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## Company Highlights

- Salave one of the largest gold deposits in Western Europe
- NI 43-101 compliant resources of 2 Million ounces in safe jurisdiction
  - 17.9Mt grading 2.9g/t Au for 1.7M oz in M&I resources
  - 2.6Mt grading 1.9g/t Au for 160k oz in Inferred resources
  - 1.2Mt grading 4.7g/t Au for 180k oz in UG Inferred resources
- UG mining scenario in PEA projects production of 9.8Mt at 4.23g/t Au (8.3 Mt M&I at 4.31 g/t Au) totalling 1.27Moz over 10 year LOM
- Overwhelming community support for mine development
- Application for UG mine permit submitted to Principality of Asturias
- Undervalued compared to peer group at only \$20 EV/oz
- Strong Board and Management team with experience in acquisition and development of world class mineral assets

### Management & Directors

### Cary Pinkowski - CEO & President, Director

Founder of Entrée Gold (TSX: ETG, AMEX: EGI) and Chairman of CP Capital Group Ltd.

### Michael Surratt - Interim Chief Operating Officer

Founder and former President & CEO of Mercator Minerals (TSX: ML).

#### Josh Crumb - Director

Former Senior Metals Strategist at Goldman Sachs research division in London.

#### Sean Roosen - Director

President & CEO of Osisko Mining Corporation (TSX: OSK, FWB: EWX).

### Hon. John D. Reynolds P.C. - Director

Former Minister of the Environment in British Columbia and former MP of Canada.

### **Douglas Turnbull - Director**

Qualified Professional Geologist and President of Lakehead Geological Services Inc.

### Emilio Hormaeche - Technical Advisor, Metallurgy & Environment

Former Project Manager of Tasiast in Mauritania and Aguablanca in Spain.

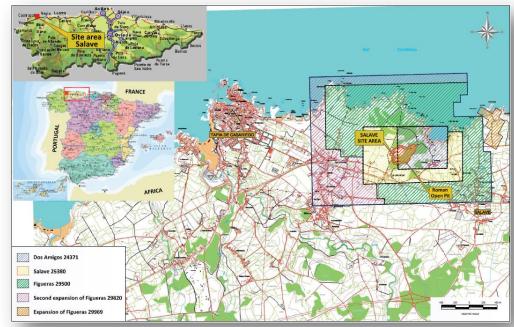
### Salave History

- Located in Asturias province, NW Spain
  - Historically pro-mining region with several open pit and underground coal mines in production.
- Gold mining history dating back to the first century (AD)
  - Romans mined around 6 million tonnes of the oxidized part of the deposit to depths of 30m.
- Salave was ready to go into production in 2005 at gold price of \$400/oz
  - Rio Narcea submitted all requisite documentation for an open-pit mine.
  - €40 Million was spent with active encouragement from the Asturian Government for the advancement of Salave.
  - Drilling to date totals 64,377m in 430 holes (235 diamond drill holes).
- Astur Gold is subject to pay an additional €20 Million to Lundin Mining within 180 days upon receiving all necessary permits for an open pit mine operation that produces over 800,000ozs. Currently Astur Gold is pursuing a permit for an underground mine. There is an approximate 2.5% NSR payable to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

### Salave Location & Infrastructure

Located in the province of Asturias, on the northern coast of Spain

- Total area of 3198 hectares (31.98 km²)
- Situated on the Spanish National Highway
- High voltage power line transects the property and grid power at Tapia 2 km away, which is linked to Asturias Power grid
- Rail line is very close to the property and shipping facilities available at port of Ribadeo
- Water is available and easily accessible
- Excellent infrastructure due to long history of coal mining in the region



# Map of Tapia and Salave Locations



# World Class Intercepts

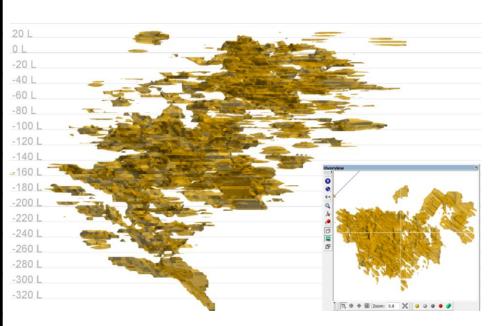
21.7 meters of 37.7 grams 37.1 meters of 15.7 grams 18.2 meters of 29.3 grams 58.5 meters of 8.2 grams



### Salave Model & Drill Results

Highlight drill results from Rio Narcea Gold Mines May 11, 2005 press release:

Hole #	From	То	Gold (g/t)					
RN41	198.40	223.60	25.20	6.1				
Including	208.15	218.70	10.65	10.5				
RN42	189.65	203.45	13.80	6.8				
	215.05	230.40	15.35	10.8				
RN43	69.85	78.45	8.60	10.3				
	137.70	157.50	19.80	7.7				
RN48	63.95	142.50	3.3					
Including	127.55	140.75	7.6					
RN49	123.10	165.75	42.65	2.7				
Including	145.45	149.50	4.05	9.6				
RN50	90.50	120.90	<b>30.40</b>	<b>10.6</b> 32.0				
Including	109.75	118.75	9.00					
RN60	87.40	119.40	32.00	3.1				
Including	95.50	98.90	3.40	12.6				
RN68	193.40	225.80	32.40	2.8				
RN69	74.05	84.60	10.55	9.3				
	127.45	188.95	<b>61.50</b>	<b>4.9</b>				
	282.00	293.00	11.00	10.3				
RN70 Including	191.20 233.25 252.20 281.00	224.50 270.35 270.35 302.65	33.30 37.10 18.15 21.65	8.7 15.7 29.3 37.7				



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# Salave Deposit Description & Metallurgy

### **Deposit Type**

- Intrusion related, shear zone hosted gold deposit
- Multi-million oz examples include:
  - Fort Knox, Pogo and Donlin Creek in Alaska
  - Telfer and Boddington in Western Australia

#### **Mineralization**

- Hosted in altered granodiorite and metasedimentary rocks along granodiorite contact in a NE trending, 350m wide shear zone
- Associated with pyrite, arsenopyrite, stibnite and minor base metals
- > 70% of the gold is refractory and associated with arsenopyrite and/or pyrite

#### Positive Metallurgical Testwork (Anglo American, Rio Narcea)

- > 90% recovery from previous test work based on:
  - Crushing
  - Conventional grinding to 80% passing 75 microns
  - Bulk flotation
  - Pressure leaching of flotation concentrate followed by cyandiation/CIP gold recovery

## Salave Preliminary Economic Assessment

Underground mining with pressure oxidation processing using baseline \$1,100/oz gold price and throughput rate of 1.1 Mt per year demonstrates:

- −Pre-tax NPV<sub>5%</sub> of US\$391 Million
- -IRR of 46%
- -Pre-production capital expenditure payback of 2.2 years
- -Mine production of 9.8Mt at 4.23 g/t Au (8.3 Mt M&I at 4.31 g/t Au) totalling 1.27Moz over 10 year mine life
- -Average annual plant recovered production of 127 thousand oz at average annual cash costs of \$529/oz

### Gold price sensitivity:

Au Price (US\$/oz)	Pre-tax NPV <sub>5%</sub> (US\$M)	IRR (%)
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\$1,000	\$300	38%
\$1,100	\$391	46%
\$1,250	\$529	57%
\$1,400	\$667	68%
\$1,500	\$759	75%

### New Permitting Strategy

#### Rio Narcea in 2005:

- No community relations, meetings, or consultations
- "Take it or leave it" application for large open pit mine
- No jobs created; planned to relocate El Valle workforce

#### **Astur Gold now:**

- Community included in process, Tapia office open
- Town hall style meetings, consultations, multiple surveys indicating 75% in favour of mine
- Over 4000 job applications received to date
- Project to create 250 direct jobs and 250 indirect jobs LOM; 850 jobs during construction
- Underground mining operation that is not forbidden by local zoning regulations
- Let the community push for new industry and jobs



### Spain Needs Economic Solutions

- Spanish debt crisis and housing collapse
- Renewable energy projects in wind and solar power failed to create expected jobs
- Current unemployment rate is 23% while youth unemployment (under 25) is 45%
- \$872 billion in sovereign debt outstanding
- Half of the savings & loan banks in a state of insolvency
- EU announced closing of all subsidized coal mines across the EU by 2014
- Almost 4000 jobs in Asturias depend on the subsidized coal mining sector
- → Development of Salave is a win-win situation for Astur Gold shareholders and the local community in Asturias, Spain





## Survey Results

- In a 2010 independent survey of 5 municipalities surrounding Salave, results show that **74.4% are** in favor of developing the Salave deposit of those who hold an opinion on the issue.
- 77% said lack of employment is the main problem in Asturias.
- In Tapia itself, 92% of respondents said they are worried about youth emigration due to lack of employment opportunities.







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## Joint Venture: Codosera Gold Property

- Key terms of the Joint Venture: Silver Swan (ASX: SWN) will expend a total of Aus\$3.0M on exploration for an 80% interest in the project, staged as:
  - \$1.5M expenditure to earn 51% within a period of 3.5 years (including \$500,000 minimum expenditure commitment to be expended within a period of 14 months)
  - \$1.5M expenditure to earn 80% within a period of 5 years
  - In addition, SWN will provide to Astur up to \$1,000,000 of value in SWN shares, in \$500,000 tranches, conditional upon SWN achieving Indicated JORC Resources of 500,000oz gold and 1,000,000oz gold respectively. The value of shares will be calculated on a 10 day VWAP.

Hole #	From (m)	To (m)						
C-24	52.5	56.15	3.7	3.54				
C-27	40.0	48.0	8.0	2.97				
C-27B	44.1	54.1	10.0	3.64				
C-27B	71.7	76.3	4.6	2.34				
C-30	2.0	4.5	2.5	1.27				
C-30	25.4	27.7	2.3	6.44				
C-32	20.4	27.5	7.1	2.74				
C-36	17.0	33.0	16.0	1.46				
NG-01	31.5	33.5	2.0	3.44				
NG-05	27.3	39.3	12.0	2.38				
NG-08	19.6	23.6	4.0	5.93				
NG-11	33.2	35.2	2.0	2.49				
NG-15	11.35	27.35	16.0	1.09				

Selected historic drill results from the IGME exploration program

# Salave Development Plan

Salave Gold F	Project Developm	nent T	imeli	ine								
Fisc	al Year ends Nov 30th	2012			2013			2014				
	Quarter	1 2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Underground Mine Plan Design & Engineering												
Underground Environmental Impact Study												
Geotechnical Permit / Drill / Test												
Excavate / Construct Portal												
Construct Exploration Decline												
Financing												
Underground & Infill Drilling / Resource Update												
Bulk Sample for Metallurgical Testwork						-						
Test Mining												
Bankable Feasibility Study												
Drift Permit / Underground Development												
Long Lead Items												
Construction / Commission												
Underground Production Ramp-up												

## Capital Structure & Stock Information

As of: February 28, 2012	
Shares Outstanding:	34,505,689
Options @ C\$0.75 - 2.50:	2,726,000
Fully Diluted Shares:	37,231,689
52wk Range:	C\$0.95 - 2.34
Avg Volume (3m):	19,398
Market Cap:	C\$39,336,485
Cash:	C\$2.7 Million

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Haywood Securities
Rockstone Research
Northern Securities
Northland Capital Partners
Stonecap Securities
Dundee Securities
Byron Capital Markets



## Summary

- One of the largest undeveloped gold deposits in Western Europe
- Feb 2011 PEA demonstrates robust economics at \$1,100/oz gold
- Trading at \$20 EV/oz undervalued compared to peer group
- Potential for further resource growth deposit open at depth
- Submitted application for underground mining permit in Sept 2011
- Management is focused on bringing Salave into production ASAP



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