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Geology & Mineralization of the New Afton Porphyry Cu-Au deposit +C-Zone Project Update

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New Afton Operation
Exploration & C-zone Project Overview
Geology, Alteration and Mineralization
Concluding Remarks

Regional Geology





From Hall & May, 2013

Orebody History and mining method



- Original Afton Mine operated by Teck Resources between 1978-1997
- Decision to transition to Underground Block Caving by New Gold
- Development began via decline ramp in 2005
- Mine Commissioned in 2012





Operational Achievements



- Achieved commercial production at 11,000 tpd rate ahead of schedule in Q3' 2012
- New Afton Mill expansion successfully commissions in mid 2015
- 2015 Production was 106k oz. Au and 85M lbs Cu
- Current Throughput over 15ktpd
- ISO 14001 Certification for Environmental Management System and ISO 15001 Certification for Energy Management System
- Recipient of multiple BC Mine Safety Awards
 - 1.25 million hours without an LTI
 - Chief Inspector's Award 2013
 - Safest Large UG Mine in BC (2013 and 2014)





New Afton – 2016 guidance

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Deposit Overview





New Afton Sections

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New Afton C-zone reserves and resources



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- Added 583 thousand ounces of gold and 430 million pounds of copper
- C-zone originally identified through limited deep holes drilled from surface prior to 2007
- Since July 2012 have completed 138 holes totaling 85,585 metres and continually updated resource
- Additional drilling planned in 2016 to further expand C-zone

Resource **remains open** at depth and to the west

2015 Year-End C-zone Reserves and Resources⁽¹⁾

	Tonnes (000s)	Gold (g/t)	Copper (%)	Gold (Koz)	Copper (Mlbs)
Proven	-	-	-	-	-
Probable	25,040	0.72	0.78	583	430
Total P&P	25,040	0.72	0.78	583	430
Measured	2,230	1.05	1.21	75	59
Indicated	15,462	0.79	0.96	392	326
Total M&I	17,693	0.82	0.99	467	385
Inferred	6,856	0.48	0.54	106	87

2012 Year-End C-zone⁽²⁾

	Tonnes (000s)	Gold (g/t)	Copper (%)	Gold (Koz)	Copper (Mlbs)
Measured	400	0.60	0.73	8	6
Indicated	2,900	0.63	0.68	58	43
Total M&I	3,300	0.62	0.68	66	49
Inferred	13,600	0.70	0.76	307	228

M&I resources exclusive of reserves. For a detailed breakdown of Mineral Resources and Reserves by category, refer to New Gold's news release dated February 17, 2016 titled "New Gold Announces 2015 financial results with record gold production leading to strong cash flow". Refer to Endnotes under the heading "Cautionary note to U.S. readers concerning estimates of mineral reserves and mineral resources" and "Technical Information".

For additional details regarding 2012 information, refer to the Annual Information Form dated March 27, 2013.

New Afton Stratigraphic Column





* Compiled from work of NGD, Snyder (1994), Ewing (2001) and Logan et al. (2006)



Fragmental and Crystalline Volcanics (BXF)







Ultramafics - Picrite





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Intrusive Rocks - Diorite





Intrusive Rocks - Monzonite







Intrusive Rocks - Latite





Sediments







New Afton Structural Model



- North-northwest trending (A, K & M)
- East-West Trending Footwall and Hangingwall faults
- North west Linkage faults (J)
- North east trending (D, E)



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New Afton Structural Model





New Afton Structural Model – Long Section



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rassic sedimentary rocks

Eocene sedimentary rocks



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- Major alteration domains:
 - Calcic
 - Potassic (KK, KB)
 - Propylitic
 - Phyllic
 - Advanced Argillic (not shown)





Calcic (Calc-Potassic) – magnetite - actinolite, apatite ± epidote







Potassic – K-Feldspar Dominant





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Potassic – Biotite-dominant







Propylitic – chlorite, calcite, epidote, hematite







Phyllic – sericite, carbonate, pyrite, quartz ± tourm







Argillic – kaolinite, carbonate, dickite quartz ± Cu sulfides - sulfosalts









Ore Types -> Primary Hypogene, Secondary Hypogene, Supergene



Hypogene = Chalcopyrite ± Bornite



Secondary Hypogene = tennantite-tetrahedrite ± covellite, chalcocite

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Supergene = Native Cu ± Chalcocite





Zonation of Iron oxides and sulfides



New Afton Geological Model – Schematic Section looking west





Concluding Remarks - Technical



- Mineralization associated with Cherry Creek monzonite phase of the Iron Mask Batholith
- Hosted predominantly in contact breccia of monzonite and Nicola volcanics
- Strong correlation between Au-Cu mineralization and biotite-bearing potassic alteration
- Alteration paragenesis at New Afton sequence of inner Potassic/Calc-Potassic to outer propylitic assemblages overprinted by structurally-controlled phyllic alteration
- Limited space in structurally-controlled environment = higher grades



New Afton Mineral Reserve – December 31, 2015



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Mineral Reserves estimate as at December 31, 2015

	Metal grade				Contained metal		
	Tonnes	Gold	Silver	Copper	Gold	Silver	Copper
	000s	g/t	g/t	%	Koz	Koz	Mlbs
NEW AFTON							
A&B Zones							
Proven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Probable	36,510	0.55	2.4	0.85	646	2,765	681
C Zone							
Proven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Probable	25,040	0.72	1.8	0.78	583	1,447	430
Total New Afton P&P	61,550	0.62	2.1	0.82	1,228	4,212	1,11 2

Measured and Indicated Mineral Resource estimate (exclusive of Reserves) as at December 31, 2015

		M	etal grade		Con	Contained metal	
	Tonnes 000s	Gold g/t	Silver g/t	Copper %	G old Koz	Silver Koz	Copper Mlbs
NEW AFTON							
A&B zones							
Measured	16,940	0.69	2.1	0.87	377	1,134	325
n di ca te d	10,512	0.46	2.2	0.68	156	749	157
A&B Zone M&I	27,451	0.60	2.1	0.80	534	1,878	482
C-zone							
Measured	2,230	1.05	2.2	1.21	75	161	59
n di ca te d	15,462	0.79	2.2	0.96	392	1,075	326
C-zone M&I	17,693	0.82	2.2	0.99	467	1,226	386
HW Lens							
Measured	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
n di ca te d	10,560	0.51	2.1	0.44	174	703	102
HW Lens M&I	10,560	0.51	2.1	0.44	174	703	102
Total New Afton M&I	55,704	0.66	2.1	0.79	1,175	3,809	971

Inferred Resource estimate as at December 31, 2015

	Metal grade			Contain ed metal			
	Tonnes 000s	Gold g/t	Silver g/t	Copper %	Gold Koz	Silver Koz	Copper Mibs
NEW AFTON							
A&B-zones	6,875	0.35	1.3	0.36	77	296	55
C-zon e	6,856	0.48	1.5	0.54	106	328	87
HW Lens	969	0.69	1.5	0.46	21	45	10
Total New Afton Inferred	14,702	0.43	1.4	0.45	205	672	145



C-zone: Project Economics

Gold price		(\$/oz)	\$1,200
Copper price		(\$/lb)	\$2.75
CDN/USD		(\$)	\$1.25
		2015 Scoping Study	2016 Feasibility Study
After-tax 5% NPV	(\$mm)	68	84
After-tax IRR	(%)	9.7	10.3
After-tax Payback	(years)	3.4	3.4

C-zone: Key Sensitivities

\$0.25 per pound change in copper price ~\$34 million in after-tax NPV and 1.9% change in IRR

\$0.05 change in exchange rate ~\$24 million in after-tax NPV and 1.5% change in IRR

\$100 per ounce change in gold price ~\$18 million in after-tax NPV and 1.0% change in IRR

Based on the feasibility study, during the years of full production, average annual pre-tax cash flow of **~\$200 million**

• The below table compares the 2015 scoping study to the current feasibility study results

C-zone: Scoping Study versus Feasibility Study⁽¹⁾

		2015 Scoping Study	2016 Feasibility Study		
Total tonnes mined/processed	(Mt)	21.5	25.0	16% increas	se in ore tonnes
Average gold grade	(g/t)	0.76	0.72		
Average copper grade	(%)	0.80	0.78		
Contained metal – Gold	(Koz)	522	583	12% increas	se in contained gold
Contained metal – Copper	(Mlbs)	377	430	14% increas	se in contained copper
Mine life	(years)	5	5.5		
Average full-year gold production	(Koz)	107	108		
Average full-year copper production	(Mlbs)	77	81		
Development capital	(\$mm)	349	402	Increase pr	imarily driven by the
Sustaining capital	(\$mm)	110	107	for capital e	escalation given six yea
Average operating cost	(\$/t)	19.24	19.35	developme	nt timeline

2016 exploration program overview (cont'd)

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2016 Program

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- Test potential to extend C-zone block cave resource to west
- Underground and surface reconnaissance drilling to test newly identified satellite targets
- 10,000 metre drill program



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