Mako Gold

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Mako board and management at manganese discovery on Korhogo Project

CORPORATE INFORMATION

This annual report covers Mako Gold Limited ("Company" or "Mako") as a consolidated entity comprising Mako Gold Limited and its subsidiaries ('the Consolidated Entity"). A description of the operations and of the principal activities is included in the directors' report and the review of operations. The directors' report is not part of the financial report.

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ASX SECURITIES
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The directors present their review of operations for the year ended 30 June 2023

Mako Gold is an exploration company focussed on the discovery of large high-grade gold deposits in highly prospective and under-explored terrains in Côte d'Ivoire in West Africa. In addition, a recent significant manganese discovery provides Mako with an entry into the critical battery minerals race.

Key activities and achievements for the 12 months ended 30 June 2023[1]

KORHOGO PROJECT

- **Significant manganese discovery** from surface at the Korhogo Project, discovered by mapping and rock chip sampling and **confirmed by 10-hole shallow reconnaissance RC drill program**
- **8 of ten holes drilled intersected manganese**
- **Multiple wide shallow zones of mineralisation intersected with results up to 19% Mn, including**
    - OURC001: **27m at 10.2% Mn** from surface; including **7m at 14.0% Mn** from surface; and
        - **19m at 6.7% Mn** from 31m

        Hole ended in mineralisation
    - OURC003: **11m at 14.6% Mn** from surface; and
        - **10m at 10.8% Mn** from 15m;
        - **7m at 8.4% Mn** from 36m;
        - **3m at 10% Mn** from 47m

        Hole ended in mineralisation
    - OURC004: **1m at 12.4% Mn** from surface; and
        - **1m at 16.6% Mn** from 6m;
        - **3m at 9.6% Mn** from 23m
    - OURC008: **5m at 7.4% Mn** from 4m; including **1m at 12.9% Mn**; and
        - **4m at 11.1% Mn** from 18m
    - OURC010: **7m at 7.4% Mn** from 18m
- Follow up activities now being planned to test width and depth of mineralised zones considering current **drill holes were at an average spacing of 1km over a 14 km strike length**
- **Côte d'Ivoire is a top 10 global producer of manganese** with 36,000MT of Mn produced in 2022 from 4 operating mines, supplying Direct Shipping Ore (DSO) into the steel market including Shiloh Mining's **Lagnonkaha manganese mine along strike of Mako's discovery**

NAPIÉ PROJECT

- Results from **25,000m auger drill program show clear path to gold resource expansion**
- Auger program **identified 15 significant gold targets for RC/DD drilling** many of which are **equal to or several times larger than Tchaga or Gogbala**
- 8,000m of **wide-spaced (400m-spaced fences) reverse circulation (RC) drilling** was completed **on 4 of the 15 targets** identified in auger drilling program with **3 of the 4 targets intersecting high-grade gold**, and a **further 11 significant auger targets remaining to be tested** – Significant results:
    - **Gogbala South – No previous drilling**:

[1] Includes events reported to ASX post 30 June 2023

- NARC778: **6m at 6.00g/t Au** from 62m; including
  - **1m at 16.78g/t Au** from 62m; and
  - **1m at 15.20 g/t Au** from 65m
- NARC776: **9m at 1.39g/t Au** from 79m: including
  - **2m at 3.02g/t Au** from 79m; and
  - **2m at 2.45g/t Au** from 86m
- NARC767: **1m at 8.70g/t Au** from 68m
- NARC784: **5m at 1.33g/t Au** from 69m
- NARC783: **4m at 1.47g/t Au** from 1m

- **Tchaga West - Extended mineralisation 200m west of Tchaga 545koz resource**:
  - NARC830: **6m at 6.03g/t Au** from 91m; including
    - **3m at 8.46g/t Au** from 93m; including
      - **1m at 15.16g/t Au** from 93m
  - NARC829: **2m at 1.91g/t Au** from 54m
  - NARC827: **3m at 1.14g/t Au** from 61m

- **Tchaga North - Following up previous positive drill results:**
  - NARC819: **1m at 44.86g/t Au** from 6m
  - NARC810: **8m at 2.23g/t Au** from 19m (extended section that returned **8m at 8.53g/t Au** and **1m at 215g/t Au**) ; including
    - **3m at 4.05g/t Au** from 23m
  - NARC815: **2m at 4.27g/t Au** from 88m
  - NARC807: **4m at 1.34g/t Au** from 83m
  - NARC803: **1m at 3.94g/t Au** from 21m

KOMBORO PROSPECT

- High-grade gold discovery at Komboro along 9km-long intermittent artisanal workings
- Significant results include:
  - NARC741: **9m at 3.26g/t Au from 67m;** including **3m at 7.29g/t Au** from 67m; and **1m at 30.47g/t Au** from 86m
  - NARC743: **1m at 8.45g/t Au** from 74m
  - NARC753: **5m at 1.64g/t Au** from 56m
- **6 of 7 targets drilled returned significant gold values highlighting untapped potential of the northern part of the permit**

CORPORATE

- **Consolidation of ownership of Napie Project to 90%** with the acquisition of an **additional 39% interest in the flagship Napié Project** in exchange for established West African gold producer, **Perseus Mining Limited** (ASX & TSX:PRU), to be a **strategic shareholder with a current 2.4% equity holding in Mako**
- **Drill for equity agreement signed with Geodrill for up to US$2M**
- **$5.7M Placement and $423K Loyalty Option Offer completed with Cornerstone support received from Dundee Corporation to maintain 9.9% stake at the completion of the Offer**

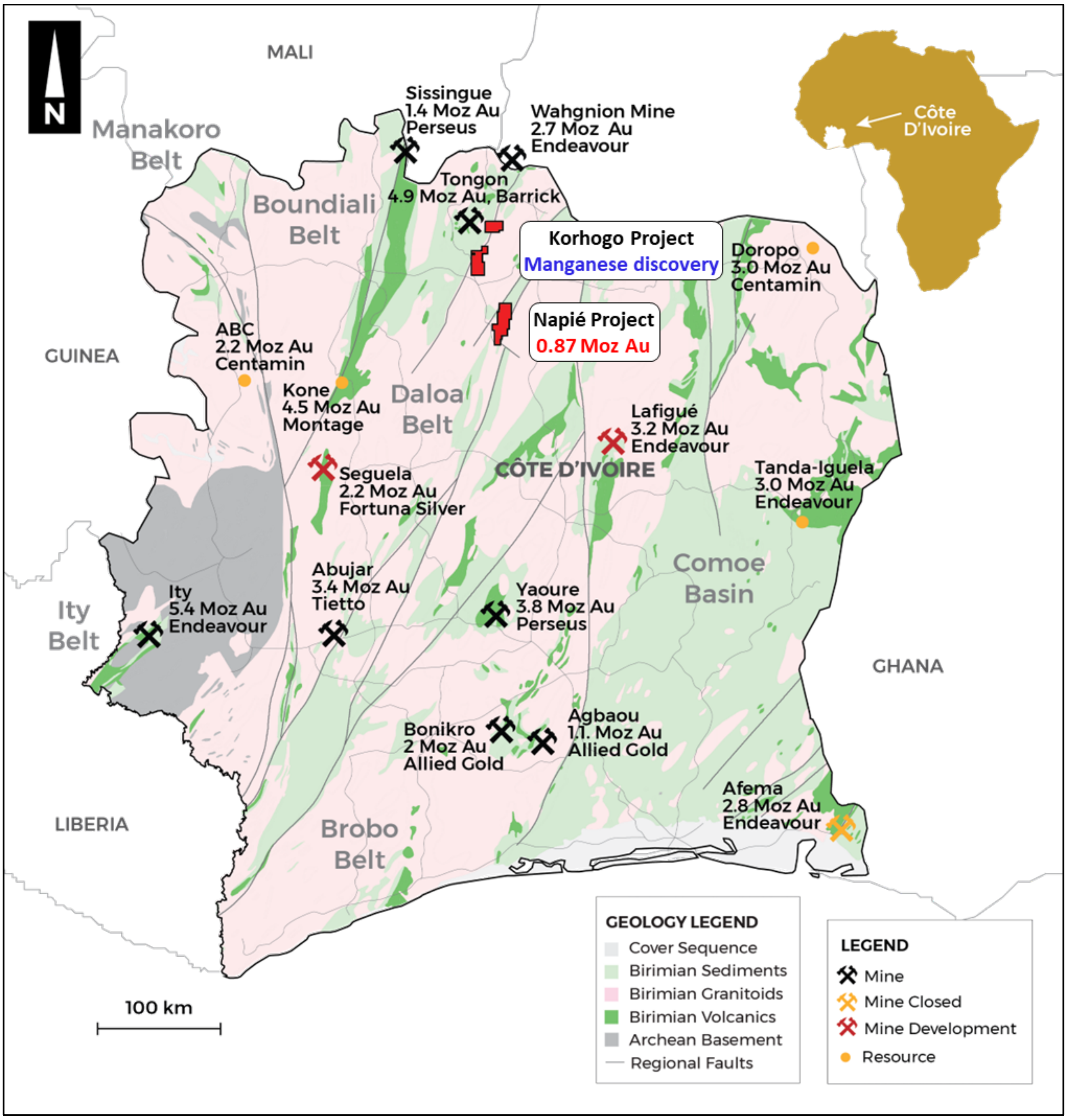

Figure 1: Mako projects on simplified geology with mines and deposits

KORHOGO PROJECT – SIGNIFICANT MANGANESE DISCOVERY - TWO 7KM-LONG MANGANESE-RICH HORIZONS

Mako Gold's 296km^2 Korhogo Project which consists of the Ouangolodougou permit and the Korhogo Nord permit is located in north-central Côte d'Ivoire within the Boundiali greenstone belt (Figure 1).

A mapping and rock chip sampling program discovered a significant manganese enriched zone on the Ouangolodougou permit at Korhogo (Figure 2). A total of 22 samples were taken on **two parallel manganese-rich lithological units, both over 7km in strike length,** with **all samples returning significant manganese values averaging 22% Mn**. The highest value was **33% Mn**.

The rock chip sampling program was followed up by a **wide-spaced 10-hole reverse circulation (RC) drilling program** to test for subsurface manganese mineralisation on the two parallel manganese-rich lithological units, which have a combined strike length of 14km. **Eight of the 10 drill holes intersected manganese indicating the potential for a globally significant manganese deposit**. **The average spacing of the individual drill holes is over 1km**. Holes were only drilled to a **downhole depth of 50m**, and all holes were singular reconnaissance holes, not drill fences with multiple holes.

Multiple wide zones of manganese were intersected in several holes. **Two holes were mineralised throughout most of the hole and ended in mineralisation**, and only 257m of the 500m drilled have been analysed to date. Structural mapping has shown that the manganese units are sheared and steeply dipping. Holes were drilled in various directions depending on the orientations measured on outcrops at various locations.

Figure 2: Ouangolodougou Permit - Example of manganese outcrop at Korhogo Project

A map of the drill hole locations with significant results is shown in Figure 3, highlighting the two 7km interpreted Mn strike lengths.

The grade of Mako's wide spaced reconnaissance results returned in this drill program are similar to several ASX-listed manganese focussed producers/developers. [2]

The Mn-rich units were identified from analysis of the Company's previous auger and soil geochemical sampling programs. Manganese enriched areas are shown in dark green on Figure 3 to Figure 7.

This first 10-hole, shallow reconnaissance drill program has literally only "scratched the surface" and initial field mapping and drilling indicates that the **mineralised zone could be much more extensive, and very likely much deeper**. Further drilling is warranted to test the full width and greater depth of the prospect.

[2] Refer to Element 25 (ASX:E25) July 2023 presentation, Black Canyon (ASX:BCA) ASX announcement dated 14 August 2023, and Firebird Metals (ASX:FRB) 4 April 2023 presentation. Mako provides these references to assist in evaluating the significance of Mako's results, noting that the Korhogo Manganese project is Mako Gold's first manganese project, and these are Mako Gold's first announced drill results. Please note however that Mako Gold's manganese project is at the discovery stage whereas the aforementioned companies are producers/developers. Mako Gold is neither stating nor implying that its manganese discovery will eventuate into an economic deposit and is only comparing the grade of drill-hole intersects to the aforementioned companies resource/reserve grades for information purposes only. In addition, Mako's deposit type is hydrothermal which is a different mineralization style to the aforementioned companies.

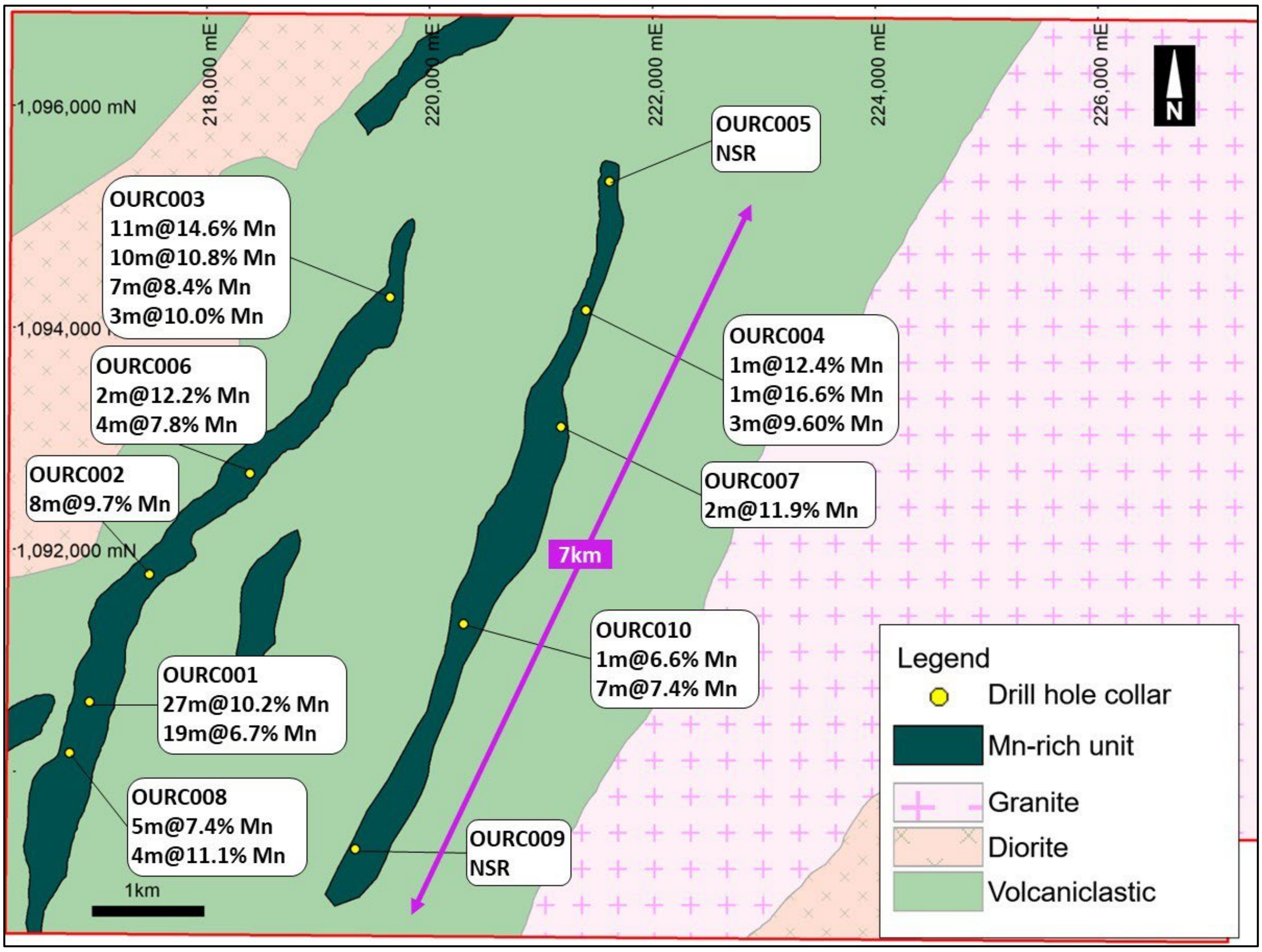

**Figure 3: Ouangolodougou Permit with reconnaissance drill hole location and results.
There is only one drill hole at each location and that average drill hole spacing is over 1km apart.**

Wide Manganese Intercepts

Several holes confirmed multiple wide manganese intersects at shallow depth. In OURC001 the **entire 50m hole was mineralised except for a 4m felsic dyke and ended in mineralisation**. This indicates that manganese mineralisation likely continues at depth. Results for this hole are:

- **27m at 10.2% Mn from surface**; including 7m at 14.0% Mn from surface; and
- **19m at 6.7% Mn** from 31m (which **ended in mineralisation**)

An enlarged map of OURC001 is shown in Figure 4 and in cross section in Figure 5. It is noteworthy that **only 25m of the 380m width of the Mn-rich unit was tested**. This highlights the potential for very wide manganese mineralisation.

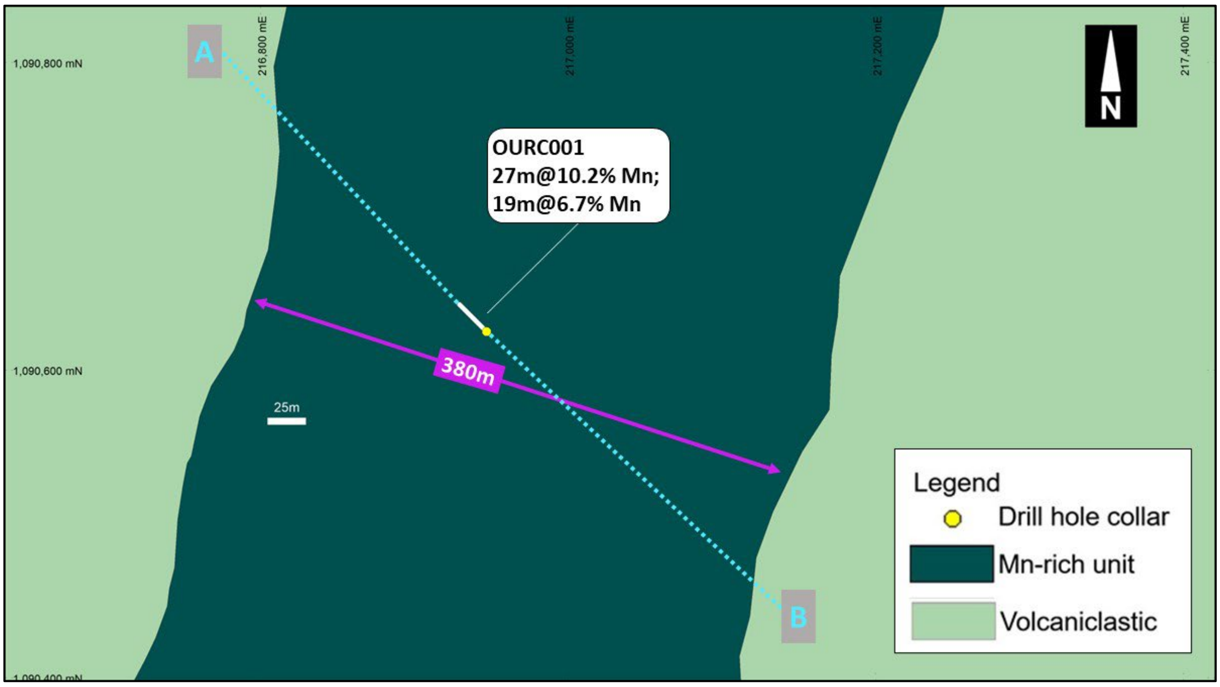

Figure 4: Drill hole OURC001 which intersected 46 metres of manganese – section line shown in blue

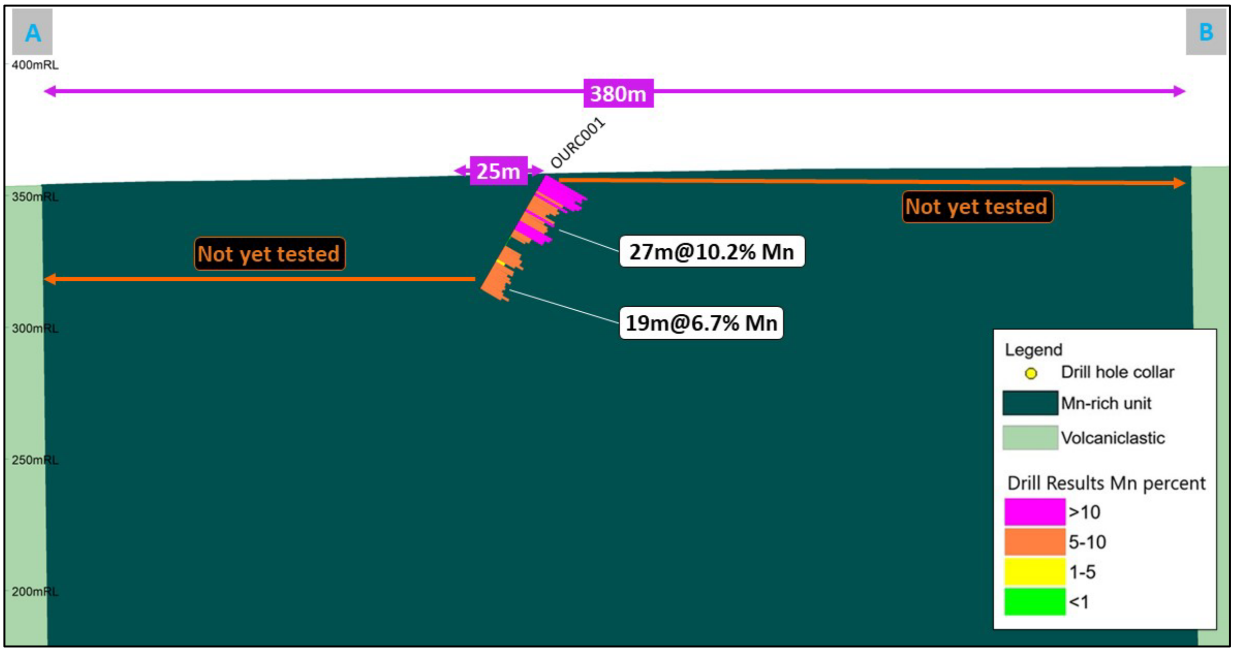

Figure 5: Cross section of OURC001 - The entire hole was mineralised other than a 4m wide felsic dyke - Only 25m of the 380m width was drill tested

An enlarged map of drill hole OURC003 is shown in Figure 6 and in cross section in Figure 7, again showing **multiple wide manganese intersects**. Portions of the hole remain to be analysed, pending results of testing of pulverised lab pulps with a portable XRF instrument by Mako. **This hole also ended in mineralisation at 50 metres**, proving the potential for depth extension of the mineralisation.
Only 25m of the 260m width of the Mn enriched zone was tested, again showing the potential of significant widths of the deposit. Results for this hole are:

- **11m at 14.6% Mn** from surface; and

- **10m at 10.8% Mn** from 15m;
- **7m at 8.4% Mn** from 36m;
- **3m at 10% Mn** from 47m (which ended in mineralisation)

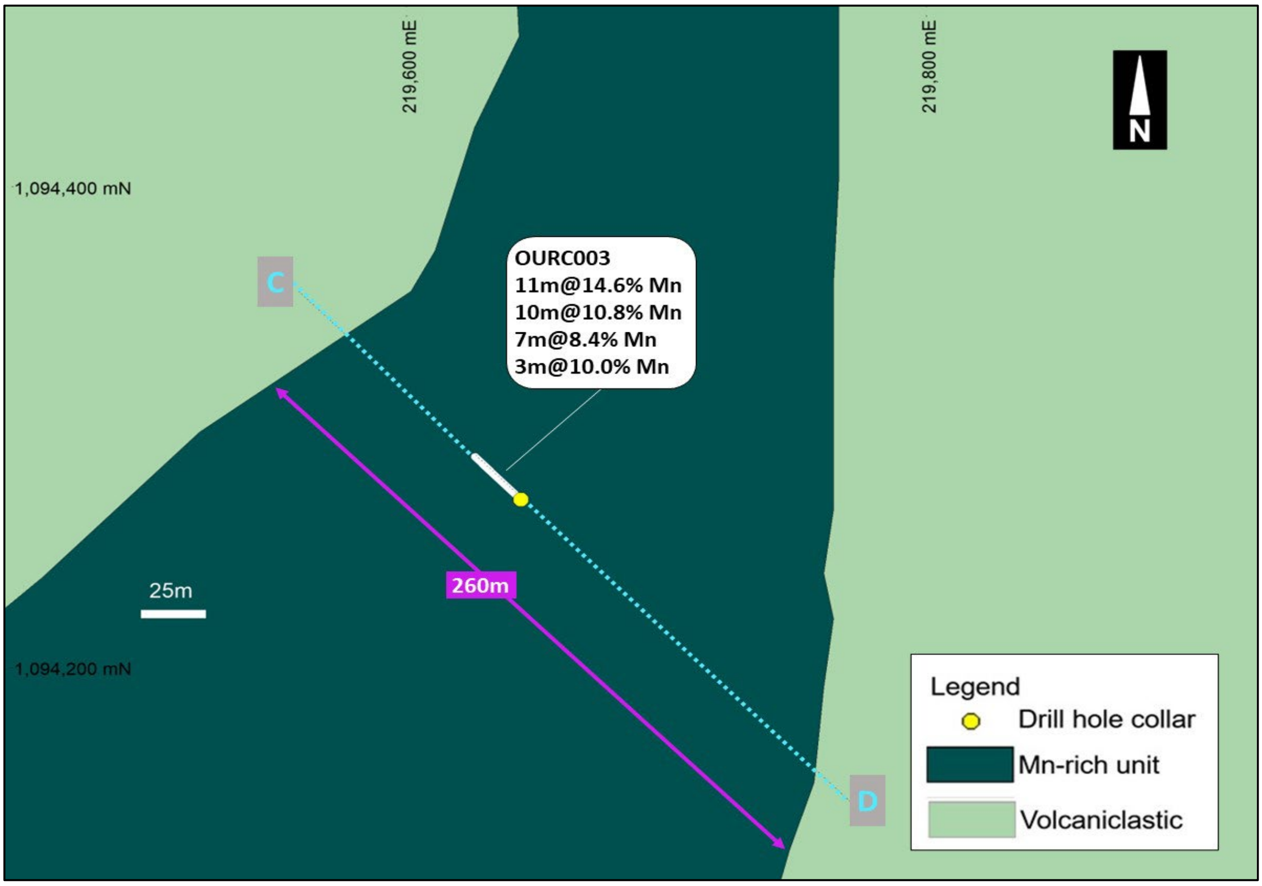

Figure 6: Drill hole OURC003 showing multiple manganese intercepts – section line shown in blue

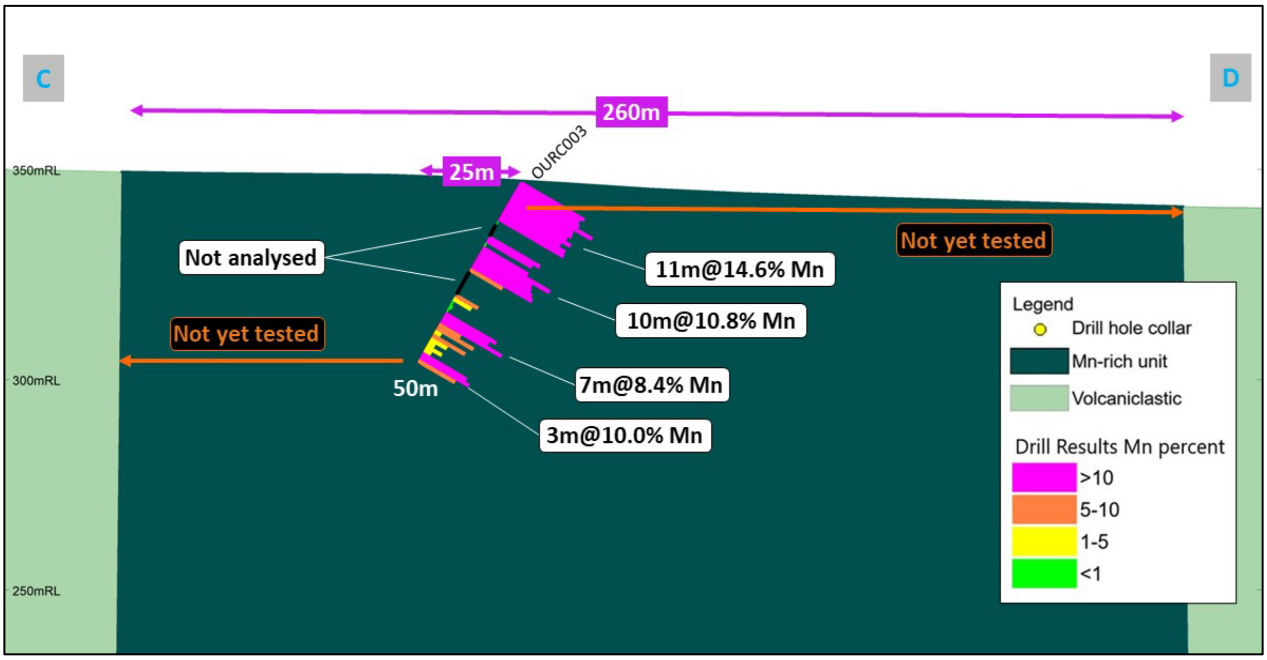

Figure 7: Cross section of OURC003 - 31m of the 50m hole intersected manganese with some intervals not yet analysed - Only 25m of the 260m width was drill tested

Uses of Manganese

Manganese is primarily used in steelmaking and importantly in the emerging EV battery space. As the main raw material for smelting, ferro-manganese alloy is used as a deoxidizer and alloy additive in steelmaking.

The phosphorous content of the drill samples is low. Phosphorus is a harmful element for most types of steel and the steelmaking process has strict requirements on the phosphorus content of raw materials. The low phosphorous content in the drill samples is encouraging for potential DSO for the steel market.

Manganese Mining in Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire is a top 10 global producer of manganese with 36,000MT of Mn produced in 2022.[3] Ore is shipped from the manganese mines by truck to the port(s) in the south of Côte d'Ivoire where it is then stockpiled before being loaded onto ships for export to China (Figure 8).

There are four manganese mines in Côte d'Ivoire operated by private unlisted companies (Figure 9).

Figure 8: Manganese ore stockpiles waiting to be loaded onto ships at the port of San Pedro, Côte d'Ivoire – recent photo by Mako Director

[3]Refer to Investment News Network article dated 25 April 2023 - https://investingnews.com/daily/resource-investing/battery-metals-investing/manganese-investing/top-manganese-producing-countries/

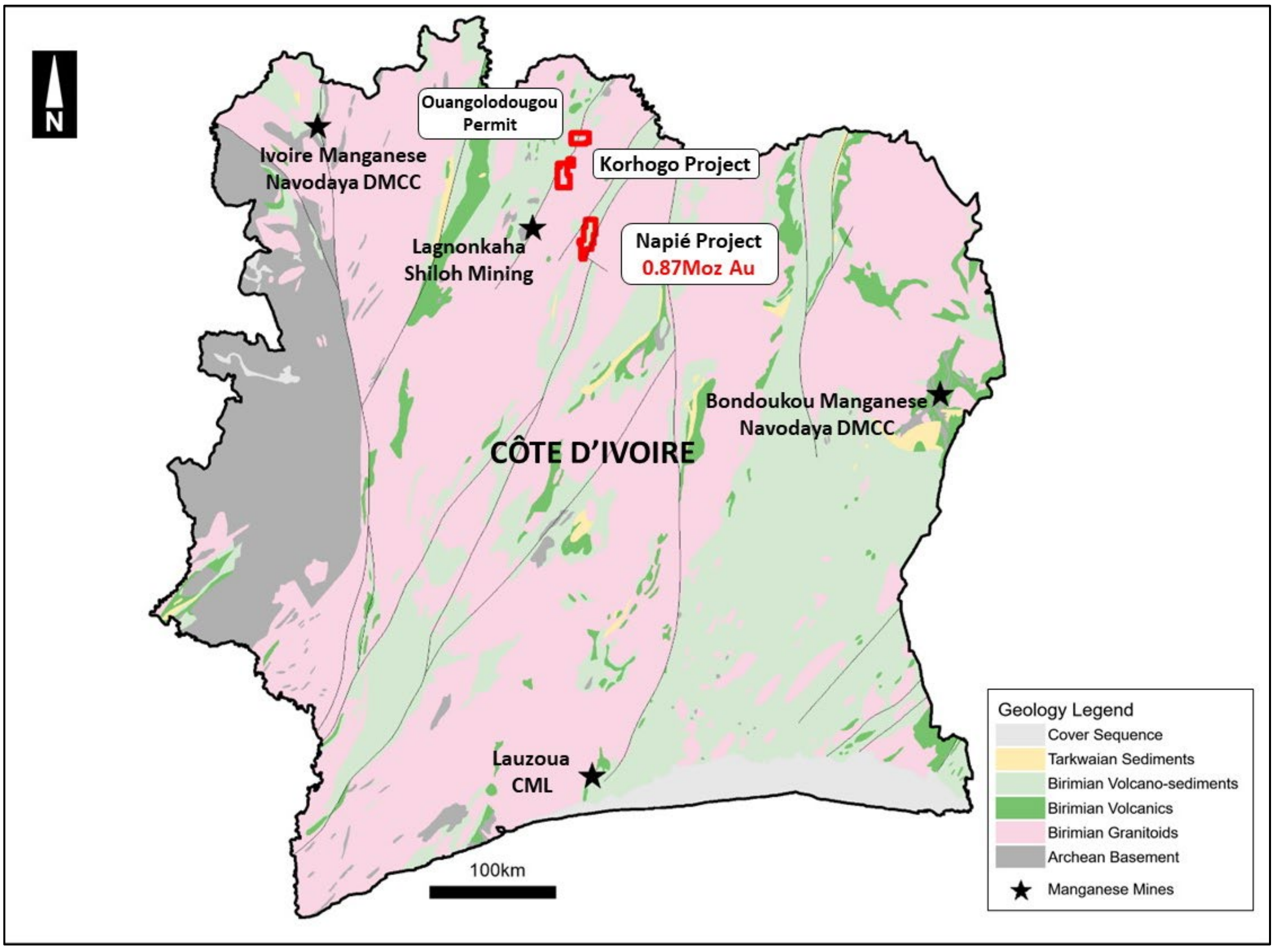

Figure 9: Mako Gold Projects on simplified geology and manganese mines in Côte d'Ivoire

The mine closest to Korhogo is the Lagnonkaha Mine situated 70km along strike to the southwest of Mako's manganese discovery in the same lithological unit (Figure 10). **The total strike extent of the Lagnonkaha Mine is 1.6 km**.

The extent of the potential strike on Mako's permit is interpreted as more significant given **Mako's two parallel manganese-rich units have a combined strike length of 14km**, **indicating the potential for a world class manganese resource**.

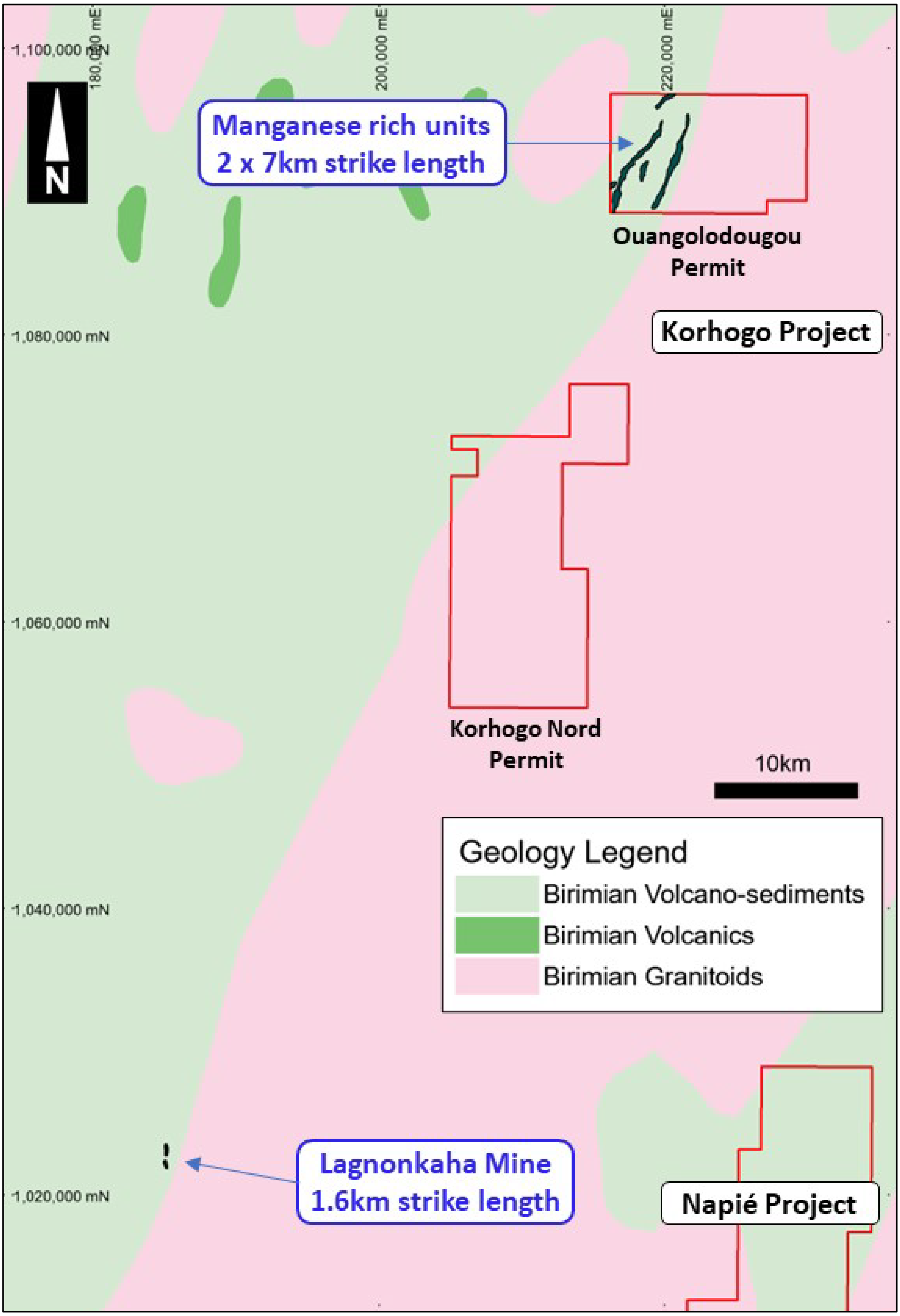

Figure 10: Size comparison of Mako's Mn-rich units compared to the footprint of the Lagnonkaha mine[4]

[4] Footprint of Lagnonkaha pits taken from Google Earth©-2003 image- Coordinates: 9.246058 latitude -5.86579 longitude

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EXPLORATION

- **Detailed geological mapping and rock-chip sampling underway** - A detailed mapping and rock-chip sampling program is currently underway. The previous mapping/rock chip sampling program was preliminary in nature and completed in under 4 days with one crew. Several teams of Mako geologists are systematically mapping and sampling the twin 7km Mn-rich zones. The result will be a detailed geology map which will highlight the higher-grade areas for follow-up work. Once results are received from the rock chip sampling, the highest priority areas will be selected for a ground geophysical survey.

- **Ground geophysical survey** - An induced polarisation (IP) geophysical program will commence shortly after receipt of the rock chip sample results. The survey will be conducted over a 1km strike area identified by the mapping/ rock chip sampling program. The IP results should clearly outline the manganese deposit at depths up to 100m, highlight the higher-grade areas, and, importantly, identify the width and dip direction of the deposit for future drilling.

- **Metallurgical testing** – A consultant has been chosen to complete preliminary metallurgical testing on a 160kg sample of manganese rock. It is anticipated that this will follow the results of mapping/rock chip sampling program once the best area to sample is determined. A sequence of tests would prioritise economic recoveries of coarse manganese at saleable grade for steel production with relatively simple flowsheet options.

- **Future drilling** - A wide-spaced diamond drilling and RC drilling program will be planned following the completion of the above work.

NAPIÉ PROJECT

Mako Gold's flagship 224km^2 Napié Project is located in north-central Côte d'Ivoire within the Daloa greenstone belt (Figure 1) and consists of four significant prospects (**Figure 11**).

25,000M AUGER DRILL PROGRAM SHOWS PATH TO SIGNIFICANT GOLD MINERAL RESOURCE EXPANSION

The 25,000m auger program which was drilled during the reporting period. exceeded the Company's objective to demonstrate the multi-million-ounce gold potential of Napié by **identifying 15 new drill targets** along the 30km-long Napié Shear **several of which are equal to or several times larger than Tchaga or Gogbala** (black ellipses on Figure 11).

The program began with orientation auger drilling over the Tchaga and Gogbala deposits, which form the basis of the **maiden 868koz Au MRE**. The purpose of the orientation program was to ensure that auger would be effective in identifying significant gold mineralisation in other areas on Napié. Large, continuous auger anomalies were returned from Tchaga and Gogbala, thereby **validating that auger works well on Napié to identify gold mineralisation.**

8,000M RC DRILL PROGRAM COMPLETED ON 4 OF THE 15 AUGER TARGETS

During the reporting period Mako completed 8,000m of RC drilling on 4 of the 15 targets identified by the 25,000m auger drill program. **Three of the four targets intersected significant gold mineralisation** and are listed below in more detail. It is noteworthy that **11 targets from the auger drill program remain to be drill tested**. The drilled targets are shown as a pink ellipses in Figure 11.

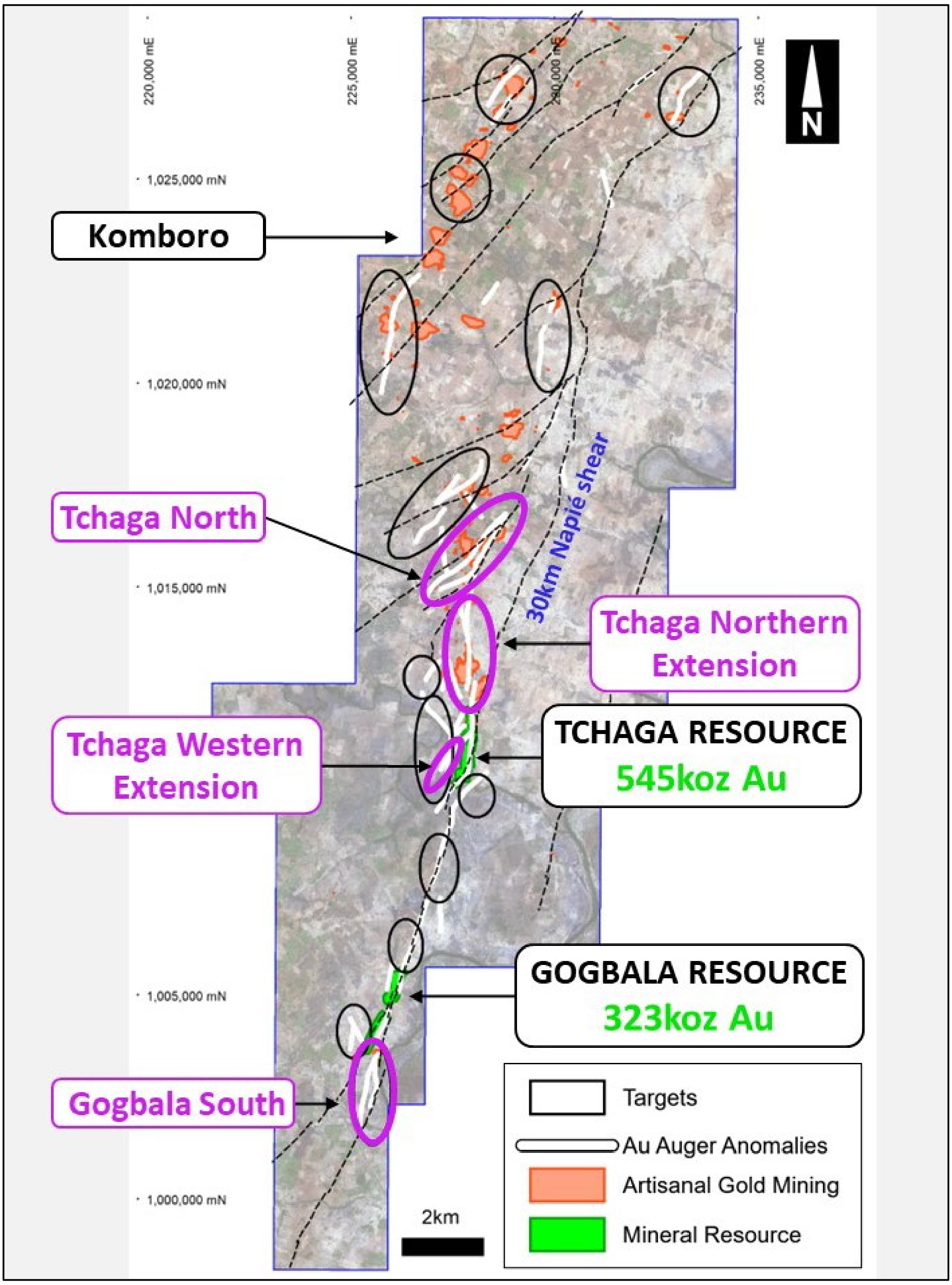

Figure 11: New targets drilled by RC during the reporting period

MAIDEN RC DRILLING AT GOGABALA SOUTH

There was no previous drilling on the Gogbala South drill target. The Gogbala South target is shown as a pink ellipse in Figure 11.

Wide and high-grade gold mineralisation was intersected, including **6m at 6.00g/t Au**, which includes **1m at 16.78g/t Au,** and **1m at 15.20g/t Au** in NARC778, **9m at 1.39g/t Au**, including **2m at 3.02g/t Au** and **2m at 2.45g/t Au** in NARC776, and **1m at 8.70g/t Au** in NARC767.

Mineralised zones show good continuity on the very wide-spaced drill fences and correlate with a mapped silicified zone shown in light yellow in **Figure 12**.

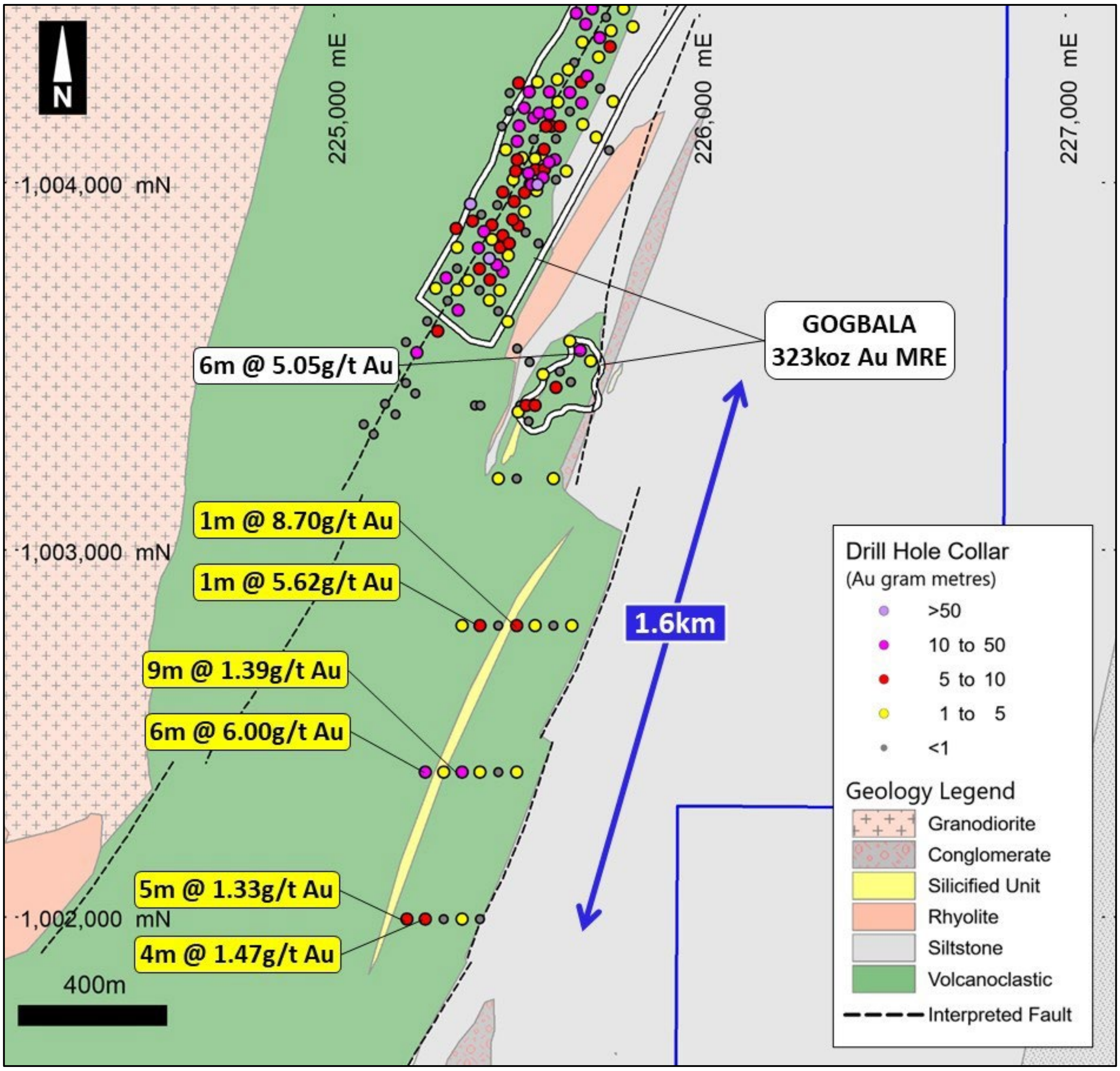

Figure 12: Gogbala South - Select new (yellow) and previous (white) gold intercepts
Note the 1.6km strike length of mineralisation

The Company considers these results to be **a very good start for Gogbala South** considering the **400m drill fence spacing**.

TCHAGA WEST DRILLING EXTENDS MINERALISATION 200M WEST OF 545KOZ TCHAGA RESOURCE

During the reporting period assay results were received from 11 holes at the Tchaga West target. The Tchaga West target, shown as a pink ellipse in **Figure 11.**

Wide and high-grade gold mineralisation was intersected, including **6m at 6.03g/t Au**, which includes **1m at 15.16g/t Au**.

Select drill results are shown in **Figure 13**.

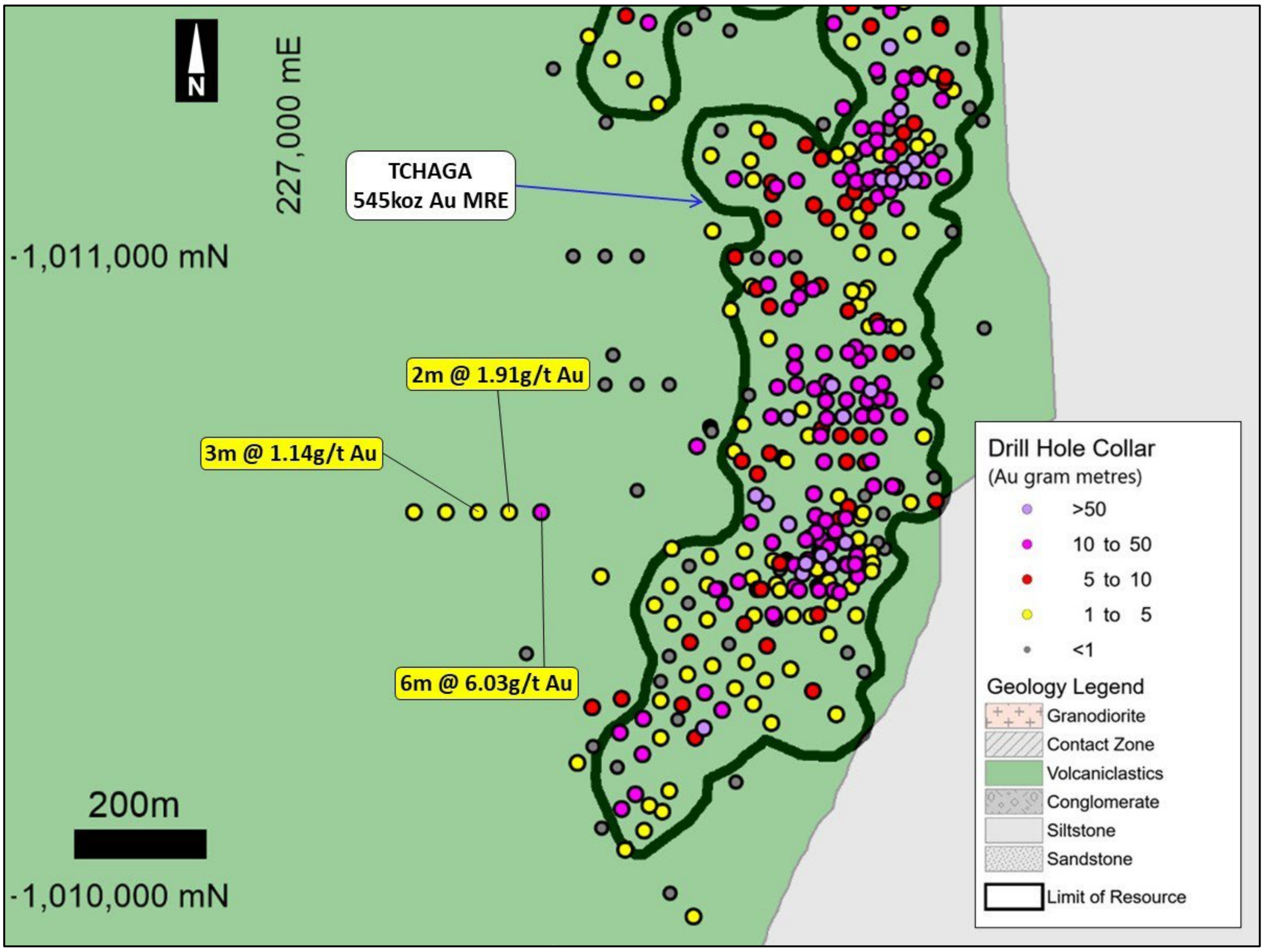

Figure 13: Tchaga West - Select new intercepts – Note the drill intercept returning 6m at 6.03g/t Au which is 200m west of the current Tchaga resource

Discovering high-grade gold mineralisation 200 metres west of the Tchaga resource is highly encouraging, pointing to great potential for resource expansion, especially since drilling was very shallow with **mineralisation encountered less than 100m from surface**.

TCHAGA NORTH

At Tchaga North **high-grade gold mineralisation was intersected,** including **1m at 44.86g/t Au** in NARC819, **8m at 2.23g/t Au** in NARC810, including **3m at 4.05g/t Au,** and **2m at 4.27g/t Au** in NARC815.

A new mineralised lode was discovered by NARC810 which returned **8m at 2.23/t Au** on the section which returned **8m at 8.53g/t Au** and **1m at 215g/t Au** in 2018. (Figure 14).

Drilling identified new mineralisation along the contact zone between the volcaniclastics and the granites which includes 1m at 44.86g/t Au. Future drilling will extend the drill fences to the west with the goal of targeting further high-grade mineralisation in the contact zone (Figure 14).

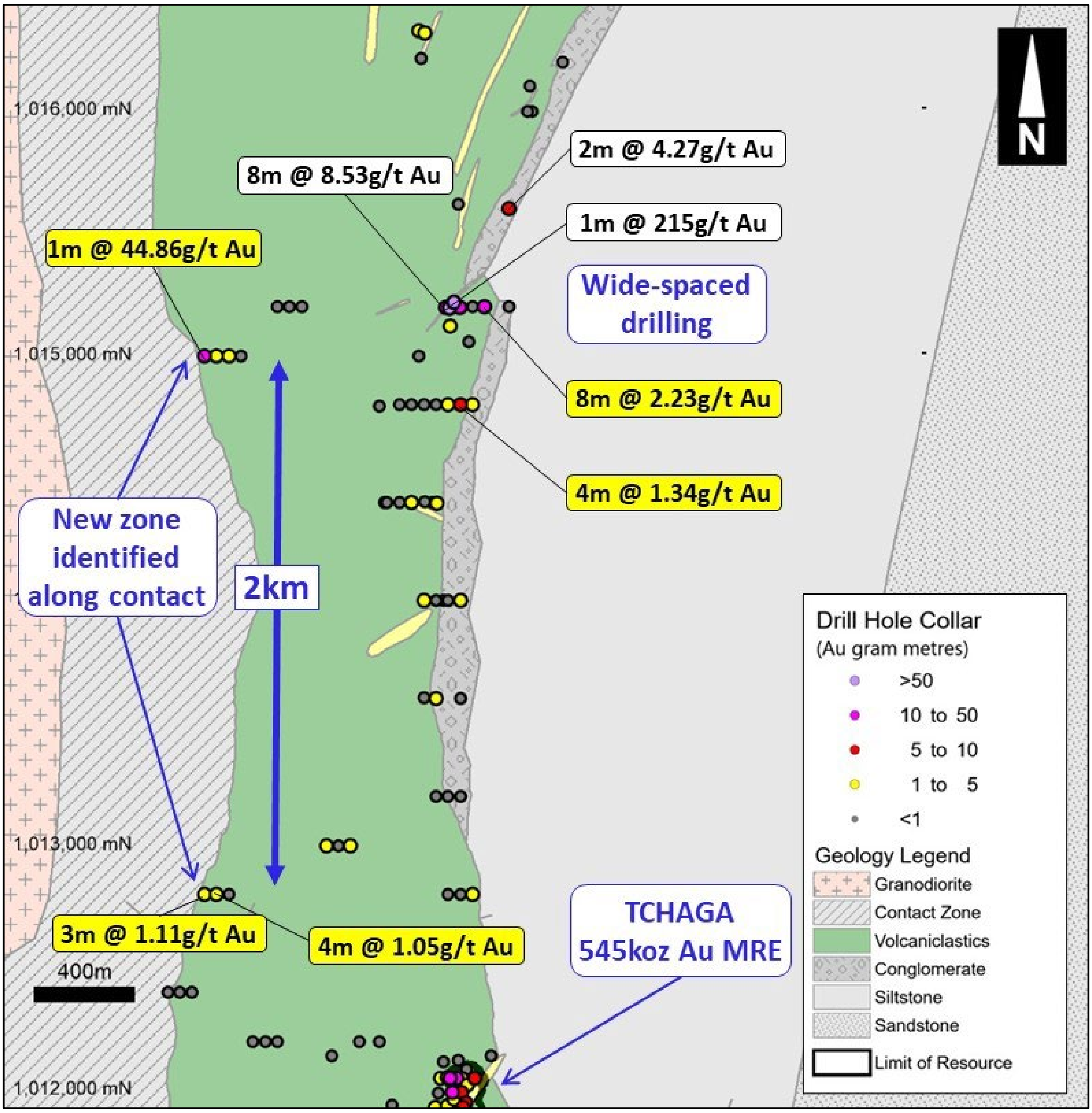

Figure 14: Tchaga North – Select new (yellow) and previous (white)drill intercepts – Note the newly discovered mineralisation at the granite/ volcaniclastic contact zone (grey striped)

KOMBORO NEW GOLD DISCOVERY

Seven targets were drilled during the reporting period with **6 of the 7 targets intersecting significant mineralisation** (Figure 15).

Drill results include **9m at 3.26g/t Au,** including **3m at 7.29g/t Au** and, separately **1m at 30.47g/t Au** in NARC741, as well as **1m at 8.41g/t Au** in NARC743 from the previously undrilled K1 Target.

Drilling at the K2 Target, located on a separate structure 3km to the east, intersected **5m at 1.64g/t Au** in NARC753 (Figure 15).

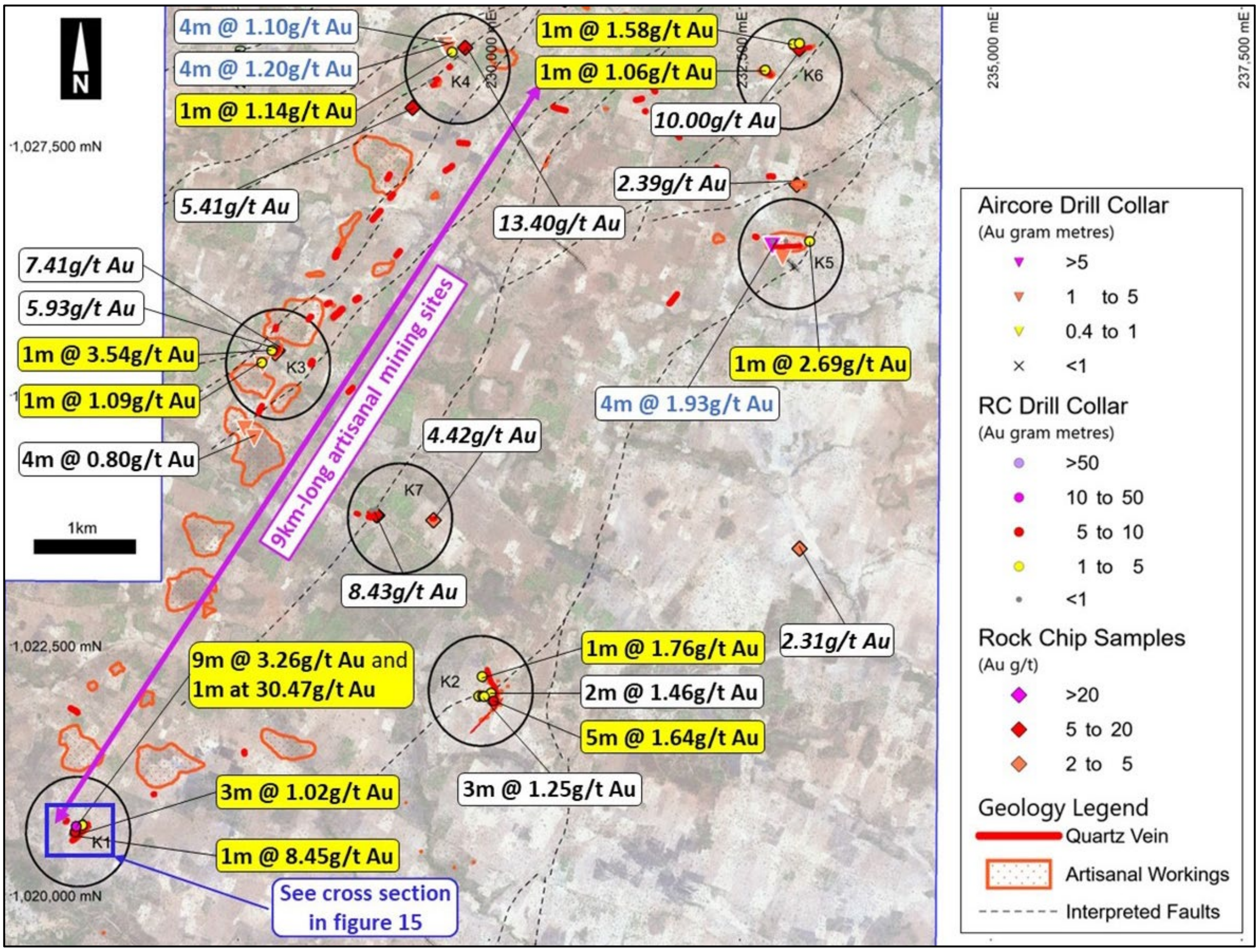

Figure 15: Komboro Prospect: Drill targets K1 to K7 – Select new (yellow) and previous (white) RC results and previous AC results (blue) and rock chips (white italics)

Targets were identified from recent AC drilling which include **4m at 1.93g/t Au**, **4m at 1.20g/t Au**, and **4m at 1.10g/t Au**, and from geological mapping and rock chip sampling. The majority of the holes were drilled on **artisanal mining sites with large quartz veins** which can be **intermittently traced over 9km**, as well as on other smaller artisanal sites, which were identified during recent geological mapping.

The highly encouraging results from K1 and K2, located along separate structures which are splays off the Napié shear, points to the enormous prospectivity in the north of Napié. Testing of these areas has only just begun and further drilling is planned at Komboro. Drilling will focus along strike of targets which have delivered positive results as well at other targets along the 9km-long intermittent artisanal mining sites. The highest priority for follow-up drilling is Target K1 where drill holes are planned along strike of positive results and also above and below NARC741 as shown in Figure 16.

Making a new discovery at the Komboro Prospect validates Mako's belief in the district-scale potential and the **goal to identify a multi-million-ounce deposit on the Napié Project**. **Mako believes that Komboro has the potential to add to the Napié resource inventory** as drilling progresses. Komboro displays the same characteristics as Tchaga and Gogbala in the early days of drilling.

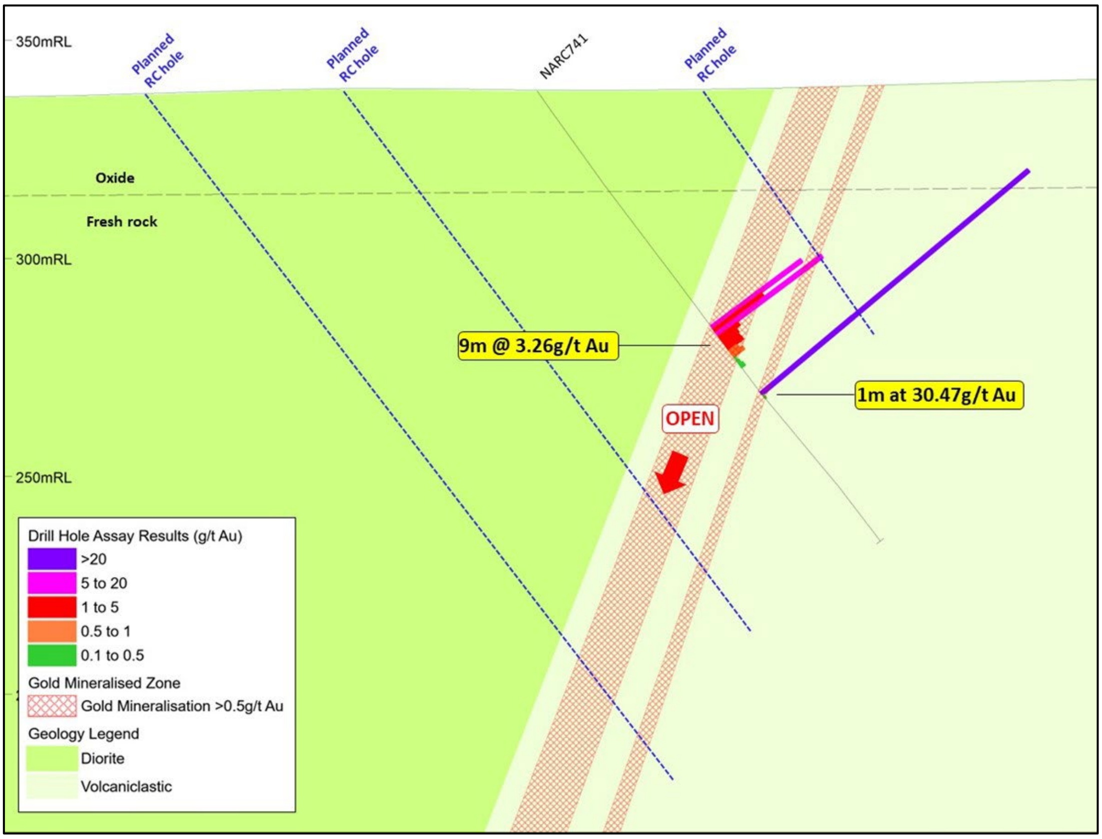

Figure 16: Target K1 cross section with new drill results and planned holes in blue

ESG

As part of Mako's initiatives to benefit the communities where we operate, **the Company drilled and installed a water well in a village on the Napié Project** (Figure 17). Clean water is an endemic issue in many developing countries and providing clean drinking water helps keep the community healthy. Mako had previously installed a water well in another village on the Napié Project. The wells were financed on a 50/50 basis as a partnership with our drilling contractor, Geodrill (TSX:GEO). Mako prides itself on utilising contractors such as Geodrill who have the same community values as we do to improve living conditions in our areas of operation. Mako and Geodrill management attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new water well in August 2023.

MAKO BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON SITE

Mako directors and management recently completed a site visit of Mako's projects which included a field trip to the Ouangolodougou permit which hosts the manganese discovery. Board and management were extremely impressed with the widespread manganese outcrops on the permit.

Figure 17: Ribbon cutting ceremony of the new water well in Tchagakaha village.

Figure 18: Mako directors and GM Exploration on a manganese outcrop on Korhogo Project

CORPORATE

CONSOLIDATION OF OWNERSHIP OF NAPIÉ GOLD PROJECT TO 90%

During the reporting period, Mako completed the initial component of the Sale and Purchase Agreement (**Agreement**) to acquire Perseus Mining Limited's (**ASX & TSX: PRU**) (**Perseus**) 39% interest in the Napié Gold Project (**Napié or the Project**) (**the Transaction**). A summary of the Transaction terms is set out below:

- **Initial Equity Consideration:** 13,800,000 shares equivalent to 2.94% of Mako's issued capital (**Initial Consideration Shares**). The Initial Consideration Shares have a deemed issue price of $0.101 per share (**Issue Price**) and are subject to a 12-month escrow. Completed.
- **Milestone 1 Resource Definition:** A$2,400,000 payment payable in cash or scrip at Mako's election upon delineation of a 1Moz JORC Measured and Indicated Resource (representing a minimum of 25 million tonnes at a minimum grade of 1.25 grams per tonne gold) at Napié. Shares to be issued at the higher of the Issue Price (being 23,762,376 Shares) or the 30-day VWAP of Mako's shares immediately prior to Milestone 1 being achieved.
- **Milestone 2 Commercial Production:** A$2,400,000 payment payable in cash or scrip at Perseus' election upon the first sale of gold doré or ore extracted from Napié. Shares to be issued (being 23,762,376 Shares) at the higher of the Issue Price or the 30-day VWAP of Mako's shares immediately prior to Milestone 2 being achieved.

DRILL FOR EQUITY MOU WITH GEODRILL FOR UP TO US$2M

During the reporting period Mako signed a binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Geodrill Limited (TSX:GEO) whereby Geodrill may subscribe for up to US$1M worth of shares in the capital of the Company in return for drilling services at Mako's discretion.

Under the terms of the agreement Mako agrees to commit up to US$2M worth of reverse circulation (RC) drilling, diamond drilling (DD), or air core (AC) drilling with Geodrill. The agreement is valid for twelve months, in two 6-month stages of up to US$1M each.

After receipt of each monthly invoice, and with the issue price for each share being the previous 15-day VWAP immediately prior to the date of the relevant monthly invoice, **Mako may issue MKG shares to Geodrill, constituting up to 50% of the invoice for drilling services provided by Geodrill** and pay the remaining balance in cash.

Mako has access to this facility for twelve months and may, at its discretion, choose to pay 100% in cash, and is under no obligation to drill a minimum amount or any amount at all. Geodrill has agreed to a 3-month escrow on shares issued to them and thereafter, to notify Mako of its intention to sell shares 5 days in advance. Each party can terminate the MOU at any time by giving the other party 14 days' notice.

The agreement effectively allows Mako to drill at half of its normal drilling contractor cash costs, thereby allowing the Company to preserve cash, while continuing its drill programs.

CAPITAL RAISES INCLUDING CORNERSTONE SUPPORT BY HIGH QUALITY NORTH AMERICAN INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR

During the reporting period the Company raised $5,700,000 by the issue of shares as noted below.

Month	Capital Raising	$
Oct/Nov 2022	Placement of 75,609,757 shares at $0.041 per share	3,100,000
May/June 2023	Placement of 86,666,699 shares at $0.03 per share	2,600,000
		5,700,000

In addition a further $423,038 was raised from the issue of 84,607,567 unlisted $0.04 9/6/24 options by way of an entitlement offer in June 2023.

All of the raises were supported by prominent North American resource fund, Dundee Corporation to maintain a 9.9% holding position.

As at the date of this report the company has the following securities on issue:

Ordinary Shares:	576,008,180
Options	
Unlisted $0.155 30/11/23 Options:	10,200,000
Unlisted $0.04 9/6/24 Options:	84,607,567
Unlisted $0.0615 20/10/24 Options:	15,000,000
Unlisted $0.05 30/6/25 Options:	43,333,359
Unlisted $0.45 30/06/26 Options:	11,000,000

Competent Person's Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mrs Ann Ledwidge B.Sc.(Hon.) Geol., MBA, who is a Member of The Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG). Mrs Ledwidge is a full-time employee and a shareholder of the Company. Mrs Ledwidge has sufficient experience which is 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'. Mrs Ledwidge consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

Compliance Information

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is extracted from the announcement "Mako Delivers 868koz Maiden Resource to Provide Strong Growth Platform at Napié" released to the Australian Securities Exchange on 14 June 2023 and available to view on www.makogold.com.au. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

ASX References

Further details including 2012 JORC reporting tables where applicable, which relate to results and announcements in this Annual Report, can be found in the following announcements lodged with the ASX:

- 21 August 2023 – Significant Manganese Discovery Confirmed at Korhogo
- 24 July 2023 – Diamond Drilling Underway for Resource Expansion at Napie
- 13 July 2023 – Napie Project New Gold Discoveries
- 14 June 2023 – Results of Entitlement Offer
- 14 June 2023 – First RC Drilling Delivers High-Grade gold at Gogbala South
- 24 May 2023 – Drilling commences on Manganese Discovery at Korhogo Project
- 15 May 2023 - Multi-Rig Drill Program Commences at Napie Gold Project
- 1 May 2023 - $2.6M Placement and Loyalty Option Offer
- 26 April 2023 – Two 7km Manganese-Rich Horizons Discovered at Korhogo
- 20 March 2023 – Phase 2 Auger Results Vector in to New RC Targets at Napie
- 27 February 2023 – Drill for Equity MOU with Geodrill for up to US$2M
- 6 February 2023 – Infill Auger Commences on Highest Priority Targets at Napie
- 1 February 2023 – New Gold Zone Outside Mineral Resource at Napie
- 25 January 2023 – Auger Results Indicate Potential for Napie Resource Growth
- 15 November 2022 - 25,000m Auger Program Commences at Napie
- 21 October 2022 – Mako Completes 90% Consolidation of Napie Gold Project
- 14 October 2022 – $3.1M Equity Raise to Fund Napié Project Growth Strategy
- 11 July 2022 – High-Grade Gold Discovery at Napié Komboro Prospect
- 14 June 2022- Mako Delivers 868koz Maiden Resource at Napié
- 1 June 2022 – Tchaga North Aircore Returns 101Grams Gold

Directors' Report

The directors present their report on Mako Gold Limited (the "Company") and its controlled entities ("consolidated entity", "Group" or "Mako") for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Directors

The names and details of the Company's directors in office during the financial year and until the date of this report are as follows. Directors were in office for the entire period unless otherwise stated.

Names, qualifications, experience and special responsibilities

M Muscillo (Non-Executive Chairman) *LLB*
Appointed 20 April 2017, Appointed as Chairman 2 October 2020

Michele Muscillo is a Partner specialising in corporate law with HopgoodGanim Lawyers. He is an admitted Solicitor and has a practice focusing on mergers and acquisitions, and capital raising. He has a Bachelor of Laws from Queensland University of Technology and was a recipient of the QUT University Medal. In his role with HopgoodGanim Lawyers, he has acted on a variety of corporate transactions including initial public offerings, takeovers and other acquisitions. Michele's experience brings to the Board expertise on corporate regulation, governance and compliance matters.

Michele is a non-executive director of ASX-Listed Aeris Resources Limited (from May 2013) and Xanadu Mines Limited (from August 2017) and was previously a director of ASX-Listed Orbis Gold Limited, until its takeover by TSX-Listed Semafo in March 2015, and of Cardinal Resources Limited from October 2017 up to its takeover by China's Shandong Gold Mining Co. Ltd in February 2021.

P Ledwidge (Managing Director) *BSc Geology, MAusIMM*
Appointed 4 June 2015

Peter Ledwidge, a founder of Mako Gold, is a qualified geologist with over 30 years' experience in the exploration and mining industry. His career has focussed primarily on gold exploration along with some base metals exploration. Peter has worked extensively in Canada, Africa and Australia, in a variety of roles in exploration, development and mining projects.

Prior to founding Mako Gold, Peter was a senior manager with ASX-listed Orbis Gold whereby he secured all of Orbis' permits in Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire. Peter played a critical role in the discovery of the Nabanga gold deposit and thereafter contributed geological ideas towards the discovery of the Boungou mine, currently being mined by Lilium Mining.

Peter is fluently bilingual in French and English and has established and maintained good professional contacts in Burkina Faso and Cote d'Ivoire in government as well as the private sector.

S Zaninovich (Non-Executive Director) *B.Eng*
Appointed 2 October 2020

Mr. Zaninovich is a highly qualified engineer with over 25 years' mining project development and management experience across a variety of commodities and jurisdictions. Steven has held Executive and Non-Executive Board roles with several public and private companies and has extensive in-country experience in West Africa including Burkina Faso, Mali, Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana.

He served as COO with Gryphon Minerals (ASX:GRY) prior to their takeover by Teranga Gold (TSX:TGZ) where he assumed the role of Vice President of Major Projects and completed the bankable feasibility study on the c.2.4 million ounce Wahgnion Gold Project in Burkina Faso.

Steven is currently a Non-Executive Director of Sarama Resources (from May 2022), Maximus Resources (from July 2020) and Bellavista Resources (from May 2022). In addition he is a Director of AIM listed Kodal Minerals Plc. He is a former director of Indiana Resources from February 2019 to February 2021, Canyon Resources Ltd from January 2019 to August 2022.

Company Secretary

P Marshall *LLB, ACA*
Appointed 13 April 2017

Paul Marshall holds a Bachelor of Law degree and is a Chartered Accountant. He has more than thirty five years' experience including over twenty five years spent in commercial roles as Company Secretary and CFO for a number of listed and unlisted companies mainly in the resources sector.

Interests in the shares and options of the Company

Interests of the directors in the shares and options of the Company as at the date of this report are:

	Ordinary Shares	Unlisted November 2023 $0.155 Options	Unlisted June 2024 $0.04 Options	Unlisted June 2025 $0.05 Options
Peter Ledwidge	11,193,295	2,000,000	2,798,327	833,334
Michele Muscillo	1,501,913	1,500,000	375,488	166,667
Steven Zaninovich	1,123,090	1,000,000	333,334	166,667

Meetings of Directors

The following table sets out the number of formal director's meetings held during the year ended 30 June 2023 and the number of meetings attended by each director.

	Directors' Meetings	
Director	A	B
P Ledwidge	5	5
M Muscillo	5	5
S Zaninovich	5	5

A = Number of meetings held during the time the Director held office during the year.
B = Number of meetings attended.

All matters relating to committees – Audit, Remuneration and Nomination are covered at the Board meetings as required.

Corporate Information

Corporate Structure
Mako Gold Limited is a company limited by shares that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Mako Gold Limited has prepared a consolidated financial report encompassing the entities that it controlled or had significant influence over during the financial year: Mako Gold Limited had the following investments in controlled companies throughout the financial year:
- Mako Gold SARL (Incorporated in Burkina Faso - 100%)
- Mako Côte d'Ivoire SARLU (Incorporated in Côte d'Ivoire - 100%)

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the consolidated entity during the year were the acquisition of and exploration of gold tenements.

Operating Results

During the year Mako continued with exploration activities on its projects in Côte d'Ivoire.

Revenue
As an early-stage exploration company, Mako Gold Limited does not generate any operating income - the revenue recorded in the period to 30 June 2023 of $18,122 relates to interest revenue.

Expenses
The Consolidated Entity's main expenses were as follows:

	2023 **$**
Corporate and Administration expenses	709,847
Amortisation of right of use assets	44,054
Interest on lease liabilities	7,913
Share based payment expense	456,140
Employment expenses	377,232
Total expenses	1,595,186

The share-based payment expense relates to mainly to the value of the options issued to advisors in relation to the capital raisings completed during the reporting period.

Comparison with Prior Year
For the year ended 30 June 2023, the loss for the Consolidated Entity after providing for income tax was $1,577,064 (2022: loss of $1,443,143):

	2023 $	2022 $
Other income	18,122	1,623
Amortisation right of use assets and interest on lease liabilities	(51,967)	(40,030)
Share based payment expense	(456,140)	(246,857)
Employment costs	(377,232)	(383,805)
Corporate and administration expenses	(709,847)	(765,074)
Loss after income tax	(1,577,064)	(1,434,143)

Excluding the share based payment expense that largely related to options issued to corporate advisors in relation to corporate activities and which are not recurring in nature nor comparable, the adjusted loss for the 2023 financial year is approximately $66,000 lower than the adjusted loss of 2022 with the increased costs attributable to:

	$
Increase in other income	16,499
Reduction in employee costs	6,573
Amortisation of right of use assets and interest on lease liabilities	(11,937)
Reduction in corporate, administrative and other costs	55,227
	66,362

Review of Financial Condition

Capital structure
In the 2023 financial year Mako issued the following securities:

Ordinary Shares
- 20/10/22 and 18/11/22 issue of 75,609,757 shares by way of a placement at $0.041 per share
- 21/10/22 issue of 13,800,000 shares in relation to the acquisition of an additional 39% interest in the Napié Gold Project in Côte d'Ivoire at $0.101 per share
- 9/5/23 and 30/6/23 issue of 86,666,699 shares by way of a placement at $0.03 per share

Options
- 20/10/22 issue of 15,000,000 unlisted 20/10/24 advisor options exercisable at $0.0615
- 19 and 30/6/23 issue of 84,607,567 unlisted 9/06/24 loyalty options issued at $0.005 per option exercisable at $0.04
- 30/6/23 issue of 11,000,000 unlisted 30/06/26 advisor options exercisable at $0.045
- 30/6/23 issue of 43,333,359 unlisted 30/06/25 placement options exercisable at $0.05

At 30 June 2023, the Company had the following securities on issue:
- 558,318,058 ordinary shares
- 4,000,000 $0.12 August 2023 options
- 10,200,000 $0.155 November 2023 options
- 15,000,000 $0.0615 20 October 2024 options
- 84,607,567 $0.04 9 June 2024 options
- 43,333,359 $0.05 30 June 2025 options and
- 11,000,000 $0.045 30 June 2026 options.

Subsequent to the end of the period the August 2023 options lapsed unexercised.

Treasury policy
The Company does not have a formally established treasury function. The Board is responsible for managing the Company's currency risks and finance facilities.

Liquidity and funding
The Company has a successful record of raising funds to enable it to undertake its exploration programs and it expects to raise funds in the near term to be utilised to progress its activities in the 23/24 financial year.

Dividends

No dividend was paid during the year and none is recommended as at 30 June 2023.

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

There were no significant changes in the State of Affairs of the Consolidated Entity during the year apart from those items covered in the review of operations above.

Matters Subsequent to the End of the Financial Year

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period the Company issued 17,690,122 shares pursuant to a Drill for Equity Agreement with Geodrill Limited as approved at an EGM held on 22 June 2023. Under the agreement the Company has approval (up to three months after the date of the meeting) to issue up to 50,333,333 Shares (with the issue price for each Share being the previous 15-day VWAP immediately prior to the date of the relevant monthly invoice and with a minimum price of $0.03 per share) to Geodrill Ltd as payment for 50% of drilling costs invoiced.

Apart from the share issue no matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the operations of the Consolidated Entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Consolidated Entity in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2023.

Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations

There are no developments of which the directors are aware which could be expected to affect the results of the Consolidated Entity's operations in subsequent financial years other than information which the directors believe comment on or disclosure of, would prejudice the interests of the Consolidated Entity.

Indemnification of Officers Directors or Auditor

The Consolidated Entity has entered into Deeds of Indemnity with each of the Directors. The contracts prohibit the disclosure of the nature of the liabilities covered and the amount of the premium paid. The Corporations Act 2001 does not require disclosure of this information in these circumstances. The Consolidated Entity has not indemnified its auditor.

Proceedings on Behalf of the Company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Consolidated Entity or intervene in any proceedings to which the Consolidated Entity is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Consolidated Entity for all or any part of those proceedings. The Consolidated Entity was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Environmental Regulation and Performance

The Consolidated Entity held obligations under various exploration licences. There have been no known breaches of the obligations or licence conditions.

Business Risks

Material business risks could adversely affect the achievement of the financial performance or financial outcomes of the Consolidated Entity. The Consolidated Entity monitors risk through regular reviews. Risks, responses, classifications and mitigation strategies are maintained and presented to the Board of the Consolidated Entity at each Board meeting. The Consolidated Entity will continue to monitor commodity markets and review its strategy periodically and adjust as required.

It is not possible to identify every risk that could affect the business or shareholders and the actions taken to mitigate these risks cannot provide absolute assurance that a risk will not materialise or have a material adverse effect on business strategies, assets or future performance of MKG. A non-exhaustive list (in no particular order) of material risks are set out below.

RISK CATEGORY	RISK
Operational risks	Prosperity for the Consolidated Entity will depend largely upon an efficient and successful implementation of all the aspects of exploration, developments, business activities and management of commercial factors. The operations of the Consolidated Entity may be disrupted by a variety of risks and hazards which are beyond the control of the Consolidated Entity. Exploration and development may be hampered on occasions by accidents, unforeseen cost changes, environmental considerations, unforeseen weather events, and other natural events.

Ongoing funding requirements	The Consolidated Entity's ability to raise further funding to meet both its operating and capital expenditure requirements depend upon a number of different factors. The Consolidated Entity has no operations from its projects that are likely to generate sufficient cash flow to meet the Consolidated Entity's operating and capital expenditure needs in the near term. It is unlikely that the Consolidated Entity will be able to obtain any bank debt financing. Were it able to secure such debt financing, the Consolidated Entity would likely be required to accept restrictions on its operating activities. The Consolidated Entity's ability to raise further equity financing is also sensitive to negative market sentiment, and the current global economic outlook may make it challenging for the Consolidated Entity to raise new equity capital in the near future. Accordingly, there is no guarantee that the Consolidated Entity would be able to secure significant funding if needed on terms favourable to the Consolidated Entity. Further the Consolidated Entity notes that to the extent that the Consolidated Entity can raise further additional equity, that financing may dilute existing shareholders.
Government policy and taxation	Changes in relevant taxation, interest rates, other legal, legislative and administrative regimes, and Government policies in Australia, Cote D'Ivoire and Burkina Faso, may have an adverse effect on the assets, operations and ultimately the financial performance of Consolidated Entity.
Commodity prices	The Consolidated Entity's prospects and perceived value will be influenced from time to time by the prevailing short-term prices of the commodities targeted in exploration programs of the Consolidated Entity. Commodity prices fluctuate and are affected by factors including supply and demand for mineral products, hedge activities associated with commodity markets, the costs of production and general global economic and financial market conditions. These factors may cause volatility which in turn, may affect the Consolidated Entity's ability to finance its future exploration and/or bring the Consolidated Entity's projects to market.
Tenement and land access risks	All exploration permits in which Consolidated Entity has an interest (directly or indirectly) will require compliance with certain levels of expenditure and renewal from time to time. If for any reason expenditure requirements are not met or a licence or permit is not renewed, then Consolidated Entity may suffer damage and as a result may be denied the opportunity to develop certain mineral resources. The Consolidated Entity's Napié permit is due to expire in December 2023. The Company has been in discussions with the relevant Government authorities regarding the process for renewal/reissue of the permit and based on those discussions and indications from Government, is confident regarding the grant of that renewal/reissue. However, while the Consolidated Entity is confident that a renewal/reissue will be obtained this is not a guaranteed outcome of the application that will be lodged later in 2023. Land access is critical for exploration and evaluation to succeed. Access to land for exploration purposes can be affected by factors such as land ownership and access availability.
Environmental risks	The various tenements which the Consolidated Entity has interests in (whether directly or indirectly) are subject to laws and regulations regarding environmental matters, which mean there are potential liability risks.
Exploration and Production	Tenements in which the Consolidated Entity or its Related Bodies Corporate has an interest are at various stages of exploration. There can be no assurance that exploration of the project areas will result in the discovery of an economic reserve.
Contractual risk	The Consolidated Entity's ability to efficiently conduct its operations in a number of respects depends upon a third-party service providers and contracts have, in some circumstances, been entered into by the Consolidated Entity and its subsidiaries in this regard. Any default under such contracts by a third party may adversely affect the Consolidated Entity.

Climate change risks

The Consolidated Entity does not consider that it currently has a material exposure to the risks associated with Climate Change. The Consolidated Entity does not consider it necessary to reflect any impact associated with Climate Change risks (eg. impairments, provisions) in its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023. The Consolidated Entity considers the following matters to be relevant to this conclusion:

- the Consolidated Entity's activities are predominantly focused on the discovery and definition phase of natural resource projects. The consolidated entity is not yet in a mine planning, development, construction or operational phase. Accordingly, having a predominantly greenfields exploration focus means that the consolidated entity currently has no significant man-made infrastructure that would be subject to the potential physical risks associated with Climate Change. Furthermore, the consolidated entity has a minimal carbon footprint and negligible emissions;
- the Consolidated Entity is not currently aware of any pending or proposed Climate Change related regulatory or legislative changes that would materially impact it, or its assets, at this time;
- the Consolidated Entity's exploration interests are predominantly focused on minerals and metals that are not expected to be significantly impacted by the various categories of risk associated with Climate Change. These minerals and metals include gold and manganese;
- other than as outlined above, the Consolidated Entity considers that it currently has limited exposure to the technological market and reputational risks associated with Climate Change.

Share Options

Details of options issued, exercised, and expired during and subsequent to the financial year are set out below:

		Movements				
Expiry Date	**Exercise Price**	**1-Jul-22**	**Issued**	**Exercised**	**Expired**	**Report Date**
a) 5 July 2022	$0.08	2,500,232	-	-	(2,500,232)	-
b) 30 September 2022	$0.17	4,000,000	-	-	(4,000,000)	-
c) 31 August 2023	$0.12	4,000,000	-	-	(4,000,000)	-
d) 30 November 2023	$0.155	10,200,000	-	-	-	10,200,000
e) 20 October 2024	$0.0615	-	15,000,000	-	-	15,000,000
f) 9 June 2024	$0.04	-	84,607,567	-	-	84,607,567
g) 30 June 2025	$0.05	-	43,333,359	-	-	43,333,359
h) 30 June 2026	$0.045	-	11,000,000	-	-	11,000,000
		20,700,232	153,940,926	-	(10,500,232)	164,140,926

Option details

a) Unlisted advisor options issued for corporate advisory services issued on 13/7/20 – expired unexercised 5/7/22
b) Unlisted advisor options issued for corporate advisory services issued on 7/10/20 – expired unexercised 30/9/22
c) Unlisted advisor options issued for corporate advisory services issued on 30/08/21 – expired unexercised 31/8/23
d) Unlisted Company ESOP options issued to company personnel issued on 20/11/20
e) Unlisted advisor options issued for corporate advisory services issued on 20/10/22
f) Unlisted loyalty options issued at $0.005 per option on 19 and 30/6/23
g) Unlisted free placement options issued on 30/6/23
h) Unlisted advisor options issued for corporate advisory services issued on 30/6/23

No option holder has any right under the options to participate in any other share issue of the company or any other entity.

Auditor

The Auditor's Independence Declaration is attached and forms part of the Director's Report for the year ended 30 June 2023. BDO Audit Pty Ltd continues in office in accordance with section 327 of the Corporations Act 2001. The Company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the Company and/or the group are important.

The Board of Directors has considered the position and are satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001.* The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services by the auditor, as set out below, did not compromise the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services have been reviewed by the Board of Directors to ensure they do not impact the impartiality and objectivity of the auditor
- none of the services undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards).*

During the year the following fees were paid or are payable for non-audit services provided by the auditor of the parent entity, BDO Audit Pty Ltd and its related practices.

- $19,000 in relation to taxation compliance and advice services

Remuneration Report (Audited)

This report details the nature and amount of remuneration for Directors and Key Management Personnel of the Group.

Remuneration Policy

The performance of the Company depends upon the quality of its Directors and Executives. To prosper, the Group must attract, motivate and retain highly skilled Directors and Executives.

Remuneration Committee

The full Board are responsible for determining and reviewing compensation arrangements for the Directors and the Executive team.

The Board will assess the appropriateness of the nature and amount of emoluments of such officers on a periodic basis by reference to relevant employment market conditions with the overall objective of ensuring maximum stakeholder benefit from the retention of a high-quality Board and Executive team.

Officers are given the opportunity to receive their base emoluments in a variety of forms including cash and fringe benefits. It is intended that the manner of payments chosen will be optimal for the recipient without creating undue cost for the company.

Remuneration structure

It is the Group's objective to provide maximum stakeholder benefit from the retention of a high-quality Board and Executive team by remunerating Directors and other Key Management Personnel fairly and appropriately with reference to relevant employment market conditions.

To assist in achieving this objective, the Board considers the nature and amount of Executive Directors' and Officers' emoluments alongside the Group's financial and operational performance. The expected outcomes of the remuneration structure are the retention and motivation of key Executives, the attraction of quality management to the Company and performance incentives which allow Executives to share the rewards of the success of the company.

In accordance with best practice corporate governance, the structure of Executive and Non-Executive Director remuneration is separate and distinct.

Non-Executive Director Remuneration

The Board seeks to set aggregate remuneration at a level which provides the company with the ability to attract and retain Directors of the highest caliber, whilst incurring a cost which is acceptable to shareholders.

The Constitution of Mako Gold Limited and the ASX Listing Rules specify that the Non-Executive Directors are entitled to remuneration as determined by the Company in a General Meeting to be apportioned among them in such manner as the Directors agree and, in default of agreement, equally. The maximum aggregate remuneration currently approved by shareholders for Directors' fees is for a total of $300,000 per annum.

If a Non-Executive Director performs extra services, which in the opinion of the Directors are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of the Director, the company may remunerate that Director by payment of a fixed sum determined by the Directors in addition to or instead of the remuneration referred to above. Non-Executive Directors are entitled to be paid travel and other expenses properly incurred by them in attending Directors or General Meetings of the Company or otherwise in connection with the business of the Company.

The remuneration of Non-Executive Directors for the year ended 30 June 2023 is detailed in this Remuneration Report.

Executive Director and Senior Management Remuneration

The Company aims to reward Executive Director and Senior Management with a level and mix of remuneration commensurate with their position and responsibilities within the company and so as to:

- reward Executives for Group and individual performance against targets set by reference to appropriate benchmarks;
- align the interests of Executives with those of shareholders;
- link reward with the strategic goals and performance of the Group; and
- ensure total remuneration is competitive by market standards.

The remuneration of the Executive Director and Senior Management may from time to time be fixed by the Board. As noted above, the Board's policy is to align Executive objectives with shareholder and business objectives by providing a fixed remuneration component and offering short-term and long-term incentives. The level of fixed remuneration is set so as to provide a base level of remuneration which is both appropriate to the position and is competitive in the market. Fixed remuneration is reviewed annually by the Board, and the process consists of a review of company wide and individual performance, relevant comparative remuneration in the market and internal, and where appropriate, external advice on policies and practices. No remuneration consultants were engaged during the year.

In relation to the payment of bonuses, options and other incentive payments, discretion is exercised by the Board, having regard to the overall performance of the Company and the performance of the individual during the year.

The remuneration of the Executive Directors and Senior Management for the period ended 30 June 2023 is detailed in this Remuneration Report.

Details of Directors and other Key Management – Mako Gold Limited

Name	Position	Period of Service
Directors		
Michele Muscillo	Non-Executive Chairman	Appointed 2/4/17, appointed as Chair 2/10/20
Peter Ledwidge	Managing Director	Appointed 4/6/15
Steven Zaninovich	Non-Executive Director	Appointed 2/10/20
Key Management		
Ann Ledwidge	General Manager Exploration	Appointed 4/6/15
Paul Marshall	CFO/Company Secretary	Appointed 17/4/17

Employment contracts

It is the Board's policy that employment agreements are entered into with all Directors, Executives and employees. The current employment agreements with the Managing Director and with the General Manager Exploration have a three-month notice period. All other employment agreements have one month (or less) notice periods. No current employment contracts contain early termination clauses. All Non-Executive Directors have contracts of employment. None of these contracts have termination benefits.

Non-Executive Chairman Arrangements
Mr Michele Muscillo was appointed as Chairman on 2 October 2020 with the key terms of the arrangement:

- Ongoing contract – no fixed term;
- Fee of $80,000 per annum;
- No notice period;
- Participation in Company ESOP.

Non-Executive Director Arrangements
Mr Steven Zaninovich was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Company commencing from 2 October 2020. The key terms of the NED arrangement are:

- Ongoing contract – no fixed term;
- Fee of $50,000 per annum;
- No notice period;
- Participation in Company ESOP.

Executive Director Arrangements
The Company entered into an employment contract with Mr Peter Ledwidge as Managing Director of the Company commencing from 1 March 2017. The key terms of the contract are:

- Ongoing contract – no fixed term;
- Salary of $280,500 per annum as from October 2020 inclusive of statutory superannuation;
- Four weeks annual leave;
- Annual bonus at the Board's discretion;
- Participation in Company ESOP;
- Three-month notice period.

General Manager Exploration Arrangements
The Company entered into an employment contract with Mrs Ann Ledwidge as General Manager Exploration of the Company commencing from 1 March 2017. The key terms of the contract are:

- Ongoing contract – no fixed term;
- Salary of $225,500 per annum as from October 2020 inclusive of statutory superannuation;
- Four weeks annual leave;
- Annual bonus at the Board's discretion;
- Participation in Company ESOP
- Three-month notice period.

Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary Arrangements
The Company entered into a service arrangement with Mr Paul Marshall as Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of the Company commencing from 1 May 2017. The key terms of the arrangement are:

- Ongoing contract – no fixed term;
- Fee of $114,400 per annum as from October 2020;
- Participation in Company ESOP
- One month notice period.

Key management personnel equity holdings

Ordinary Shares

	Balance 1 July 2022	Acquired through capital raising	Acquired on market	Other additions /disposals/transfers	Balance 30 June 2023
Directors					
Peter Ledwidge*	8,014,862	2,886,180	292,253	-	11,193,295
Michele Muscillo	558,823	943,090	-	-	1,501,913
Steven Zaninovich	180,000	943,090	-	-	1,123,090
Key Management					
Ann Ledwidge*	8,014,862	2,886,180	292,253	-	11,193,295
Paul Marshall	625,000	333,334	-	-	958,334

* Shares are jointly owned by Peter and Ann Ledwidge

Unlisted 9 June 2024 $0.04 Loyalty Options

	Balance 1 July 2022	Acquired through capital raising	Acquired on market	Other additions /disposals/transfers	Balance 30 June 2023
Directors					
Peter Ledwidge*	-	2,798,327	-	-	2,798,327
Michele Muscillo	-	375,488	-	-	375,488
Steven Zaninovich	-	333,334	-	-	333,334
Key Management					
Ann Ledwidge*	-	2,798,327	-	-	2,798,327
Paul Marshall	-	283,334	-	-	283,334

* Shares are jointly owned by Peter and Ann Ledwidge

Unlisted 30 June 2025 $0.05 Placement Options

	Balance 1 July 2022	Acquired through capital raising	Acquired on market	Other additions /disposals/transfers	Balance 30 June 2023
Directors					
Peter Ledwidge*	-	833,334	-	-	833,334
Michele Muscillo	-	166,667	-	-	166,667
Steven Zaninovich	-	166,667	-	-	166,667
Key Management					
Ann Ledwidge*	-	833,334	-	-	833,334
Paul Marshall	-	166,667	-	-	166,667

* Shares are jointly owned by Peter and Ann Ledwidge

Unlisted 30/11/23 $0.155 ESOP options

	Balance 1 July 2022	Awarded in period	Exercised	Lapsed	Balance 30 June 2023	Vested and Exercisable	Unvested
Directors							
Peter Ledwidge	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	-
Michele Muscillo	1,500,000	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
Steven Zaninovich	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Key Management							
Ann Ledwidge	1,500,000	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
Paul Marshall	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	-

Transactions with related parties

Transactions with Key Management Personnel related parties

Transaction	Entity	Association	2023 $	2022 $
Legal services	HopgoodGanim	Michele Muscillo	117,889	46,662

Mr Michele Muscillo is a partner of HopgoodGanim solicitors. All of the above transactions were based on normal commercial terms and conditions.

Trade and other payable balances with related parties

Nature	Entity	Association	2023 $	2022 $
Legal services	HopgoodGanim	Michele Muscillo	7,208	-
Director fees	Michele Muscillo	Michele Muscillo	6,667	6,667
Director fees	Zivvo Pty Ltd	Steven Zaninovich	4,167	4,167

Loans to related parties
There were no loans provided to related parties

Remuneration of Directors and other Key Management Personnel – 2023

	Short Term Benefits				Post Employment Benefits	Equity Based Benefits			
	Salary/ Director fees	Consulting fees	Non-monetary benefits	Leave benefits	Superannuation	Options	**Total**	Performance Related %	% of bonus forfeited
Directors									
Peter Ledwidge	253,846	-	-	(12,790)	26,654	16,951	284,661	5.95%	-
Michele Muscillo	80,000	-	-	-	-	12,713	92,713	13.71%	-
Steven Zaninovich	50,000					8,475	58,475	14.49%	-
Key Management									
Ann Ledwidge	204,072	-	-	(14,970)	21,428	12,713	223,243	5.69%	-
Paul Marshall	114,400	-	-	-	-	8,475	122,875	6.90%	-
	702,319	**-**	**-**	**(27,760)**	**48,081**	**59,328**	**781,968**		

Remuneration of Directors and other Key Management Personnel – 2022

	Short Term Benefits				Post Employment Benefits	Equity Based Benefits			
	Salary/ Director fees	Consulting fees	Non-monetary benefits	Leave benefits	Superannuation	Options	**Total**	Performance Related %	% of bonus forfeited
Directors									
Peter Ledwidge	255,000	-	-	(1,172)	25,500	38,568	317,896	12.13%	-
Michele Muscillo	80,000	-	-	-	-	28,926	108,926	26.56%	-
Steven Zaninovich	50,000	-	-	-	-	19,284	69,284	27.83%	-
Key Management									
Ann Ledwidge	205,000	-	-	(2,491)	20,500	28,926	251,935	11.48%	-
Paul Marshall	114,400	-	-	-	-	19,284	133,684	14.42%	-
	704,400	**-**	**-**	**(3,662)**	**46,000**	**134,987**	**881,725**		

There were no termination benefits paid or accrued for the years ended 30 June 2023 or 2022.

FY2020 Long Term ESOP Plan

The Company implemented an updated policy in respect of, board, executive and employee remuneration in the 2022 financial year. The goal is to ensure that the mix and balance of remuneration is appropriate to attract, motivate and retain high calibre directors, senior executives and key management personnel, utilising a policy that is consistent with the Company's business strategy and contemporary corporate governance standards. As part of this review, the Directors resolved to implement an ESOP options scheme for Directors and management. Director participation was approved at the 2020 AGM and the scheme was implemented in November 2020. Remuneration under the Plan is in the form of unlisted 3 year options with an exercise price set at a 50% premium to the share price on the date of AGM approval. Each option that vests and is exercised converts to an ordinary share in the Company at a price of $0.155. The options vest on the basis of 1/3 of the total grant at each of 12, 24 and 30 months after their issue date.

Goals of the ESOP Plan
The ESOP Plan is designed to reward and motivate Directors and senior management for superior company performance over a three-year performance period.

The principal goals of the Plan are to:
- Focus Directors and senior management on long term outcomes;
- Retain key, high performing management;
- Align reward with shareholders' interests by payment in equity.

Fair value of options granted
The Company has undertaken a valuation of the Director Options utilising the Black-Scholes Model. Inherent in the application of the Black-Scholes Model are a number of inputs, some of which must be assumed. The data relied upon in the valuation applying the Black-Scholes Model is noted below:

Item	ESOP Options
Underlying security spot price	$0.105
Exercise price	$0.155
Valuation date	12/11/2020
Commencement of vesting period	1/12/20
Vesting dates	30/11/2022, 30/11/2023 and 30/05/2023
Vesting period (years)	1, 2 and 2.5 years
Expiry date	30/11/2023
Life of the Options (years)	3
Expected term (years)	2.41575
Volatility	90%
Risk-free rate	0.11%
Dividend yield	0
Valuation per Option	$0.0446

The value of options granted, exercised and lapsed in the current year is set out in the below table.

	Nos Granted	Total Value Granted	Value in Reporting Period	Value still to be recognised	Value Lapsed
Directors					
Peter Ledwidge	2,000,000	$89,200	$16,951	-	-
Steven Zaninovich	1,000,000	$44,600	$8,475	-	-
Michele Muscillo	1,500,000	$66,900	$12,713	-	-
Key Management					
Ann Ledwidge	1,500,000	$66,900	$12,713	-	-
Paul Marshall	1,000,000	$44,600	$8,475	-	-

No shares were issued on exercise of options issued as part of remuneration in 2023.

Relationship between remuneration and Company performance

The factors that are considered to affect shareholder return in the past 5 years are summarised below:

Measures	2023 $	2022 $	2020 $	2019 $	2018 $
Share price at end of financial year	0.028	0.059	0.084	0.105	0.08
Market capitalisation at end of financial year ($M)	15.63	22.55	21.61	11.9	6.12
Net Profit/(loss) for the financial year	(1,577,064)	(1,434,143)	(1,488,024)	(1,651,992)	(1,127,580)
Basic and diluted earnings per share (cents)	(0.35)	(0.39)	(0.63)	(1.74)	(1.76)
Director and Key Management Personnel remuneration	781,968	881,725	887,026	710,891	696,516

Fixed remuneration is not linked to Group performance. It is set with reference to the individual's role, responsibilities, and performance and remuneration levels for similar positions in the market. The Board will consider the Consolidated Entity's performance in the above matters when setting remuneration along with other factors relevant to an exploration company including the following:

- the identification/acquisition of prospective tenements;
- subsequent design and execution of exploration programs;
- negotiating joint venture arrangements on terms favorable to the Company;
- establishing and expanding the level of mineral resources under the control of the company; and
- carrying out exploration and development programs in a timely and cost effective manner.

No dividends were paid by Mako Gold Limited nor was there any return of capital over the past 5 years.

----------------------------- END OF REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)------------------------------

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors

M Muscillo
Chairman
Brisbane, 29 September 2023

Auditor's Independence Declaration

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DECLARATION OF C R JENKINS TO THE DIRECTORS OF MAKO GOLD LIMITED

As lead auditor of Mako Gold Limited for the year ended 30 June 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Mako Gold Limited and the entities it controlled during the year.

C R Jenkins
Director

BDO Audit Pty Ltd

Brisbane, 29 September 2023

Additional ASX Information

Additional information required by the Australian Stock Exchange Ltd and not shown elsewhere in this report is as follows. The information is current as at 18 September 2023.

Voting Rights

All fully paid ordinary shares carry one vote per share without restriction.

Distribution of equity securities

MKG – Ordinary Fully Paid Shares

Number of Securities Held	No's of holders
1 to 1,000	35
1,001 to 5,000	67
5,001 to 10,000	212
10,001 to 100,000	816
100,001 and over	556
Total	1,686
Number of unmarketable parcels	597

Twenty largest holders

MKG – Ordinary Fully Paid Shares

No.	Name of Shareholder	Holding	% Held
1	Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	63,083,439	10.95%
2	Sparta AG	40,000,000	6.94%
3	BNP Paribas Nominees Pty Ltd Acf Clearstream	22,924,866	3.98%
4	Equity Trustees Limited	17,789,750	3.09%
5	Perseus Mining Limited	13,800,000	2.40%
6	Mr Terrance Frederick Burling	12,887,916	2.24%
7	Mr David Harper	11,472,360	1.99%
8	Huon Pine Pty Ltd	11,257,243	1.95%
9	Delphi Unternehmensberatung Aktiengesellschaft	11,228,261	1.95%
10	Mr Zbigniew Waldemar Lubieniecki	7,777,361	1.35%
11	Mr Peter Francis Rene Ledwidge & Mrs Ann Louise Ledwidge	7,533,433	1.31%
12	BNP Paribas Noms Pty Ltd	7,172,984	1.25%
13	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	5,854,375	1.02%
14	Berto Nominees Pty Ltd	5,706,492	0.99%
15	Mrs Gurpriya Singh	5,700,000	0.99%
16	Mr Phillip Richard Perry	5,300,000	0.92%
17	BNP Paribas Nominees Pty Ltd	4,779,944	0.83%
18	Gecko Resources Pty Ltd	4,100,000	0.71%
19	Rask Pty Ltd	3,713,284	0.64%
20	Abbotsleigh Pty Ltd	3,571,429	0.62%
	Total	**265,653,137**	**46.12%**

Substantial Shareholders

The company has received the following shareholder notices as at 18 September 2023:
- Dundee Resources Limited 9.9%
- Sparta AG and Delphi Unternehmensberatung Aktiengesellschaft 8.89%

Unquoted Securities

There are the following unquoted securities as at 18 September 2023. Each option is convertible into one fully paid ordinary share.

Nos	Option Terms
10,200,000	Unlisted $0.155 ESOP options expiry date 30/11/23 – no holder has 20% or more of the options issued.
15,000,000	Unlisted $0.0615 advisor options expiry date 20/10/24 - Goodman & Company Investment Counsel Inc, H2 Investment Services Pty Ltd and L39 Pty Ltd each hold 26.67% of the options issued
84,607,567	Unlisted $0.04 loyalty options expiry date 9/6/24 – no holder has more than 20% of the options issued
43,333,359	Unlisted $0.05 placement options expiry date 30/6/25 - no holder has more than 20% of the options issued
11,000,000	Unlisted $0.045 advisor options expiry date 30/6/26 - H2 Investment Services Pty Ltd and Zenix Nominees Pty Ltd both hold 45.45% of the options issued.

Interests in Mining Tenements
Mako Gold Limited held the following interests in mining and exploration tenements as at 29 September 2023:

Location	Permit Name	Permit Number	Legal Holder	Mako Interest	Status
Côte d'Ivoire	Napié	PR281	Mako Côte d'Ivoire SARLU	90% ownership with 10% held by AAIF	Granted
Côte d'Ivoire	Ouangolodougou	PR 867	Mako Côte d'Ivoire SARLU	100% ownership	Granted
Côte d'Ivoire	Korhogo Nord	PR862	Mako Côte d'Ivoire SARLU	100% ownership	Granted

Napié: On 7th September 2017 Mako Gold Limited signed a Farm-In and Joint Venture Agreement with Occidental Gold SARL. The agreement gives Mako the right to earn 51% of the Napié Permit by pending US$1.5M on the property within three years and the right to earn 75% by sole funding the property to completion of a Feasibility Study. Mako completed the expenditure requirement to earn the initial 51% in 2019.On 29 June 2021 Mako announced that it has signed a binding agreement with Perseus Mining Limited to acquire their 39% interest in Napié. After completion of the agreement Mako now has 90% ownership of the permit. The exceptional renewal of the Napié permit for a further two years was granted to Occidental Gold SARL on 1 March 2021.The transfer of the Napié permit from Occidental Gold SARL to Mako Côte d'Ivoire SARLU was lodged with the Ministry of Mines in July 2021 and was granted to Mako Côte d'Ivoire SARLU in September 2022.

Korhogo Nord: The decree for the granting of the permit application was received on 25 September 2020. The size of the permit is 185km^2. Mako Côte d'Ivoire SARLU, a 100%-owned Côte d'Ivoire subsidiary of Mako Gold Limited, holds 100% interest in the Korhogo Nord permit.

Ouangolodougou: The decree for the granting of the permit application was received on 19 January 2021. The size of the permit is 111km2. Mako Côte d'Ivoire SARLU, a 100%-owned Côte d'Ivoire subsidiary of Mako Gold Limited, holds 100% interest in the Korhogo Nord permit.

ANNUAL MINERAL RESOURCE STATEMENT

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.21, the Company reviews and reports its Mineral Resources at least annually. The date of reporting is 30 June each year, to coincide with the Company's end of financial year balance date. If there are any material changes to its Mineral Resources over the course of the year, the Company is required to promptly report these changes.

Material Changes and Resource Statement Comparison
Mako Gold Limited completed its initial JORC Resource at the Napié project in the year ending 30 June 2022 with a maiden JORC compliant (2012 edition) Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) of 22.45Mt at 1.20g/t Au for 868,000 contained ounces of gold on the Tchaga and Gogbala prospects, within the Company's flagship Napié Project (refer to ASX Announcement "Mako Delivers 868koz Maiden Resource to Provide Strong Growth Platform at Napié" released to the Australian Securities Exchange on 14 June 2022 and available to view on www.makogold.com.au.). There has been no revision required to the estimate in the 2023 financial year.

Deposit	Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Au (koz)
Tchaga	Inferred	14.6	1.16	545
Gogbala	Inferred	7.8	1.29	323
Global Resource	**Total**	**22.5**	**1.20**	**868**

Resources reported at a cut-off grade of 0.6g/t gold. Differences may occur in totals due to rounding.

Governance Arrangements and Internal Controls

Mako has ensured that the processes for any Mineral Resources quoted are subject to good governance arrangements and internal controls. Any Mineral Resources to be reported will be generated by suitably qualified personnel who are experienced in best practices in modelling and estimation methods along with reviewing the quality and suitability of the underlying information used to determine the resource estimate.

Competent Persons Statement

The information in this Annual Report that relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources is based on information compiled and/or reviewed by Mrs Ann Ledwidge B.Sc.(Hon.) Geol., MBA, who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG). Mrs Ledwidge is a full-time employee and a shareholder of the Company. Mrs Ledwidge has sufficient experience which is 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’. Mrs Ledwidge consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		Consolidated	
	Note	**2023 $**	**2022 $**
Other Income	2	18,122	1,623
Amortisation expenses	3	(44,054)	(39,232)
Finance expenses	3	(7,913)	(798)
Share based payments	21	(456,140)	(246,857)
Employment and consultancy expenses	3	(377,232)	(383,805)
Corporate and other expenses	3	(709,847)	(765,074)
Loss before tax		(1,577,064)	(1,434,143)
Income tax expense	4	-	-
Loss for the year		(1,577,064)	(1,434,143)
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss			
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations		3,837	(2,006)
Income tax expense		-	-
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		3,337	(2,006)
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:			
Owners of Mako Gold Limited		(1,573,227)	(1,436,149)
Loss per share			
Basic and diluted loss per share (cents per share)	18	(0.35)	(0.39)

The above consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	Consolidated 2023 $	Consolidated 2022 $
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	2,795,905	2,863,555
Short term investment		28,600	28,600
Trade and other receivables	6	48,829	191,009
Other current assets		51,113	61,821
Total Current Assets		2,924,447	3,144,985
Non-Current Assets			
Right of use assets		168,874	212,928
Exploration and evaluation assets	9	31,126,323	24,839,284
Total Non-Current Assets		31,295,197	25,052,212
Total Assets		34,219,644	28,197,197
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	1,568,753	1,613,119
Lease liabilities	11	44,783	41,280
Provisions	12	200,787	205,015
Total Current Liabilities		1,814,323	1,859,414
Non-Current Liabilities			
Lease liabilities	11	148,814	193,597
Total Non-Current Liabilities		148,814	193,597
Total Liabilities		1,963,137	2,053,011
Net Assets		32,256,508	26,144,186
Equity			
Share capital	13	38,492,132	31,734,331
Reserves	14	1,806,220	874,635
Accumulated losses	14	(8,041,844)	(6,464,780)
Total Equity		32,256,508	26,144,186

The above consolidated balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Consolidated	Share Capital	Foreign Currency translation Reserve	Share Based Payment Reserve	Share Option Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Total
	$	$	$	$	$	$
At 1 July 2021	22,334,291	(1,286)	476,463	-	(5,030,637)	17,778,831
Comprehensive income						
Loss after income tax	-	-	-	-	(1,434,143)	(1,434,143)
Foreign currency translation differences of foreign operations	-	(2,006)	-	-	-	(2,006)
Total comprehensive income	-	(2,006)	-	-	(1,434,143)	(1,436,149)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners						
Shares issued during the year	10,000,000	-	-	-	-	10,000,000
Share issue costs	(599,960)	-	-	-	-	(599,960)
Share based payments	-	-	401,463	-	-	401,463
Total	9,400,040	-	401,463	-	-	9,801,503
At 30 June 2022	**31,734,331**	**(3,291)**	**877,926**	**-**	**(6,464,780)**	**26,144,186**
At 1 July 2022	31,734,331	(3,291)	877,926	-	(6,464,780)	26,144,186
Comprehensive income						
Loss after income tax	-	-	-	-	(1,577,064)	(1,577,064)
Foreign currency translation differences of foreign operations	-	3,837	-	-	-	3,837
Total comprehensive income	-	3,837	-	-	(1,577,064)	(1,573,227)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners						
Shares issued during the year	5,700,001	-	-	-	-	5,700,001
Shares issued re project acquisition	1,393,800	-	-	-	-	1,393,800
Share issue costs	(336,000)	-	-	-	-	(336,000)
Options issued during the year	-	-	-	423,298	-	423,298
Share based payments	-	-	504,450	-	-	504,450
Total	6,757,801	-	504,450	423,298	-	7,685,549
At 30 June 2023	38,492,132	546	1,382,376	423,298	(8,041,844)	32,256,508

The above consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	Consolidated 2023 $	2022 $
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,036,478)	(1,118,206)
Interest received		18,122	1,623
Interest paid		(7,913)	(798)
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	15	(1,026,269)	(1,117,381)
Cash Flow from Investing Activities			
Receipt for sale of project	7	-	946,744
Payments for exploration & evaluation		(4,791,237)	(10,885,380)
Proceeds from Short term investment	15	-	14,300
Net Cash Flow Used in by Investing Activities		(4,791,237)	(7,092,868)
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from issue of shares and options	13	6,123,299	10,000,000
Share and option issue expenses	13	(336,000)	(599,960)
Principal payments of lease payments	15	(41,280)	(19,022)
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		5,746,019	9,381,018
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(71,487)	(1,660,699)
Net foreign exchange differences		3,837	(2,006)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		2,863,555	4,526,260
Cash at the end of the financial year	15	2,795,905	2,863,555

The above consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Introduction

Mako Gold Limited is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Operations and principal activities
Principal activities comprise of acquisition of projects for mineral exploration and development.

Scope of financial statements
The consolidated financial statements consist of Mako Gold Limited (the 'Company' or 'Mako') and the entities it controlled (the 'Group' or 'consolidated entity') at the end of, or during, the year ended 30 June 2023.

Currency
The financial report is presented in Australia dollars and rounded to the nearest one dollar.

Authorisation of financial report
The financial report was authorised for issue on 29 September 2023.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001. Mako Gold Limited is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the consolidated entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Compliance with IFRS
The consolidated financial statements of Mako Gold Limited group also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

Historical cost convention
These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed below:

Key judgements – exploration & evaluation assets
The consolidated entity performs regular reviews on each area of interest to determine the appropriateness of continuing to carry forward costs in relation to that area of interest. These reviews are based on detailed surveys and analysis of drilling results performed to balance date.

The Directors have assessed that for the exploration and evaluation assets recognised at 30 June 2023, the facts and circumstances do not suggest that the carrying amount of exploration and evaluation assets may exceed its recoverable amount.

Going concern basis for accounting
The Group does not generate revenue to fund operations and ongoing investment in exploration activities. The ability of the Group to continue as a going concern is dependent on its ability to raise additional equity.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business.

As disclosed in the financial statements, the Group recorded a net loss of $1,577,064 (2022: $1,434,149) and net operating cash and investing outflows of $5,817,506 (2022: $8,210,249) for the year ended 30 June 2023. As at 30 June 2023 the Group had a total cash balance of $2,795,905 (2022: $2,863,555) and it will be seeking to raise further funds in the near term.

The ability of the Group to continue as a going concern is principally dependent upon the following conditions:
- the ability of the Group to successfully raise capital, as and when necessary; and
- the ability to complete successful development and commercialisation of its projects in West Africa.

These conditions give rise to a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt over the ability to continue as a going concern.

The directors believe that the going concern basis of preparation is appropriate due to the Company's proven history of successfully raising funds. Since the start of the 2022 financial year to the date of this report Mako has raised over $16,000,000 from the issue of shares and options.

Should the Group be unable to continue as a going concern, it may be required to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities other than in the ordinary course of business, and at amounts that differ from those stated in the financial report. This financial report does not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or the amounts or classification of liabilities and appropriate disclosures that may be necessary should the Group be unable to continue as a going concern.

Principles of Consolidation

Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the consolidated entity has control. The consolidated entity controls an entity when the consolidated entity is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the consolidated entity. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for business combinations by the consolidated entity.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between consolidated entity companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the consolidated entity.

Non-controlling interests in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and balance sheet respectively.

Foreign Currencies

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss.

Exchange differences arising from the translation of financial statements of foreign subsidiaries are taken to the foreign currency translation reserve at the balance date.

Exploration and Evaluation Assets

Costs carried forward
Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure incurred is accumulated in respect of each identifiable area of interest. Such expenditures comprise net direct costs and an appropriate portion of related overhead expenditure but does not include overheads or administration expenditure not having a specific nexus with a particular area of interest. These costs are only carried forward to the extent that they are expected to be recouped through the successful development of the area or where activities in the area have not yet reached a stage which permits reasonable assessment of the existence of economically recoverable reserves and active or significant operations in relation to the area are continuing.

Restoration costs
Restoration costs that are expected to be incurred are provided for as part of the cost of the exploration, evaluation, development, construction and production phases that give rise to the need for restoration. Accordingly, these costs are recognised gradually over the life of the facility as these phases occur. The costs include obligations relating to reclamation, waste site closure, plant closure and other costs associated with the restoration of the site. In determining the restoration obligations, the Group has assumed no significant changes will occur in the relevant Federal and State legislation in relation to restoration of such mines in the future.

Both for close down and restoration and for environmental clean-up costs, provision is made in the accounting period when the related disturbance occurs, based on the net present value of estimated future costs.

For close down and restoration costs, which include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure, removal of residual materials and remediation of disturbed areas, movements in provision other than the amortisation of the discount, such as those resulting from changes in the cost estimates, lives of operations or discount rates, are capitalised into the carrying amount of development and amortised against future production.

Other Income

Interest revenue
Interest revenue is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimate future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying value.

Government grants
Government grants are recognised where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attached conditions will be complied with. When the grant relates to an expense item, it is recognised as income on a systematic basis over the periods that the related costs, for which it is intended to compensate, are expensed.

Taxes

Income taxes
The income tax expense or benefit for the period is the tax payable on the current periods taxable income based on the notional income tax rate adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, and to unused tax losses.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences at the tax rates expected to apply when the assets are recovered or liabilities are settled, based on those tax rates which are enacted or substantively enacted for each jurisdiction. The relevant tax rates are applied to the cumulative amounts of deductible and taxable temporary differences to measure the deferred tax asset or liability. An exception is made for certain temporary differences arising from the initial recognition of an asset or a liability. No deferred tax asset or liability is recognised in relation to these temporary differences if they arose in a transaction, other than a business combination, that at the time of the transaction did not affect either accounting profit or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses. Deferred tax liabilities and assets are not recognised for temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax bases of investments in controlled entities where the parent entity is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Current and deferred tax balances attributable to amounts recognised directly in equity are also recognised directly in equity.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses, and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the GST incurred on a purchase of goods or services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the assets or as part of the expense item as applicable, and except for receivables and payables which are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from or payable to the taxation authority are classified as operating cash flows. The net amount of GST recoverable from or payable to the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from or payable to the taxation authority.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits at call with financial institutions and other highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity of three months or less which are readily convertible to cash on hand and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Exploration and evaluation assets held for sale

Exploration assets are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use and a sale is considered highly probable. They are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

An impairment loss is recognised for any initial or subsequent write-down of the asset to fair value less costs to sell. A gain is recognised for any subsequent increases in fair value less costs to sell of an asset, but not in excess of any cumulative impairment loss previously recognised. A gain or loss not previously recognised by the date of the sale of the on-current asset is recognised at the date of derecognition.

Payables

Liabilities for trade creditors and other amounts are carried at cost which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received. Interest, when charged by the lender, is recognised as an expense on an accruals basis. Trade account payables are usually settled on a 30 day basis.

Contributed Equity

Issued and paid up capital is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the Group. Any transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised directly in equity as a reduction of the share proceeds received.

Employee Benefits

(i)Wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave
Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave, long service leave and any vesting sick leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in provisions in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable.

(ii)Long service leave
The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wages and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on Australian Corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Share-Based Payments

The Group may provide benefits to Directors, employees or consultants in the form of share-based payment transactions, whereby services may be undertaken in exchange for shares or options over shares ("equity-settled transactions").

The fair value of options granted to Directors, employees and consultants is recognised as an employee benefit expense with a corresponding increase in equity (share option reserve). The fair value is measured at grant date and recognised over the period during which the recipients become unconditionally entitled to the options. Fair value is determined using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. An expense is still recognised for options that do not ultimately vest because a market condition was not met.

Where the terms of options are modified, the expense continues to be recognised from grant date to vesting date as if the terms had never been changed. In addition, at the date of the modification, a further expense is recognised for any increase in fair value of the transaction as a result of the change.

Where options are cancelled, they are treated as if vesting occurred on cancellation and any unrecognised expenses are taken immediately to the profit or loss. If new options are substituted for the cancelled options and designated as a replacement, the combined impact of the cancellation and replacement options are treated as if they were a modification.

Loss per Share

Basic earnings per share
Basic earnings per share is determined by dividing net profit after income tax attributable to equity holders of the Company, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of

the ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for bonus elements in ordinary shares issued during the year.

Diluted earnings per share
Diluted earnings per share adjusts the figures used in the determination of basic earnings per share to take into account the after income tax effect of interest and other financing costs associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares and the weighted average number of shares assumed to have been issued for no consideration in relation to dilutive potential ordinary shares.

Parent entity financial information

The financial information for the parent entity, Mako Gold Limited, disclosed in note 23 has been prepared on the same basis as the consolidated financial statements, except as set out below.

(i) Investments in subsidiaries
Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost in the individual financial statements of the parent entity.

Leases
All leases are accounted for by recognising a right-of-use asset and a lease liability except for:
- Leases of low value assets; and
- Leases with a duration of twelve months or less.

Lease liabilities are measured at the present value of the contractual payments due to the lessor over the lease term, which includes: fixed payments (including in substance fixed payments), less any incentives receivable; variable lease payments that depend on index or a rate, residual value guarantees, payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising an option to terminate the lease. The discount rate determined by reference to the rate inherent in the lease unless (as is typically the case) this is not readily determinable, in which case the Group’s incremental borrowing rate on commencement of the lease is used. Variable lease payments are only included in the measurement of the lease liability if they depend on an index or rate. In such cases, the initial measurement of the lease liability assumes the variable element will remain unchanged throughout the lease term. Other variable lease payments are expensed in the period to which they relate.

On initial recognition, the carrying value of the lease liability also includes:
- Amounts expected to be payable under any residual value guarantee;
- The exercise price of any purchase option granted in favour of the Group if it is reasonably certain to assess that option;
- Any penalties payable for terminating the lease, if the term of the lease has been estimated on the basis of termination option being exercised.

Right-of-use assets are initially measured at the amount of the lease liability, reduced for any lease incentives received, and increased for:
- Lease payments made at or before commencement of the lease;
- Initial direct costs incurred; and
- The amount of any provision recognised where the Group is contractually required to dismantle, remove or restore the leased asset.

Subsequent to initial measurement lease liabilities increase as a result of interest charged at a constant rate on the balance outstanding and are reduced for lease payments made. Right-of-use assets are amortised on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the lease or over the remaining economic life of the asset if, rarely, this is judged to be shorter than the lease term.

When the Group revises its estimate of the term of any lease (because, for example, it re-assesses the probability of a lessee extension or termination option being exercised), it adjusts the carrying amount of the lease liability to reflect the payments to make over the revised term, which are discounted at the same discount rate that applied on lease commencement. The carrying value of lease liabilities is similarly revised when the variable element of future lease payments dependent on a rate or index is revised. In both cases an equivalent adjustment is made to the carrying value of the right-of-use asset, with the revised carrying amount being amortised over the remaining (revised) lease term.

New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted
The company has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

New Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2023 reporting periods. The Consolidated Entity has decided against early adoption of these standards. The Consolidated Entity has assessed the impact of these new standards and interpretations and does not expect that there would be a material impact on the Consolidated Entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	Consolidated Entity 2022 $
2. OTHER INCOME		
Other income		
Bank interest income	18,122	1,623
	18,122	1,623
3. EXPENSES		
Loss from ordinary activities before income tax includes the following specific items:		
Amortisation - Right of use asset	44,054	39,232
Finance cost – Lease liabilities	7,913	798
Share based payment expense	456,140	246,857
Other Expenses		
Corporate compliance costs	252,675	185,327
Conferences and marketing costs	179,007	264,520
Legal and corporate advice	209,621	189,516
Other general administrative expenses	68,544	125,711
	709,847	765,054
Employee and consultancy expenses		
Employee and Consultancy expenses	371,323	371,900
Defined contribution superannuation expense	13,327	12,750
Other employee benefits expenses	(7,418)	(845)
Total employee benefits expenses	377,232	383,805

4. INCOME TAX

A reconciliation of income tax expense (benefit) applicable to accounting profit before income tax at the statutory income tax rate to income tax expense at the company's effective income tax rate for the years ended 30 June 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	Consolidated Entity 2022 $
Accounting (loss) before income tax from continuing operations	(1,577,064)	(1,434,143)
At the statutory income tax rate of 25% (2022: 25%)	(394,266)	(358,536)
Non-deductible expenses	114,035	86,593
Deferred tax assets not bought to account	280,231	271,943
Income tax expense	-	-

Current tax liabilities
Current tax liabilities are measured at the amounts expected to be paid to the relevant taxation authority. The Consolidated Entity did not have any current tax liabilities at 30 June 2023 (2022: Nil).

4. INCOME TAX (continued)

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	Consolidated Entity 2022 $
Unrecognised temporary differences and tax losses		
Unused tax losses and temporary differences for which no deferred tax asset has been recognised	1,760,895	2,168,396
Recognised temporary differences and tax losses		
Exploration expenditure	-	-
Provisions	-	-
Other	-	-
Tax losses carried forward	-	-
Net deferred tax liability/(asset)	**-**	**-**

There are no franking credits available (2022: nil).

5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CURRENT)

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	Consolidated Entity 2022 $
Cash at bank and on hand	2,795,905	2,863,555

6. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (CURRENT)

	2023 $	2022 $
Other receivables	48,829	191,009
	48,829	191,009

7. EXPLORATION ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	Consolidated Entity 2022 $
Exploration assets held for sale	-	-
<u>Reconciliation</u>		
Project Expenditure at sale agreement/brought forward	-	946,744
Receipt of sale proceeds	-	(946,744)
Expenditure on project	-	-
Written-off during the period	-	-
	-	-

In June 2020 Mako signed an agreement to sell the Niou project in Burkina Faso. Mako received the US$700,000 cash consideration in August 2021 following the transfer being approved by the Cadastre Minier and Minister of Mines of Burkina Faso. Mako retains a 1% NSR if Nordgold discovers a resource of at least 2Moz gold and advances the resource to production. Nordgold has the right to repurchase the NSR for US$4.5M at any time.

Payment in full, of the carrying amount as at 30 June 2021, was received in August 2021.

8. INVESTMENTS IN CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Investments held by Mako Gold Limited:	Percentage of equity interest	
Subsidiary company incorporated in Burkina Faso	**2023 %**	**2022 %**
Mako Gold SARL (incorporated in Burkina Faso)	100	100
Mako Côte d’Ivoire SARL (incorporated in Côte d’Ivoire)	100	100

9. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (NON CURRENT)

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	Consolidated Entity 2022 $
Exploration costs carried forward in respect of areas of interest		
- Exploration phase	31,126,323	24,839,284
Reconciliation		
Exploration expenditure capitalised		
- Opening balance	24,839,284	13,782,543
- Current year expenditure	6,771,923	9,479,813
- Foreign exchange on intercompany balances	(484,884)	1,576,928
Carried forward	31,126,323	24,839,284

Included in the total capitalised exploration expenditure is an amount of $108,057 (2022: $134,533) that relates to computer equipment, software and other field exploration equipment. All of these items are being utilised solely for exploration purposes in West Africa.

Recoverability of the carrying amount of exploration assets is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploitation of areas of interest, and the sale of minerals or the sale of the respective areas of interest.

Significant Judgement Regarding Renewal of Napie Tenement

The Napié permit represents $29,163,764 of the $31,126,323 Exploration and Evaluation Assets capitalised as at 30 June 2023. The Napié permit expires on 19 December 2023. It was originally decreed on 19 Dec. 2012 for three years and had two 3-year renewals and an additional exceptional renewal for 2 years. The Group has engaged with the relevant authorities for a renewal of the Napié permit and continue to engage with such authorities to ensure the renewal is appropriately secured. The preparation of these financial statements are based on the renewal of this tenement occurring.

10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (CURRENT)

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	Consolidated Entity 2022 $
Trade creditors	1,431,167	1,434,861
Other payables and accruals	137,586	178,258
	1,568,753	1,613,119

Terms and conditions relating to the above financial instruments
- (i) Trade creditors are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled on 30-60 day terms
- (ii) Other creditors are unsecured, non-interest bearing
- (iii) Details of the terms and conditions of related party payables are set out in note 20.

11. LEASE LIABILITY

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	Consolidated Entity 2022 $
Current lease liability	44,783	41,280
Non-current lease liability	148,814	193,597

12. PROVISIONS (CURRENT)

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	Consolidated Entity 2022 $
Employee Benefits	200,787	205,015

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	2022 $
13. CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL		
(a) Issued and paid up capital		
Ordinary shares fully paid	38,492,132	31,734,331

(b) Movement in shares on issue	2023		2022	
	Nos of shares	$	Nos of shares	$
Ordinary shares fully paid				
Beginning of the financial year	382,241,602	31,734,331	257,241,602	22,334,291
Increases				
- Placement of shares to subscribers (1)	-	-	125,000,000	10,000,000
- Placement of shares to subscribers (2)	75,609,757	3,100,000	-	-
- Placement of shares to subscribers (3)	86,666,659	2,600,001	-	-
- Issue of shares re project acquisition (4)	13,800,000	1,393,800	-	-
- Costs of share issues (5)	-	(336,000)	-	(599,960)
	558,318,018	38,492,132	382,241,602	31,734,331

(1) Placement of shares at $0.08 per share
(2) Placement of shares at $0.041 per share
(3) Placement of shares at $0.03 per share
(4) Issue of 13,800,000 shares to Perseus Ltd at $0.101 per share in relation to the initial consideration pursuant to an agreement to acquire the 39% participating interest of the Napié Gold Project in Cote d'Ivoire held by Occidental Gold Sarl, a subsidiary of Perseus Ltd
(5) Costs in relation to securities issues.

Ordinary shares participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of shares held. At shareholders meetings each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each shareholder has one vote on a show of hands. Ordinary shares do not have a par value.

(c) Capital management

The capital structure of the consolidated entity consists of equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent Entity, comprising share capital and reserves as disclosed in the Statement of Changes in Equity. When managing capital, management's objective is to ensure the consolidated entity continues as a going concern and to maintain a structure that ensures the lowest cost of capital available and to ensure adequate capital is available for exploration and evaluation of tenements. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may seek to issue new shares. Consistent with other exploration companies, the Group and the parent entity monitor capital on the basis of forecast exploration and evaluation expenditure required to reach a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of an economically recoverable reserve.

(d) Options

Details of options issued, exercised and expired during the financial period are set out below:
Each option is convertible into one fully paid ordinary share on or before the expiry date

Expiry Date	Exercise Price	1-Jul-22	Issued	Exercised	Expired	30-Jun-23
a) 5 July 2022	$0.08	2,500,232	-	-	(2,500,232)	-
b) 30 September 2022	$0.17	4,000,000	-	-	(4,000,000)	-
c) 31 August 2023	$0.12	4,000,000	-	-	-	4,000,000
d) 30 November 2023	$0.155	10,200,000	-	-	-	10,200,000
e) 20 October 2024	$0.0615	-	15,000,000	-	-	15,000,000
f) 9 June 2024	$0.04	-	84,607,567	-	-	84,607,567
g) 30 June 2025	$0.05	-	43,333,359	-	-	43,333,359
h) 30 June 2026	$0.045	-	11,000,000	-	-	11,000,000
		20,700,232	153,940,926	-	(6,500,232)	168,140,926

a) Unlisted advisor options issued for corporate advisory services on 13/7/20 – expired unexercised 5/7/22
b) Unlisted advisor options issued for corporate advisory services on 7/10/20 – expired unexercised on 30/9/22
c) Unlisted advisor options issued for corporate advisory services on 30/08/21
d) Unlisted Company ESOP options issued to company personnel on 20/11/20
e) Unlisted advisor options issued for corporate advisory services on 20/11/22
f) Unlisted loyalty options issued at $0.005 per option on 19 and 30/6/23
g) Unlisted free placement options issued on 30/6/23
h) Unlisted advisor options issued for corporate advisory services on 30/6/23

14. ACCUMULATED LOSSES & RESERVES

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	Consolidated Entity 2022 $
Accumulated losses		
Balance at the beginning of the year	(6,464,780)	(5,030,637)
Net profit/(loss) attributable to members of Mako Gold Limited	(1,577,064)	(1,434,143)
Balance at end of year	(8,041,844)	(6,464,780)
Foreign currency translation exchange reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the year	(3,291)	(1,285)
Movement in period	3,837	(2,006)
Balance at end of year	546	(3,291)
Share based payment reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the year	877,926	476,463
Movement in period	504,450	401,463
Balance at end of year	1,382,376	877,926
Share option reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the year	-	-
Movement in period	423,298	-
Balance at end of year	423,298	-

The foreign currency translation reserve records exchange rate differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign subsidiaries. The share based payments reserve is used to record the value of share based payments provided to employees as part of their remuneration and to consultants for services provided. The share option reserve is used to record payments for options issued.

15. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	Consolidated Entity 2022 $
(a) Reconciliation of the operating loss after tax to the net cash flows from operating activities		
Loss from ordinary activities after tax	(1,577,064)	(1,434,143)
Add (less) non-cash items		
Provision for employee entitlements	(7,418)	(845)
Amortisation - right of use assets	44,054	39,232
Share options expensed	456,140	246,857
Changes in operating assets & liabilities during the year		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(14,630)	(23,899)
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	1,667	30,290
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	43,497	7,525
(Decrease)/increase in accruals	27,485	17,602
	(1,026,269)	(1,117,381)
(b) Reconciliation of cash		
Cash at bank	2,795,905	2,863,555
(c) Reconciliation of net debt		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,795,905	2,863,555
Short term investments	28,600	28,600
Lease liability current	(44,783)	(41,280)
Lease liability non-current	(148,814)	(193,597)
	2,630,908	2,657,278

15. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (cont)

	Liabilities from financing activities		Other assets		
	Leases	**Sub-total**	**Cash**	**Short-term investments**	**Total**
Net debt as at 1 July 2021	(11,602)	(11,602)	4,526,260	42,900	4,557,558
New Leases	(242,297)	(242,297)	-	-	-
Cash flows	19,022	19,022	(1,660,699)	(14,300)	(1,898,274)
Foreign Exchange adjustments	-	-	(2,006)	-	(2,006)
Other changes	-	-	-	-	-
Net debt as at 30 June 2022	**(234,877)**	**(234,877)**	**2,863,555**	**28,600**	**2,657,278**
Net debt as at 1 July 2022	(234,877)	(234,877)	2,863,555	28,600	2,657,278
Cash flows	41,280	41,280	(63,813)	-	(22,533)
Foreign exchange movements	-	-	(3,837)	-	(3,837)
Other changes	-	-	-	-	-
Net debt as at 30 June 2023	**(193,597)**	**(193,597)**	**2,795,905**	**28,600**	**2,630,908**

(d) Non cash financing and investing activities

Options Issued
A total of $48,301 (2022 - $154,606) has been capitalised in exploration assets in relation to options issued to employees or contractors.

	Consolidated Entity	
	2023	**2022**
	$	**$**
16. EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS		
Future exploration		
The consolidated entity has certain obligations to expend minimum amounts on exploration in tenement areas. These obligations may be varied from time to time and are expected to be fulfilled in the normal course of operations of the consolidated entity.		
The commitments to be undertaken are as follows:		
Payable		
- not later than 12 months	2,645,017	3,171,730
- between 12 months and 5 years	165,475	2,913,270
	2,810,492	6,085,000

17. CONTINGENCIES

There are two contingent milestone payments under the Sale and Purchase Agreement, completed in October 2022, to acquire Perseus Mining Limited’s 39% interest in the Napié Gold Project. The conditions for the liability to arise are as set out below.

Milestone 1 Resource Definition: A$2,400,000 payment payable in cash or scrip (being the higher of the Consideration Issue Price (being 23,762,376 Shares) or the 30 day VWAP of Mako’s shares immediately prior to Milestone 1 being achieved) at Mako’s election, upon delineation of a 1Moz Measured and Indicated Resource at Napié (representing a minimum of 25 million tonnes at a minimum grade of 1.25 grams per tonne gold) under the JORC Code.

Milestone 2 Commercial Production: A$2,400,000 payment payable in cash or scrip (being the higher of the Consideration Issue Price (being 23,762,376 Shares) or the 30 day VWAP of Mako’s shares immediately prior to Milestone 2 being achieved) at Perseus’ election upon the first sale of gold doré or ore extracted from Napié.

There are no other contingent liabilities as at the date of this report.

18. LOSS PER SHARE

Loss per share	**Consolidated Entity 2023 $**	**2022 $**
Basic and diluted (loss) per share (cents per share)	(0.35)	(0.39)
The following reflects the income and share data used in the calculations of basic and diluted earnings/ (loss) per share:		
Earnings used to calculate basic and diluted loss per share	(1,577,064)	(1,434,143)
	Number	Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue used in the calculation of basic loss per share	454,545,969	369,974,722
Weighted average number of dilutive options outstanding during the period	-	-
Weighted average number of ordinary shares and potential ordinary shares outstanding during the period, used in calculating diluted loss per share	454,545,969	369,974,722

The Consolidated Entity presents basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. Options could potentially dilute basic earnings per share in the future but were not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share as they were anti-dilutive in the financial year.

Conversions, calls, subscriptions or issues after 30 June 2023
The following shares have been issued since the end of the reporting period:

- On 21/7/23 17,690,122 shares were issued to Geodrill Limited at $0.03 per share in relation to the payment for drilling services.

19. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	**2022 $**
Amounts received or due and receivable by the Auditors for:		
(i) Audit & other assurance services – BDO Audit Pty Ltd		
- Audit & review of financial statements	64,000	49,716
(ii) Other services		
- Taxation advice and compliance	19,000	2,600
Total	83,000	52,316

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

	Consolidated Entity 2023 $	**2022 $**
Key management personnel compensation		
Short term benefits	702,319	704,400
Share based payments	59,328	134,987
Leave benefits	(27,760)	(3,662)
Post-employment benefits	48,081	46,000
Total	781,968	881,725

Transactions with related parties
Mr Michele Muscillo is a partner of HopgoodGanim solicitors. HopgoodGanin supplied legal services to Mako totalling $117,889 in the year (2022:$46,662). Services were on normal commercial terms and conditions. As at 30 June 2023 $7,208 was owed to HopgoodGanim (2022: $nil).

Director fees are payable to Mr Michele Muscillo of $6,667 (2022: $6,667) and to Zivvo Pty Ltd, a company associated with Mr Steve Zaninovich, of $4,167 (2022: $4,167) as at balance date.

Ultimate parent
Mako Gold Limited is the ultimate parent entity. Mako Gold Limited provides funding for its subsidiary companies Mako Gold SARL and Mako Côte d'Ivoire SARLU. All loans advanced are interest free and any expenses paid on behalf of Mako Gold SARL and Mako Côte d'Ivoire SARL are repayable at cost.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (cont)

Loans from Mako Gold Limited (parent entity)	Mako Gold SARL	Mako Côte d'Ivoire SARL
	$	$
Opening Balance	3,479,917	20,674,251
Additions	575,559	4,878,831
Repayments	-	-
Interest	-	-
Closing balance	4,055,476	25,553,082

21. SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

Advisor Options
During the 2021, 2022 and 2023 financial years the Company granted options to its capital advisors in connection with the ongoing capital markets strategy requirements of the Company. All were granted for $0.00001 per option except for the second series which was granted for $nil. The options are not quoted on the ASX. Options granted carry no dividend or voting rights. When exercised, each option converts into one ordinary share.

Details of options issued, exercised and expired during the financial year are set out below:

		Movements				
Expiry Date	Exercise Price	1-Jul-22	Issued	Exercised	Expired	30-Jun-23
a) 5 July 2022	$0.08	2,500,232	-	-	(2,500,232)	-
b) 30 September 2022	$0.17	4,000,000	-	-	(4,000,000)	-
c) 31 August 2023	$0.12	4,000,000	-	-	-	4,000,000
e) 20 October 2024	$0.0615	-	15,000,000	-	-	15,000,000
f) 30 June 2026	$0.045	-	11,000,000	-	-	11,000,000
		10,500,232	26,000,000	-	(6,500,232)	30,000,000

The average remaining contractual life of advisor options outstanding at the end of the prior period was 1.83 years (2022: 0.54 years). The weighted average exercise price of the options is $0.0633 (2022: $0.13).

Staff Options
The company issued 10,200,000 unlisted $0.155 30/11/23 options during the 2021 financial year in relation to an ESOP approved at the 2020 AGM. All options granted were for nil consideration and are not quoted on the ASX. Options granted carry no dividend or voting rights. When exercised, each option converts into one ordinary share.

Grant Date	Expiry Date	Exercise Price	1 July 2022	Issued	Vested	Exercised /Expired	30 June 2023
20 Nov 2020	30 Nov 2023	$0.155	10,200,000	-	10,200,000	-	10,200,000

The remaining contractual life of ESOP options outstanding at the end of the period was 0.42 years (2022: 1.42 years). The weighted average exercise price of the options is $0.155 (2022: $0.155).

Expenses arising from share-based payment transactions	2023	2022
	$	$
Options issued expensed in period	456,140	246,857
Options issued to staff and contractors capitalised in exploration assets	48,310	154,606
	504,450	401,463

21. SHARE BASED PAYMENTS (cont)

Fair value of options granted

The assessed fair value at the date of grant of options issued is determined using a Black-Scholes option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, underlying share price at the time of issue, term of the option, underlying share's expected volatility, expected dividends and the risk free interest rate for the life of the instrument.

Inputs into pricing model for options issued	Advisor Options	Advisor Options	Advisor Options	Advisor Options	Advisor Options	Mako ESOP
Grant date	13-Jul-20	7-Oct-20	30-Aug-21	18-Nov-22	30-Jun-23	20-Nov-20
Issue price	$0.00001	nil	$0.00001	$0.00001	$0.00001	nil
Exercise price	$0.075	$0.01725	$0.0120	$0.0615	$0.0450	$0.0155
Vesting conditions	Fully vested	Fully vested	Fully vested	Fully vested	Fully vested	Refer below
Share price at grant date	$0.061	$0.13	$0.086	$0.043	$0.038	$0.105
Expiry date	5-Jul-22	30-Sep-22	31-Aug-23	20-Oct-24	30-Jun-26	30-Nov-23
Life of the instruments	2 years	2 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	3 years
Underlying share price volatility	90%	90%	85%	80%	78%	90%
Expected dividends	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Risk free interest rate	0.26%	0.26%	0.01%	3.12%	3.84%	0.11%
Pricing model	Black Scholes	Black Scholes	Black Scholes	Black Scholes	Black Scholes	Black Scholes

The Mako ESOP has the following vesting dates for the options issued: 1/3rd on 30/11/21, 1/3rd on 30/11/22 and 1/3rd on 31/5/23.

22. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

(a) General objectives, policies and processes

In common with other businesses, the consolidated entity is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. This note describes the consolidated entity's objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them. There have been no substantive changes in the consolidated entity's exposure to financial instrument risks, its objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks or the methods used to measure them from previous periods unless otherwise stated in this note. The consolidated entity's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, accounts receivable and payable.

The Board has overall responsibility for the determination of the consolidated entity's risk management objectives and policies and, whilst retaining ultimate responsibility for them, it has delegated the authority for designing and operating processes that ensure the effective implementation of the objectives and policies to the consolidated entity's executive management. The consolidated entity's risk management policies and objectives are therefore designed to minimise the potential impacts of these risks on the results of the consolidated entity where such impacts may be material.

(b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the other party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge their obligation resulting in the Group incurring a financial loss. This usually occurs when debtors fail to settle their obligations owing to the Group. The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements. Credit risk is reviewed regularly by the Board. It arises from exposure to customers as well as through deposits with financial institutions.

22. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (cont)

(c) Liquidity risk

The consolidated entity manages liquidity risk by monitoring forecast cash flows. At 30 June 2023 the Group has cash resources of $2,795,905 (2022 - $2,863,555) and has sufficient cash to undertake its short term objectives as at the date of this report.

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Maturity Analysis –Consolidated Entity - 2023	Carrying Amount	Contractual Cash flows	<1 year	1 - 5 years	> 5 years
Financial Liabilities	$	$	$	$	$
Trade and Other Payables	1,568,753	1,568,753	1,568,753	-	-
Lease liability	193,597	200,020	51,127	148,893	
	1,762,350	1,768,773	1,619,880	148,893	-
Maturity Analysis –Consolidated Entity - 2022					
Financial Liabilities					
Trade and Other Payables	1,613,119	1,613,119	1,613,119	-	-
Lease liability	234,877	257,360	49,193	208,167	
	1,847,996	1,870,479	1,662,312	208,167	-

(d) Market Risk

Market risk arises from the use of interest bearing, tradable and foreign currency financial instruments. It is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates (interest rate risk), foreign exchange rates (currency risk) or other market factors (other price risk).

(i) Interest rate risk

As at 30 June 2023 there are no interest paying financial liabilities. Cash resources are mostly deposited with a major Australian bank and earn interest at market rates. For further details on interest rate risk refer below:

2023	**Floating interest rate**	**Fixed interest rate**	**Non-interest bearing**	**Total carrying amount as per the balance sheet**	**Weighted average effective interest rate**
	2023	**2023**	**2023**	**2023**	**2023**
	$	**$**	**$**	**$**	**%**
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	2,579,861	-	216,044	2,795,905	1.43%
Short term investment	-	28,600	-	28,600	3.85%
Trade and other receivables	-	-	48,829	48,829	-
Total financial assets	2,579,861	28,600	264,873	2,873,334	
Financial liabilities					
Trade and other payables	-	-	1,568,753	1,568,753	-
Lease liability	-	193,597	-	193,597	3.66%
Total financial liabilities	-	193,597	1,568,753	1,762,350	

2022	**Floating interest rate**	**Fixed interest rate**	**Non-interest bearing**	**Total carrying amount as per the balance sheet**	**Weighted average effective interest rate**
	2022	**2022**	**2022**	**2022**	**2022**
	$	**$**	**$**	**$**	**%**
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	2,601,322	-	262,233	2,863,555	0.01%
Short term investment	-	28,600	-	28,600	0.25%
Trade and other receivables	-	-	191,009	191,009	-
Total financial assets	2,601,322	28,600	453,242	3,083,164	
Financial liabilities					
Trade and other payables	-	-	1,613,119	1,613,119	-
Lease liability	-	234,877	-	234,877	3.66%
Total financial liabilities	-	234,877	1,613,119	1,847,996	

22. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (cont)

The consolidated entity has performed a sensitivity analysis relating to its exposure to interest rate risk. At 30 June 2023 the effect on profit and equity as a result of an increase of 1% in the interest rate is that the company could earn an additional $27,959 of interest income based on the closing cash balance of $2,795,905 at 30 June 2023. This analysis assumes all other variables remain constant.

(ii) Currency Risk
Foreign currency risk arises as a result of having assets/cash flows denominated in a currency other than the functional currency in which they are reported. The consolidated entity does not have any material currency risk exposure under financial instruments entered into by the consolidated entity. The consolidated entity held CFA of AUD 165,933 (2022 – AUD 134,967) at the end of the year. These funds are to be used to meet expenditures incurred in Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire in relation to the company's projects and as such there is no material currency risk associated with the CFA held at the year.

(iii) Other Price Risk
The consolidated entity does not have any material other price risk exposures under financial instruments entered into by the consolidated entity.

(e) Fair Values

Due to their short term nature the fair values of trade and other receivables, security deposits, loans and borrowings and trade and other payables approximate their carrying value.

23. PARENT COMPANY INFORMATION

The Parent Entity of the Consolidated Entity is Mako Gold Limited.

<u>Parent Entity Financial Information</u>

	2023 $	2022 $
Current assets	2,729,921	2,833,124
Non-current assets	30,482,013	23,725,272
Total assets	33,211,934	26,558,396
Current liabilities	806,612	220,613
Non-current liabilities	148,814	193,597
Total liabilities	955,426	414,210
Net assets	32,256,508	26,144,186
Issued capital	38,492,132	31,734,331
Reserves	1,805,674	877,927
Accumulated losses	(8,041,298)	(6,468,072)
Total equity	32,256,508	26,144,186
Loss after income tax	(1,573,226)	(1,436,149)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	(1,573,226)	(1,436,149)

Commitments, Contingencies and Guarantees of the Parent Entity
The minimum committed expenditure for future periods of the Parent Entity is the same as those for the Consolidated Entity. Refer to Note 16 for details. The Parent Entity has no material contingent assets, contingent liabilities or guarantees at balance date.

24. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Reportable Segments
The Group has identified its operating segment based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board of Directors (chief operating decision makers) in assessing performance and determining the allocation of resources. The Group is managed primarily on a geographic basis, that is, the location of the respective areas of interest (tenements) in Australia and Africa. Operating segments are determined on the basis of financial information reported to the Board for the Group as a whole. The Group does not yet have any products or services from which it derives an income.

Accordingly, management currently identifies the Group as having only one reportable segment, being exploration for base and precious metals. The financial results from this segment are equivalent to the financial statements of the Group. There have been no changes in the operating segments during the year.

The principal geographical areas of operation of the Consolidated Entity are as follows:

	Geographical – non-current assets	
	2023	**2022**
	$	**$**
Australia	-	-
Africa	31,126,323	24,839,284
	31,126,323	24,839,284

25. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period the Company has in July 2023 issued 17,690,122 shares pursuant to a Drill for Equity Agreement with Geodrill Limited as approved at an EGM held on 22 June 2023. Under the agreement the Company had approval (up to three months after the date of the meeting) to issue up to 50,333,333 Shares (with the issue price for each Share being the previous 15-day VWAP immediately prior to the date of the relevant monthly invoice and with a minimum price of $0.03 per share) to Geodrill Ltd as payment for 50% of drilling costs invoiced.

Apart from the share issue no matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023, that has significantly affected, or, may significantly affect the operations of the Consolidated Entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Consolidated Entity in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2023.

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the Directors opinion:

(a) the attached consolidated financial statements and notes and the remuneration report in the Directors' Report are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, including:

  (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Consolidated Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and

(b) the financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements;

(c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and

(d) the Remuneration disclosures contained in the Remuneration Report comply with section 300A of the Corporations Act 2001.

The directors have been given the declarations by the chief executive officer and chief financial officer required by section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of directors.

M Muscillo
Chairman

Brisbane, 29 September 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Mako Gold Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Mako Gold Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprises the consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2023, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of the Group, is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

(i) Giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and

(ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to Note 1 in the financial report which describes the events and/or conditions which give rise to the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the group's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore the group may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. In addition to the matter described in the *Material uncertainty related to going concern* section, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

Carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets

Key audit matter	*How the matter was addressed in our audit*
Refer to note 9 in the financial report. The Group carries exploration and evaluation assets in accordance with the Group's accounting policy for exploration and evaluation assets. The recoverability of exploration and evaluation asset is a key audit matter due to the significance of the total balance and the risk that exploration and evaluation assets may not meet the requirements of AASB 6 *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* for continued recognition.	Our procedures included, but were not limited to the following: • Obtaining an understanding of the current status of the tenements/projects including key activities undertaken during the period. • Reviewing for any impairment indicators in accordance with AASB 6 have been identified across the Group's exploration projects. • Assessing management's determination that exploration activities have not yet progressed to the point where the existence or otherwise of an economically recoverable mineral resource may be determined through discussions with the management, review of ASX announcements and other relevant documentation. • Testing a sample of capitalised exploration expenditure during the period to ensure it meets the recognition criteria under AASB 6. • Ensuring that the Group has the rights to tenure and maintains the tenements in good standing.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Group's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023 but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar1_2020.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Report on the Remuneration Report

Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 32 to 38 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Mako Gold Limited, for the year ended 30 June 2023, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Responsibilities

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

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C R Jenkins
Director

Brisbane, 29 September 2023