

# GOLD MINING IN SENEGAL

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#### **Forward Looking Statements**

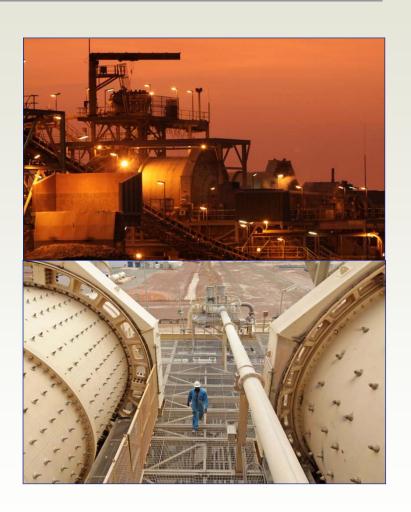
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## **Corporate Snapshot**

- ASX (MDL) and TSX (MDM) listed
- ▶ 606.5M shares
- A\$650M / US\$610M market capitalisation
- US\$20M cash / US\$29M debt
- 250K ozs hedged @ US\$846/oz 2.5 years
- 75% institutional / 25% retail share register
- ▶ 15% of Oromin
- Gold demerger late 2010



## Senegal, West Africa



#### Senegal:

- Successful democracy
- Stable political environment
- Small population (12.5m)
- Francophile
- World standard mining laws

MDL's projects are of national significance – Sabodala is the country's first large gold mine

## **Mineral Deposits**

## **Company overview**

## **Two projects in Senegal, West Africa:**

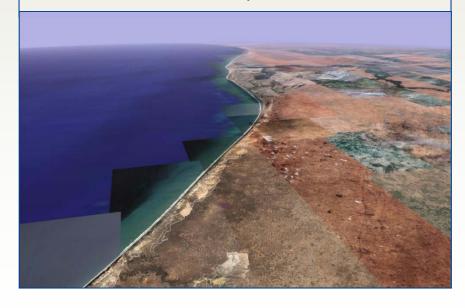
# SABODALA Gold Operation

Strategically located at epicentre of a major new gold district

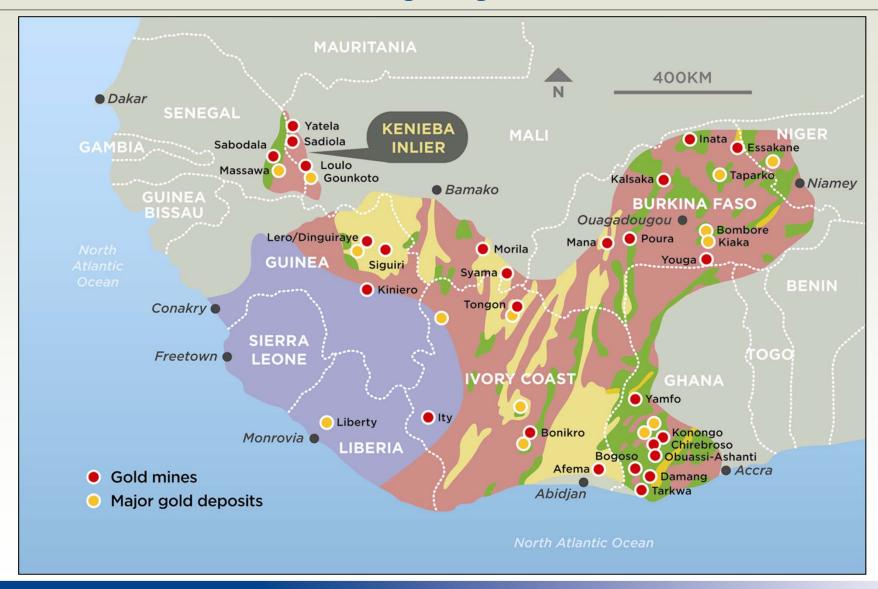


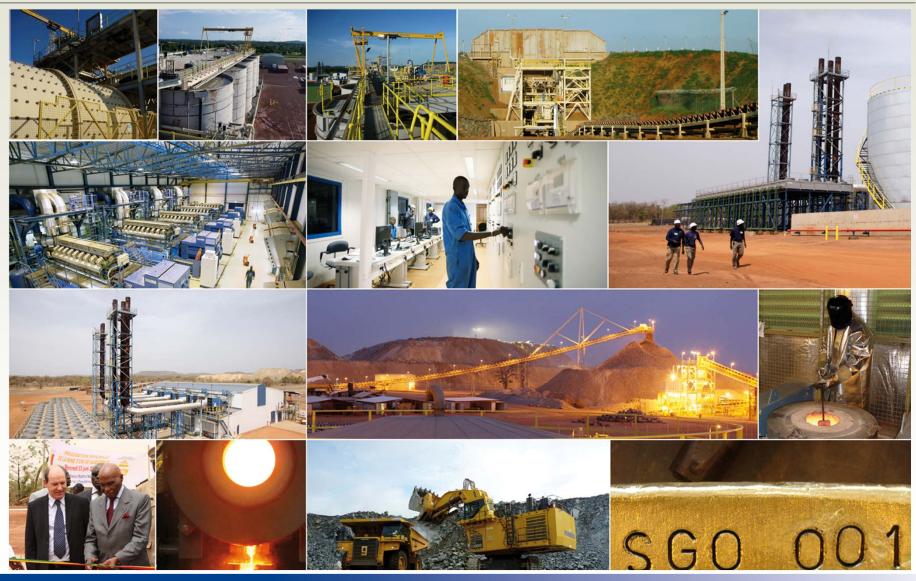
# **GRANDE CÔTE Mineral Sands Project**

Development project with Tier 1 potential



## Positioned on one of the world's great gold belts







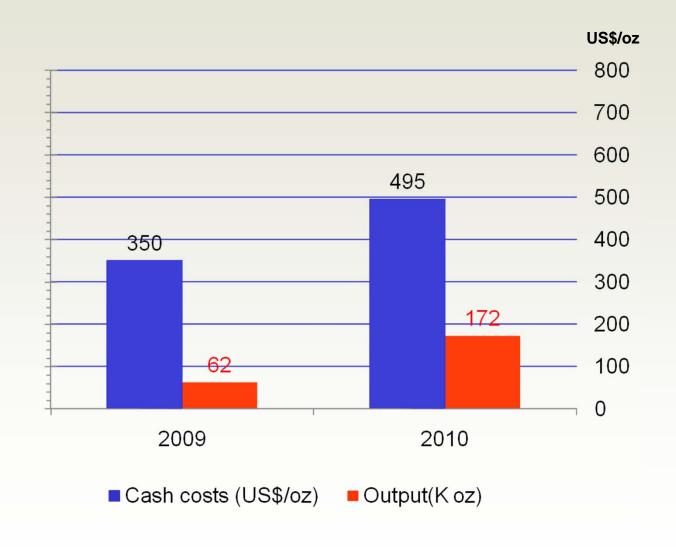
**Exceeded our expectations** 



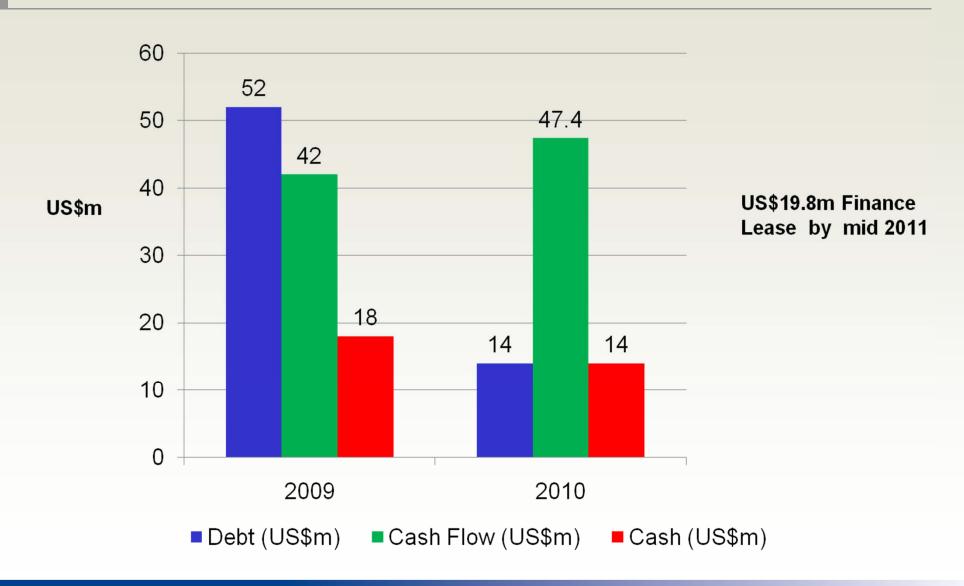
We are building to plus 200,000 ounce per year

## Mine Expansion ...

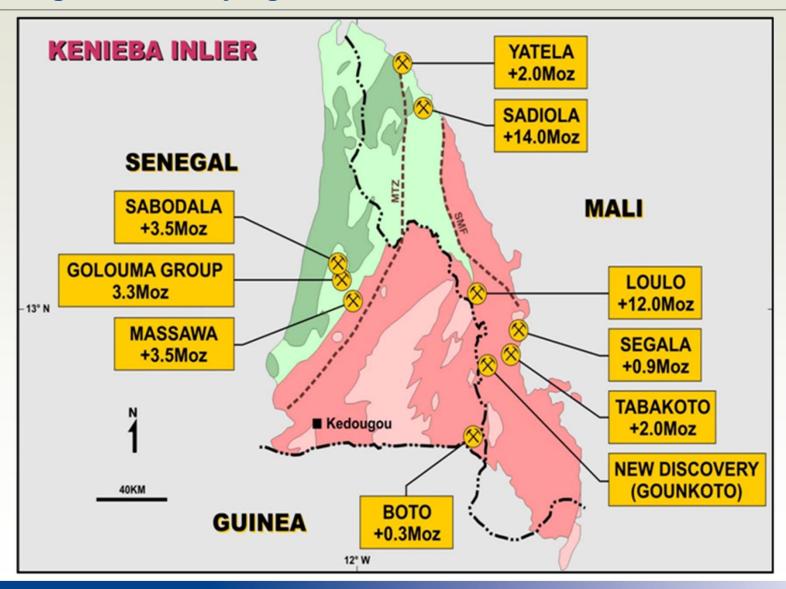
- Output/throughput above plan in 2010
- Expanded mine fleet now in place
- 4 Mtpa mill expansion
  - US\$50m
  - From cash flow



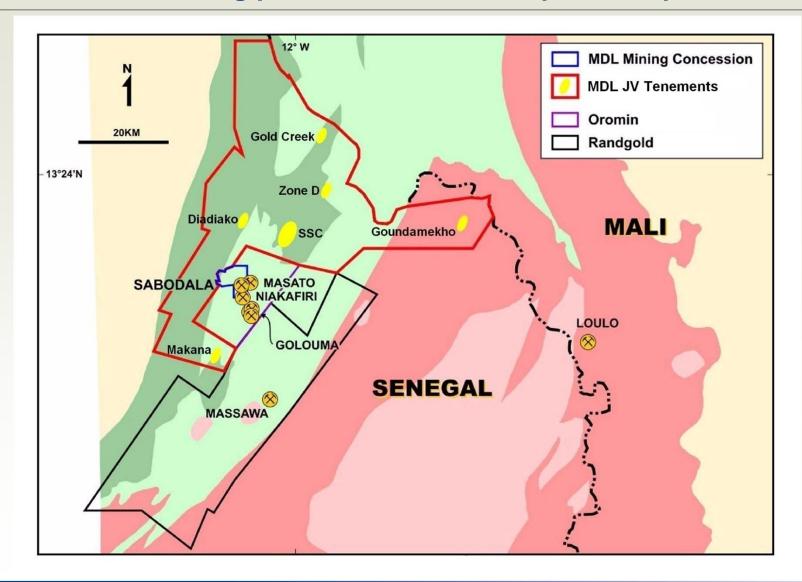
**Strong cash flow from operations (after Corporate)** 



Birimian gold belt - major gold discoveries



## A 1,400km² landholding provides enormous exploration potential



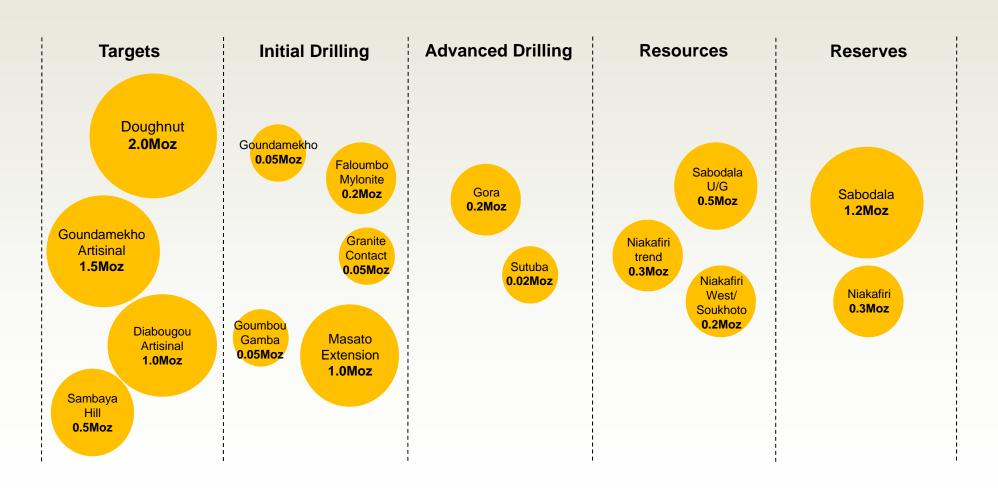
# **Exploration Target**

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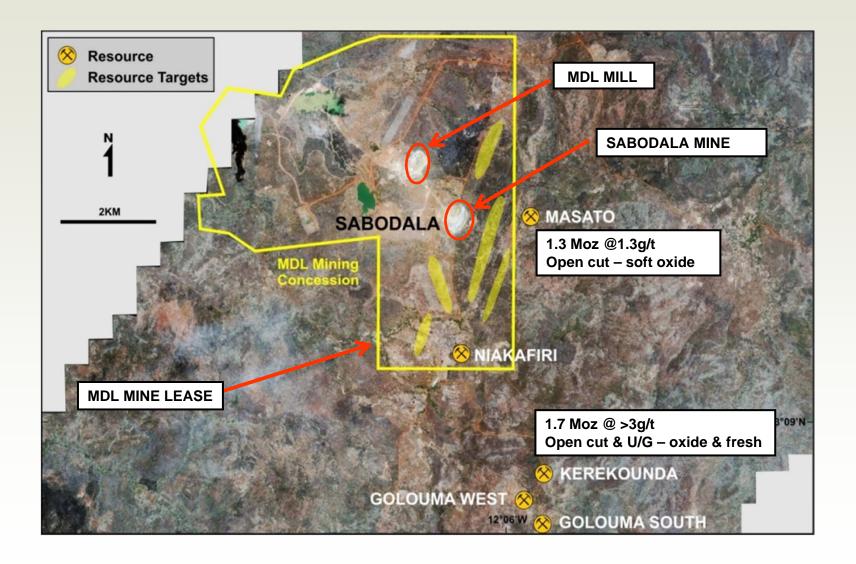
## **Project Pipeline**

## We are actively growing our project pipeline...



## Sabodala Gold

## MDL has acquired 15% of Oromin



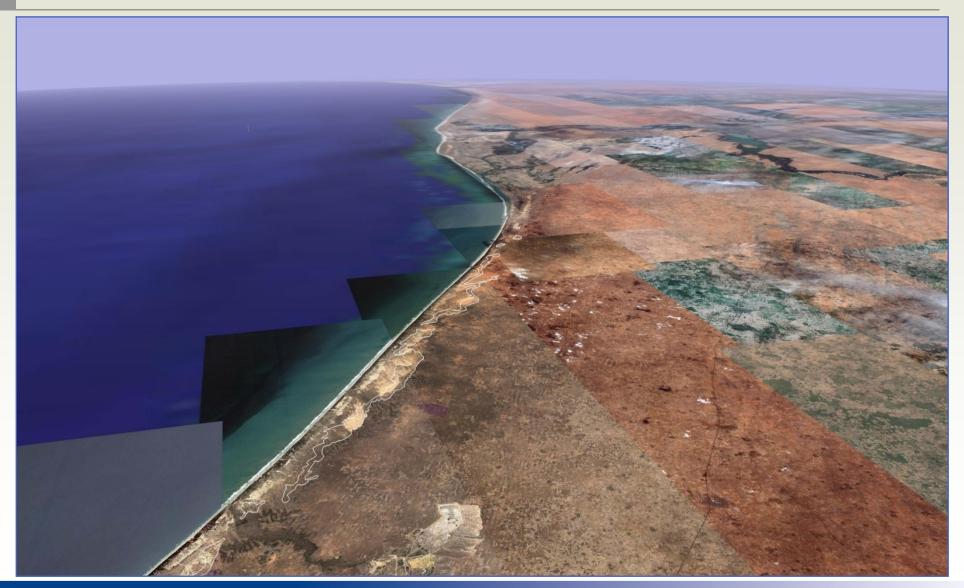
## Gold business being demerged this year

North American listing of gold - ASX listing of sands



- Management to be Toronto based
- Alan Hill & Richard Young to lead
- IPO target November
- 80% distributed to MDL shareholders
- MDL to retain 20%.
- Cash to MDL for mineral sands
- Existing MDL team to develop Grande Côte







#### Resource

## A mine life of at least 25 years is supported by a large resource

- Global Inferred Resource:
  - 3.2Bn tonnes @ 1.8% HM (1.0% cutoff)
- First 14 years of Reserves established in initial dredge path

#### **Orebody characteristics**

- No overburden
- Free flowing sands
- Minor vegetation
- Minimal slimes
- No hard lenses
- Water table 2-4m below surface

#### **Heavy Mineral content**

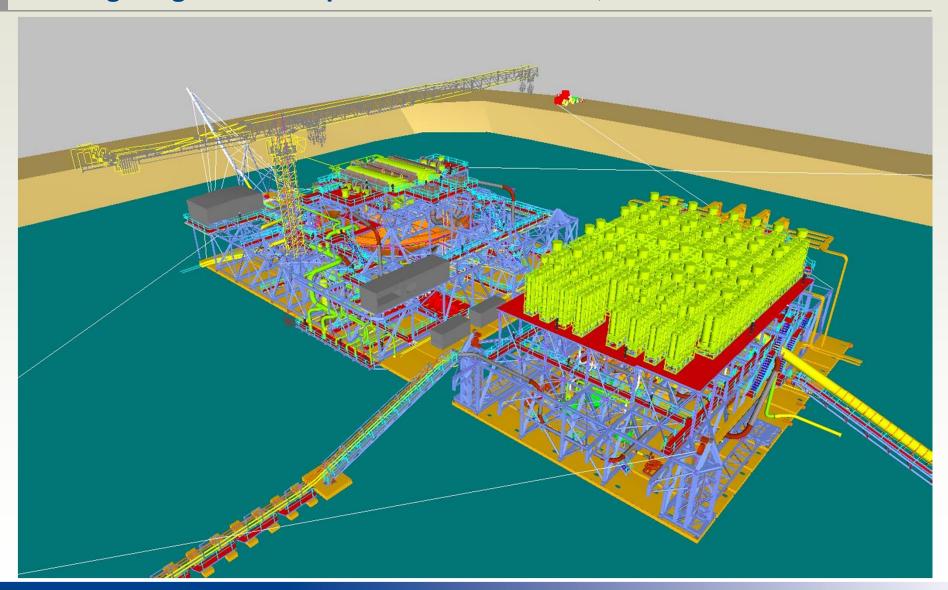
Zircon	10.7%
Ilmenite	74.5%
Rutile	2.5%
Leucoxene	3.2%

## **Project Scope**

### Orebody provides for a large scale operation

- Dredge and floating concentrator mining 55Mtpa
- ▶ US\$406m Capex
- IRR of 21% based on first 14 years
- OPEX ~US\$75m
- 80Ktpa zircon (7% of global production); 550-600Ktpa ilmenite;
  6Ktpa rutile; 11Ktpa leucoxene
- Infrastructure
  - 28MW HFO power station
  - Connections to existing road, rail and port

Floating surge bin and spiral concentrator – 6,000 tonnes of steel

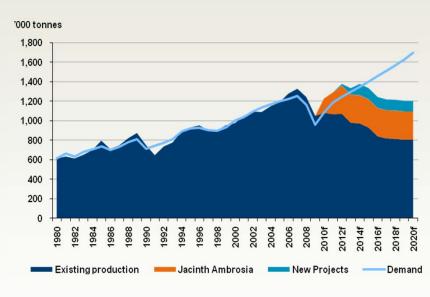


## Market supply/demand balance

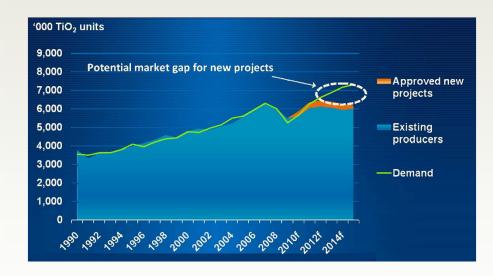
### Market entry in 2013 is predicted (by TZMI) to coincide with supply deficits

Zircon Supply/Demand Balance

TiO<sub>2</sub> Feedstock Supply/Demand Balance



Source: TZMI, December 2009



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#### **Financial Overview**

## A strong operating margin provides for a robust project

Volume mined : 55 Mtpa

Heavy Mineral grade (ROM): 1.7%-1.8%

		Zircon	Rutile	Leucox.	Ilmenite	Total
Production	Ktpa	75-80	6	9	550-600	
Price assumptions	US\$/t	1,000-1,200	550-600	350-400	80-100	
Revenue	US\$M	75-90	3	4	45-60	127-157
Operating Costs	US\$M	35-40			15	50-55
Operating Profit (pre royalties)	US\$M					72-107

## **Project Status**

# Project development has recommenced following completion of Sabodala Gold operation

Mining Concession	✓	25 year Mining Concession granted by Presidential Decree
Environmental approval	<b>√</b>	Received
Engineering design	<b>√</b>	Completed (Ausenco)
Mine path	✓	Completed (AMC)
Key management	✓	In place
Definitive Feasibility Study	✓	Completed 2Q 2010
Customer commitments		Zircon extensively tested, ilmenite marketing in progress
Financing		2010 / 2011

### **Competitive Advantages**

### Significant competitive advantages give project Tier 1 potential

# High Quality Zircon

- Top quartile
- Low Uranium / Thorium
- Customer approved

# **Low Operating Costs**

- Bottom quartile
- No overburden & all free flowing white beach sands
- Minimal slimes (clay)

# Substantial Existing Infrastructure

- Dakar port only 125km from MSP
- Close to rail and road transport options to the port
- Ship loading facilities available at the port

#### Proximity to Premium Markets

- Close to major markets of Europe and North America
- Regular container service operating out of Dakar provides working capital benefits for zircon customers