth of at least 2,300 m. Four primary lodes (Main Lode, South West Branch, South Gwalia Series and West Lode) have been identified and the geometries summarised below. Main Lode Length: 400m Length: 400m Width: 2-3m Grade: 2-30g/t Mine Sequence (Shear) West Lode Width: 1-6m Grade: 1-10g/t Av Grade: 6g/t South West Branch Width: 15-30m Grade: 5-30g/t Av Grade: 10g/ Width: 1-4m Grade: 1-10g/t Av Grade: 6g/t Width: 1-3m Grade: 1-13g/t Av Grade: 7g/t South Gwalia Series 2 Length: 160m Width: 8-13m Grade: 3-30g/s Stratigraphy Basalts / Do Av Grade: 5g/t Length: 241m Width: 5-7m Grade: 3-30g/t Av Grade: 5g/t 35 Dea Gwalia Schematic Plan 9200m 100m ~1540mbs

Data Aggregation Methods

**Drill Hole Information** 

No exploration results are presented.

No exploration results are presented.

Relationship Between Mineralisation Widths and Intercept Lengths No exploration results are presented.

Diagrams

Criteria

No exploration results are presented.

**Balanced Reporting** 

No exploration results are presented.



# Other Substantive Exploration Data

No exploration results are presented.

#### **Further Work**

Future work will focus on testing strike extensions of the Gwalia Lode System to the south. There are opportunities to extend and increase confidence in the resource estimate for Main Lode and Main Lode 2 above and below the dyke where drilling from underground platforms have delineated a potential high grade shoot that remains open to the north.

#### Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources - Gwalia Deeps

#### Criteria

#### Comments

#### **Database Integrity**

Information is captured through spread sheets and validated prior to loading into the SBM corporate database which ensures only valid non-overlapping data can be recorded. Assay and down hole survey data are subsequently merged electronically. All drill data is stored in an SQL database on secure company server. Validation of data included visual checks of hole traces, analytical and geological data and ad hoc validation of 20 holes to original core photos and hard copy geological logs.

#### Site Visits

The Competent Person has visited site

#### **Geological Interpretation**

Mineralisation domains are defined by abundance of quartz and quartz/carbonate veining, the presence of distinctive laminated veining (quartz/sericite/sulphides +/- au), strong potassic alteration, abundance of sulphides (commonly >3% pyrite) and elevated gold grade (>0.5 g/t Au).

#### **Dimensions**

The mineralised zone strikes at approximately 170 degrees over a distance of 500m and plunges 40 to 65 degrees to the southeast. The mineralised zone consists of several stepped or en echelon style foliation parallel lodes disposed in plan in a "horse-shoe" shape with the limbs converging at the southern end. The mineralised zone and individual lodes dip east at 35 to 45 degrees and are conformable with the foliation of the Mine Sequence mafic schists. Individual lode widths vary from 2m to 30m true width. Mineralisation has been tested to approximately 2,300m below surface and remains open.

# Estimation and modelling techniques

All domains were estimated using ordinary kriging except for South West Branch below the dyke (~1240mbs) where indicator kriging was used for grade estimation. Four parent block sizes have been estimated; 4mE x 8mN x 4mRL for areas covered by underground grade control drilling, 8mE x 16mN x 4mRL for the area covered by resource development drilling, 16mE x 32mN x 4mRL for areas covered by surface drilling below approximately 1,800 metres vertical depth and 32mE x 32mN x 32mRL for the Mafic Hangingwall. Estimation was completed using Datamine Studio RM. Search parameters for the gold estimation reflect a high-grade plunge orientation east-north-east for WL, south-east to east for SGS and south-east for SWB and ML consistent with geological observation of high grade mineralisation geometry:

- Main Lode 1 Rotation Azimuth = 350 degrees, Dip = 40 degrees, Pitch = 140 degrees. Max search distances = 355m. Major/Semi-Major anisotropy = 4.2; Major/Minor = 14.2 Min samples = 8, max samples = 20
- Main Lode 2 Rotation Azimuth = 350 degrees, Dip = 40 degrees, Pitch = 120 degrees. Max search distances = 130m. Major/Semi-Major anisotropy = 2.6; Major/Minor = 13 Min samples = 8, max samples = 20
- South West Branch 1- Rotation Azimuth = 355 degrees, Dip = 40 degrees, Pitch = 110 to 140 degrees (pitch varies slightly between indicator groups and Au groups). Max search distances = 250m. Major/Semi-Major anisotropy = 3.1; Major/Minor = 8.3. Min samples = 8, max samples = 20
- South West Branch 2

  Rotation Azimuth = 355 degrees, Dip = 40 degrees, Pitch = 130 degrees. Max search distances = 250m. Major/Semi-Major anisotropy = 3.1; Major/Minor = 8.3. Min samples = 8, max samples = 20



- South Gwalia Series 1 Rotation Azimuth = 348 degrees, Dip = 45 degrees,
   Pitch = 110 degrees. Max search distances = 145m. Major/Semi-Major anisotropy = 1.5; Major/Minor = 4.1. Min samples = 8, max samples = 20
- South Gwalia Series 2 Rotation Azimuth = 348 degrees, Dip = 45 degrees, Pitch = 120 degrees. Max search distances = 170m. Major/Semi-Major anisotropy = 1.4; Major/Minor = 6.8. Min samples = 8, max samples = 20
- West Lode Rotation Azimuth = 350 degrees, Dip = 45 degrees, Pitch = 90 degrees. Max search distances = 180m. Major/Semi-Major anisotropy = 1.3; Major/Minor = 7.2. Min samples = 8, max samples = 20

Isolated high grade composites were top cut prior to estimation for each domain (ML=120g/t Au, SWB1=180/220g/t Au, SWB2=135g/t Au, SGS1=90g/t Au, SGS2=90g/t Au, WL=90g/t Au).

Density domains were largely consistent with the gold domain though some grouping was done for comparable populations where limited data was available. Search parameters for density estimation reflect a lack of directional trend and the large search distances reflect the high continuity of this variable:

- Main Lode Group Omnidirectional. Max search distances = 330m. Min samples
   12, max samples = 25
- South West Branch Group Omnidirectional. Max search distances = 600m. Min samples = 12, max samples = 25
- South Gwalia Series 1 Omnidirectional. Max search distances = 230m. Min samples = 12, max samples = 25
- South Gwalia Series 2 Omnidirectional. Max search distances = 100m. Min samples = 12, max samples = 25
- West Lode Omnidirectional. Max search distances = 550m. Min samples = 12, max samples = 25
- Mine Schist Omnidirectional. Max search distances = 750m. Min samples = 12, max samples = 25
- Dyke Omnidirectional. Max search distances = 120m. Min samples = 12, max samples = 25
- Mafic Hangingwall Omnidirectional. Max search distances = 600m. Min samples = 12, max samples = 25

Density measurements below the 0.5 percentile and above 99.5 percentile were removed from the dataset prior to estimation as they were suspected to contain erroneous values.

The model was validated by plotting composite and block model average values against RL for both gold and density.

Tonnages are estimated on a dry basis

The model is reported at a 2.5 g/t Au cut-off on 20mRL x 20mN panels for each lode to account for non-selective mining across strike.

The mining method is underground, open stoping with paste fill. Minimum stoping panels are 20mRL x 15mN with the resource reported on similar size panels to reflect this relationship.

Metallurgical recovery has been proven to be consistently >95%

The project covers an area that has been previously impacted by mining. The tenement area includes existing ethnographic heritage sites. SBM have undertaken extensive Aboriginal Heritage Surveys within the tenements and management measures are in place.

#### Moisture

#### **Cut-off parameters**

Mining factors or assumptions

Metallurgical factors or assumptions

Environmental factors or assumptions



Bulk density	Bulk density measurements are taken using the weight in air/weight in water method. Above 1630mbs density is assigned on a lode by lode basis and ranges between 2.71g/cm³ and 2.78g/cm³. Below this level, density is estimated using ordinary kriging.
Classification	The Gwalia resource is classified as a function of drill spacing, geological continuity and mining. Areas where grade control drilling has been completed to 20m x 30m and geological continuity has been established through mining are classified as Measured. Areas where drill density is 30m x 40m, 60m x 80m or less with high geological continuity are classified as Indicated and elsewhere where drill density is sparse classified as Inferred.
Audits or Reviews	The Gwalia Deeps Resource was last independently audited by Manna Hill Geoconsulting in May 2020. No material issues were identified but all concerns were addressed as part of this update.
Discussion of relative accuracy/confidence	The resource estimate is a global estimate. Grade control drilling is completed in advance of development to improve local estimates of grade.
Section 4 Estimation and Re	porting of Ore Reserves – Gwalia Deeps
Criteria	Comments
Mineral Resource Estimate for Conversion to Ore Reserves	The underground Ore Reserve estimate is based on the Mineral Resource estimate carried out by St Barbara Limited. Gold grade was estimated using ordinary kriging for all lodes with the exception of the Southwest Branch at depths exceeding 1,240 metres below surface where indicator kriging was used.
	The Mineral Resources are reported inclusive of the Ore Reserve.
	The Mineral Resource model used to estimate this Reserve is described as gw0221d-m.dm
Site Visits	The Competent Person has not visited site for this update, but was previously site based between 2016 and 2019.
Study Status	A Definitive Feasibility Study was completed for the Gwalia mine in 2008. The mine has been in full production since. Any further studies undertaken are to extend the mine or optimise the current operating practices.
	The Feasibility Study for the Gwalia Extension Project was completed in 2016 and approved by the Board. The Gwalia Extension Project provides incremental upgrades to the ventilation infrastructure which support mining down to 2200 mbs.
Cut-Off Parameters	A break-even type analysis was used to determine the cut-off grades used in the Ore Reserve estimate.
	○ 4.0 g/t Au Stope Evaluation Cut-Off Grade
	Used to define the extent of economic stoping areas on a level.
	○ 1.9 g/t Au Stope Only Cut-Off Grade
	Used to define additional stopes that can be mined without extra development and without delaying the main mining sequence.
	○ 0.7 g/t Au Process Only Cut-Off Grade
	Used to differentiate between development ore and development waste.
Mining Factors or Assumptions	The Gwalia Ore Reserve has been estimated based on detailed mine development and stope designs. Modifying factors for dilution and mining recovery have been applied post-geological interrogation to generate the final diluted and recovered Ore Reserve.



The Gwalia Mine is in full production with an extensive production history. Mining methods referenced in this report are currently in practice on site or have been subject to trial mining. Reconciliation results and production history show this mining method to be well matched to the ore body.

Stope size, development placement and ground support strategies have been designed in line with recommendations from experienced geotechnical personnel and external subject matter experts. Grade control drilling is completed in advance of production with the majority of stopes to be mined in the next two years already grade control drilled.

For South West Branch (SWB) and South Gwalia Series (SGS), the dilution is estimated for each individual stope based on known influences. These include the mining direction, strike length, stope width, and depth below surface. The relationships between these factors and stope dilution have been modelled through back-analysis of actual reconciled stope performance. The average of the estimated dilution for all SWB stopes in the Ore Reserve is 13% and the average estimated dilution for SGS stopes is 17%.

Mining dilution of 18% has been applied to all West Lode stopes. Mining dilution of 30% has been applied to Main Lode stopes.

A 92% mining recovery factor has been applied to triple-lift and double-lift long-hole open stopes. A 90% mining recovery factor has been applied to single-lift long-hole open stopes. These factors are consistent with reconciled actual performance.

The profiles of development excavations have been designed inclusive of 10% overbreak. No further dilution factors or mining recovery factors have been applied to development ore.

A global minimum mining width of 3m is used. While the ore body width generally exceeds the minimum mining width, where the ore body is narrower stoping outlines are designed to honour the minimum width and include planned dilution.

All ore in the Ore Reserve estimate is classified as a Proved or Probable Ore Reserve. No Inferred Mineral Resources are included in the Ore Reserve. The Inferred Mineral Resources in the Life-of-Mine plan have been removed from the Ore Reserve plan and estimate.

The infrastructure requirements of the stoping methods used are either already in place or have been accounted for in the Life-of-Mine evaluation on which the project costings are based. The capital and operating costs of extending the ventilation infrastructure to support truck haulage down to the base of the Ore Reserve have been included in the economic evaluation which demonstrates the economic viability of the Ore Reserve.

Metallurgical Factors or Assumptions All Gwalia ore is trucked to the Gwalia processing plant. The processing plant is located at St Barbara's Leonora Operations and consists of a three-stage crushing circuit, single-stage milling circuit and hybrid carbon-in-leach (CIL) circuit with one designated leach tank and seven adsorption tanks. Gold is recovered from activated carbon into concentrated solution via a split AARL-type elution circuit. Electrowinning and smelting are conducted in an



adjacent secure gold room. The tailings from the process are thickened and pumped to a paddock-type tailings storage facility with multi-spigot distribution.

The technology associated with processing of Gwalia ore is currently in operation and is based on industry standard practices.

Metallurgical recovery is modelled based on the observed relationship between head grade and recovery. The average of the modelled metallurgical recovery over the Ore Reserve mine plan is 95.8%.

A recent study on capacity requirements of the tailings storage facility (TSF) showed that the total capacity that will be created (new lifts and void created by reclaiming) will be adequate for the life-of-mine plan. This includes an additional lift on TSF3 and construction of TSF4, which is currently under construction.

# Environmental

The Gwalia mine is currently compliant with all environmental regulatory agreements under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA).

All external reporting against the environmental licenses are recorded and reported in the Annual Environmental Report available on the St Barbara Limited website.

# Infrastructure

All equipment required for the mining and processing of the Ore Reserve is in place and operational. It is located on tenements held by St Barbara Limited. The infrastructure includes, but is not limited to:

- Dedicated gas and diesel power station
- Water supply from three sources to provide redundancy
- Processing plant
- o Mine development
- Underground power and dewatering infrastructure
- o Workshop facilities on surface and underground
- o Ventilation fans and refrigeration plant
- o Paste-fill plant
- o Camp facilities
- $\circ \quad \text{Access to public roads and airstrips}$

#### Costs

All costs used in the estimation of Ore Reserves are based on the Life-of-Mine plan.

Operating costs are estimated as part of the internal budgeting process and approved by the St Barbara Limited board.

A gold price of AU\$2000/oz has been used in all calculations.



	Exchange rates are sourced from recommendations by the Group Treasury and accepted by the Executive Leadership Team (ELT).
	Costs associated with treatment and transport have been included in the cost modelling completed for the project based on the Life-of-Mine plan.
	Royalties have been included at the WA government royalty of 2.5% of gold produced. A Resource Capital Royalty (IRC) is also applied to the Gwalia tenements and is applied at 1.5% of gold produced.
Revenue Factors	A gold price of AU\$2000/oz has been used in all revenue calculations.
Market Assessment	All gold doré produced at the Gwalia processing plant is transported to the Perth Mint for refining.
Economic	The mine is an operating asset and is not subject to project-type analysis.
	Life-of-Mine plans are developed or updated on an annual basis. These plans reflect current and projected performances for the Ore Reserve.
Social	St Barbara Limited's social licence to operate is underpinned by the excellent relationship that the Company has built, over many years, with the local community of Leonora. St Barbara Limited also recognises, and has a good relationship with, the Aboriginal groups within the Leonora Region. Formal Access and/or Heritage Protection Agreements exist with most of the Aboriginal groups in the Leonora and the eastern Kalgoorlie Region.
Other	A company risk register is maintained to address and mitigate against all foreseeable risks that could impact the Ore Reserve.
	Contracts are in place for all critical goods and services required to operate the mine.
Classification	The Ore Reserve includes only Proved and Probable classifications.
	The economically minable component of the Measured Mineral Resource has been classified as a Proved Ore Reserve.
	The economically minable component of the Indicated Mineral Resource has been classified as a Probable Ore Reserve.
Audits or Reviews	SRK Consulting undertook a review of the Gwalia underground mine Ore Reserve process and estimate in July 2016. The review included a review of the Ore Reserve estimation process and the basis of the inputs and modifying factors. SRK did not audit the Ore Reserve estimate but considered that the technical basis and process undertaken was of a suitable standard and supports reporting under the JORC Code (2012). In July 2018 AMC Consultants undertook a review of the Gwalia Ore Reserve estimation process and basis of



inputs and modifying factors. AMC concluded that except for the absence of financial modelling to validate the economic viability of the ore reserve estimate, AMC considers the processes used by SBM to align with industry standard and to comply with reporting requirements of the JORC Code (2012). AMC's recommendation for a full financial model of the ore reserves not just economic testing of levels was adopted henceforth and incorporated into the Ore Reserves process.

#### Discussion of Relative Accuracy/ Confidence

The Ore Reserve estimate has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines of the JORC Code (2012). The relative confidence of the estimates contained fall with the criteria of Proved and Probable Ore Reserves. Significant operating history supports the modifying factors applied.

The Ore Reserve has been estimated in line with the St Barbara Ore Reserve process. The Ore Reserve process was externally audited in 2018 (refer to Audits or Reviews section above). The Ore Reserve has been peer reviewed internally and the Competent Person is confident that it is an accurate estimation of the current Gwalia reserve.

#### JORC Table 1 Checklist of Assessment and Reporting Criteria

#### Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data – Gwalia Open Pit

Criteria		Comments	

#### Sampling Techniques

Reverse circulation (RC) drilling for pit grade control holes was used to obtain 1m samples from which 3-4kg was split and assayed. Diamond drilling from surface and underground was used to obtain core samples which were sampled mostly at 1m intervals within lithological boundaries from the distinct hangingwall (Basalt) boundary to 2-3m beyond the footwall.

#### **Drilling Techniques**

Pit RC holes used a 4.5- or 5.5-inch downhole hammer in mostly vertical holes with a few angled holes to the west. Surface and underground diamond drill holes used NQ2 (50.6mm) sized core (standard tubes). These holes were surveyed by single shot electronic camera where possible. When drilling into underground voids holes were not cased.

#### **Drill Sample Recovery**

Core was metre marked and orientated and checked against drillers blocks to ensure that any core loss was accounted for. Sample recovery outside of historic voids was rarely less than 100%. Minor occurrences of core loss in most instances was attributed to drilling conditions and not ground conditions.

#### Logging

All holes were logged in their entirety primarily for lithology, alteration and vein type/intensity. Validation of geological data is controlled via the use of library codes and reliability and consistency of data is monitored through regular peer review. All core was oriented and photographed before geotechnical logging and sampling

# **Sub-Sampling Techniques** and **Sample Preparation**

RC samples were collected at 1m intervals and riffle split on-site to produce a subsample less than 5kg, field duplicates were also taken. Half core and whole core was cut using a core saw into 1m samples, where possible. RC and core samples were sent to an accredited lab (Analabs or Leonora Laverton Assay Labs or Amdel) where the entire sample was crushed to achieve particle size <4mm followed by complete pulverisation (90% passing 75  $\mu m)$ 

## Quality of Assay Data and Laboratory Tests

Drilling samples were analysed for gold using fire assay with a 50g charge and analysis by flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (AAS). QAQC for the RC drilling was approximately 3 replicates, 3 duplicates, 2 standards and 1 blank per 50 samples. Surface and underground diamond drilling was one replicate, duplicate, standard and blank every



# Verification of Sampling and Assay

**Location of Data Points** 

20 samples. Sample pulp residues were submitted for assay to an accredited umpire laboratory. Results from commercial standards were entered into site spreadsheets and plotted to check if they were within tolerance. It is assumed that the assay laboratories used were accepted as having no significant bias.

Sampling data was recorded as a hardcopy or electronically in spreadsheets which ensured only valid non-overlapping data could be recorded. Assay and down hole survey data are subsequently merged electronically. All drill data is stored in a SQL relational database on a secure company server and validated prior to use.

Collars for surface holes were recorded by theodolite survey. Upon completion of underground drill holes an authorised surveyor picked up the collar by placing a survey rod into the hole to measure azimuth and dip.

Data spacing for pit grade control drilling is nominally 10m x 10m from 5m benches from 125 metres below surface (mbs) to 250mbs. Surface resource diamond hole spacing is nominally 60m x 60m from surface to 830mbs. Underground grade control diamond hole spacing is on 20mN section intervals in fans drilling to the west from nominal 25m levels with end of holes between 120mbs and 505mbs. Drilling data is sufficient to establish down plunge continuity for all lodes. No sample compositing has been recorded.

Sampling was across the lode orientation for most of the pit and underground grade control drilling but perpendicular to lode orientation for the surface resource drilling, some underground grade control drill holes in the drill fans and a few pit holes.

The procedures applied were aligned to the industry practices prevailing at the time of sample collection, despatch, sample preparation and analysis at accredited laboratories.

Reviews of sample logging and sampling were regularly completed through site mentoring, auditing and investigations. Laboratory inspections were conducted. No significant issues were identified or reported.

# Data Spacing and Distribution

Orientation of Data in Relation to Geological Structure

**Sample Security** 

**Audits or Reviews** 

#### Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results - Gwalia Open Pit

Criteria	Comments

Mineral Tenement and Land Tenure Status	The reported resource is completely located within M37/25, M37/333, M37/849 which are 100% owned by St Barbara Limited. The tenements were in good standing at the time of reporting.
Exploration Done by Other Parties	No drilling of this portion of the Gwalia Resource was completed by SBM. All drilling of the resource was completed by Sons of Gwalia and is discussed in the previous section.
Geology	Gold mineralisation occurs as a number of en echelon, moderately east dipping foliation parallel lodes within strongly potassic altered mafic rocks and extends over a strike length of approximately 500 m and to a vertical depth of at least 2,300 m.
Drill Hole Information	No exploration results are presented.
Data Aggregation Methods	No exploration results are presented.
Relationship Between Mineralisation Widths and Intercept Lengths	No exploration results are presented.
Diagrams	No exploration results are presented.
Balanced Reporting	No exploration results are presented.



<b>Other Substantive</b>
<b>Exploration Data</b>

No exploration results are presented.

**Further Work** 

Future work will focus on testing for the presence of remnant South Gwalia Series to the south

#### Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources -Gwalia Open Pit

#### Criteria

#### Comments

#### **Database Integrity**

All information was captured by spreadsheets or entered directly in an SQL relational database on a secure company server and was rigorously validated using validation routines within the database software for both location and downhole survey, geology, sample intervals and assays prior to use. Visual graphical inspections of hole traces and locations were also made.

#### Site Visits

The Competent Person is an employee of St Barbara and was an employee of Sons of Gwalia and has visited site for the purposes of reviewing work contributing to resource estimates

#### **Geological Interpretation**

Mineralisation domains were defined by abundance of quartz and quartz/carbonate veining, the presence of distinctive laminated veining (quartz/sericite/sulphides +/- au), strong potassic alteration, abundance of sulphides (commonly >3% pyrite) and elevated gold grade (>0.5g/t Au). The orientation and continuity of the lodes is well known and documented from previous the activity of surface and underground mining and particularly by underground geological exposures.

#### **Dimensions**

The mineralised zone strikes 15 degrees east of true north over a distance of 500m and plunges 45 degrees to the southeast. The mineralised zone consists of several stepped or en echelon style foliation parallel lodes disposed in plan in a "horse-shoe" shape with the limbs converging at the southern end. The mineralised zone and individual lodes dip east at 35 to 45 degrees and are conformable with the foliation of the Mine Sequence mafic schists. Individual lode widths vary from 2m to 30m true width. Mineralisation has been tested to approximately 2,300m below surface and remains open.

# Estimation and Modelling Techniques

Closed wireframes of the lodes were constructed using a nominal 0.5g/t Au envelope and geology, reflecting the geological understanding of the deposit. 1m sample composites from within the lode wireframes were used to estimate gold grades into a block model of 10mY by 3mX by 2.5mZ reflecting the geometry of the lodes. Wireframe percentages were calculated for each block. Block grade estimates were made via Multiple Indicator Kriging (MIK) to a single model (e-type estimate) controlled by anisotropic variogram models (using Visor software) which reflected the overall geology. Estimates used ellipsoid sample searches orientated to the variogram directions of maximum grade continuity. Minimum and maximum samples used within the searches were set. MIK does not require the use of grade top-cuts as outlier high grades are controlled by the estimation process. The model was validated by plotting sample composite and block model average grades against Easting, Northing and RI

#### Moisture

Not applicable. Tonnages are estimated on a dry basis.

#### **Cut-Off Parameters**

The model is reported at a 0.4g/t Au cut-off. The cut-off grade includes the following considerations: Gold Price \$A2500/oz;

Processing Recovery 94%;

Pit slope 35 degrees overall west wall, 45 degrees overall other walls

Mining cost \$4.48/t;

G&A \$9.80/t;

Processing Cost \$20.0/t

#### Mining Factors or Assumptions

The mining method is assumed to be open pit post the completion of underground mining



	Criteria	Comments
	Metallurgical Factors or Assumptions	Metallurgical recovery is assumed to be 94%.
	Environmental Factors or Assumptions	The project covers an area that has been previously impacted by mining. The tenement area includes existing ethnographic heritage sites. SBM have undertaken extensive Aboriginal Heritage Surveys within the tenements and management measures are in place.
	Bulk Density	Bulk density of 2.8 g/cm3 has been determined for the lodes from core samples using the weight in air/weight in water method. Where blocks are impacted by historic voids bulk density has been factored to account for the openings.
	Classification	The resource is classified as a function of drill spacing Areas where grade control drilling has been completed to a nominal 10mN x 10mE pattern are classified as Measured. Areas where drill density is on a 20mN x 30mE, pattern are classified as Indicated and elsewhere where drill density is sparse classified as Inferred.
	Audits or Reviews	The Mineral Resource Estimate has been reviewed internally. The review covered all aspects of the estimate including source data, geological model, resource estimate and classification. No material issues were identified.
	Discussion of Relative Accuracy/Confidence	The resource estimate is a global estimate.

# JORC Table 1 Checklist of Assessment and Reporting Criteria Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data – Harbour Lights

Criteria	Comments
Sampling Techniques	No drilling has been completed by St Barbara at Harbour Lights. The bulk of the drilling was completed by Esso Exploration and Production Australia Inc. (Esso) between 1981 and 1985. Diamond and RC holes have generally been sampled on 1m intervals but no details on sampling protocols have been found.
Drilling Techniques	Details on RC and DDH drilling techniques have not been located. Diamond holes were surveyed by single shot camera.
Drill Sample Recovery	Details on core recovery are unknown
Logging	Holes were logged in fresh rock for lithology, alteration quartz-carbonate veining and sulphides.
Sub-Sampling Techniques and Sample Preparation	Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation are unknown but are assumed to conform to standard Eastern Goldfields practices of the time.
Quality of Assay Data and Laboratory Tests	The analytical method is unknown. Quality control was limited to analysis of pulp duplicates and the drilling of twin holes. This data shows no bias.
Verification of Sampling and Assay	All drill data is stored in a SQL relational database on a secure company server and validated prior to use. This data has been cross-checked against historic hard copy plots and reports.
Location of Data Points	Collar survey methods are unknown but are assumed to conform to standard Eastern Goldfields practices of the time.
Data Spacing and Distribution	Surface drilling has been completed on an approximate $25mN \times 30mRL$ pattern decreasing to $\sim 50mN \times 100mRL$ below 170mbs. Mineralised areas have generally been sampled on 1 metre intervals.
Orientation of Data in Relation to Geological Structure	Sampling was perpendicular to lode orientation.



Sample Security	It is assumed that the procedures applied were aligned to the industry practices prevailing at the time of sample collection, dispatch, sample preparation and analysis at accredited laboratories.
Audits or Reviews	The logging and analytical data has been cross-checked against hard copy reports.

Audits or Reviews	The logging and analytical data has been cross-checked against hard copy reports.
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Criteria	oration Results – Harbour Lights  Comments
Mineral Tenement and Land Tenure Status	The reported resource is completely located within M37/0251 and M37/1150 which ar 100% owned by St Barbara Limited. The tenements were in good standing at the time or reporting.
Exploration Done by Other Parties	No drilling of this portion of the Harbour Lights resource was completed by St Barbara. A drilling of the resource was completed by Esso and is discussed in the previous section.
Geology	Gold mineralisation at Harbour Lights extends over 1km and is hosted within a sequence of sheared ultramafics and overlying high-Mg tholeiitic basalt units which strike north northwest and dip 45° to the east. Gold mineralisation is associated with pyrite an arsenopyrite in isoclinally folded laminated quartz veins and potassic alteration halos. Gold which is partly refractory in fresh rock, is closely associated with arsenopyrite and estimate recoveries for the refractory ore are in the order of 40%.
Drill Hole Information	No exploration results are presented.
Data Aggregation Methods	No exploration results are presented.
Relationship Between Mineralisation Widths and Intercept Lengths	No exploration results are presented.
Diagrams	No exploration results are presented.
Balanced Reporting	No exploration results are presented.
Other Substantive Exploration Data	No exploration results are presented.
Further Work	Future work will focus on testing for down plunge extensions to mineralisation
Section 3 Estimation and Re	porting of Mineral Resources – Harbour Lights
Criteria	Comments
Database Integrity	The data files used in the estimation were automatically created as an extract from the Barbara corporate Datashed database. The validation of the database has included:
	Cross-check of electronic data with hard copy WAMEX mineral exploration reports,
	Cross-check of assay and drill-hole location with historical geological reports, and
	<ul> <li>Incorporation of original logging of lithology, alteration, quartz-carbonate veining ar sulphides to improve geological and mineralisation models.</li> </ul>
Site Visits	The Competent Person is an employee of St Barbara and has visited the site

#### Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources - Harbour Lights

Criteria	Comments
Database Integrity	The data files used in the estimation were automatically created as an extract from the St Barbara corporate Datashed database. The validation of the database has included:
	Cross-check of electronic data with hard copy WAMEX mineral exploration reports,
	Cross-check of assay and drill-hole location with historical geological reports, and
	Incorporation of original logging of lithology, alteration, quartz-carbonate veining and sulphides to improve geological and mineralisation models.
Site Visits	The Competent Person is an employee of St Barbara and has visited the site
Geological Interpretation	Mineralisation domains were defined based on a 0.1g/t Au cut-off, strong potassic alteration, and proximity to a mafic/ultramafic contact.



#### Comments

#### Dimensions

The mineralised zones strike 20 degrees east of true north over a distance of 1000m and dip moderately to the east and plunge shallowly to the south. The mineralised zones are between 30m and 60m in width. Mining in the Harbour Lights open pit was centred around one or more large (20-35m wide) fold structures with elevated gold grades (+6 g/t Au) in the core of the fold hinges. Mineralisation has been tested to approximately 320m below surface and remains open.

# Estimation and Modelling Techniques

Closed wireframes of the lodes were constructed using a nominal 0.1g/t Au envelope and potassic alteration. 2m sample composites from within the lode wireframes were used to estimate gold grades into a block model of 10mY by 10mX by 5mZ. Block grade estimates were made via ordinary kriging with ellipsoid octant searches orientated to the variogram directions of maximum grade continuity. Minimum and maximum samples used within the searches were set. Data was not top cut as outlier high grades (>50g/t Au) were located in the mined-out pit and did not impact estimation of remnant resources. The model was validated by plotting sample composite and block model average grades against Easting, Northing and RL

#### Moisture

Not applicable. Tonnages are estimated on a dry basis.

#### **Cut-Off Parameters**

The model is reported at a 0.4g/t Au cut-off for oxides and 0.8 g/t Au for sulphides. The cut-off grades include the following considerations:

- Gold price AU\$2,500/oz
- Mining cost \$3.70/t
- Process Recovery oxide 90% and sulphide 85.5%
- Processing cost oxide \$19.30/t and sulphide \$46.00/t
- General & Admin cost \$9.80/t
- Pit slope angles oxide = 35° and sulphide = 47°

#### Mining Factors or Assumptions

The mining method is assumed to be open pit.

# Metallurgical Factors or Assumptions

Metallurgical recovery is assumed to be 90% for oxides and 85.5% using the Albion Process for treatment of sulphides.

## **Environmental Factors or Assumptions**

The project covers an area that has been previously impacted by mining.

An agreement with the Aboriginal Land Trust will be required to gain access to an Aboriginal Reserve toward the southern of the deposit for drilling and mining.

#### **Bulk Density**

Agreements will be required to relocate infrastructure related to the handling and transportation of nickel concentrate on the eastern wall of the pit

#### Classification

Bulk density has been assigned based on historical values; 2.4g/cm3 for oxide and 2.8g/cm3 for sulphides.

The resource is classified as a function of drill spacing and geological continuity. Areas where

drilling has been completed on a nominal  $25mN \times 30mRL$  pattern are classified as Indicated. Elsewhere where drill density is sparser, or drill holes are inadequately sampled the resource

#### Audits or Reviews

No audits or reviews have been completed

is classified as Inferred.

## Discussion of Relative Accuracy/Confidence

The resource estimate is a global estimate.



#### JORC Table 1 Checklist of Assessment and Reporting Criteria

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data – Tower Hill	
Criteria	Comments
Sampling Techniques	Post 2007 St Barbara Limited (SBM) drilling used Reverse Circulation drilling to obtain 1m samples through the mineralised zone. Most samples were dry, but where wet samples were encountered they were allowed to dry before being split by company personnel. Half core was sampled on largely 1m intervals based on geological boundaries. Core was cut along a plane passing through the basal orientation mark using a diamond saw.
Drilling Techniques	SBM diamond holes typically used NQ (47.6mm) and HQ (63.5mm) sized core (standard double tubes). Core was oriented using Ace Core Orientation and Ezy Mark orientation tools. Drill holes were down hole surveyed by either north seeking gyro within the rods or by electronic multi-shot in open holes. Less than 10% of SBM holes were surveyed down hole using a Reflex Single Shot camera. RC holes used mainly 5½" reverse circulation face sampling hammers.
Drill Sample Recovery	Recovery of core from SBM drill holes was rarely less than 100%. Ore zone intersections are NQ and HQ (for geotechnical holes) sized diamond core using standard double tubes. Recovery information for historic holes is unavailable, although this data largely impacts the mined out portions of the project and is not material to the resource estimate.
Logging	All SBM holes were qualitatively and quantitatively logged for a combination of geological and geotechnical attributes. Pre-2007 holes were commonly logged for major lithology, alteration, vein minerals, and vein and sulphide percentage. Historic logging data was reviewed and deemed acceptable.
Sub-Sampling Techniques and Sample Preparation	SBM RC samples were recovered through a cone splitter to obtain mostly 1m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 40g charge for fire assay. Half core was sampled on largely 1m intervals based on geological boundaries. Core was cut along a plane passing through the basal orientation mark using a diamond saw and was submitted for total pulverisation (85% passing 75 $\mu m$ ).
Quality of Assay Data and Laboratory Tests	Only limited information is available for holes drilled prior to 2007. SBM samples were analysed for gold using fire assay with a 40g charge and analysis by flame atomic absorption spectrometry. QC included insertion of 4 commercial standards per submission batch (4 commercial standards every 50 samples for diamond core), insertion of field duplicates every 40m and 2 blank control samples for every 100 samples. Sample pulp residues were submitted to an alternate laboratory. Results indicate that pulveriser bowls were adequately cleaned between samples, that analysis of gold was sound and re-analysis of pulps showed acceptable repeatability with no bias.
Verification of Sampling and Assay	SBM sampling data is recorded electronically which ensures only valid non-overlapping data can be recorded. Assay and down hole survey data are subsequently merged electronically. All drill data is stored in a SQL database on a secure company server. Statistical comparison of SBM (2007-08) and pre-2007 assay results indicate that all data are compatible.
Location of Data Points	SBM holes were surveyed using a Real Time Kinetic (RTK) GPS system. Historical drilling was located using mine surveyors and standard survey equipment.
Data Spacing and Distribution	Average data spacing of between 40m N-S by 30m E-W (up to 80m by 60m) is available for the bulk of the Tower Hill Resource. Drilling data is sufficient to establish continuity of the mineralised lodes.
Orientation of Data in Relation To Geological Structure	Sampling is perpendicular to lode orientation which is well understood from past production.
Sample Security	Company personnel or approved contractors only allowed on drill sites. Drill samples are only removed from drill site to secure sampling or core logging/processing facility; core logged and cut and consigned to accredited laboratories for processing.



Criteria	Comments
Audits or Reviews	Historical data was reviewed and extensively validated in 2003 including cross-checking data against original hard copy records where available. All data has been reviewed by a Competent Person who is satisfied that the data is sound and suitable for resource estimation.
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Section 2 Reporting of Exp	oloration Results – Tower Hill  Comments
Mineral Tenement and	The reported resource is completely located within M37/0055 which is 100% owned by S
Land Tenure Status	Barbara Limited. The tenement is in good standing at the time of reporting
Exploration Done by Other Parties	Drilling of the resource by other parties is discussed in the previous section.
Geology	Gold mineralisation at Tower Hill is hosted within a moderately (35 - 50°) east-dipping quartz vein package adjacent to the contact of granite and strongly foliated ultramafic rocks. Quartz gold vein lodes strike north to north-northwest with strike lengths of up to 600 m and widths from less than a metre to a vein package with a horizontal width of up to 50 m.
Drill Hole Information	No exploration results are presented.
Data Aggregation Methods	No exploration results are presented.
Relationship Between Mineralisation Widths and Intercept Lengths	No exploration results are presented.
Diagrams	No exploration results are presented.
Balanced Reporting	No exploration results are presented.
Other Substantive Exploration Data	No exploration results are presented.
Further Work	Future work will be reviewed pending updates to mining studies
Section 3 Estimation and F	Reporting of Mineral Resources – Tower Hill
Criteria	Comments
Database Integrity	Information initially captured through hard copy logs was subsequently entered into spread sheets and validated prior to loading into the SBM corporate database which ensures only valid non-overlapping data can be recorded. Assay and down hole survey data are subsequently merged electronically. All drill data is stored in a SQL database on a secure company server. Validation of data included visual check of drill hole traces and basic checks for overlapping sample and geological logging intervals.
Site Visits	The Competent Person for the drill hole data is an employee of SBM and directly supervised drilling on site during 2007-08.
Geological Interpretation	
Dimensions	Quartz-gold vein lodes strike north to north-northwest and dip moderately (30-50°) east with

strike lengths of up to 600 m and widths from less than 1m to a vein package with a horizontal



Criteria	Comments
	width of up to 50m. Mineralisation has been defined over a 1.1km strike length and has been tested to a maximum depth of approximately 525m below surface.
Estimation and Modelling Techniques	Gold grade was estimated by ordinary kriging 1m composites constrained by lode boundaries for a parent block size of $x = 10m * y = 20m * z = 4m$ . Search parameters reflect the moderate NE plunge control of mineralisation:
	Rotation: Azimuth = 345 degrees, Dip = 35 degrees, Pitch = 50 degrees. Max. search distance = 200m. Major/Semi-Major anisotropy = 1.2; Major/Minor = 3. Min. samples = 12, Max. samples = 32
	A top cut of 60g/t Au was applied to the composite data prior to estimation. Model was validated by plotting composite and block model average grades against northing and were reasonable.
	Mineral Resources are reported inclusive of Ore Reserves
Moisture	Tonnages are estimated on a dry basis.
Cut-Off Parameters	The model is reported at a 2.5g/t Au cut-off which is close to the expected marginal cut-off grade based on a A\$1400/ounce gold price.
Mining Factors or Assumptions	The anticipated mining method is open stoping and cut and fill mining.
Metallurgical Factors or Assumptions	Metallurgical test work completed between 2007 and 2009 shows 95% metallurgical recovery for fresh rock.
Environmental Factors or Assumptions	The project covers an area that has been previously impacted by mining. The tenement area includes existing ethnographic heritage sites. SBM have undertaken extensive Aboriginal Heritage Surveys within the tenement and management measures are in place.
Bulk Density	The dry bulk density is estimated to be 2.67/cm <sup>3</sup> . This is based on weighing whole core samples in air and water for 25 samples.
Classification	The variogram model shows that 90% of total sill is reached at approximately 100m down plunge and within 45m perpendicular (D2) to this. Based on this, the average data spacing of between 40m by 30m (up to 80m by 60m) for the bulk of the Tower Hill Resource below the pit is considered adequate to classify the majority of the resource as Indicated. The down dip extensions to the resource, which are based on limited data, are considered Inferred.
Audits or Reviews	The geological model and Mineral Resource estimate was independently reviewed by SRK Consulting in 2011 and no material issues were found. In addition, the reporting of Mineral Resources is guided by the Company's Mineral Resource Estimation System and overseen by the SBM Resources and Reserves Committee.
Discussion of Relative Accuracy/Confidence	The resource estimate is a global resource estimate. Closer spaced drilling should be completed well ahead of mining to improve local estimates of grade.
Section 4 Estimation and Re	eporting of Ore Reserves – Tower Hill
Criteria	Comments
Mineral Resource Estimate for Conversion	The underground Ore Reserve estimate is based on the Mineral Resource estimate carried out by St Barbara. Gold grade was estimated using ordinary kriging.

#### The Competent Person is employed in a site-based role.

The Mineral Resources are reported inclusive of the Ore Reserve.

to Ore Reserves

Site Visits



#### Comments

#### **Study Status**

A Pre-Feasibility Study has been completed for the Tower Hill project that has identified a technically achievable and economically viable mine plan. This PFS has since been reviewed and updated with modifying factors calibrated for company experience with a similar operating mine within the same mining district.

# Cut-Off Parameters

A reserve cut-off grade of 2.8 g/t Au has been used in line with the now-divested King of the Hills mine which used similar mining methods with the same production profile. Two cut-off grades have been calculated and applied based on historical costs from the King of the Hills mine and forecasted costs and modifying factors for the Tower Hill life-of-mine plan.

- Fully Costed cut-off grade includes all operating costs associated with the extraction and processing of ore material
- Incremental cut-off grade applies to all material that does not require additional development.

# Assumptions

The Tower Hill Ore Reserve has been estimated by generating detailed mining shapes for all development and stoping shapes. Modifying factors for dilution and mining recovery have been completed post-geological interrogation to generate the final diluted and recovered ore reserve.

A pre-feasibility level of study has been completed for the Tower Hill mine. St Barbara successfully operated the King of the Hills mine using the mining methods planned for Tower Hill. The planned mining methods align with external geotechnical recommendations for the regional geology.

Stope size, development placement and ground support strategies have been designed in line with recommendations from external evaluations. Grade control drilling will be completed in advance of production with Grade control drilling plans generated as part of the final Definitive Mining Study.

The model used to estimate the Ore Reserve is consistent with that produced for the Mineral Resource declared for the Tower Hill deposit. This model is internally known as twh feb2011.mdl.

Mining dilution has been applied at 5% at a grade of 1.3g/t Au for the Long Hole stoping areas and 6% at a grade of 0g/t Au for the cut and fill stoping areas. This is consistent with the dilution factors applied for the similar King of the Hills mine.

A mining recovery of 95% has been applied to all stopes. This recovery has been applied to allow for any ore loss that may occur during stoping extraction. This is consistent with the recovery factors achieved for the similar King of the Hills mine.

For the longhole stoping production, a global minimum mining width of 3.5m is used. While the ore body width generally exceeds the minimum mining width, where the ore body is narrower, stoping outlines are designed to honour the minimum width and include planned dilution. The cut and fill areas are mined to a minimum height of 5m, though split firing of the production face is used to prevent dilution of the ore zone.

Mining Factors or



#### Comments

The vast majority of the life-of-mine plan is classified as a Probable Ore Reserve. Inferred Mineral Resources are included in the life-of-mine plan to allow for well-informed strategic planning. They are not included in the Ore Reserve estimate.

The infrastructure requirements of the stoping methods used have been accounted for in the life-of-mine evaluation on which the project costings are based.

#### Metallurgical Factors or Assumptions

All Tower Hill ore will be trucked to the Gwalia processing plant. The processing plant is located at St Barbara's Leonora Operations and consists of a three stage crushing circuit, single stage milling circuit and hybrid CIL circuit with one designated leach tank and 7 adsorption tanks. Gold is recovered from activated carbon into concentrated solution via a split AARL type elution circuit. Electrowinning and smelting are conducted in an adjacent secure gold room. The tailings from the process are thickened and pumped to a paddock type tailings storage facility with multi-spigot distribution

The technology associated with processing of Tower Hill ore is currently in operation and is based on industry standard practices.

Target Recovery Performance is 95%.

# Environmental

St Barbara currently holds a license for Tower Hill and is compliant with all environmental regulatory agreements under the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

All external reporting against the environmental licenses are recorded and reported in the Annual Environmental Report available on the St Barbara website.

# Infrastructure

All equipment required for the mining and processing of the reserve is either already available or anticipated to be available as required by the Life of Mine plan. Existing infrastructure is located on St Barbara held tenements and leases. Surrounding tenements have been secured for the purpose of new infrastructure installation. The infrastructure currently available for usage for the Tower Hill project includes but is not limited to:

- Dedicated gas and diesel power station,
- Water supply
- Processing plant
- Access to Workshop facilities on surface and underground
- Paste Plant

Additional planned infrastructure includes but is not limited to:

- Explosive magazine
- Fuel bay and wash bay
- · Ventilation fan and associated works
- Workshop facilities



Criteria	Comments
Costs	All costs used in the generation of the Ore Reserve estimate have been based on the life-of-mine plan.
	Operating costs are based on actual costs from the King of the Hills mine.
	A gold price of AU\$1,250/oz has been used in all calculations.
	Exchange rates are sourced from recommendations by the Group Treasury and accepted by the Executive Leadership Team (ELT).
	Costs associated with treatment and transport have been included in the cost modelling completed for the project based on the life-of-mine plan.
	Royalties have been included at the WA government royalty of 2.5% of gold produced. A Resource Capital Royalty (IRC) is also applied to the Gwalia tenements and is applied at 1.5% of gold produced.
Revenue Fact	A gold price of AU\$1,250/oz has been used in all revenue calculations.
Market Asses	for refining.
Economic	The project has been defined to a pre-feasibility study level of confidence. Operating assumptions are supported by company experience with similar operating mines within the same mining district. The mine is intended to operate as a satellite mine.
Social	St Barbara Limited's social licence to operate is underpinned by the excellent relationship that the Company has built, over many years, with the local community of Leonora. St Barbara Limited also recognises, and has a good relationship with, the Aboriginal groups within the Leonora Region. Formal Access and/or Heritage Protection Agreements exist with most of the Aboriginal groups in the Leonora and the eastern Kalgoorlie Region.
Other	A company risk register is maintained to address and mitigate against all foreseeable risks that could impact the Ore Reserve.
Classification	The Ore Reserve has been classified as a Probable Ore Reserve.
	The economically minable component of the Indicated Mineral Resource has been classified as a Probable Ore Reserve.
Audits or Rev	While a direct audit of the Tower Hill reserve has not been conducted, the St Barbara reserve estimation process was independently reviewed in December 2012 by Scott Dunham of Quantitative Group (QG).



#### Comments

"The review did not identify any material flaws in either the ore reserve estimate itself or the process used to generate the estimate. In QG's opinion the estimate is suitable for reporting under the JORC Code (2004 edition) and is of a good industry standard." (Dunham, S. 2012)

"The ore reserve estimate is incorporated into St Barbara's long, medium and short term planning processes and this increases confidence in the deliverability of the ore reserve. The ore reserve represents a snapshot of the expected metal production over the life of each operation based on currently available data and mine planning assumptions." (Dunham, S. 2012)

# Discussion of Relative Accuracy/ Confidence

The Ore Reserve estimate is prepared within the guidelines of the 2012 JORC code. The relative confidence of the estimates contained fall with the criteria of Probable Ore Reserves. Significant operating history supports the modifying factors applied.

The Ore Reserve has been estimated in line with the St Barbara Ore Reserve process. The Ore Reserve process was externally audited in 2012 and found to be of good industry standard. The Ore Reserve has been peer reviewed internally and the Competent Person is confident that it is an accurate estimation of the current Tower Hill reserve.

#### JORC Table 1 Checklist of Assessment and Reporting Criteria

#### Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data - Simberi

#### Criteria

#### Comments

#### Sampling Techniques

Chips from reverse circulation (RC) drilling and half-core from diamond holes (DH) have been used to sample the Simberi deposits.

Drilling by Kennecott occurred between 1984 and 1989. Subsequent drilling by Nord was carried out between 1995 and 1998. Allied drilled from 2004 to 2012. From September 2012 St Barbara Limited have owned and operated the Simberi project.

During the early part of the Kennecott percussive drilling program (up to approximately RC320, February-May 1989), each 1 m sample was collected from a cyclone in a calico bag. The sample was dried, and jaw crushed to less than 7 mm and a 1.5 kg riffle split sub-sample dispatched for assay. The Kennecott 1m diamond drill core samples were cut in half using a diamond saw, dried, jaw crushed, and hammer milled to -30 mesh. A 200-250 g sub-sample was pulverised to -80mesh before submitting to the laboratory.

Nord sampled percussive and diamond holes every 1 m. RC samples were collected in polyweave bags direct from a cyclone. Approximately 100 g of every RC sample were washed, dried and retained for reference. RC samples were hammer milled at a Nord sample preparation facility, located on Simberi Island, to approximately -30 mesh. The sample preparation facility was supervised by contract personnel from Astrolabe Pty Ltd, an analytical laboratory in Madang. A 1 kg subsample was riffle split for dispatch for assay and the remainder stored. Nord diamond core was photographed, logged and cut in half using a diamond saw. One half was dried, jaw-crushed, hammer milled and reduced to a 1 kg subsample using a riffle splitter. The sub-samples were dispatched to Astrolabe (Madang, PNG) for final preparation and assay up until September 1996.



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Allied RC samples were collected at 1 m intervals then dried. Each sample was jaw-crushed, hammer milled to -80 mesh and reduced to two approximate 1 kg sub-samples using a riffle splitter. One 1 kg sample was hammer milled to -30 mesh and the other 'reject' split was archived on site for a minimum of 3 months after assays were returned. The 1 kg crushed samples were dispatched to ALS. In mid-2008, a new core shed and sample preparation facility was constructed with upgraded security and new sample processing equipment. This allowed a change to the RC sampling and preparation procedures. Samples from the cyclone were collected in large polyweave bags and weighed. Sub-samples were placed in calico bags. For dry/damp samples a riffle splitter was used to produce approximately 500 g for processing and approximately 500 g for 'reject' or archive. Spear sampling was conducted on wet samples to obtain two 800 g sub-samples, one for archive and one for processing. Sub-samples were sent to sample prep for drying in electric ovens. Before mid-2008, Allied diamond core samples were processed in a similar way to the RC samples. Core was sampled on 1 m intervals, cut in half using diamond saws and dried. One half of each sample was stored on site in the secured core shed, the other half was crushed with a jaw crusher and split to two approximately 1 kg samples. One was hammer milled to -30 mesh and the 'reject' sample archived for a minimum of 3 months after assays were returned. The 1 kg samples were dispatched to ALS Townsville for fire assay.

St Barbara have sampled core at 1m intervals irrespective of geology using a petrol clipper saw along its long axis on a plane representing approximately half of the core. RC drill spoil was collected at 1m intervals direct from the cyclone in polyweave bags. SBM personnel riffle split to collect 1 kg to 3 kg sub-samples that were crushed and pulverised at the Simberi laboratory.

RC samples were collected at 1m intervals. The sample generated by the rigs was initially passed through a cyclone/cone-splitter system which delivered a nominal 2-3 kg size sample which was collected in a calico bag for each metre.

When drilling wet due to water inflows, samples were collected in a 20-litre bucket, the water decanted and the sample transferred to the calico bag. For each one metre interval, a sieved chip sample was also collected and deposited in a chip tray for later photographing and logging.

The calico bags were then packed in large green polyurethane bags and delivered to the Simberi's onsite laboratory for drying and aqua regia Au analysis.

The pulp residues from this process were sent to the SGS laboratory in Townsville for Au (50 g fire assay) and multi-element ICP analysis.

#### **Drilling Techniques**

From 1984 to 1990 drilling was carried out by Kennecott, comprising 447 (43,727 m) RC drill holes (3.75 - 4 inch), 73 (15,970 m) diamond drill holes and 11 (153 m) diamond holes drilled for metallurgical purposes. Most diamond holes were drilled PQ to depths of up to 200-250 m and HQ thereafter.

From 1994 to 1998 Nord completed a further 432 (26,241 m) RC holes and 35 (6,415 m) diamond holes. Many of these diamond holes were triple-tubed for metallurgical sampling and test-work.



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Allied drilled 816 RC (62,003 m) holes and 219 (42,098 m) diamond holes after 2003. All diamond drill hole core has been photographed.

Downhole surveys were restricted to only some of the early Kennecott and Nord diamond drill holes and the bulk of the later Allied diamond drilling. Most of the RC drilling is shallow, averaging less than 100m, and errors due to hole deviation are considered to be minimal.

SBM (2014-present) completed diamond holes using a track mounted Cortech CSD1300G drill rig. RC drilling was completed using a track mounted Gemrok 1000H MP rig.

In March 2018, SBM commenced a major RC drilling program to test the down dip extensions of the Sorowar orebodies. Drilling was completed in December 2019.

Holes were generally drilled on an azimuth of 30 degrees to the mine grid, with a dip of -60 degrees and a total depth of 250 m. Other than for the first 11,934m (61 holes), all holes have been down hole surveyed for dip, at the end of hole, and mid-hole. No survey for information for azimuth was recorded, as the measurements were completed inside the rod string.

The campaign has used three drills supplied by Quest Exploration Drilling (QED) running a mixture of 4.5 inch and 5.25 inch RC hammers, a Schramm 685WS (500 psi/1350 cfm onboard compressor), a DML 45 (350 psi/500 cfm onboard compressor) and a UDR 1200 (no onboard compressor). All drills required additional air at high pressure to achieve the required depths. This was provided by a number of independent compressor and booster units, including a Sullair 900 20/12 (500 psi/1150 cfm), an Atlas Copco 487 (350 psi/900 cfm), an Atlas Copco XVRS (450 psi/1000 cfm), Hydro Booster AV92 (350 psi/720 cfm) and a Hurricane Booster Copco (350psi/500cfm).

Drilling proved challenging, with broken ground and high water inflows occurring in certain areas of the Sorowar pit. This has led to the loss of one rod string, and considerable time spent retrieving at least three others during the course of the program.

The sample generated by the rigs was initially passed through a cyclone/cone-splitter system which delivered a nominal 2-3 kg size sample which was collected in a calico bag for each metre.

When drilling wet due to water inflows, samples were collected in a 20 I bucket, the water decanted and the sample transferred to the calico bag. For each one metre interval, a sieved chip sample was also collected and deposited in a chip tray for later photographing and logging.

The calico bags were then packed in large green polyurethane bags and delivered to the Simberi's onsite laboratory for drying and aqua regia Au analysis.

The pulp residues from this process were sent to the SGS laboratory in Townsville for Au (50 g fire assay) and multi-element ICP analysis.



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#### **Drill Sample Recovery**

In 2016 RC sample recovery was calculated from oven-dried weight of the sample and the assumed volume. RC sample recovery is low at surface but increases up to about a downhole depth of 40 m, and then the average recovery slowly decreases. Presumably this relates to poor recovery in the clay rich oxidised material which can also have higher moisture content and then lower recovery again at greater depths were sample recovery may be more difficult and sometimes wet drilling conditions are encountered. The average sample recovery of 68% is very low. RC drilling recoveries around this level are possible but they are very low. There is a possibility that the density used to calculate the recovery is being overestimated, which would underestimate the recovery. This could for example be caused if the samples are sometimes not dried sufficiently. The RC drilling is recorded as mostly 5.25 inches but with some 5.5 inch diameters. If holes were sometimes breaking out wider than expected this would only make the recoveries lower.

Ten percent of RC samples were logged as wet and 24% moist. It appears that moist RC samples occur at shallower downhole depths and wet samples are more abundant at greater hole depths. In relative terms, sample recovery is a little lower in moist and wet samples than in dry samples.

Core recovery is around 90% at surface increasing to about 95% at a depth of 70 m below surface where it remains relatively constant. Some holes have extremely variable recovery (while others have 100% recovery for the complete hole. Holes with completely 100% recovery sometimes have large sections of the drill hole that are broken without a piece of intact core. Measuring core recovery is difficult in such holes and may not always be reliable.

# Logging

Lithology, alteration, structure and assay data exists as well as an extensive set of core photographs. All holes were logged for a combination of geological and geotechnical attributes. Twin holes suggest that there is often a lack of consistency between the geological logging of various geologists. Some check re-logging will be required if reliable 3D alteration and lithology models are to be built.

#### Sub-Sampling Techniques and Sample Preparation

During the Kennecott percussive drilling program (up to approximately RC320, February-May 1989), the jaw-crushed sample was split to 250 g, disc pulverised to -80 mesh, further split to a 50 g aliquot and finely pulverised for assay. Lack of correlation between duplicate and original sample assays led Kennecott to revise the sample preparation procedure. Subsequently (up to RC447, 1992) a 250 g split (-80 mesh) was sent to the laboratory. At the laboratory a 50g aliquot was taken for pulverising and assay. A similar sized aliquot from the 200-250 g sub-samples (-80 mesh) from the Kennecott diamond core samples was fire assayed.

Every Nord 1m RC sample was hammer milled to approximately -30 mesh and a 5 g aliquot finely pulverised and fire assayed. Nord diamond core sub-samples were dispatched to Astrolabe (Madang, PNG) for final preparation and assay up until September 1996. At the laboratory the 1 kg sub-samples were dried, pulverised and a 50 g sub-sample was fire assayed for gold using an atomic absorption spectrometer (AAS) finish. After September 1996, the samples were dispatched to Australian Laboratory Services (ALS) in Townsville, Queensland, for preparation and assay using the same method.

The 1 kg (-30 mesh) sub-samples from the Allied RC drilling were dispatched to ALS and finely pulverised. A 50 g sub-sample was fire assayed and the remainder stored at their



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facility in Garbutt, Queensland. The Simberi processing equipment was flushed with glass before each hole was processed. After the new core shed and sample preparation facility was constructed (2008) spear sampling was conducted on wet samples to obtain two 800 g sub-samples, one for archive and one for processing. Dried RC samples of up to 600 g were milled in an LM2 to obtain a 90% pass through 75 microns for dispatch to the laboratory. The laboratory procedures on Simberi Island were reviewed by ALS Chemex in October 2004 and found to be satisfactory.

Before mid-2008, Allied drill core samples were processed in a similar way to the RC samples. 1 kg from the half-core sample was hammer milled to -30 mesh and the 'reject' sample archived for a minimum of 3 months after assays were returned. The processing equipment was flushed with glass before each hole was processed. The 1 kg samples were dispatched to ALS Townsville for pulverising and a 50 g sub-sample was fire assayed.

For SBM drilling all samples were prepped using the on-site laboratory. Samples were initially crushed to <2 mm using a Terminator jaw crusher. Samples greater than 1 kg were riffle split and this subsample was pulverised using an Essa LM2 pulveriser, with 150-200 g dispatched to ALS in Townsville for analysis.

An adequate number of field, course and fine duplicates have generally been taken. No major issues were detected from this duplicate sampling. If there are any issues with the representivity of samples, it would most likely be in the primary sample before any splitting can occur.

No studies exist to determine if the sample sizes are appropriate for the grainsize being sampled. Sample sizes are however similar to other gold deposits.

# Quality of Assay Data and Laboratory Tests

Kennecott evaluated the results of a re-assay program in 1992 dividing the data into oxide, transition and sulphide as well as grade classes. As a result, the following corrections were made to the Au assay data: oxide -6.1%, transition -10.3% and sulphide -9.2%. These corrections were not used for SBM estimates.

Duplicate sampling by Nord concluded that the majority of the duplicate pairs agreed well. Nord's internal standard samples were reported as having acceptable agreement.

Allied's sample preparation and analytical control procedures included the use of blanks to monitor contamination, duplicates to test splitting and milling efficiency and standards to monitor analytical accuracy and precision. Gold assays for 288 standards showed precision well within two standard deviations. Gold assays for 574 duplicates, representing 4.2% of the (Allied) samples assayed show good agreement with a correlation coefficient of 0.994. In addition, Au assays for 570 samples submitted to a second laboratory also showed good agreement, with a correlation coefficient of 0.996. Between drill holes, sample preparation equipment was cleaned with crushed glass and compressed air. Between samples the same equipment was cleaned with compressed air and a brush. Due to the poor initial selection of blank material, the blanks analysis data could not be used to accurately determine the degree of contamination. Allied conducted Round Robin inter-laboratory checks in 2009 and 2010 with satisfactory results.



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For resource drilling SBM have inserted non-certified blank material at a ratio of 1:25; inserted certified reference material at a ratio of 1:21; field duplicates (RC) 1:47 and the pulverisation and analysis of coarse reject (core) at a ratio of 1:22. No bias or contamination issues were detected however, some assays of standards suggest that precision can at times be lower than ideal. Analysis of blanks suggest the occurrence of some sample mix ups particularly since April 2018.

RC grade control drilling is also used for resource estimation; however this drilling is predominantly targeting oxide resources. There are 1,310 pairs of field duplicates for RC grade control and while there is no bias precision is not always ideal. There was no pulp duplicate analysis for the RC grade control data. Given the RC grade control data is used for the externally reported resource this data should have similar QA/QC to the resource drilling data. There were 1,317 assays from standards submitted with grade control RC drilling. There is no significant bias in the standard analysis however in some instances the precision is surprisingly poor and this requires attention in the future.

# Verification of Sampling and Assay

There are 12 diamond versus RC twin drill holes. Also present are 5,385 RC versus diamond sample pairs that are located within 10 m or less that may or may not have been intentionally drilled as twin holes. For example, holes that cross close to each other or grade control RC holes next to exploration diamond drill holes.

Based on a detailed analysis of the above information and the underlying geology it is possible that gold grades in some of the older RC drilling is biased high. This may be due to difficult drilling conditions (faults, high porosity etc), down hole moisture and insufficient air pressure during RC drilling resulting sample loss and/or contamination. Much higher pressures are now used in RC drilling and operators are more experienced with the ground conditions at Simberi. Reconciliation exists from 2017 onwards and there is no evidence of a bias in the current RC drilling.

# Location of Data Points

All drill collars were surveyed using traditional EDM instruments based on UTM WGS 84. An audit by McMullen Nolan and Partners Surveyors Ltd in 2005, using two dual frequency GPS units, determined that the Simberi survey had very high accuracy. Since 2007, an additional QC step was introduced to record all collars with a GPS to cross check the surveyed coordinates.

Simberi island was surveyed in 2007 before mining commenced. A LiDAR survey was flown in early 2012 post mining. The two surveys have been merged to create a pre-mining surface. There are areas in which the RL of the collar coordinates and pre-mining surface vary by up to 30 meters. The reason for these difference needs to be identified and corrected.

SBM mine survey team has surveyed the SBM drilling. No down hole surveys were completed on the RC holes. There are 246 RC holes of depths greater than or equal to 200m and down hole surveying for deeper RC holes would be worthwhile. Diamond holes were surveyed down hole every 15 metres using a single shot camera.

### Data Spacing and Distribution

For the generation of a 0.25 g/t Au grade shell and the oxide domains all available data is used i.e. diamond, RC, auger and blast hole. For resource estimation diamond, RC and RC grade control data are used. The RC grade control data is nominally on a 10m x 10m grid however, below the pits drill spacing is highly variable and this is taken into account during resource classification.



#### Comments

Drilling is composited to 2m for resource estimation.

#### Orientation of Data in Relation to Geological Structure

Gold mineralisation does not appear to be closely associated with any particular lithology although the contacts between lithologies can at times be a favourable host to gold mineralisation. It is recognised that the primary control of gold mineralization are NW–SE and NE–SW steeply dipping structures and the intersection of these also has the potential to host mineralization. Gold mineralisation is generally associated with sulphides or iron oxides occurring within all variety of hydraulic fractures, and broad disseminations in the naturally porous volcaniclastic rocks. The mix of vertical and inclined drilling goes some way to optimally intersect these mineralisation styles.

#### Sample Security

Company personnel or approved contractors only were allowed on drill sites. Drill samples were removed from drill sites only to a secure sampling or core logging/processing facility. Logged and cut core was consigned and dispatched as secure cargo to accredited laboratories for processing.

#### **Audits or Reviews**

In 2004, Golder Associates prepared an Independent Qualified Person's Technical Report of the Simberi Oxide Gold Project and in June 2011 Golders produced the Competent Person's Report for the Simberi Gold Project, which found no compromising factors deleterious to the resource.

In 2015, QG completed a review of the Simberi grade control which highlighted a potential bias between RC and diamond drilling. The results of a follow up study are discussed in the section above on verification of sampling and assaying.

#### Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results - Simberi

#### Criteria

#### Comments

# Mineral Tenement and Land Tenure Status

The reported resource is completely located within ML 136 which is leased until 2 December 2028 by the Simberi Gold Company Limited (SGCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of St Barbara I imited

## Exploration Done by Other Parties

Drilling of the resource by other parties is discussed in the previous section.

#### Geology

The Simberi Gold Project is located on Simberi Island in the Tabar Islands Group situated in the New Ireland Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG), approximately 80 km north-west of Lihir Island. Simberi is the oldest and northernmost island of the Tabar Group. It measures approximately 10 km east-west, 8 km north-south and rises to over 300 m above sea level. The currently known gold prospects (Sorowar, Pigiput, Pigibo, Botlu, Pigicow, Samat, Bekou and Monun Creek) on Simberi Island are located in the eastern half of the island within the central volcanic core. They are contained within a sub-cropping epithermal alteration system and structural corridor extending 4km north-south and 2km east-west. The host rocks for the mineralisation comprise Pliocene altered alkaline lava flows or intrusives (porphyries), volcaniclastics and tuffs.

Of the eight separate deposits, Pigiput in the south is by far the largest gold resource. Monun Creek is located immediately to the north-east of Pigiput, with Sorowar, the second largest resource, further north again. Pigibo, Botlu, Samat and Bekou lie to the west and south of



Criteria	Comments
	Pigiput, and while relatively small, are relatively higher grade. All deposits lie within 2 to 3km of each other. Sorowar, Pigiput and Botlu are currently being mined via open pit methods.
	Fine grained free gold in oxide material is the target of current operations. Within the sulphide zone gold is also fine grained (most grains are under 15 µm in diameter) but is generally within pyrite. Modifications are required to the current processing plant to allow flotation of pyrite and recovery of the gold.
	The grade of the mineralisation is related to the natural porosity and degree of fracturing of the host rocks, greatest in the vicinity of steep and moderately dipping feeder structures interpreted to have been the pathways for both alteration and mineralising fluids.
Drill Hole Information	No exploration results are presented.
Data Aggregation Methods	No exploration results are presented.
Relationship Between Mineralisation Widths and Intercept Lengths	No exploration results are presented.
Diagrams	No exploration results are presented.
Balanced Reporting	No exploration results are presented.
Other Substantive Exploration Data	No exploration results are presented.
Further Work	Future work will focus on converting Inferred oxide and sulphide resources to Indicated resources
Section 3 Estimation and R	eporting of Mineral Resources - Simberi
Criteria	Comments
Database Integrity	Drilling in 2004 and 2005 by Allied Gold was subject to significant external review. Golder Associates visited the site in April 2004 and reviewed data collection procedures. In early 2009, the historic data was transferred into a Maxwell's Datashed model and subjected to QAQC, which traps and reports errors on import. Data is now entered directly into the Datashed SQL database.
Site Visits	The Competent Person (Chris De-Vitry) visited the Simberi mining operation in 2016 and 2019.
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### Comments

it is recommended that multiple 0.25 g/t Au grade shells be generated and used for resource estimation.

Oxidation domains (oxide, transitional and sulphide (fresh)) are based on logging from drill holes. Within the well drilled areas proportions of oxide, sulphide and transitional were estimated by indicator kriging. Outside the well drilled areas the oxidation domains were defined in Leapfrog by a combination of offset surfaces and intrusion solids.

Oxidation domaining was used to define material types however this domaining was not used in the estimation of Au.

# Dimensions

The northernmost deposit is Sorowar, its bulk is aligned SE-NW (1,550 m) with minor (structurally controlled) orthogonal splays towards the southwest and northeast. These splays are less than 750 m long and 300 m wide.

Pigibo is oriented W-E for approximately 740 m with a central bulge about 300 m wide and tapering to about 100 m at the western and eastern extremities. It is located about 1,500 m to the southwest of the central part of Sorowar.

Pigiput is east of Pigibo and about 1000 m south of Sorowar. It is roughly equidimensional (640 m diameter) in plan.

Monun Creek is between Pigiput and Sorowar however, there is now enough drilling to define continuous mineralisation between Pigiput and Sorowar.

Botlu is about 800 m south of Pigibo. It strikes SE-NW for approximately 680 m with an average width of around 250 m. About 700 m to the SE of Botlu is the discontinuous Pigicow deposit which strikes SW-NE for nearly 600 m with a variable width (200-450 m).

Samat is located about 700 m to the southeast of Pigicow and is aligned north-south for approximately 720 m with an average width of 300 m. Like Pigicow, Bekou is discontinuous and oriented towards the east-northeast with a strike length of around 600 m. Located about 650 m to the southwest of Samat, its width varies from 40 m to 170 m.

### Estimation and Modelling Techniques

Ordinary Kriging with 2m composites was used to estimate Au with the following parameters:

Minimum of 6 composites;

Maximum of 16 composites;

No quadrant or octant search;

Search of 600 m x 600 m x 200 m (blocks informed by large composite to block distances are not classified as a resource – see section on resource classification);

Anisotropic distances were used to select the closest composites;

Parent cell discretisation for kriging of 5 x 5 x 2 in X, Y and Z dimensions;



### Comments

All composites within a block are used to estimate that block; and

All domain boundaries were treated as hard during estimation.

The parent block model dimensions were 10 mX x 10 mY x 5 mZ, which is equal to the spacing of the better drilled areas.

Outlier restricted kriging was used with grade above a specified cut-off cut to that value when the composite is greater than 15 m from the block being estimated. An outlier cut-off of 30 g/t Au was used within the 0.25 g/t Au grade shell. An outlier cut-off of 0.7 g/t Au was used outside the grade shell.

Orientation disks were placed throughout the Simberi deposit using geology, structure and gold grade continuity to define each disks rotation. These disks were used to guide the local orientation of the 0.25 g/t Au grade shell discussed above. The orientations from these disks were also used during kriging. Firstly, the orientations were interpolated into every block in the mineralized domains using nearest neighbour interpolation. During estimation the search ellipse and variogram were rotated according the orientation stored in each block being estimated.

The Au estimate was validated using an inverse distance squared check estimate as well as comparison against the raw and declustered composites. The model was also validated using swath plots and visual comparison between composited and the kriged grades.

In the deeper less well drilled parts of the deposit kriging from wide spaced data into relatively small blocks will tend to over-smooth the estimate and conditional simulation or non-linear estimation is recommended for these areas.

The current estimate is yet to be compared against mill production.

Tonnages are estimated on a dry basis.

The resource is reported at a gold cut-off of 0.4 g/t Au for oxide and 0.6 g/t Au for transitional and sulphide.

The mining method for all deposits is open pit, using 5 m flitches and 20 m benches. The principal pieces of digging equipment are four Hitachi 1200 excavators, matched with a mixed fleet of CAT 740 and BELL 50D articulated dump trucks.

Ore blocks are generated within the site's MineSight software utilising a Dig Block Optimisation module with a base SMU of  $5 \text{ m} \times 5 \text{ m} \times 5 \text{ m}$ . The optimal blocks are modified by the mine geologists to achieve a practical ore mark out, which is then located on the ground via differential GPS.

Ore markout widths vary from 5 m to 60 m, the average being in the 30 m to 40 m range. When forecasting and budgeting, mining dilution and ore loss are set at 15% and 5% respectively, and this has given a suitable result when compared against actual.

All material within the marked out block, regardless of oxidation state, is delivered to ROM stockpiles, either at the Sorowar Feeder, for the rope conveyor, or to the Mill. The 365 tph

Moisture

**Cut-Off Parameters** 

Mining Factors or Assumptions



### Comments

rope conveyor from the Sorowar Feeder to the Mill ROM pad is an integral part of the mining process flow at Simberi; as is the downhill trucking that HBS conducts using Astra haul trucks to bring an additional 700 kt to 1 Mt per annum to the Mill ROM.

### Metallurgical Factors or Assumptions

Gold recovery in oxide/transition ore types is correlated with sulphur using the following formula IF(S%>=2.5,30,MIN(86,94.2-22.9\*S%))

Sulphide ore is refractive and cannot be treated economically through a standard CIL plant. Testing has indicated the flotation of the sulphides containing the gold can be successfully undertaken to produce a gold rich sulphide concentrate.

### **Environmental Factors or** Assumptions

Historically, there has been no large-scale mining and the previous alluvial workings have had no significant impact. There are no pre-existing environmental liabilities. During a 2004 environmental baseline study, a network of monitoring stations was established to support the ongoing collection of data. A 2005 Feasibility Study addressed the environmental impacts associated with waste dumps, open pits, pipelines, access/haul roads, process plant, deep sea tailings and stormwater. However, no attempt at identifying the acid rock drainage potential was made, although the resource model was domained with respect to visible oxidation intensity. A report by Environmental Geochemistry International suggests that the distribution of the acid rock drainage (ARD) material types be spatially determined. In this way the non-acid forming (NAF) and potentially acid forming (PAF) factors can be evaluated - using the sulphur values in the model.

The dry bulk densities were determined using the water immersion method. Only intact pieces of core can be measured by this approach and in extremely broken ground there is potential for a bias to be introduced. Core is wrapped in cling wrap before weighing in water. This approach can be unreliable due to either entrapped air bubbles or water leaking into the sample. Further work is required to verify the reliability of the density data and to ensure that clay rich samples have been adequately dried before density is measured.

There is limited density data. Generally, one measurement per core tray or less. Density was estimated into the block model using inverse distance squared interpolation.

# Bulk Density Classification

For the 2018 and 2019 estimates an automated approach was utilised to classify the resource using drill hole spacing. The following criteria were used:

Measured - Utilising a quadrant search of 15mX x 15mY x 7.5mZ (total size of the ellipse is 30m x 30m x 15m), there must be at least one composite in each quadrant;

Indicated - Utilising a quadrant search of 30mX x 30mY x 15mZ (total size of the ellipse is 60m x 60m x 30m), there must be at least one composite in each quadrant; and

Inferred - Utilising a quadrant search of 50mX x 50mY x 25mZ (total size of the ellipse is 110m x 110m x 50m), there must be at least one composite in three of the quadrants;

Blocks outside the 0.25 grade shell were unclassified.

SBM generated wireframes of Measured and Indicated which were loosely based on the abovementioned automated classifications. These wireframed contained some blocks with optimistic classifications and the following additional restrictions were applied within these wireframes:

For Measured the slope of regression was greater or equal to 0.85; and

For Indicated the slope of regression was greater or equal to 0.6.



### Comments

Inferred was as generated automatically utilising a quadrant search of  $55mX \times 55mY \times 25mZ$  (total size of the ellipse is  $110m \times 110m \times 50m$ ), there must be at least one composite in three of the quadrants.

A smoothing algorithm was used on the Measured and Indicated classifications to remove most of the undesirable features generated by a semi-automated classification methodology. For example, remove a single block or several blocks of Indicated surrounded by Measured or vice versa. This smoothing results in not all blocks meeting the slope of regression criteria discussed above which is considered acceptable. It was decided not to run a smoothing algorithm on the Inferred resources as this will also impact on the continuity of the Indicated and Measured resource classifications.

To meet the JORC (2012) criteria for reasonable prospects of eventual economic extraction, only the material above a pit shell has been considered as a resource. This ultimate pit shell was calculated using a gold price of US\$1875 with Measured ,Indicated and Inferred resources used to optimise the pits. Resources were depleted using an end of April 2021 surface.

### Audits or Reviews

In June 2011, Golders produced the Competent Person's Report for the Simberi Gold Project, which found no compromising factors deleterious to the resource. The Sorowar and Pigiput/Pigibo Mineral Resource Estimate were reviewed internally in 2014 by a panel of experienced company geologists. The review covered all aspects of the estimate including source data, geological model, resource estimate and classification. In addition, the reporting of the company Mineral Resources is guided by the company's Mineral Resource Estimation System and is overseen by the SBM Resource and Reserve Committee prior to being reviewed by the company's Audit Committee.

### Discussion of Relative Accuracy/Confidence

Uncertainty in the interpretation of the 0.25 g/t Au grade shell and the interpretation of oxidation domains are key areas of uncertainty. Gold grade uncertainty within the estimation domain is also high with about three quarters of the variability occurring in under 10m (as indicated by variography). Finally, there is still the possibility that some of the older RC drilling has gold grades that are biased high. This risk is reducing as additional drilling is ongoing.

No geostatistical study has been carried out to determine confidence limits for the resource. Conditional simulation into conservative, intermediate and optimistic domains is recommended.

### Section 4 Estimation and Reporting of Ore Reserves - Simberi

### Criteria

### Comments

### Mineral Resource Estimate for Conversion To Ore Reserves

The Ore Reserve estimate is based on the Mineral Resource estimate carried out by Chris De-Vitry of Manna Hill Geoconsulting. Gold grade was estimated using ordinary kriging.

The Mineral Resources are reported inclusive of the Ore Reserve.



### Comments

### Site Visits

The Competent Person has not visited site due to travel restrictions imposed by COVID-19. The Ore Reserves were compiled with the assistance of the Simberi Head of Operations, Kevin Woodward, FAusIMM 111483 who has intimate knowledge of the Simberi Operation.

### Study Status

The current mine and processing plant configuration has been in operation since 2013.

Oxide and Transitional Ore Reserves are based on a combination of actual historical performance and cost data, laboratory test work and metallurgical development.

The Sulphide Ore Reserve is based on a Feasibility Study undertaken by St Barbara Limited and completed April 2021. St Barbara approved the feasibility study and are progressing to the next phase of project development.

### Cut-Off Parameters

Breakeven cut-off grades (COG) were calculated at a USD \$1500/oz gold price.

The ex-pit COG estimates are based on a Net Value Script (NVS) calculation that incorporates commodity price assumptions, recoveries and estimated payables; and costs associated with current and projected operating conditions.

The NVS routine identifies material that is both suitable and potentially economic for processing in the Mineral Resource Model. This material is then considered for inclusion in the Ore Reserves process.

For the cost assumptions please see the "Costs" section.

## Mining Factors or Assumptions

For the price assumptions please see the "Revenue factors" section.

The method for Ore Reserves estimation included: pit optimisation, final pit and phase designs, consideration of mine and mill schedules, all identified modifying factors and economic valuation.

Simberi mine is an open pit operation that is mining and processing oxide gold ore. The operation uses a fleet of excavators and articulated dump trucks along with a fleet of ancillary equipment.

This mining method is appropriate for the style and size of the mineralisation.

The pit optimisation was run on a mining model based on the 2021 Mineral Resources block model, and the strategy for the final pit selection was based on a revenue factor 1. Final pit designs incorporating further practical mining considerations, such as minimum mining width, were carried out using these optimisation shells.

Mining dilution is based on localised mining dilution modelling The dilution and ore loss modelling were designed to reflect the current conditions and practices on site while also be reflective of future mining. Indicative dilution and ore loss factors are shown below:

### Dilution:

- Oxide 3%
- Transition 5%
- Sulphide 2%



### Comments

### Ore Loss

- Oxide 13%
- Transition 6%
- Sulphide 6%

Minimum mining width (bench size) is typically in excess of 40m but is ~30m in some isolated areas

No Inferred Mineral Resources material has been included in optimisation and/or Ore Reserves reporting.

Replacement costs, expected maintenance costs or costs of additional items required have been accounted for in the life of mine evaluation on which the project costings are based.

Mining rates are planned to increase with all additional costs associated with this increase included in the estimation of the Ore Reserve.

The overall slopes used for the pit optimisation and design work were sourced from reports carried out by external geotechnical consultants.

### Metallurgical Factors or Assumptions

Ore from the various Simberi deposits are trucked and conveyed to the Simberi oxide processing plant. The oxide plant consists of a parallel comminution circuit, a conventional carbon-in-leach (CIL) circuit with an AARL elution circuit, and gold recovery facilities. Tailings are disposed via Deep Sea Tailings Placement (DSTP).

Metallurgical performance through the oxide plant is variable based on the different weathering profile of the ore with gold recovery relationships developed for oxide and transitional ore. Average gold recovery across the Simberi oxide deposits is 84% whilst gold recovery for the transitional ores are highly variable and averages around 62%.

The sulphide ore is scheduled to be processed in a new sulphide concentrator to produce a gold sulphide concentrate for export. The flotation tailings will be leached through the existing CIL circuit to produce doré. FS level test work to determine total gold recovery to concentrate and doré is expected to vary by deposit and average around 80%.

### Environmental

SGCL holds two environmental permits. One for the extraction of water and one for the carry out works and the discharge of waste. Together these two permits form the environmental legislative basis in which the SGCL can operate. Compliance with these conditions is continuously monitored and reported on in Quarterly Environment Performance Reports which are submitted to the National Government, Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC).

In addition, SGCL maintains an Environment Permit for Exploration relating to Waste Discharge. This Permit is referred to as Environment Permit WDL-2A(65).

For the processing of Sulphides ores, SGCL are currently going through environmental permitting approval for the extension to existing permit; carry out works and the discharge of waste.

### Infrastructure

All equipment required for the mining and processing of the oxide and transitional Ore Reserve is in place and operational, and consist of the following:



Criteria	Comments	
	Dedicated light fuel oil diesel generators	
	Water supply	
	Simberi Oxide Processing plant	
	Surface roads and communications	
	Plant maintenance workshop facilities	
	<ul> <li>Process plant buildings, administration offices, training rooms, assay laboratory, site security buildings, ablution and stores.</li> </ul>	
	Core shed	
	Mobile communication tower	
	Accommodation and camp facilities	
	Airstrip	
	Wharf	
	For the processing of Sulphide ores the FS identified the following additional infrastructure, that will be located on St Barbara held tenements and leases. The infrastructure includes but is not limited to:	
	Additional light fuel oil diesel generators	
	Additional Water supply	
	Sulphide Processing Plant	
	Additional haulage network	
	Expansion of accommodation and camp facilities	
	New wharf to accommodate concentrate shipment to market	
Costs	All costs used in the generation of the Ore Reserves have been derived from first principles, actual performance and the Sulphide FS Study.	
	Operating costs are estimated as part of the internal budgeting process and approved by the St Barbara board.	
	A gold price of US\$1,500/oz has been used in all calculations.	
	Exchange rates were provided by the Group Treasury and accepted by the Executive Leadership Team (ELT).	
	Costs associated with treatment and transport have been included in the cost modelling completed for the project based on actual performance and the Sulphide FS.	
	Royalties have been included at the PNG government royalty of 2.0% of gold produced. A MRA levy is also applied to at 0.5% of gold produced.	
Revenue Factors	A gold price of US\$1,500/oz has been used in all revenue calculations.	



Criteria	Comments
Market Assessment	Gold doré bars are transported fortnightly by dedicated service provider from gold room to final destination at the ABC Refinery in Sydney. Armoured vehicles are used from start to end of shipment process. Gold is sold on an \$A basis with a call option of \$USD sales.
	For Sulphide ore, gold bearing concentrate will be the saleable product for market. SGCL has completed numerous marketing studies and is completing supply contracts for the first three (3) years of operation. The contracts will be in place with four (4) traders and one (1) smelter. The concentrate will be sold in the Asian market.
Economic	The costs are based on historic actuals and estimated sulphide plant feasibility study operating costs and the 2020 Simberi Budget.
	Revenues are based on historic and feasibility study estimates. Gold prices are based on St Barbara's pricing forecast of USD \$1500/oz.
	The Ore Reserves financial model demonstrates the mine has a positive NPV.
	The discount rate is considered to be appropriate for the location, type and style of operation.
Social	There are two community agreements which set the guidelines for community relations at Simberi.
	The Memorandum of Agreement between SGCL, the national government, New Ireland Provincial Government, Simberi Land Owners Association and the Tabar Community Government
	The Compensation Agreement.
Other	SGCL is operating on St Barbara 100% held mining leases with all required government and statutory permits and approval in place.
	A company risk register is maintained to address and mitigate against all foreseeable risks that could impact the Ore Reserves.
Classification	The Ore Reserves classification is based on the JORC 2012 Code. The basis for the classification was the Mineral Resources classification and Net Value cut-off grade.
	The ex-pit material classified as Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources, has a cut-off value calculated using a Net Value Script (NVS). It is demonstrated to be economic to process and is classified as Proved and Probable Ore Reserves respectively.
	Existing stockpile material is classified as Probable Ore Reserves.
	The Ore Reserves do not include any Inferred Mineral Resources (metal).



Criteria	Comments	
	No portion of the Probable ore reserve has been derived from Inferred Mineral Resources.	
	The Competent Person believes the Ore Reserve declared are an accurate representation for the Simberi deposit.	
Audits or Reviews	No external audits or reviews have been conducted on the current Ore Reserves.	
Discussion of Relative Accuracy/ Confidence	The most significant factors affecting confidence in the Ore Reserves are:	
	Increase in operating costs for processing.	
	Mining Dilution and Ore Loss.	
	Effective management of both ground and surface water.	

JORC Table 1 Checklist of Assessment and Reporting Criteria		
	tion 1 Sampling Techniques and Data – Atlantic Operations	
Criteria	Comments	
Sampling Techniques	Sample lengths have varied depending on the drill program, ranging from about 1 cm to 4.85 m, averaging about 0.9–1 m. Core has been halved for sampling using mechanical core splitters and core saws. Some early programs submitted whole core the default sample length was 1.0 m, and all half-core samples were sawn.	
	The main independent laboratories used for sample preparation and analysis include ALS Chemex and SGS; these laboratories hold accreditations for selected analytical techniques. Samples have been typically crushed and pulverized to P85 75 $\mu$ m.	
	Initial, pre-Atlantic Gold, assaying at Touquoy used a proprietary sample preparation method, known as KMS-15, which used a Kuryluk Mineral Separator to extract the coarse gold from the sample. The resulting material was fire assayed for gold.	
Drilling Techniques	Drilling has used primarily NQ (47.6 mm diameter) core. Some drill holes at Touquoy were HQ (63.5 mm) or PQ (85mm) size. A grade control program at Touquoy in 2006 was completed using BQ (37 mm) size. Drilling performed by Masval and Northumberland at Cochrane Hill used AQ (30.5 mm) and BQ sizes.	
Drill Sample Recovery	Diamond drilling recovery percentages were measured by comparing actual metres recovered per drill run versus metres measured on the core blocks. Recoveries averaged over >90% with increased core loss present in fault zones and zones of strong alteration.	
lithology, texture, sulphide mineralization, alteration, quartz veining, structure cases magnetic susceptibility. All drill core has been photographed both	Drill core logging procedures are described on a metre-by-metre basis with regards to lithology, texture, sulphide mineralization, alteration, quartz veining, structure, and in some cases magnetic susceptibility. All drill core has been photographed both wet and dry. Core recovery and rock quality designation (RQD) were measured for each hole at the same metre-by-metre intervals.	
	Information was initially captured using logging sheets; later programs used direct computer entry. Core recoveries are very good overall.	
Sub-Sampling Techniques and Sample Preparation	The main independent laboratories used for sample preparation and analysis include ALS Chemex and SGS; these laboratories hold accreditations for selected analytical techniques. Samples have been typically crushed and pulverized to P85 75 $\mu$ m.	
	Sample preparation, analysis, and security procedures undertaken are performed in accordance with exploration best practices and industry standards.	



### Quality of Assay Data and Laboratory Tests

Drill programs to 2002 typically relied on quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) procedures implemented at the analytical laboratory. Later programs incorporated QA/QC sample submissions including blank, duplicate, and standard reference

materials (SRMs).

A number of review and resampling programs have been conducted, including:

- Trial grade control reconciliation from the upper edge of the Touquoy Mine. It was concluded that the KMS-15 method generated data that were higher in average grade compared to other methods such as traditional 30FA and screened fire assay;
- · Resampling of selected drill core from earlier exploration efforts;
- Nearest neighbourhood comparison of grade control data collected from 2017 and 2018 to KMS-15 method-generated data and historic resource data;
- Comparison of grade control model to resource model in areas where estimations are affected by KMS assays.

Verification of Sampling and Assay

Internal data verification programs have included review of QA/QC data, re-sampling and sample reanalysis programs, and database verification for issues such as overlapping sample intervals, duplicate sample numbers, or lack of information for certain intervals. Validation checks are performed on data used to support estimation, and comprise checks on surveys, collar co-ordinates, lithology data, and assay data.

A review of the Touquoy database was conducted in 2007 by external consultants, Hellman and Schofield.

Location of Data Points

Drill collars have been captured using global positioning system (GPS) instruments. Holes are surveyed downhole at approximately 30 m intervals and at the final hole depth. Survey instruments have included Pajari, Sperry-sun, FlexIT and Reflex tools.

Data Spacing and Distribution

Data spacing for all deposits is generally on 25m spaced sections. Drilling data is sufficient to establish continuity for all lodes.

Orientation of Data In Relation To Geological Structure Touquoy: Gold mineralization broadly conforms to the orientation of stratigraphy which has been tightly folded into an upright anticline, such that drill holes angled into the northern limb are inclined towards the south and vice-versa for drill holes angled into the southern limb. In this way, depending on where drill holes have been collared relative to the changing dips of bedding in the anticline, the angled holes intersect bedding at between 45° and 90°, exaggerating true widths by up to 1.4 times. Samples taken from vertical holes do not exaggerate actual widths of mineralization at the anticline hinge but can exaggerate widths by up to 2.9 times where bedding dips are steepest (70°).

Beaver Dam: Mineralised quartz veins are typically 0.5-20 cm in width and are commonly bedding parallel but can also be cross-cutting. Mineralized zones typically vary between 5 m - 40 m downhole, with the true thickness of mineralisation varying between 70 % and 100 % of the down hole intercept

Fifteen Mile Stream: Gold mineralisation at Fifteen Mile Stream is to some degree stratiform. Bedding was intersected at angles of between 45° and 90° such that the true thickness of mineralisation is generally between 70% and 100% of the downhole intercepts.

Cochrane Hill: Holes drilled from surface were inclined to the south at angles between  $80^{\circ}$  and  $40^{\circ}$  from horizontal. Mineralisation is confined to a zone or envelope that dips to the north at approximately  $70^{\circ}$  such that drill holes intersect the mineralization at angles of between  $30^{\circ}$  and  $70^{\circ}$  respectively and down-hole mineralized intercepts are exaggerated over true widths by between 1.1 and two times.

Sample Security

Security procedures prior to Atlantic Gold Corp's involvement in the Project are not known, although check sampling and re-examination of core from a large number of drill holes has not shown any sign of sample tampering. Core was typically kept in a secure and locked area



with limited access. Samples are typically conveyed from the Project site to the laboratory using commercial transport firms.

### **Audits or Reviews**

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The Competent Person has visited the Touquoy pit to view the geology exposed by the mining and to verify the collars of selected recent drill holes.

### Section 2: Reporting of Exploration Results – Atlantic Operations

### Criteria Comments Mineral Tenement and St Barbara has 100% ownership of the tenements over Touquoy (ML11 -1, EL10377) Land Tenure Status Cochrane Hill deposit (EL51477); Fifteen Mile Stream (EL05889, EL52901 and EL10406) and Beaver Dam Area (EL50421). **Exploration Done by** No Mineral Resources drilling has been completed by St Barbara. Work completed by other Other Parties parties is covered in the previous section. Geology The Meguma Terrane of Nova Scotia hosts the Moose River Member, Tangier Member, and Taylors Head Member of the basal greywacke-dominated Goldenville Formation. Gold mineralization is generally hosted in argillite and/or greywacke sequences of the Moose River Member and is associated with regional-scale anticlines. Structural repetition due to folding and faulting may result in thickening of gold-bearing units. Gold occurs as native gold, and has been observed in a number of settings, including along shear cleavage, hair line fractures; in pressure shadows; as inclusions; on the margins of sulphide grains; in thin, bedding-parallel quartz veins and stringers. Mineralization is associated with sulphides, including arsenopyrite, pyrite and pyrrhotite. Lesser chalcopyrite, galena, and sphalerite have been observed. Gold grade was estimated using multiple indicator kriging (MIK) for all deposits. The basic unit of estimation is a panel with horizontal dimensions equal to the average drill hole spacing. **Drill Hole Information** No exploration results are presented. Data Aggregation No exploration results are presented. Methods Relationship Between No exploration results are presented. Mineralisation Widths and Intercept Lengths Diagrams No exploration results are presented. **Balanced Reporting** No exploration results are presented. **Other Substantive** No exploration results are presented. **Exploration Data Further Work** Further work is not planned at this time.

### Section 3: Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources – Atlantic Operations

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Criteria	Comments
Database Integrity	Internal data verification programs have included review of QA/QC data, re-sampling and sample reanalysis programs, and database verification for issues such as overlapping sample intervals, duplicate sample numbers, or lack of information for certain intervals. Validation checks are performed on data used to support estimation, and comprise checks on surveys, collar co-ordinates, lithology data, and assay data.
	A review of the Touquoy database was conducted in 2007 by external consultants, Hellman and Schofield.



### **Site Visits**

### **Geological Interpretation**

### **Dimensions**

### Estimation and Modelling Techniques

### Moisture

### **Cut-Off Parameters**

The Competent Person previously visited site in 2019

Depending on the deposit, samples were composited to either 1 m or 2 m intervals. Statistical properties of the composites were reviewed in terms of histogram and spatial continuity to identify areas of consistent mineralization style. For a number of the resource models, a single mineralized domain was used. However, in Cochrane Hill, Fifteen Mile Stream Egerton Zone, and Touquoy, distinctly different mineralization styles with clearly different histograms of composite grade were identified and modelled with different parameters.

Touquoy: strike extent = 810m; width = 50m; vertical extent = 150m.

Beaver Dam: strike extent = 810m; width = 50m; vertical extent = 200m.

Fifteen Mile Stream: strike extent = 1400m; width = variable 20m to 100m; vertical extent = 225m.

Cochrane Hill: strike extent = 950m; width = 70m; vertical extent = 285m.

Multiple indicator kriging (MIK) was used to estimate the Mineral Resources based on an anticipated approach to mill feed material selection in mining. The basic unit of estimation is a panel with horizontal dimensions equal to the average drill hole spacing.

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Where possible, directional sample variograms and variogram models were generated for the domains, and the resulting data used to inform estimation search criteria.

The resource estimates assume mining ore selection in all deposits will take place on 5m flitches with a minimum mining width of around 5 m. For all deposits, following variance adjustment, the resultant block histograms were assumed to be log-normal in shape. The variance included an adjustment for the information effect introduced by grade control sampling. A grade control drill hole pattern of 10 m by 5 m with a downhole sampling interval of 2.5 m was assumed for Touquoy, Cochrane Hill and the Fifteen Mile Stream zones of Egerton and Hudson. The assumptions for the remaining deposits of Plenty and Beaver Dam was a 5 m by 5 m pattern, with a down-hole sampling interval of 2.5 m.

Tonnages are estimated on a dry basis.

All deposits are reported at a 0.3g/t Au cut-off. The cut-off grade includes the following considerations:

Gold Price US\$1,800/oz;

Exchange rate of 0.77 US\$:C\$;

Process recovery of 92%;

Operating Cost Inputs: Operation	Cost
Pit Rim Mining Cost, Touquoy	\$3.70/t (pit rim at 115 m)
Pit Rim Mining Cost, Beaver Dam	\$2.90/t (pit rim at 130 m)
Pit Rim Mining Cost, 15 Mile Stream	\$3.35/t (pit rim at 110 m)
Pit Rim Mining Cost, Cochrane Hill	\$3.10/t (pit rim at 120 m)



Incremental Haulage Cost	\$0.02 per every 5-metre bench below pit rim
Processing Cost, Touquoy	\$11.00/t
Processing Cost, Beaver Dam	\$18.00/t
Processing Cost, 15 Mile Stream	\$8.22/t
Processing Cost, Cochrane Hill	\$8.64/t
General/Administration Cost	\$2.50/t

Variable overall pit slope angles.

Mining Factors or Assumptions The mining method is conventional open pit.

Metallurgical Factors or Assumptions Metallurgical recovery is 92%.

Environmental Factors or Assumptions Environmental approvals are in place for the Touquoy mine. It is assumed that Federal and Provincial approvals will be granted for Beaver Dam, Fifteen Mile Stream and Cochrane Hill ahead of mining.

**Bulk Density** 

Bulk density (specific gravity) determinations have been performed using the water displacement method. Mineral Resource estimates typically use the one value for ore and waste as follows:

Touquoy: 2.79 t/m3; Beaver Dam: 2.73 t/m3;

Fifteen Mile Stream: 2.78 t/m3;

Cochrane Hill: 2.77 t/m3.

Classification

The resource estimate for each panel was initially classified as Category 1, 2 or 3 based on the results of octant data searches in the panel neighbourhood. The number of composites required to inform an estimate varied by deposit and by category. Typically, Category 1 panel estimates were assigned to Measured Mineral Resources, Category 2 to Indicated Mineral Resources and Category 3 to Inferred Mineral Resources. An additional constraint on the Touquoy estimate was applied to take into account the uncertainty associated with the KMS-15 data that were used in the resource estimation. Panel estimates that are significantly affected by KMS-15 data in their neighbourhood and were initially assigned a category 1 flag were downgraded to a category 2 flag. This condition was activated if the weighted proportion of KMS-15 samples in the neighbourhood exceeded 0.20. Approximately 5 Mt of mineralization affected by the KMS-15 sampling was downgraded from Measured to Indicated.

**Audits or Reviews** 

The Atlantic Mining Mineral Resources Estimates were compiled originally in 2019 to CIM 2014 Definition Standards by a suitably Qualified Person. The Resource Estimates have subsequently been reviewed internally by qualified St Barbara personnel and are considered fit for purpose.

Discussion of Relative Accuracy/Confidence

The resource estimates are global estimates. Grade control drilling is completed in advance of mining to improve local estimates of grade.

Section 4 Estimation and Reporting of Ore Reserves - Atlantic Operations

Criteria Comments



### Mineral Resource Estimate for Conversion To Ore Reserves

The Ore Reserves estimate is based on the Mineral Resources estimates carried out by Neil Schofield of FSSI Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd. Gold grade was estimated using multiple indicator kriging (MIK).

The Mineral Resources are reported inclusive of the Ore Reserves.

### Site Visits

The Competent Person has visited the site from 7 – 13 January 2018.

### Study Status

The Touquoy (TQ) mine is an operating mine.

Lerchs-Grossman (L-G) analysis and pit designs to enable the conversion of Mineral Resources to Ore Reserves is supported by an NI43-101 Technical Report completed for Atlantic Gold Corporation with an effective date of 25 March 2019 for the Fifteen Mile Stream (FMS) and Cochrane Hill (CH) deposits.

A Feasibility Study was completed in May 2021 for the mining of the Beaver Dam (BD) deposit with processing at the Touquoy mill.

### Cut-Off Parameters

Cut-off grade for TQ assumes US\$1,500/oz gold at a currency exchange rate of 0.77 C\$ per US\$; 100%payable gold; \$2.26/oz offsite costs (refining and transport); 2% royalty; 92% metallurgical recovery. The cut off-grade covers processing costs of \$12.68/t, general and administrative costs of \$4.50/t and rehandle of \$1.00/t

For BD cut-off grade assumes US\$1,500/oz gold price at a currency exchange rate of 0.77 C\$ per US\$; 100% payable gold; \$2.26/oz offsite costs (refining and transport), a 1.6% royalty; 92% metallurgical recovery. The cut-off grade covers processing and transport costs of \$19.80/t and G&A costs of \$4.50/t.

For FMS and CH cut-off grade assumes US\$1,300/oz gold at a currency exchange rate of 0.77 C\$ per US\$; 99.9% payable gold; \$5.00/oz offsite costs (refining and transport), a 2% royalty; and uses a 92% metallurgical recovery. The cut off-grade covers processing costs of \$8.22/t at FMS, \$8.64/t at CH, and general and administrative (G&A) costs of \$2.50/t.

A breakeven incremental cut-off grade of 0.30 g/t Au is used for TQ, FMS and CH, and 0.40 g/t Au for BD.

## Mining Factors or Assumptions

Lerchs-Grossman (L-G) analysis and pit designs to enable the conversion of Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources to Proved and Probable Ore Reserves has been completed for all deposits. Inferred Mineral Resources are set to waste.

The mining operations are planned to be typical of similar small-scale open pit operations in flat terrain.

The overall slopes used for the pit optimisation and design work were sourced from reports carried out by independent geotechnical consultants.

Grade control drilling is carried out in advance of mining and the information obtained from this drilling is made available for decision making in advance of mining.

Mining recovery of 98.4% and external mining dilution of 1.6% at 0.20 g/t Au grade is applied in addition to the modelled in-block dilution for TQ, FMS and CH. For BD dilution grade is 0.28g/t Au



### Metallurgical Factors or Assumptions

The process design assumes a conventional flowsheet, including crushing, grinding, gravity recovery, CIL, desorption/electrowinning/refining, cyanide destruction and tailings management.

A new, simple, satellite primary crushing facility consisting of a grizzly feeder, jaw crusher and primary coarse ore stockpile feed conveyor will be required at Beaver Dam.

A process facility with a nominal treatment rate of 2.0 Mt/a has been designed to recover and concentrate gold from ore mined at the proposed Fifteen Mile Stream open pit. The plant operates two shifts per day, 365 d/a at an overall plant availability of 92%. The process plant will produce a gold concentrate to be transported and further treated at the Touquoy process plant.

A process facility with a nominal treatment rate of 2.0 Mt/a has been designed to recover and concentrate gold from ore mined at the Cochrane Hill open pit. The plant will operate two shifts per day, 365 d/a at an overall plant availability of 92%. The process plant will produce a gold concentrate to be transported and further treated at the Touquoy process plant.

Metallurgical recoveries are assumed to be 92%

### Environmental

Infrastructure

Environmental approvals are in place for the Touquoy mine. It is assumed that Federal and Provincial approvals will be granted for Beaver Dam, Fifteen Mile Stream and Cochrane Hill ahead of mining.

The Touquoy property can be accessed via 110 km of sealed road from Halifax to Moose River. The administration area is accessed via a 1.3 km gravel access road from Mooseland Road. Major onsite roads at Touquoy include the ore haulage and waste haulage roads. Access to the Beaver Dam administration area will be via the 7.5 km Beaver Dam road from Provincial Highway 224 in combination with the upgraded 30 km corridor used for ore haulage from Year 6. Ore will be transported from the Beaver Dam site to the Touquoy mine site by semi-trailer trucks using a 9-axle B-train configuration carrying a 50 t payload. The trucks will travel a total distance of 30 km between the two sites, over four, either upgraded or new sections of road. A well-maintained bituminized road (Provincial Highway 374), which connects several large towns in Pictou County (Stellarton, New Glasgow) with the coastal community of Sheet Harbour, will provide access to the Fifteen Mile Stream site. The administration office and need to shut down the public highway during blasting operations, a 2.9 km section of Provincial Highway 7 will be relocated approximately 300 m to the west. In addition to the mine access road, three major ex-pit haul roads to haul ore and waste materials will be constructed.

Built infrastructure supporting the Touquoy Mine operations includes administration offices, control room complex, mill maintenance office, process plant building, reagent storage, laboratory, workshop and warehouse and the main plant motor control centre room. As ore will be transported to Touquoy for processing, building infrastructure at Beaver Dam will be limited. Building infrastructure will consist of a small workshop and warehouse facility. The infrastructure requirements for Fifteen Mile Stream and Cochrane Hill will include administration offices, gatehouse, mining office and change room, process plant, plant office and change room, plant workshop, and reagents and consumables storage.

At Touquoy, the power supply comes from a connection to the Provincial distribution grid. The power demand at Beaver Dam is insufficient to justify providing permanent powered generators. Therefore two (duty/standby) self-contained, skid-mounted 500kW diesel powered generators will provide the required 600 V electrical power for Beaver Dam



surface consumers. The Fifteen Mile Stream site will be connected to the power grid by a 1 km overhead power line connected to the 69 kV line that runs adjacent to the planned Fifteen Mile Stream mine site. The closest point of power supply for the Cochrane Hill site is the 25 kV circuit 57C-426 located at the Salmon River Substation. To connect the site to the substation it is necessary to upgrade a 4 km section of overhead singlephase line, and to build an additional 9 km of overhead three phase line to supply the site with 25 kV power.

Concentrates from Fifteen Mile Stream and Cochrane Hill will be transported to the Touquoy process plant along a combination of existing public and private roads. The trucks will complete approximately 6–8 return trips per day at the design production rate.

The capital cost estimate for the project includes four separate

cost estimates, one each for Touquoy, Beaver Dam, Fifteen-Mile Stream and Cochrane Hill:

The Touquoy cost estimate represents the 2019 capital budget for the operation;

The Beaver Dam capital cost estimate is based on the May 2021 Feasibility Study with an accuracy of -10% to +15%

The estimates for Fifteen Mile Stream and Cochrane Hill estimates are based on the developed 2018 Pre-Feasibility Study, updated for scope and escalation to first quarter 2019, and have an accuracy range of -15%, +25% of final cost.

Operating costs were calculated based on labour, process and maintenance consumables, transport, and G&A costs. Operating costs incurred and revenue from production realized during the period prior to achieving commercial production were

capitalized within the Owner's costs

A gold price of US\$1500/oz has been used in revenue calculations for TQ and BD and US\$1300/oz for FMS and CH.

A contract was entered into for the transportation, security, insurance, and refining of doré gold bars from Touquoy, and doré is currently shipped to a customer for refining. It is expected that doré produced from Beaver Dam, Fifteen Mile Stream and Cochrane Hill would be subject to similar contracts to that in place for Touquoy.

The mine is an operating asset and is not subject to project-type analysis.

Life-of-Mine plans are developed or updated on an annual basis. These plans reflect current and projected performances for the Ore Reserve.

There are no First Nations (Mi'kmaq) communities within the Touquoy, Beaver Dam, Fifteen Mile Stream and Cochrane Hill site boundaries.

No significant archaeological sites were identified during surveys.

There are major contracts currently in place to support the Touquoy Mine operations, in addition to the refining contract. These contracts cover items such as bulk reagents, operational and technical services, process equipment maintenance support,

earthworks projects, transportation and logistics, and administrative services.

Atlantic may enter into additional operational contracts including, but not limited to, equipment maintenance and ore haulage between Touquoy and Beaver Dam, Fifteen Mile Stream and Cochrane Hill, depending upon operational requirements. These will be reviewed on a continual basis as the project moves forward. Contracts would be negotiated and renewed as needed. Contract terms would be in line with industry norms, and typical of similar contracts in Nova Scotia that Atlantic is familiar with.

Costs

**Revenue Factors** 

**Market Assessment** 

Economic

Social

Other



# Classification The Ore Reserve includes only Proved and Probable classifications. The economically minable component of the Measured Mineral Resource has been classified as a Proved Ore Reserve. The economically minable component of the Indicated Mineral Resource has been classified as a Probable Ore Reserve. The Atlantic Mining Ore Reserves Estimates were compiled originally in 2019 to CIM 2014 Definition Standards by a suitably Qualified Person. The Resource Estimates have subsequently been reviewed internally by qualified St Barbara personnel and are considered fit for purpose. The Ore Reserves based are global estimates of Mineral Resources. Grade control drilling is completed in advance of mining to improve local estimates of grade.