

# **Corporate Presentation**

November, 2024

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# **Leadership Team**

**Board of Directors** 















**Executive Management** 



Executive Chairman



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Environment



Construction



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Mining



Geology





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# **Company Platform**

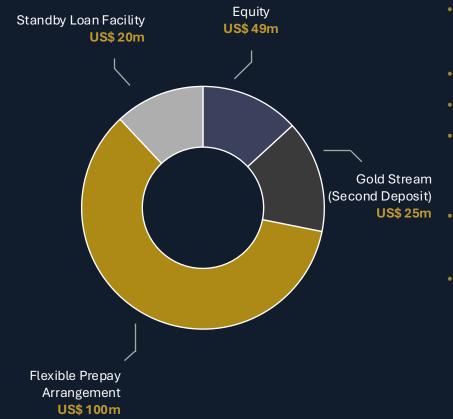




#### **Project Finance Overview**



Project Sources	US\$m
Equity	49
Gold Stream (Second Deposit)	25
Flexible Prepay Arrangement	100
Total Sources	174
Project Uses	US\$m
Owner Costs	19
Mining Capex	5
Processing Capex	51
Construction Facilities	47
Contingencies	5
Total Construction Capex	127
Other Costs incl. Working Capital	47
Total Uses	174



- Derisked Project with US\$ 31 million spent to date on preconstruction activities and lead orders
- Project fully funded to completion
- Simple capital structure
- Gold stream, flexible prepay arrangement, standby loan facility and a portion of equity all provided by Wheaton Precious Metals
- Standby cost contingency loan facility can be accessed to fund cost overruns or ramp up working capital requirements
- Limited equity lift minimizing shareholder dilution



# **Transaction Highlights – WPMI Financing**

# US\$ 50 million Existing Gold Stream – now amended

- US\$ 50 million Gold Stream with Wheaton Precious Metals entered into in November 2021
- Initial US\$ 25 million deposit was drawn in March 2022
- Second US\$ 25 million deposit to be drawn as part of the project financing
- Gold Stream has been restructured to:
  - Waived the delay ounce delivery obligations caused by the delayed EIA approval
  - Realign the completion dates to the new build schedule
- Generally Existing Gold Stream terms remain in place, with some adjustments:
  - 6.0% of gold production until 90,000 ounces have been delivered under the base stream and the flexible prepay has been satisfied in full, 4.0% of gold production thereafter until 140,000 oz have been delivered under the base stream (provided the flexible prepay has been repaid) and 3.5% thereafter
  - Wheaton has agreed to make ongoing payments for gold ounces delivered equal to 20% of the spot gold price (vs 18% previously) until the value of gold delivered less the ongoing payment equals the upfront consideration

# US\$ 100 million Flexible Prepay Arrangement

- US\$ 100 million Flexible Prepay Arrangement to fund the Project to completion
- Facility will be available in two US\$ 50 million deposits
- Fixed monthly repayment schedule with ability to overdeliver / underdeliver
- Wheaton will make ongoing payments for gold ounces delivered equal to 20% of the spot gold price
- Option to deliver outstanding ounces and terminate early without penalty, during a two-year window (end-2027 to end-2029)

Year	Delivery Profile (refined gold ounces)
2026	8,000
2027	14,000
2028	15,000
2029	15,000
2030	15,000
2031	15,000
2032	13,000
<u>Total</u>	95,000

# US\$ 20 million Standby Loan Facility

- Additional US\$ 20 million standby cost contingency loan facility
- Available for cost overrun and construction ramp-up funding
- Low standby cost

#### **Equity Investment**

- Wheaton Precious Metals participated in the final equity raise for:
  - CA\$ 5 million



### **Capital Structure**

As of November 1, 2024

Share Price (TSXV)	CAD	0.69
<b>Basic Shares Outstanding</b>	M	423.9
Fully Diluted Shares	M	443.9

<b>Basic Market Capitalization</b> M	292.5
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Working Capital * Cash as of Nov 01/24	M	77
EV per M&I resource ounce	USD	32.52









### **Maricunga Gold Belt**



# Fenix Gold is a <u>unique</u> Project in the Maricunga Gold Belt

- ✓ Located close to National Highway
- ✓ The only 100% oxide gold Project in the Maricunga Gold Belt
- ✓ Most advanced gold development Project in the area
- ✓ Simple Project characteristics
- ✓ Significant exploration upside



Mineral Endowment: +80M oz Au



# **Project Construction: Pre-Financing**













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### **2023 Feasibility Study Highlights**



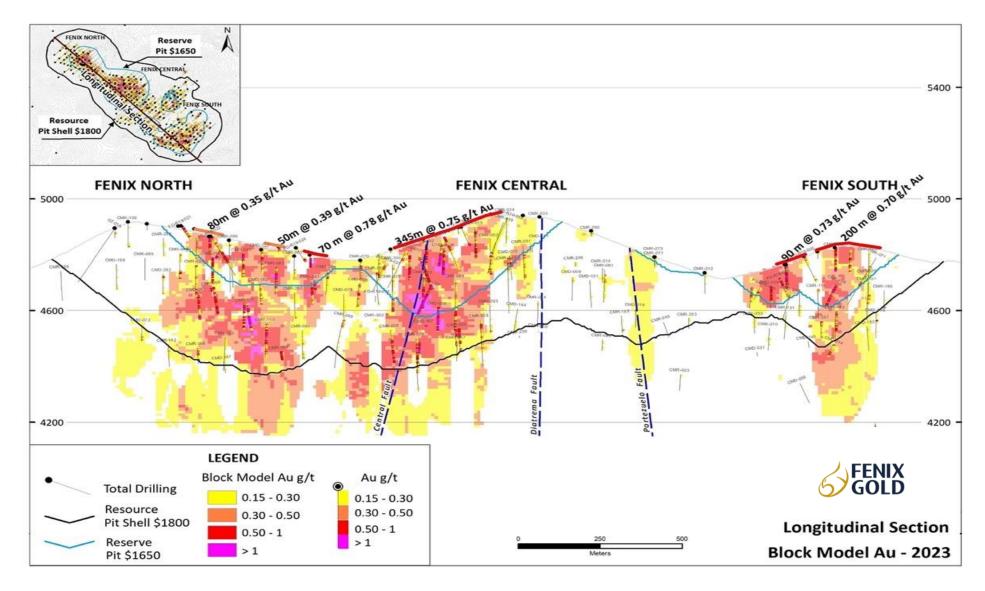
- Feasibility Study completed in September 2023 envisions an open-pit, heap leach operation with single stage crushing
- Mine plan intends to facilitate shortest possible timeline to production
- Facilitated by the decision to truck water from Copiapó to site to expedite and simplify approval and permitting process
- Average annual gold production expected to be 91 koz during the first 12 years, and 54 koz during the years 13 to 17 of production
- Large mineralized resource base and potential for increased resources through drilling
- Significant opportunity to increase production and extend mine life

DESCRIPTION	UNITS	VALUE
General		
Gold Price	US\$/Oz	1,750
Mine Life	Years	17
Total Ore to Heap Leach	Kt	114,653
Total Waste	Kt	97,102
Strip Ratio		0.85
Production		
Gold Grade to Heap Leach	g/t	0.48
Gold Recovery	%	75%
Total Ounces Recovered	Koz	1,322
Total Average Annual Production	Koz	81.9
Operating cost		
Chile Govt Royalty	US\$/ Oz au	1.02
Selling cost	US\$/ Oz au	10.0
Mining Costs	US\$/mined	3.07
Processing Costs	US\$/ore	5.53
G&A Costs	US\$/ore	2.16
Cash Cost	US\$/ Oz au	1,171
AISC	US\$/ Oz au	1,237
Capital cost		
Initial Capital	US\$ M	116.6
Sustaining Capital	US\$ M	76.9
Closure Cost	US\$ M	11.1
Financials after taxes		
NPV @ 5%	US\$ M	210.3
IRR	%	28.5%
Payback	Years	2.8



### **Massive Outcropping Oxide Orebody**







### **Geology and Mineralization**



- Brecciated volcanics
- Bulk, disseminated deposit
- Black banded quartz veins in breccias
- Low sulfidation mineralization
- Open in all directions
- Negligible copper, sulfur and mercury



Fenix Gold is **unique** in the Maricunga region as it is a pure oxide gold deposit with **no transitional or sulfide mineralization** 



#### **Large Undeveloped Oxide Gold Deposit**



**RESERVES** > US\$ 1,650

**RESOURCES** > US\$ 1,800

PROVEN & PROBABLE

MEASURED & INDICATED

**INFERRED** 

 $1.8_{MOZ}$ 

4.8<sub>MOZ</sub>

1 MOZ

Note: Resources are inclusive of reserves

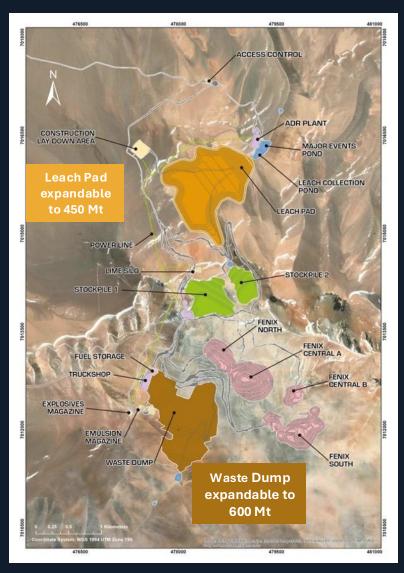
- Strike length 2.4 km; Width up to 400 m
- Currently drilled to depth of 600 m open at depth and along strike
- Finely disseminated gold hosted in volcanic breccias
- 100% oxides negligible copper



#### **Unique Project and Development Approach**



- Maricunga Region is dominated by many large-scale gold projects
- All have challenges with water, metallurgy, tailings disposal and capex
- Fenix Gold is unique in the Maricunga
  - ✓ Clean oxide mineralization
  - ✓ Simple metallurgy
  - ✓ 100% leach for LOM
  - ✓ No tailings
  - ✓ Able to bootstrap start-up with low construction capex
  - ✓ Able to cut development timeline to 2 years from 5 years by trucking water
  - ✓ A number of alternative water options identified to allow Project expansion
  - ✓ Any future expansion fits within the existing Project footprint





#### **Water Supply**



STATUS

Industrial water supply secured to fully support LOM Production

**SUPPLIER** 

Agreement in place with Nueva Atacama

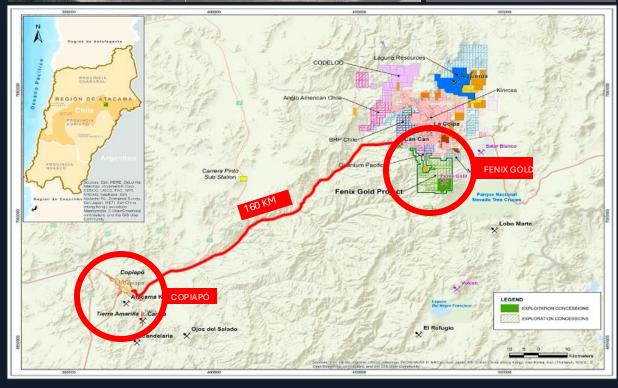
- Water is industrial (re-treated effluent) suitable for heap leaching process
- Full-Service Water Utility Company, part of a leading infrastructure platform in Chile and global conglomerate

**LOGISTICS** 

Truck water from Nueva Atacama (Copiapó) to the project site



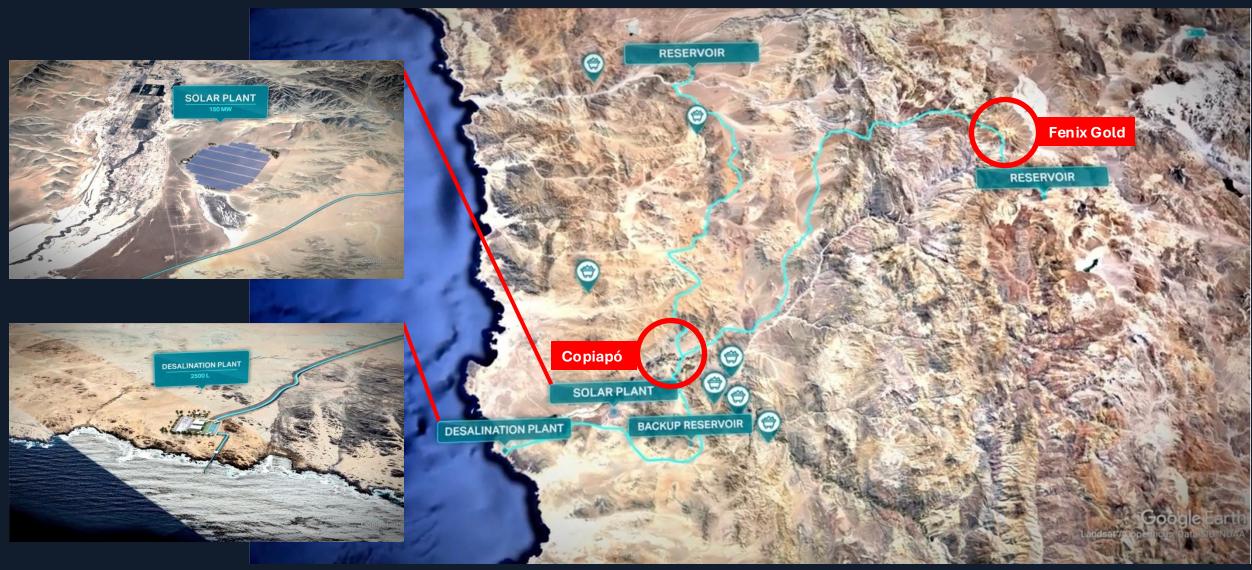






# **Proposed ENAPAC Solar Desalination Project Infrastructure**





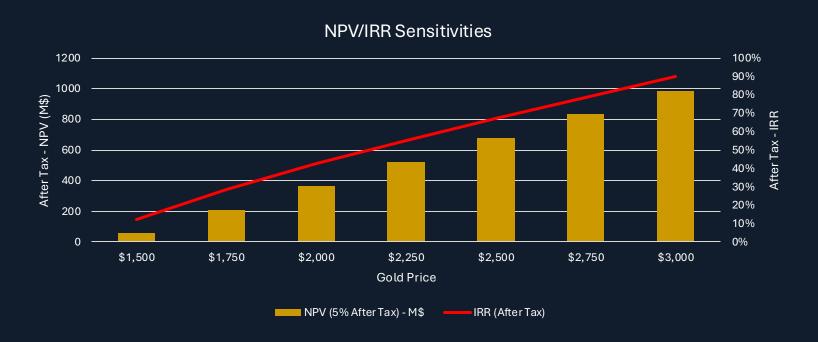
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#### **Economic Sensitivities**



20,000 tonne per day mining rate – FS 2023



#### **Capital Cost Sensitivities**

Capital Costs	-10%	\$205M	10%
NPV (5% after tax)	\$223M	\$210M	\$197M
IRR (after tax)	32.5%	28.5%	25.3%

#### **Operating Cost Sensitivities**

Operating Costs	-10%	\$1,545M	10%
NPV (5% after tax)	\$288M	\$210M	\$133M
IRR (after tax)	35.8%	28.5%	20.5%

Incorporating only Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves of 1,772,000 oz of gold – USD 1,650 Gold Price



# **Noteworthy Project Comparisons**



	SSR Mining Marigold Mine Nevada	Kinross Bald Mountain Mine Nevada	Rio2 Limited Fenix Gold Project Chile
Ore Mining Rate (tpd)	55,000	45,500	20,000
Avg. Annual Production Au oz	215,000	172,250	82,000
Years	17	17	17
Ore	205M	37M	115M
Waste	730M	93M	97M
Strip Ratio	3.6	2.5	0.85
Au Grade	0.48	0.50	0.48
Au Recovery	74%	75%	75%
Recoverable Gold	2,536,000	470,000	1,322,000
AISC - US\$	1,278	1,300	1,287
M&I Resources (incl Reserves)	320Mt @ 0.46 g/t Au 5.2M oz (Au \$1,750)	285Mt @ 0.50 g/t Au 4.4M oz (Au \$1,700)	389Mt @ 0.38 g/t Au 4,8M oz (Au\$1,800)
Source: NI 43-101 Technical Report	DATE: SEPTEMBER, 2022	Date: NA	DATE: SEPTEMBER, 2023

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# **Path Forward**

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Environment al Impact Study Filed Geotechnical, Condemnatio n Drilling, Engineering

ROM Trial Leach Tests Feasibility Study

EIA Approval

Permitting Activities

Project Financing Mine Construction

In Progress

Mine Expansion Study

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Mine Expansion EIA

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