# RUAGOLD

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Acquisition of Siren Gold's Reefton properties RUA GOLD to become the dominant player in the Reefton Goldfield





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# Fast Track to the Next Significant Gold Development in New Zealand

- Consolidation creates scale, a land package enveloping the whole historic Reefton Goldfield;
   "the whole goldfield" exploration opportunity
- District operated until 1952 producing 2 Moz at grades ranging from 12.2 to 49.1g/t recovered gold
- 62 mines operated in 11 camps each > 1km strike length
  - Includes Federation's Blackwater camp, which is driving a resurgence of interest in the district
- RUA's consolidated portfolio will have a pipeline of:
  - 10 historic mine camps with depth/brownfields potential
  - 3 have existing inferred resources that remain open at depth and along strike
  - 2 gold-antimony systems with potential economic and strategic significance
  - 1 greenfield discovery with numerous greenfield opportunities
- Reefton Goldfield: A slice of the Bendigo-Ballarat goldfield host to the Fosterville gold deposit



## Transaction Highlights

Consolidating one of the world's largest underdeveloped & high-grade gold districts

### Building Reefton's Dominant Landholder

Consolidates 120k ha of tenements in the prolific Reefton Goldfield that produced +900koz at ~20 g/t;

Federation Mining's Blackwater mine redevelopment – a stellar example of remaining potential

## Significant Re-Rating Opportunity

Implied acquisition cost of US\$25/oz AuEq vs. select high-grade precedent transactions of >US\$60/oz AuEq<sup>(1)</sup>;

Potential for rapid re-rating with further exploration success and resource definition

#### Immediate Value Creation Potential

Combined land package is underexplored, recent exploration indicates brownfield depth potential and greenfield discoveries;

District-wide reassessment of targets and potential across the combined land package – an exciting proposition

## Hub-and-Spoke Optionality in NZ

Permits, access, and consents in place for aggressive drilling;

Opportunity to sequence RUA GOLD's development pipeline, leverage centralized infrastructure and personnel to create long-term value in a first world mining jurisdiction

## Transaction Summary



#### **Proposed Transaction**

- RUA GOLD to acquire Reefton Resources Pty. Ltd. ("Reefton"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Siren Gold Ltd. ("Siren")
  on a cash-free and debt-free basis (the "Transaction")
- Total consideration of A\$20 million (C\$18.4 million), comprised of:
  - A\$2.0 million (C\$1.8 million) in cash<sup>(1)</sup>
  - 83,927,383 fully paid shares of RUA GOLD representing A\$18 million (C\$16.6 million ) with agreed contractual resale restrictions (the "Consideration Shares")<sup>(2)</sup>
- Siren shareholders will own ~30% of issued and outstanding RUA GOLD shares following the completion of the

#### Transaction Shareholder Agreement

- RUA GOLD and Siren will enter into a shareholder agreement (the "Shareholder Agreement") with the following terms:
  - Consideration Shares received by Siren will be subject to certain escrow release conditions, releasing in defined increments over 24-months following the completion of the Transaction
  - Siren will maintain the right to nominate one Board position<sup>(3)</sup>
  - Siren will provide voting support in all circumstances<sup>(3)</sup>
  - Siren will provide written notice to RUA GOLD of any distribution of Consideration Shares at least 10 business days prior to the date of such distribution

#### Conditions

- All required shareholder approvals, customary regulatory and court approvals
- Standard area of interest provisions
- A\$200,000 break fee payable by Siren in certain circumstances, if the Transaction is not completed

#### Timing

Transaction is expected to close in Q4-2024

<sup>1</sup> A\$1.0 MM paid to Siren Gold upon entering into a definitive agreement and the remaining A\$1.0 MM will be payable at the close of the Transaction

<sup>2</sup> Consideration shares are to be issued at closing of the transaction and have been priced based on a 30-day volume-weighted average price ("VWAP") of RUA GOLD shares on the CSE to July 12, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> Subject to Siren maintaining at least a 10% equity interest in RUA GOLD

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## Strong Combined Leadership

Combined Board and management team aligned with shareholders

#### **Board of Directors**



#### Oliver Lennox-King (Chairman)

- Former Chairman at Fronteer Gold and Roxgold
- Largest shareholder of RUA GOLD



#### Brian Rodan (Director)

- 43+ years of experience; currently serving as Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy
- Founding Director of Dacian Gold



#### Mario Vetro (Director)

- Co-founder, K92 Mining and Owner, Commodity Partners
- Extensive experience in structuring and advising resource companies



#### Paul Criddle (Director)

- Formerly COO West Africa at Fortuna and previously COO of Roxgold
- Former Managing Director of Matador Mining



#### Tyron Breytenbach (Director)

- CEO at Lithium Africa Resources
- Former SVP Capital Markets at Aris Mining and Managing Director at Cormark Securities

### Key Management



#### Robert Eckford (CEO & Director)

- Co-founder and Head of Finance at Aris Mining
- Significant experience in mining across Australia, Africa and North and South America



#### Simon Henderson (COO & Director)

- Exploration Geologist and specialist in orogenic and epithermal gold system
- Long history in New Zealand and strong relationships with its stakeholders



#### Zeenat Lokhandwala (CFO & Corporate Secretary)

Former CFO at Great Bear Royalties with 10+ years of experience in M&A, finance, accounting and taxation

- ✓ Brian Rodan, Chairman of Siren Gold will join RUA GOLD's Board, upon completion of the transaction
- ✓ Diverse operational and financial skillsets across leadership team



# Pro-Forma Capitalization

Pro-forma market capitalization ~ C\$60 million and enterprise value of ~ C\$58 million

		RUA GOLD (Standalone)	Transaction Adjustment	RUA GOLD (Pro- Forma)
Basic shares outstanding	М	193.6	83.9	277.5
Share price (as at July 12, 2024)	C\$/sh	\$0.215	Issue Price: \$0.1983 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0.215
Market capitalization (indicative)	C\$ M	\$41.6	\$16.6	\$59.7
Net cash (as at July 12, 2024)	C\$ M	\$3.7	(\$1.8) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$1.9 <sup>(2)</sup>
Enterprise value	C\$ M	\$38.9		\$59.2
% ownership in pro-forma RUA GOLD	%	70%	30%	100%

Note: Figures may not add due to rounding

<sup>1</sup> Represents RUA GOLD's 30-day VWAP on the CSE as of July 12, 2024

<sup>2</sup> Figures illustratively exclude an estimated ~C\$0.5 MM in transaction costs

## Early-Stage Developers: Select Precedent Transactions

Reefton ounces acquired at an attractive in-situ multiple relative to recent asset purchases



Source: Company materials and S&P Capital IQ

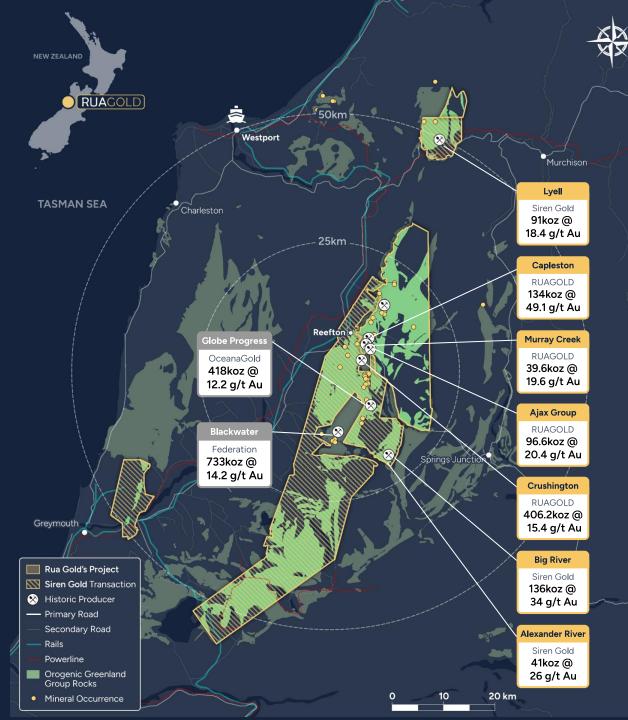
Note a: Select precedent transactions include acquisitions of resource and PEA stage assets since 2018, in 'Tier-1' jurisdictions, with an enterprise value < US\$100 MM; Note b: Median excludes RUA GOLD > Siren Gold (Reefton Resources Pty. Ltd.)

<sup>.</sup> Calculated as EV / Total Resource multiplied by current spot gold price divided by spot gold price at deal announcement

<sup>2.</sup> Gold equivalency calculated based on commodity prices of US\$2,200/oz Au and US\$20,500/t Sb

# Creating Reefton's Dominant Gold Explorer

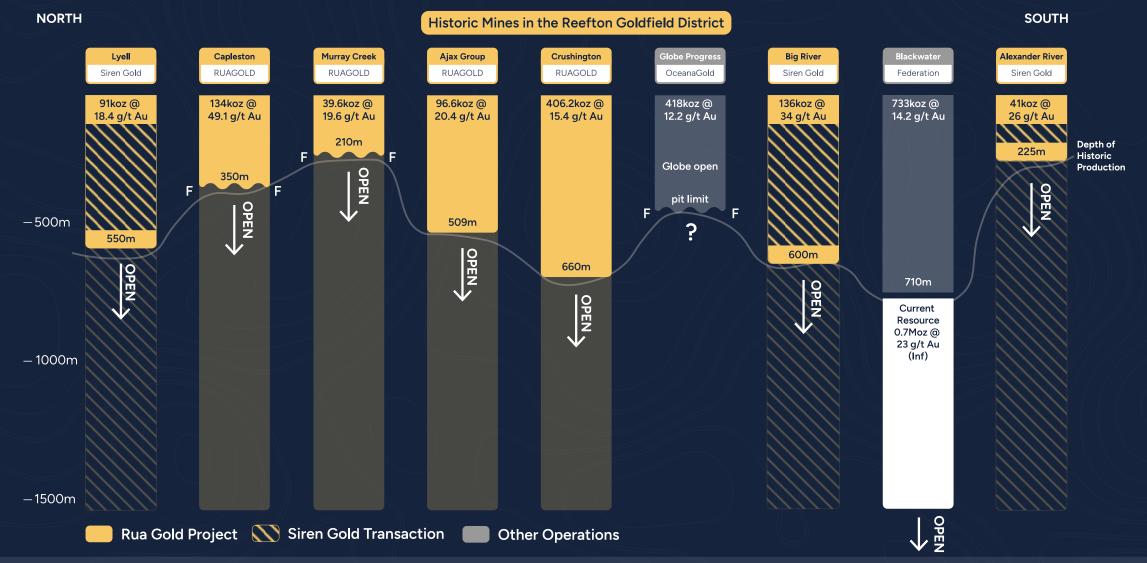
- ✓ Consolidated land package includes 119,584 ha of tenements in the Reefton Goldfield
- ✓ Successful field work from both companies with 4+ years of extensive soil sampling, UAV magnetics and mapping completed, 41 drillholes, greenfield discovery: Pactolus
- ✓ Reefton Resources (Siren) provides:
  - 85,379 ha tenement package across the Reefton Goldfield
  - Inferred resource of 444 koz Au @ 3.8 g/t Au with 8.7 kt Sb @ 1.5% Sb¹
- ✓ Established infrastructure including sealed roads, hydro power and access to Westport for easy shipping
- ✓ The consolidation will allow for operational synergies of combined datasets, combined local teams and pooling of resources to expedite discoveries



## Actively Advancing a District-Scale Discovery

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The combined Company will be the dominant gold explorer in the Reefton District



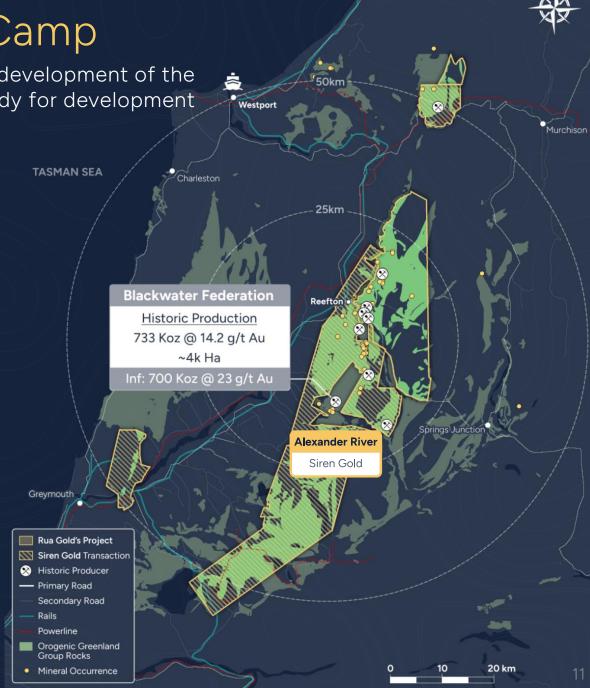
- ✓ Development of the Blackwater Mine (Snowy River Project) demonstrates continuity of gold mineralization to 1,500m and potentially beyond
- Blackwater provides a blueprint for the RUA combined land package to have the value of 7x "Blackwaters"

# Reefton Goldfield: Neighboring Camp

- Federation Mining is reopening the Reefton Goldfield with redevelopment of the Blackwater deposit; twin drives have reached the ore body ready for development
  - Blackwater resource: 700koz Au @ 23.0 g/t Au (inferred)
  - Expected to produce 70koz per annum at US\$738/oz AISC
  - Fully permitted for all construction and production activities; currently employs 60 people
  - Feasibility study indicates a post tax NPV of A\$401M and an IRR of 49%
  - Siren's Alexander River Prospect is located ~8km from the Blackwater property
- ✓ The Blackwater development has attracted ~A\$225 million. in investment from AustralianSuper



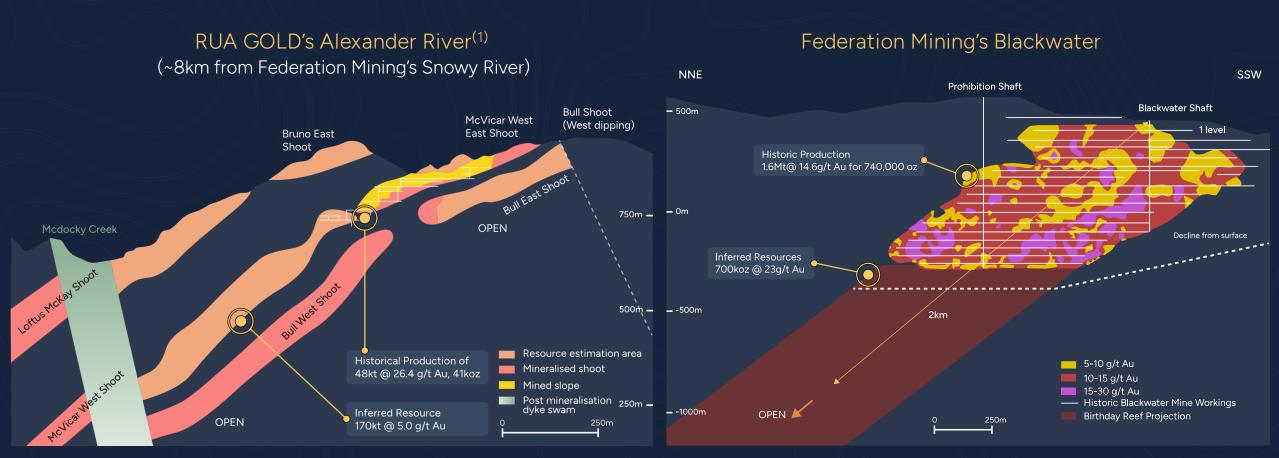






## Alexander River: High-Grade, Strategically Located

High-grade gold mineralization, open at depth and located ~8km from Federation Mining's Blackwater



Shoot extends for > 1.3 kms down plunge

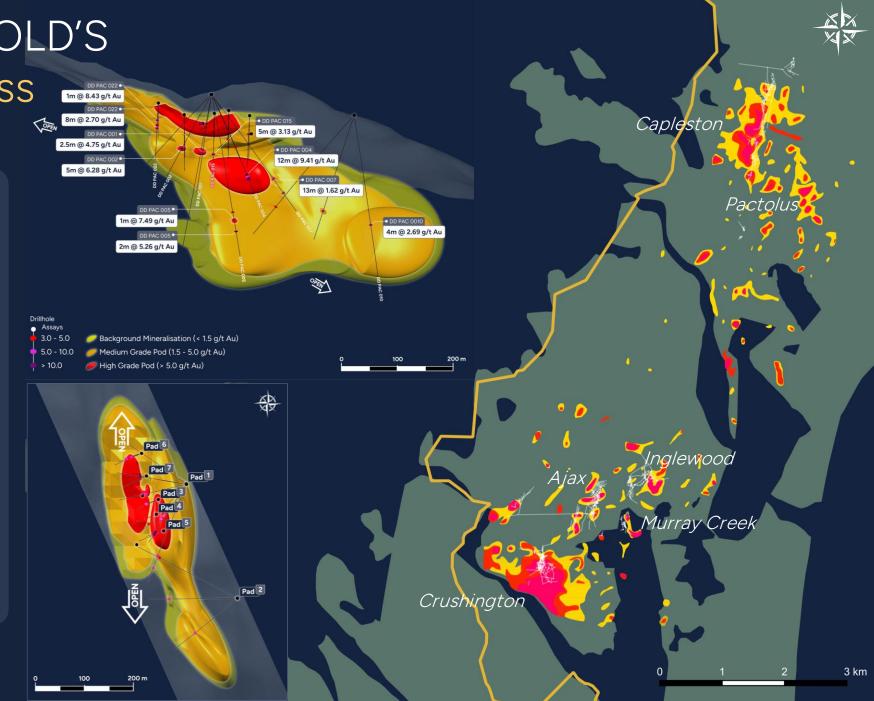
Shoot extends for > 1.5 kms down plunge

Building on RUA GOLD'S Exploration Success

In three years of exploration, RUA GOLD has:

- Analyzed 18,000 soils
- Detailed UAV magnetic surveys
- Completed 41 drill holes
- Made Pactolus greenfield discovery
- Conducted 3D modelling of 5 historic mine camps

The Company ranked its targets by prospectivity based on the above work and has 2 drill rigs mobilized, targeting down-plunge and along strike of brownfields targets on its prospective land package





# Why New Zealand? A History of High Grade Gold Mining in a Tier 1 District

Ideal Mining Address











As of November 2023, there is a newly elected pro-mining government aiming to double mining exports in the next 10 years through the fast-track approvals bill.

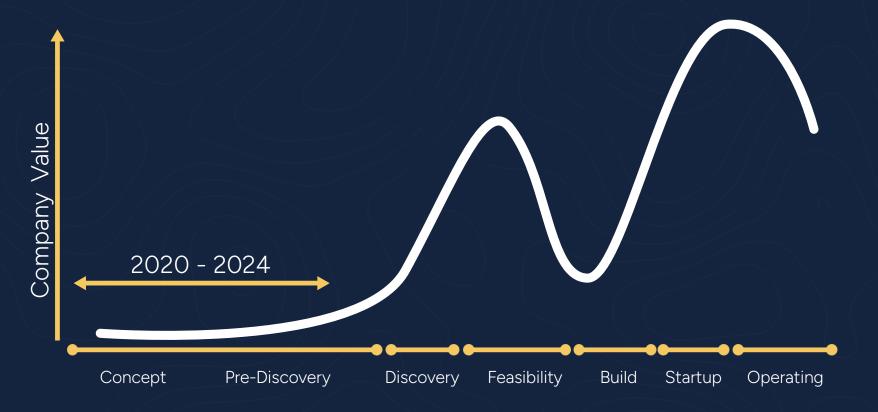


# The Investment Opportunity in RUA GOLD

Over the past 4 years, RUA GOLD focused on advancing exploration in the Reefton Goldfield with over \$14M spent

The team has completed detailed work including tenement acquisition, access agreements, mapping, and rock chip sampling

Now drills are turning for the next New Zealand high grade gold discovery



- Acquisition of Siren's Reefton properties trebles RUA GOLD's tenure in an underexplored, high-grade, orogenic mine district
- A new chapter in RUA GOLD's development towards our goal to be a major gold producer in New Zealand