

# **Annual General Meeting May 2013**

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# Strategy: Deliver, Unlock, Sustain



Golden Star, a Ghana-based gold producer, is carrying out the next phase of its growth strategy through operational excellence, by shifting the Company's cost of production downward, and by maintaining a focus on financial discipline.

### Deliver

### Focus on operating fundamentals

- Establish a track record of execution to bolster credibility
- Meet production guidance
- Company's estimated gold production in 2013 now under review

### Unlock

- Expand reserves and resources for lower cost production at Wassa and Prestea Underground
- Shift production centre from higher cost sulfide ore to lower cost oxide ore to reduce cost base

### Sustain

- Board and Management strengthened
- Increase cash flow through production
- Development projects to provide pipeline for future growth
- Ensure financial discipline



Adding the right ounces

# **New Team, New Focus**

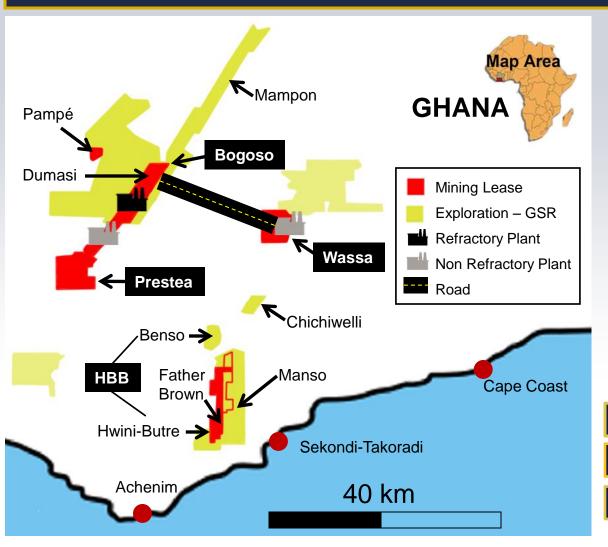




# **Operations Overview**



### A top African Mining Jurisdiction



- 3 processing plants within a 40 km radius
- Current capacity at Wassa and Bogoso is 4.5 mtpa of nonrefractory ore and 2.7 mtpa of refractory ore
- Signed negotiated resettlement agreement with the Dumasi community allowing for the commencement of the relocation process
- Two operating mines, Bogoso/Prestea and Wassa/HBB situated along the prolific Ashanti Gold Belt in Ghana, West Africa

3.1M oz gold sold since 1999

Current Life-of-Mine: 10 years to 2023

Resources could add 5 years thereafter

# **Accomplishments**



### End of 2010

- √ 1 ½ pits at Bogoso
- √ 1 processing plant at GSPBL (65% recoveries)
- ✓ Average 8 out of 12 BIOX tanks functioning, due to gearbox and agitator shaft failures
- √ No stockpiles to ensure Blend Feed
- √ No Father Brown ore supply

### 2011

- ✓ Bogoso North and Chujah ramping up
- ✓ Upgraded BIOX tanks
- ✓ Permitting for tailings reclamation achieved
- ✓ Permit for Pampe achieved
- ✓ Received permit for Father Brown and community approval
- √ Wassa hampered by wet weather; reconfigured crushing plant
- ✓ Wassa commenced to take freshore

### 2012

- ✓ Re-started Bogoso non-refractory plant operations
- ✓ Approx. 12% increase in gold production to 336,348 oz ('12), met quidance
- ✓ Net debt reduction of \$48 million
- ✓ Cost reduction programs began to show results
- Water treatment facility completed and commissioned
- ✓ Major drilling program for Wassa Main ('12: approx 58,670 m)
- Development plan in place for Prestea Underground ("PUG") – West Reef
- ✓ Received Mining and Environmental Permits for PUG Phase 1
- ✓ Modified Wassa CIL tanks

# **A Platform for Growth**

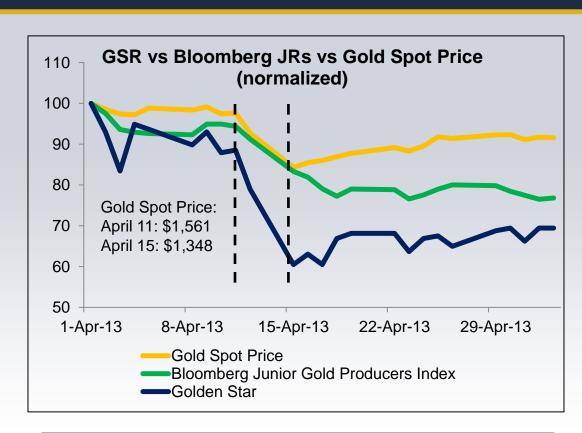


	2012 Results	2013 Objectives	2013 Progress		
Operations					
Gold Production	Achieved guidance, produced 336,348 oz 12% increase over 2011	Current guidance under review			
Reserve growth	<ul><li>P&amp;P reserves increase at Wassa by 85%</li><li>Total of 4.31M oz Au</li></ul>	Update reserves/resources estimates			
Exploration					
Wassa	Wassa Main, approx. 58,670 m drilled	Continue scaled back exploration drilling program			
Prestea	Development plan for Prestea Underground – West Reef	<ul> <li>Complete the Prestea Underground feasibility</li> <li>Initiate Phase I underground operations at the Prestea Underground mine</li> </ul>			
Financial					
Cash Operating Cost	\$1,033/oz	Current cash cost under review			
Debt	Net debt reduction of \$48M	Review all financial alternatives available to the company including a potential debt facility			
Sustaining and Development Capital	\$41M sustaining capital, \$48M development capital	Review capital plan and spending on development projects in response to recent decline in gold prices			
Permitting					
Not Completed	- Received Permits for PUG Phase 1 - Bogoso tailings facility: environmental permit achieved  Completed	<ul> <li>Mampon: environmental and mining underway</li> <li>PUG: environmental in parallel to feasibility study</li> <li>PUG: environmental and mining permits received for pre-development activities</li> <li>Prestea South: mining permit achieved, applied for environmental permit</li> <li>Dumasi: environmental and mining underway</li> <li>Bogoso tailings facility: test run underway</li> </ul>			

### **Overview Q1 2013**



- Will adjust plans for 2013 and will remain committed to our strategy of reducing operating costs
- 2013 capital plan required most of the capital to be spent at Bogoso
- In response to the recent substantial decline in gold prices, we are:
  - Re-optimizing our pits;
  - Reviewing operating & mine plans;
  - Reviewing capital spending plans; and
  - Evaluating the viability of Bogoso/Prestea.
- Suspending the Bogoso/Prestea non-refractory operations due to insufficient supply of ore from the Pampe pit
- 2013 guidance is now under review

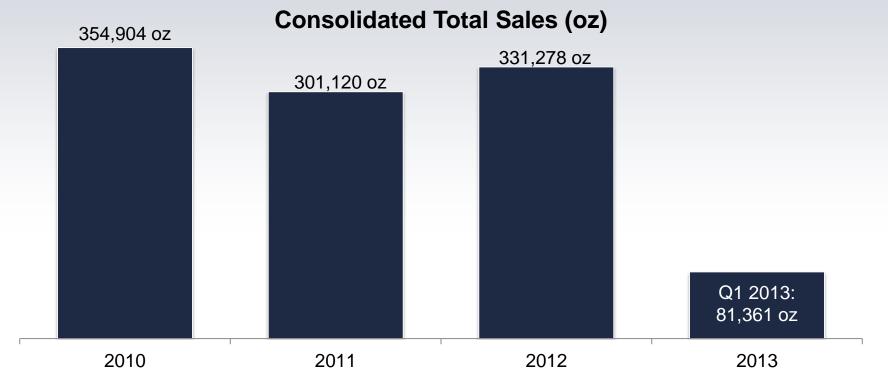


Correlation Coefficient Table			
	Gold Spot	Bloomberg JR	Golden
	Price	Au Index	Star
Gold Spot Price	1		
Bloomberg JR Au Index	0.83	1	
Golden Star	0.94	0.92	1

## **Consolidated Total Gold Sales**







# First Quarter 2013 Highlights



	Q1 2013		
	Au Sold (oz)	Cash Operating Cost (\$/oz)	
Bogoso/Prestea	35,495	1,531	
Wassa/HBB	45,866	809	
Consolidated	81,361	\$1,124	



- Q1 2013 revenue: \$133 million
- Stable cash operating costs per ounce on a consolidated basis of \$1,124, driven by excellent performance at Wassa
- Operating cash flow before working capital changes: \$4.5 million
- Net loss attributable to shareholders: \$0.03 per share
- → Consolidated cash balance: \$61.0 million at March 31, 2013

# First Quarter 2013 Operations

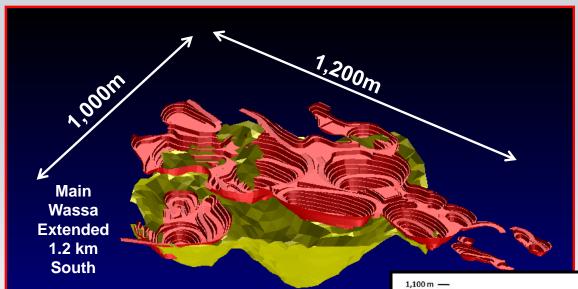


- Revenues at Wassa up 22% as compared to Q1 2012
- → Revenues at Bogoso down 17% as compared to Q1 2012
- Higher grade and higher percentage of Father Brown ore processed led to the favourable results at Wassa
- Bogoso's production was impacted by maintenance extension at the refractory plant

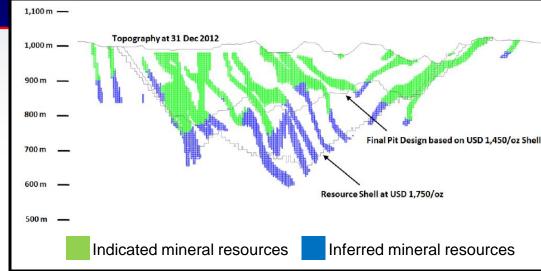


# **Focus: Wassa Expansion Potential**





- Preliminary pit shell suggests a single pit 1,200 m by 1,000 m by 450 m deep
- Potential to significantly increase resources with further drilling
- Leads to possible plant expansion scenario



# **High Potential at Wassa**



### Wassa Drill Results (excerpt results)(1)

- BSDD 226 32.6 m (meters) grading 7.5 g/t (grams per tonne) gold
- BSDD 233 11.2 m grading 20.0 g/t
- BSDD 220 29.0 m grading 7.5 g/t including 7.3 m grading 27.5 g/t
- BSDD 246 19.0 m grading 10.2 g/t
- 242DD 068 31.7 m grading 7.3 g/t

Commencement of pre-feasibility study for a potential expansion scenario reserve estimates

Update resource estimates

Wassa Drilling Program 2013
Capital Budget:
Under review

\$6.0 million has been spent to date

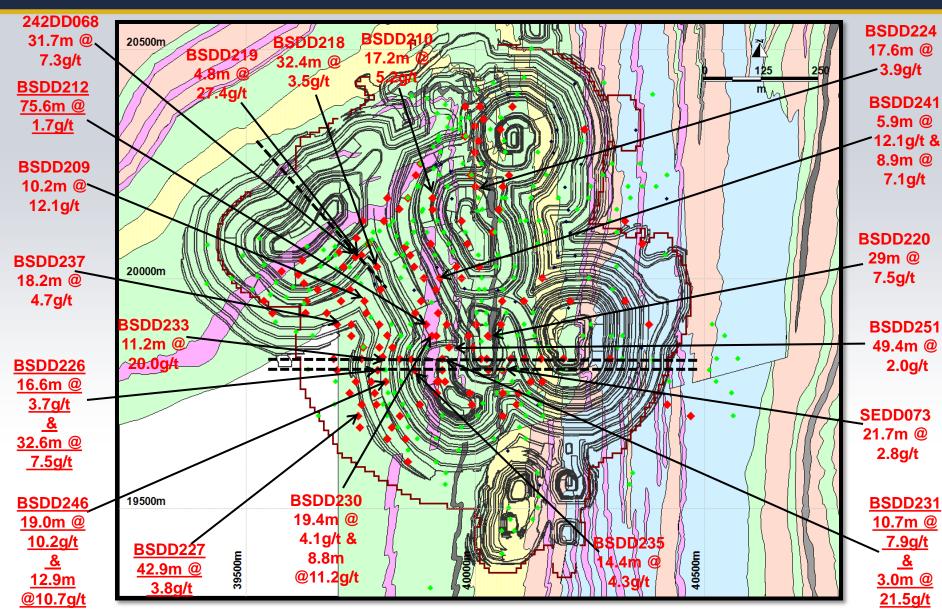
End of Q3 2013

Q4 2013

Commence

### **Wassa Main Drill Hole Plan View**





# Wassa Main Au Grade Thickness Long Section Through 40000E

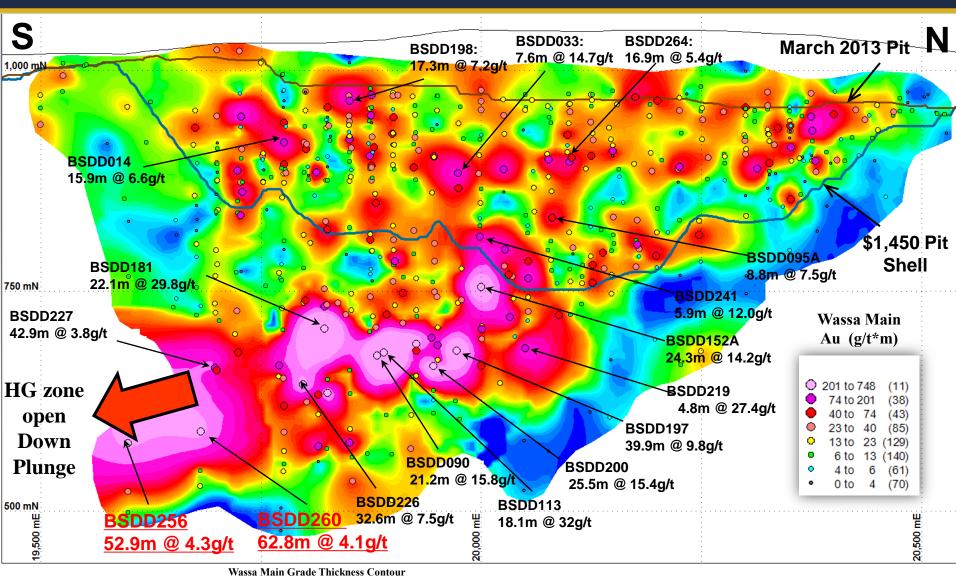
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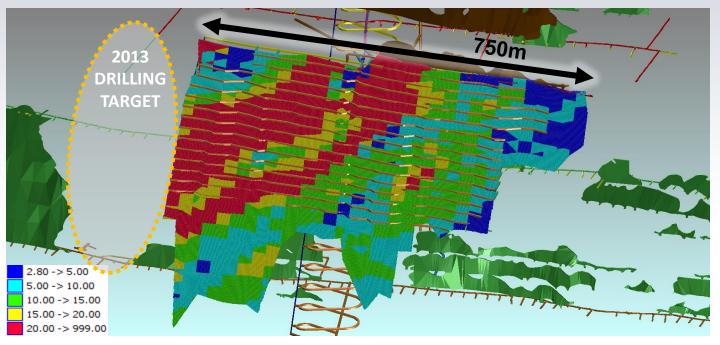




# **Update on Prestea Underground West Reef – Feasibility**



- Resource is expanding with ongoing drilling. The Feasibility study is being conducted at \$1,500, and is nearing completion with an update due this quarter
- Prestea Underground was re-commissioned during the quarter
- President of Ghana, Paramount Chiefs and community of Prestea supported the opening of the mine
- Anticipated production rate of 90,000 to 100,000 oz Au per year
- 15 km haul along dedicated existing haul road to the Bogoso Processing Complex
- → PEA contemplates West Reef resource of 1.25 Mt grading 16 g/t Au for 650,000 oz Au

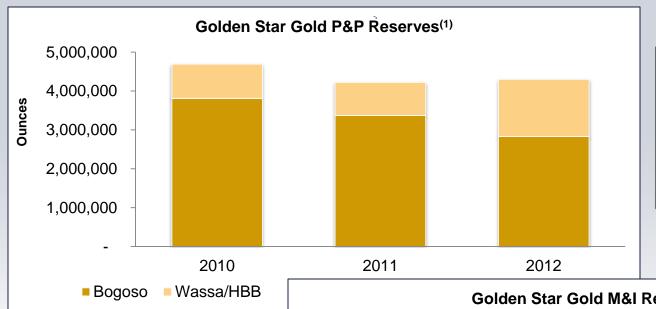


# Project Economics (based on 2012 PEA):

- Production: 437,000 ozAu
- ✦ Recovery: 95%
- Operating costs:\$620/oz Au
- NPV(5%) @ \$1,500: \$107M
- → IRR: 21%

### **Mineral Reserves and Resources**

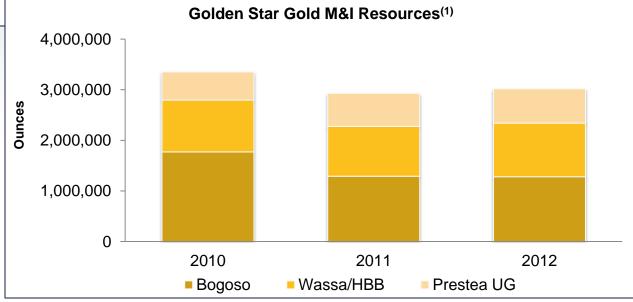




### **Focus at Wassa**

Increased Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves by 85% to 1.47 million ounces of contained gold, relative to December 31, 2011

(1) Source: Press released on February 5, 2013 titled "Golden Star Announces Mineral Reserves and Resources Estimates as at December 31, 2012 Significant Increases in Mineral Reserves and Resources at Wassa." Also see Company's NI 43-101 Technical Report on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves Golden Star Resources Ltd, Wassa Gold Mine, Ghana Effective Date December 31, 2012. Prepared by SRK Consulting (UK) Limited, filed on SEDAR March 21, 2013



# 2013 Main Objectives



### Looking forward

- Re-optimize pit plans, review operating/mine plans, and review capital spending plans and the viability of Bogoso/Prestea
  - Suspended the Bogoso/Prestea non-refractory operations due to insufficient supply of ore from the Pampe pit
- Complete the Prestea Underground feasibility study;
- Continuation of activities at the Prestea Underground mine;
- Continue exploration drilling at the Wassa mining lease to follow up on the 2012 drilling results and an update of 2012 reserves;
- Adding additional capacity to the current tailings storage facility at Wassa/HBB and commencing the construction of the new tailings storage facility later in the year;
- Obtain permitting of Dumasi pit, approval of the Dumasi resettlement action plan and commencement of construction of the Dumasi resettlement town site;
- Obtain permitting and continue planning of the Mampon pit and associated infrastructure;
- Obtain permitting and continue planning of the Prestea South pits and associated infrastructure; and
- Achieve further reductions in operating costs throughout the organization

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# **New Team, New Focus – Management**



- Sam Coetzer, President and CEO, mining engineer with over 26 years of international mining experience including Kinross, Xstrata, Xstrata Coal, and Placer Dome
- → Daniel Owiredu, EVP Operations, engineer with more than 20 years of experience in the mining sector in Ghana and West Africa
- Jeff Swinoga, EVP and CFO, has over 19 years of experience in the resource, mining and finance industries
- Bruce Higson-Smith, SVP Corporate Strategy, mining engineer with over 25 years of experience in mining operations and general management
- → Dr. Martin Raffield, SVP Technical Services, mining engineer with over 20 years experience in Africa and North America. Company reserves QP
- ★ S. Mitchel Wasel, VP Exploration, geologist with over 20 years experience in West Africa, South America and Canada. Company resources QP
- Neale Laffin, MD Ghana Operations, engineer with over 25 years experience in Africa and Australia
- Dr. Mark Thorpe, VP Sustainability, environmental engineer with 25 years in the mining industry in Africa, South America and North America
- Karen Walsh, VP HR, organizational development professional with 20 years mining company experience including Placer Dome

# **New Team, New Focus – Board**

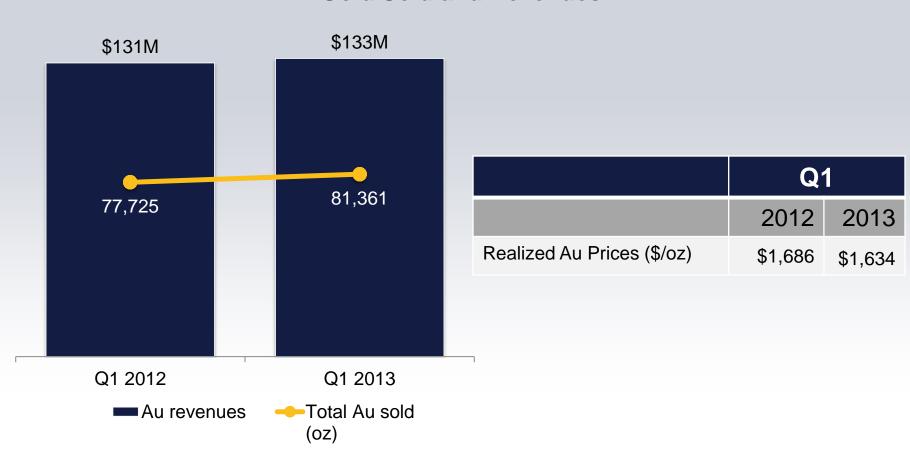


- → Tim Baker, Chairman, former COO of Kinross Gold Corp., extensive experience in operating mines and projects around the world.
- Sam Coetzer, Refer to Management slide.
- → Rob Doyle, more than 30 years of experience in all facets of international resource exploration, development and production.
- ★ Tony Jensen, over 25 years of mining industry experience; is President and CEO for Royal Gold Inc.
- → lan MacGregor, retired counsel with Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, where his area of practice included global mining.
- Craig Nelsen, geologist with over 30 years of experience in the mining business.
- Chris Thompson, 40 years of mining company and fund management experience.
   Former Chairman of the World Gold Council.
- Bill Yeates, audit partner for Hein & Associates and has 35 years of experience working with public companies.

# First Quarter 2013 Financial Highlights



### **Gold Sold and Revenues**



 The increase in ounces sold was partially offset by the decrease in the average realized price of gold

# First Quarter 2013 Financial Highlights







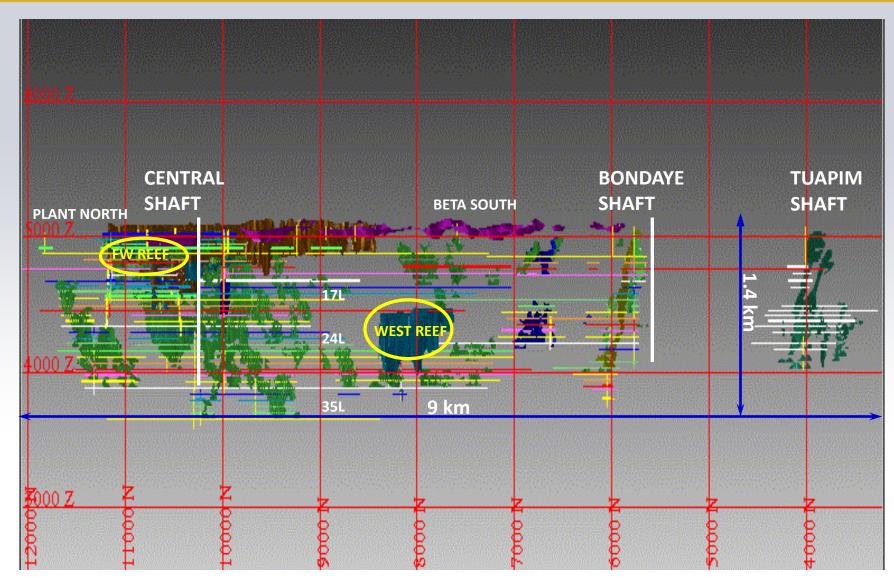
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	2012	2013
Consolidated cash operating cost (\$/oz)	\$1,118	\$1,124

#### Cost reduction measures:

- Reducing use of contractors; and
- Staff optimization strategies

# **Prestea Underground Long Section**





# Reserves & Resources – Dec 31, 2012



Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves <sup>(1)</sup>				
	Tonnes (million)	Gold Grade (g/t)	Ounces (million)	
Bogoso/Prestea <sup>(2)</sup>				
Total Proven	9.2	2.42	0.71	
Total Probable	26.0	2.54	2.12	
Wassa/HBB				
Total Proven	0.8	0.89	0.02	
Total Probable	31.0	1.45	1.45	
TOTAL P&P(3)	67.1	2.00	4.31	

Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources <sup>(1)</sup>				
	Tonnes (million)	Gold Grade (g/t)	Ounces (million)	
Bogoso/Prestea <sup>(2)</sup>				
Measured	2.9	1.9	0.18	
Indicated	16.1	2.2	1.13	
Total	19.0	2.1	1.31	
Prestea Underground				
Measured	0.0	0.0	0.00	
Indicated	1.6	13.2	0.66	
Total	1.6	13.2	0.66	
Wassa/HBB				
Measured	0.0	0.0	0.00	
Indicated	20.0	1.3	0.81	
Total	20.1	1.3	0.81	
Father Brown Underground				
Measured	0.0	0.0	0.00	
Indicated	1.2	5.8	0.23	
Total	1.2	5.8	0.23	
TOTAL M&I <sup>(3)</sup>	41.9	2.2	3.01	

Source: Press released on February 5, 2013 titled "Golden Star Announces Mineral
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<sup>(2)</sup> Bogoso/Prestea includes Prestea South, Pampe and Mampon

microd milicrat Resources.			
		Gold Grade	Ounces
	(million)	(g/t)	(million)
Bogoso/Prestea <sup>(2)</sup>	3.8	3.1	0.37
Prestea Underground	5.2	7.4	1.24
Wassa/HBB	13.2	1.7	0.70
Father Brown Underground	1.4	5.2	0.24
TOTAL Inferred <sup>(3)</sup>	23.6	3.4	2.55

Inferred Mineral Resources(2)

<sup>(3)</sup> Variations may occur due to rounding

# **Operating in Ghana Responsibly**

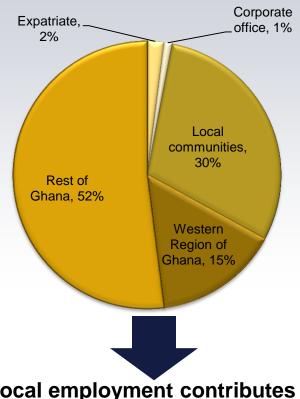


# Golden Star has a favourable profile with the local community, the Government of Ghana and the Ghanaian regulatory agencies.

#### **Initiatives**

- Supported the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative by publishing total payments made to the Government of Ghana throughout 2011
- Skills training program for communities aimed at local economic development
- An anti-discrimination training program was initiated within Golden Star, major suppliers were provided with the same training material for their staff.
- During 2011, the Golden Star Development Foundation worked with the local Community Mine Consultation Committees to fund and sponsor several community-driven projects including schools and continuing scholarships for local students, etc.

# Local Employment Breakdown Direct Employees (2011)



Local employment contributes to regional prosperity and pride 26

# **Ghana – A Top African Mining Jurisdiction**





#### Attractive investment destination

- Stable democracy with well-established laws
- Strong mining culture and trained personnel
- Ghana is 2nd largest producer of gold in Africa
- Standard and Poor's credit rating for Ghana is B and expects it to be stable
- GDP growth rate rose from 6.9% (2007) to 11.2% (2010) from mining sector<sup>(1)</sup>

### Significant gold endowment

- Over 70 million ounces of gold produced since the 1880s
- Past exploration and mining barely scratched surface

### Golden Star well positioned

- One of the largest property positions in Ghana
- One of the best geological knowledge bases of SW Ghana
- Good and long lasting relationship with the government
- EVP Operations is the President of the Chamber of Mines