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# CHANGING DIRECTION – 2013 THE NEW GOLDEN STAR

- New leadership & corporate structure
- Strategic direction
  - Focus on unlocking and creating additional value in existing asset base







#### **NEW LEADERSHIP**

#### **Board of Directors**

- More than half of Board has been replaced since 2013
  - Additional Board member added, increasing Board to 8 members
  - New Board members add enhanced operational, development and finance skill sets

# Management

- CEO / COO
- Empowered operational management
- Significant reduction in head count and reliance on ex-pats
- Executive management moved direct to site

Composition of the Board and Senior Management is now better equipped to guide the Company through the final stages of the transition and better reflects the new Golden Star

#### CHANGING THE CORPORATE CULTURE

- Moved head office from Denver to Toronto in 2013
  - Reduced head office staff by 30%
  - Corporate G&A reduced by almost 40% from 2012

Provided the opportunity to create a new culture from the top down

- Desire to work more harmoniously with surrounding communities / government
  - Reduced reliance on ex-pats
  - Decision making power pushed to site / operator level
  - Local employment focus
  - Renewed focus on training, health and safety

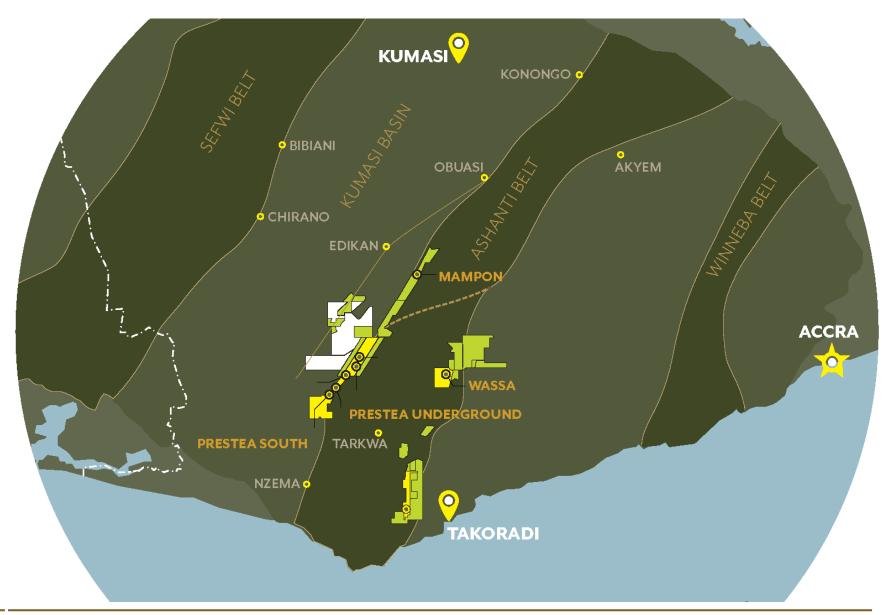
#### SHIFT IN STRATEGIC FOCUS

GOAL: to become a stable, reliable, predictable gold producer

# Actions required:

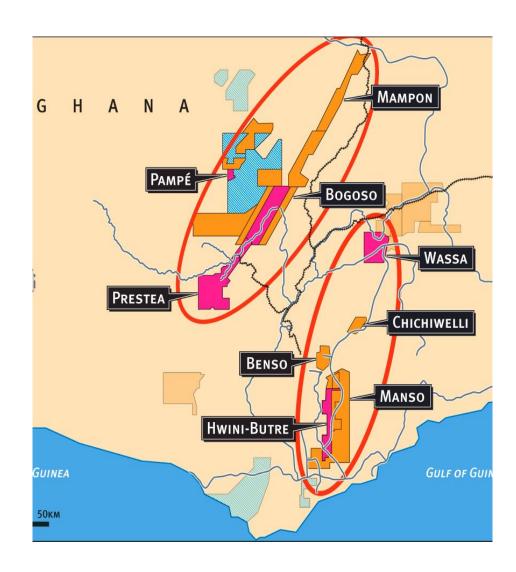
- Eliminate the high cost refractory production
  - High power consumption has a significant impact on costs
- Convert mineral reserve base to all non-refractory ounces
  - Ensures stability and predictability of future production
- Unlock and create additional value in existing assets
  - Evaluate approach at Wassa to reduce costs and increase reliability
  - Reduce capital and increase returns with growth projects Prestea UG

# OPERATING MINES ON PROLIFIC ASHANTI GOLD BELT



#### WASSA - CHANGING THE APPROACH TO UNLOCK VALUE

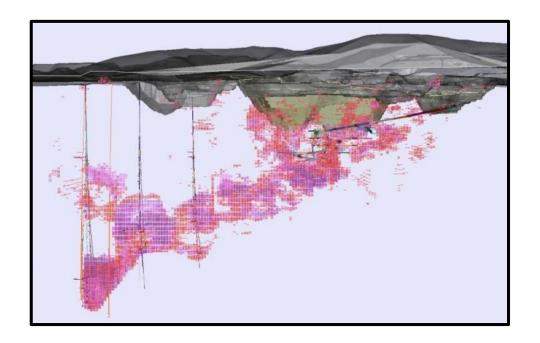
- Acquired in 2001
- Production began in 2005
  with the mining of numerous
  shallow open pits of varying
  grades
- Production and costs variable
- Haulage costs increased over time as distance to processing plant increased





# WASSA – THE NEW APPROACH ACCESSING FROM THE OPEN PIT & UNDERGROUND

- Strategic focus:
  - One main large ore body
  - Main pit in production since 2013
  - Increase productivity
    - Larger equipment
    - Reduce reliance on contract mining
  - 500 metres from mill
  - Mill efficiency
    - Throughput and recoveries



 To accelerate cash flow generation – higher grade portion of the ore body to be accessed from the underground

> New focus resulted in significant cost reductions Mining costs reduced by 37% from 2013 to 2015 Site G&A reduced by over 40% over the same period

## WASSA - THE WAY FORWARD

- 2.7 mtpa processing plant
- Ore from the underground will be blended with open pit ore
  - Tonnes processed will remain the same and grades will improve
- First ore from the underground expected in mid-2016
- Commercial production expected in early 2017
- LOM average annual production expected to be approximately 160,000 ounces



100,000- 110,000 ounces of production expected from the open pit in 2016 at cash operating costs<sup>1</sup> of \$800 - \$900 per ounce

**20,000 – 25,000 ounces** of production expected from the Underground in 2016

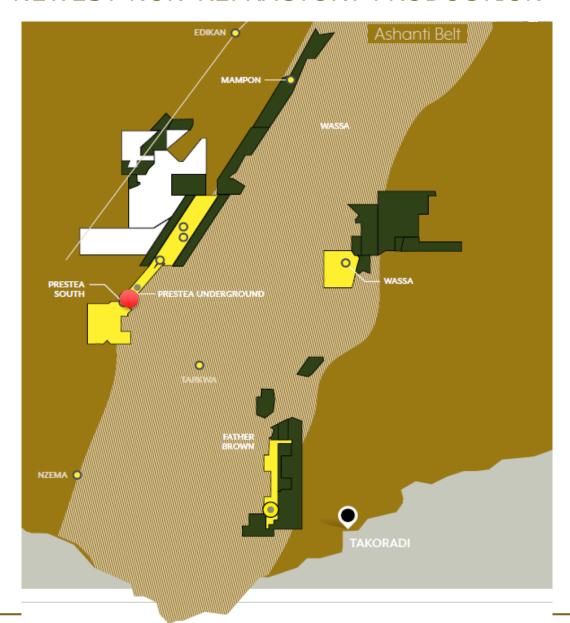
| Mineral<br>Resources | Tonnes<br>(000) | Grade<br>(g/t Au) | Ounces<br>(000) |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Open Pit             | 37,974          | 1.23              | 1,501           |
| Underground          | 13,090          | 3.85              | 1,621           |
| Other                | 5,383           | 3.76              | 434             |
| TOTAL                | 56,647          | 2.02              | 3,556           |

1. See note on slide 2 regarding Non-GAAP Financial Measures

## WASSA UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES

- **☑** Equipment sourcing and delivery COMPLETED
- ✓ Staffing COMPLETED
- **✓** Surface infrastructure construction COMPLETED
- Transfer from generator power to grid power COMPLETED
- Development of the main and ventilation portal COMPLETED
- ☐ Development of the declines approx. 8 metres per day
  - Total of over 1,600 metres to date IN PROGRESS
- Development into the "halfway pod" (F Shoot) IN PROGRESS
- Minor modifications to the mill Q2 2016
- Stope development
- On track to deliver first gold production in mid-2016
  - Commercial production expected in early 2017

# PRESTEA - NEWEST NON-REFRACTORY PRODUCTION



#### PRESTEA OPEN PIT & UNDERGROUND MINES

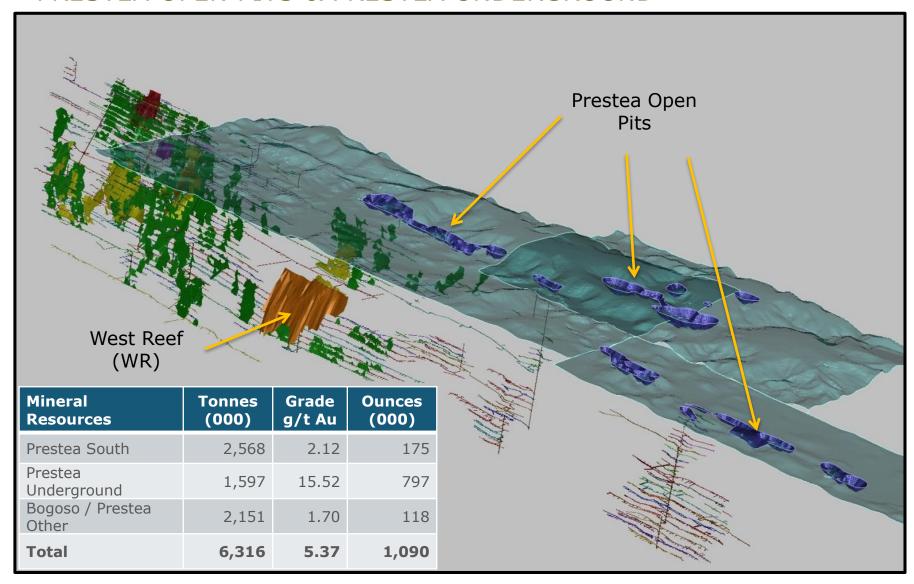
- Production from Prestea replaced high cost refractory ounces
  - · Open pit bridging the production gap until underground production established
- Prestea open pits have been contributing to production for only 5 months
- Growth in Prestea Mineral Reserves indicates potential production extension from the open pits
- Rehabilitation of the underground underway
- Underground mine established in late 1900's, 9M oz of historic production
  - · Two surface and two internal shafts operational

Combined open pit & underground operation provides opportunity for significant cost savings

60,000 - 70,000 ounces of production expected in 2016 from the Prestea open pits at cash operating costs<sup>1</sup> of \$840 - \$970 per ounce

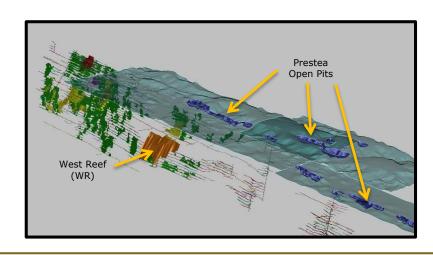
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# PRESTEA OPEN PITS & PRESTEA UNDERGROUND



#### PRESTEA UNDERGROUND PROJECT UPDATE

- Rehabilitation works COMPLETED
- Long lead time equipment ordered COMPLETED
- Mechanical and electrical upgrades to be completed in Q3 2016
- ☐ Pre-development of the Mineral Resource to begin Q4 2016
- ☐ Stoping expected to commence in mid-2017
  - Ramping up to 500 tonnes per day by end of 2017
- ☐ First gold from Prestea Underground on track for mid-2017



# 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER 2015 & FULL YEAR RESULTS FINANCIAL RESULTS AFTER THE TRANSITION

## 2015 Production – 222,416 ounces

- Q4 production 52,141 ounces
- 2015 Full year cash operating costs<sup>1</sup> \$976 / oz. AISC \$1,158 / oz.
  - Q4 cash operating costs \$715 / oz. AISC \$896 / oz.

## Generating Earnings

Q4 \$0.05 per share

## Generating cash flow

 Q4 generated cash flow before changes in working capital<sup>1</sup> of \$29.7 million or \$0.11 per share

## Development projects fully funded

- Wassa Underground to commence production in mid-2016
- Prestea Underground to commence production in mid-2017

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

\$35.1 million

### Debt as of December 31, 2015

- Accounts payable \$111 million
- Long-term debt \$114 million

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#### UNDERSTANDING THE DEBT

# Accounts payable

- Majority related to amounts owing to Ghana power provider for the operation of the BIOX® / refractory operation in 2014
- Periodic payments and negotiations ongoing
- Since the suspension of the refractory operation, the Company has remained current

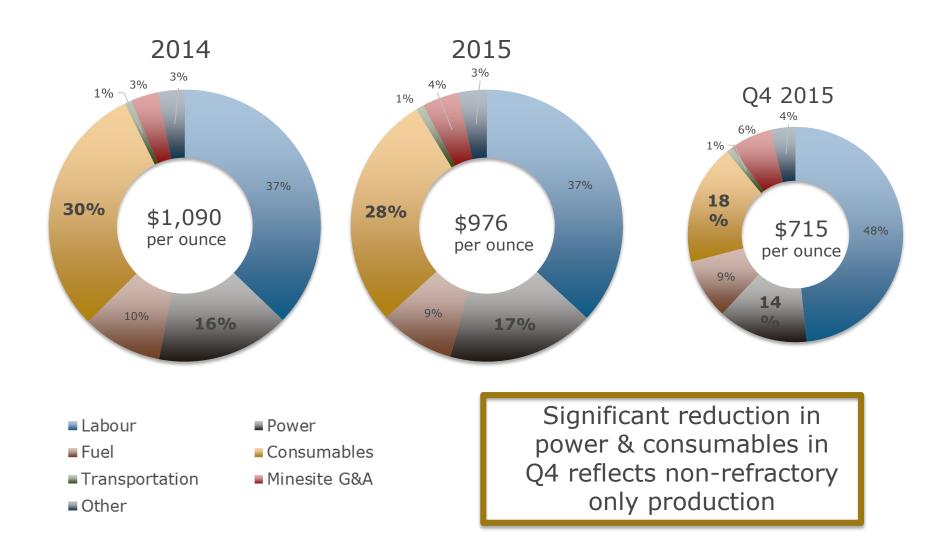
# Long-term debt

- 5% convertible debenture due June 2017
  - Valued at \$46.4 million
  - Tightly held issue
- Ecobank Term Loan Facility \$22 million
- Royal Gold Loan \$20 million
  - Repay in 2019 bullet payment

Stability and predictability in operations allows the Company to focus on improving the balance sheet

# \$50 million in additional funding expected in 2016 under the stream

## NEW SUSTAINABLE COST<sup>1</sup> STRUCTURE

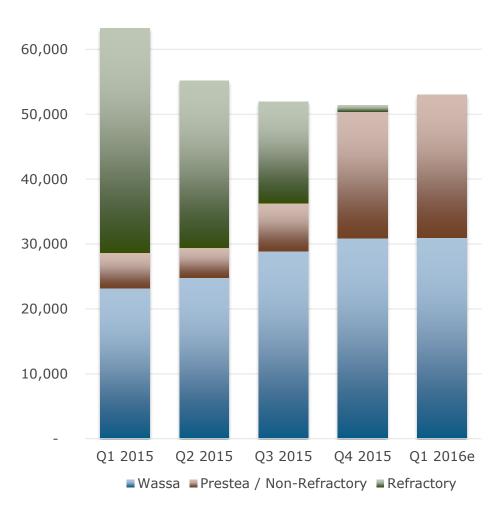


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# FOCUSED ON LOW COST OUNCES REFRACTORY OPERATION SUSPENDED IN Q3 2015

# **Quarterly Production**



- Over 2015, the high cost refractory ounces were phased out
- The refractory operation was suspended in Q3 with some residual ounces in Q4
- Q1 2016 production comprised of only non-refractory production

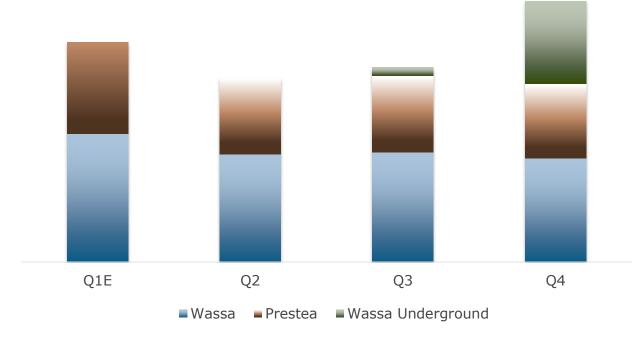
Q1 2016 preliminary production -53,000 ounces at cash operating costs¹ below \$750

#### WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2016

2016 Production\*: 180,000 – 205,000 ounces

Cash Operating Costs<sup>1</sup>: \$815 - \$925 per ounce



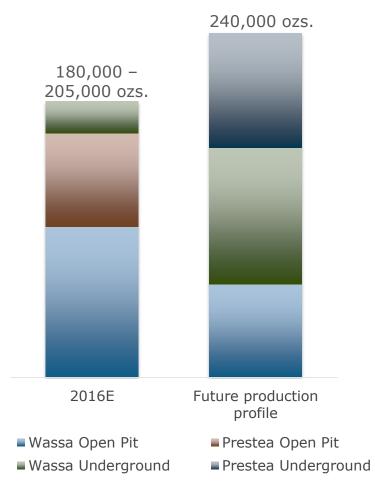


- Stable production base established
- Q2 & Q3 impacted slightly by rainy season
- Q4 production reflects the contribution from the Wassa Underground

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<sup>\* -</sup> includes 20,000 - 25,000 of pre commercial production from the Wassa Underground

## FUTURE PRODUCTION PROFILE



production to increase by 25%

- 2016 production expected
  - 180,000 205,000 ounces
- Future production\* increases by approximately 25% once both Underground operations are fully ramped up to average annual production:
  - Total Wassa\* 160,000 ounces
  - Total Prestea\* 80,000 ounces
- Opportunity
  - Continued growth and minelife extension of the Prestea open pits
  - Potential for significant Mineral Reserve growth at Underground projects with continued exploration

**Future** 

<sup>\*</sup> Based on average annual production as per the respective feasibility studies. Please refer to the company's filings on SEDAR



