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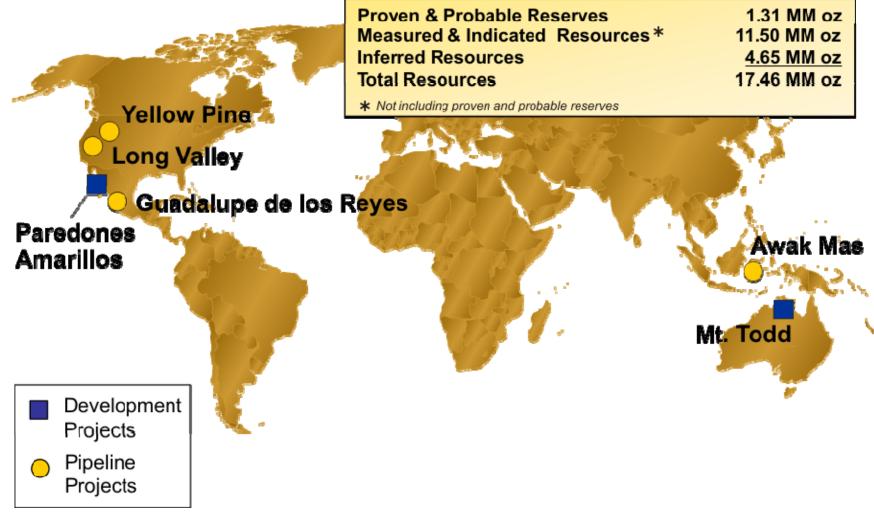
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### **Global Asset Base**





# **Corporate Information**

- Listed on the NYSE Amex and TSX: VGZ
- 52-week range (US\$): \$1.45 \$3.38
- Share price (04/09/2010): US\$2.34
- Market Cap: US\$104.55 MM
- 44.7 million shares outstanding<sup>(1)</sup>;
   47.7 (53.6) fully diluted (convertible)<sup>(1)</sup>
- Strong balance sheet
  - US\$28.4 MM in cash<sup>(1)</sup>
  - US\$28.7 MM in convertible debt<sup>(1)</sup>
- Avg. Volume 379,318 shares/day (3M NYSE Amex)



(1) As of December 31, 2009



### **Investment Considerations**

#### Strong project pipeline for accelerated growth

- Proven value-creation track record
- Substantial, multi-project resource base
  - 17.5 million ounces of gold
  - 73% in measured and indicated category
- On the path to production
  - Permitting the 1.3MM oz Paredones Amarillos Project
  - Preliminary feasibility study underway at the Mt. Todd Project
- Experienced management team and board



# Vista – Gold Resources

### 73% of Vista resources are in measured and indicated category

Since 2001, Vista's Measured and Indicated gold resource has grown from 1.48MM to 12.8MM oz

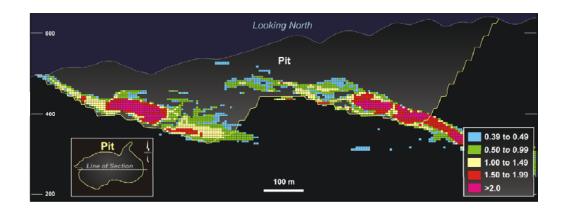
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	Proven & Probable Gold		Measured and Indicated Gold			Gold			
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Development Projects	(000's)	(g/t)	(000's)	(000's)	(g/t)	(000's)	(000's)	(g/t)	(000's)
Paredones Amarillos (Mexico)	37,948	1.08	1,315	32,658	0.77	804	7,694	0.64	158
Mt. Todd (Australia)				190,939	0.84	5,125	94,008	0.74	2,244
Portfolio Projects									
Guadalupe de los Reyes (Mexico)				10,048	1.50	484	4,888	2.02	317
Yellow Pine (Idaho)				30,695	2.26	2,218	14,558	1.75	819
Long Valley (California)				61,939	0.62	1,211	29,858	0.58	572
Awak Mas (Indonesia)				41,693	1.24	1,656	20,425	0.82	539
Totals			1,315			11,498			4,649
Total Measured and Indicated Resources	12,813 oz								



### **Paredones Amarillos**

#### Baja California Sur, Mexico

- Bankable feasibility study updated in September 2009
  - Average annual production of 142,600 oz over first five years
  - Average cash cost per ounce US\$372 per oz over first five years
  - Open pit mining 3.6:1 strip ratio
     11,000 tpd CIP circuit 91.5% recovery



#### **Bankable Feasibility Study Highlights**

Gold Price Assumption (US\$)	\$771 <sup>1</sup>	\$950
Mine Life	9.3 years	9.3 years
Reserves	$1.3 \text{ MM oz}^2$	$1.3 \text{ MM oz}^2$
Cash Costs (LOM, US\$)	\$406	\$406
Capital Cost (US\$)	\$190 MM	\$190 MM
Avg. Annual Cash Flow (US\$)	\$47 MM	\$70 MM
Payback Period	2.9 years	2.3 years



<sup>)</sup> Production-weighted average price based on US\$850/oz gold price for 1st 3 yrs and US\$725oz for yrs 4-10.

<sup>2)</sup> Proven and Probable Reserves are 37,848,000 tonnes with 1.08 grams per tonne gold

# Paredones Amarillos – Permitting Update

- Permitting update
  - Obtained Temporary Occupation Permits in October 2009
  - Currently amending application for Change of Land Use
     Permit required to commence construction to address
     procedural and administrative comments from SEMARNAT
  - Working with Mexican advisors and Government to expedite process
- Community engagement and social programs underway





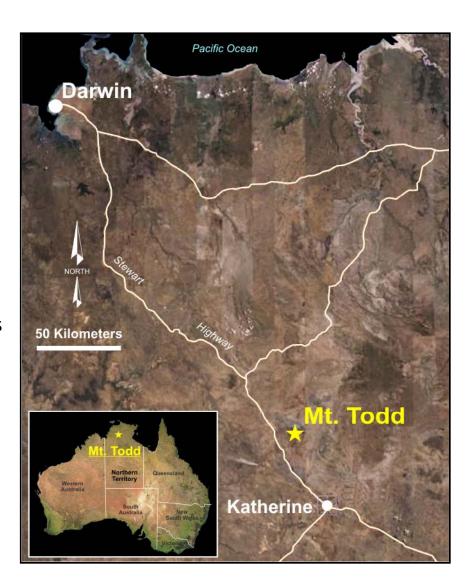


### Mt. Todd

#### Northern Territory, Australia

- Acquired in 2006 for US\$1.6 MM (US\$0.48/oz)
- Large and growing resource
  - 5.1 MM oz @ 0.84 g/t (M&I)
  - 2.2 MM oz @ 0.74 g/t (Inferred)
- Preliminary feasibility study underway
  - Targeted for completion mid 2010
  - Drilling ongoing to convert inferred resources
- Good location and existing infrastructure
- District exploration potential
- Supportive Territorial government
- No Aboriginal rights issues





# Mt. Todd - Preliminary Feasibility Studies Underway

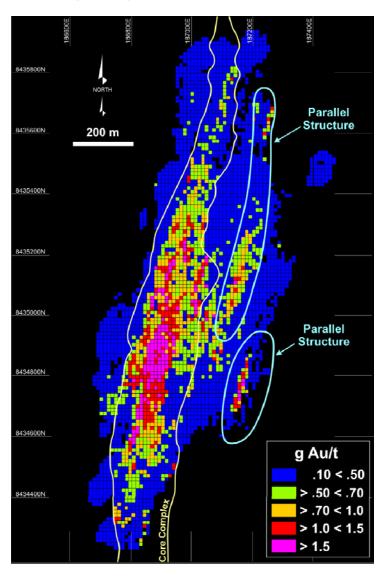
Prefeasibility - Scheduled for Q2 2010

#### **Technical Program**

- Development drilling to convert and add resources in Batman Pit area drilling commenced
- Exploration drilling to test targets identified by 2009 field exploration program
- Confirm metallurgical and processing results - mostly complete
- Pre-Feasibility level engineering and cost estimates +/- 25% - underway
- Continue environmental studies and advance permitting



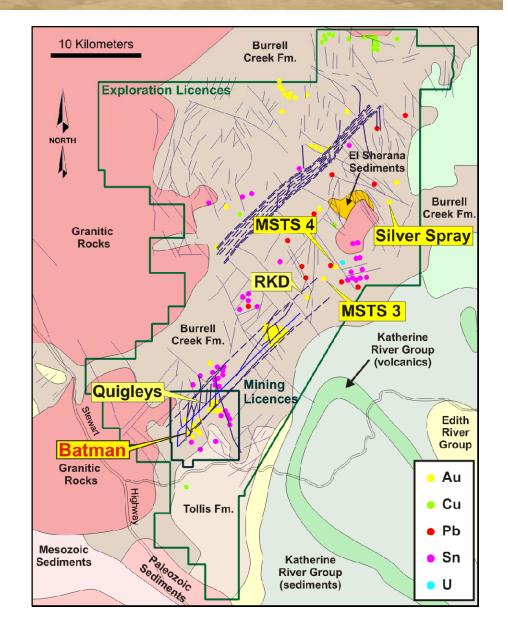
Targeting 10+ million ounces



### Mt. Todd –District Expansion

#### Strong potential for new discoveries

- 1,000+ Km<sup>2</sup> of exploration licenses
- Quigleys, Golf-Tollis
  - Similar and close to Batman deposit
  - Historic (non-compliant) resource estimate of 79,000 ounces
- Silver Spray
  - Gold values of 1.8 g/t over 600+ meters
  - Potential for enrichment and thickening at depth
- 2009 Geochem Program identified two new targets with Batman-style characteristics





## **Project Pipeline**

#### Strong platform for future growth or near-term value realization

### Guadalupe de los Reyes (Mexico)

- Under-explored low-sulfidation epithermal system with potential for high gold & silver grades
- District consolidation completed in 2008

#### Yellow Pine (Idaho)

- Advancing permitting in 2010 (baseline environmental data collection)
- District consolidation possible (+5 million ounces potential)

#### Long Valley (California)

- Heap leachable deposit
- Preliminary Economic Assessment completed in 2008

#### Awak Mas (Indonesia)

 Vista reached agreement with private mineral development company to earn 60% interest by completing environmental and feasibility studies required under COW





### **Experienced Management Team**

- Strong team of mining executives with senior management experience in exploration, development, construction and operation of gold mining projects in similar geopolitical environments:
  - Latin America: Andacolla, Eldorado, El Indio, Tambo, Pascua, Yanacocha
  - Australia Pacific : Batu Hijau, Boddington, King King, Ok Tedi
  - North America: Alligator Ridge, Atlas Gold Bar, Brewer, Briggs, Hycroft, Round Mountain, Marigold, Dee
- Mike B. Richings Executive Chairman & CEO, Director
  - Mining Engineer 35 years
- Frederick H. Earnest President & COO, Director
  - Mining Engineer 25 years
- Gregory G. Marlier Chief Financial Officer
  - Corporate finance and accounting 25 years
- Thomas J. DeMull Senior Vice President, Project Development
  - Metallurgical Engineer 30 years
- Frank K. Fenne Vice President, Exploration
  - Professional Geologist 25 years



### Conclusion

### Vista Gold - on the path to production

- Proven value-creation track record
- Substantial, multi-project resource base
   17.5 million ounces of gold
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