

# PRESENTATION TO ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE HOUSE ENERGY COMMITTEE

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# BUILDING ALASKA'S NEXT GOLD MINES

CONTANGO ORE IS AN AMERICAN, NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE LISTED COMPANY WITH A 5 YEAR PLAN TO PRODUCE 200,000 GEO ANNUALLY.

#### MANH CHOH MINE

IN PRODUCTION

PRODUCING ~60,000 OZ ANNUALLY

#### LUCKY SHOT MINE

**FULLY PERMITTED** 

TARGETING 30,000 - 40,000 OZ ANNUAL PRODUCTION

## JOHNSON TRACT PROJECT

1M OZ GRADING 9.4G/T AU EQ

OREBODY AVERAGES 40 METERS WIDE
PEA EXPECTED IN MARCH 2025





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#### **ALASKAN FOCUSED PORTFOLIO**

EXECUTING ON OUR DIRECT SHIP ORE MODEL (DSO)

#### MANH CHOH MINE (30%)

- Production started July 2024
- Approximately 42,000 Ounces of Gold Produced in 2024
- ~60,000 Gold Production Planned in 2025
- ~420 Employees and Contractors 100 Local (Tok-Tetlin-Delta Junction)
- ~1MW of on-site Power Generation
- ~\$2 Million annual spent with local vendors

#### **LUCKY SHOT MINE (100%)**

- Current resources: 110,000 Gold at 0.47 oz/t
- Fully permitted for mining & on road/rail system
- 2-3 yrs to complete drilling and develop 400,000-500,000 Oz Gold
- Target 30,000 50,000 Ozs annual Gold production
- 50 to 60 Employees/Contractors
- Power Requirement: 500KW
- Identify potential processing facilities

#### **JOHNSON TRACT PROJECT (100%)**

- Current Resource: 1.1 Moz @ 0.3 oz/t
- Complete permitting and FS
- Target 150,000 Ozs annual Gold production
- PEA expected in March 2025
- 80 to 100 Employees/Contractors
- Power Requirement: ~2MW

GEO = Gold Equivalent Ounces

#### MANH CHOH – A DIRECT SHIPPING ORE (DSO) SUCCESS

#### CONTANGO'S FLAGSHIP PROJECT – COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION AS OF JULY 2024

















#### **IN PRODUCTION**

- On schedule and on budget
- Permits and construction completed in under 2 years
- 3 years to production from formation of JV to first gold pour!
- Strong projected cash flows
- Manh Choh to Fort Knox → 240 mi
- Kinross is operator (70% owner)
- Contract mining & trucking
- Exploration upside on 675,000 acres

~42,000 oz GOLD PRODUCED IN 2024



#### MANH CHOH MINE

CTGO SUCCESS OF DSO APPROACH









JV with Kinross, Community Outreach, PFS/FS, permit applications submitted





2022

Construction decision & road

construction, mill modifications,









Operating permits received; construction completed with groundbreaking ceremony in August; ore transport started in November





Ore stockpiled at Manh Choh and Fort Knox; **first gold pour** in July









#### **DSO CRITERIA**

- High-grade resources
  - Gold, Silver, Copper focus
- Near Infrastructure
  - Road
  - Rail
  - Water
- Simple permitting from a mining perspective
  - Minimal water and wetlands impact
  - Simple mining/processing
  - **Private and State lands**



Manh Choh deposit before mining

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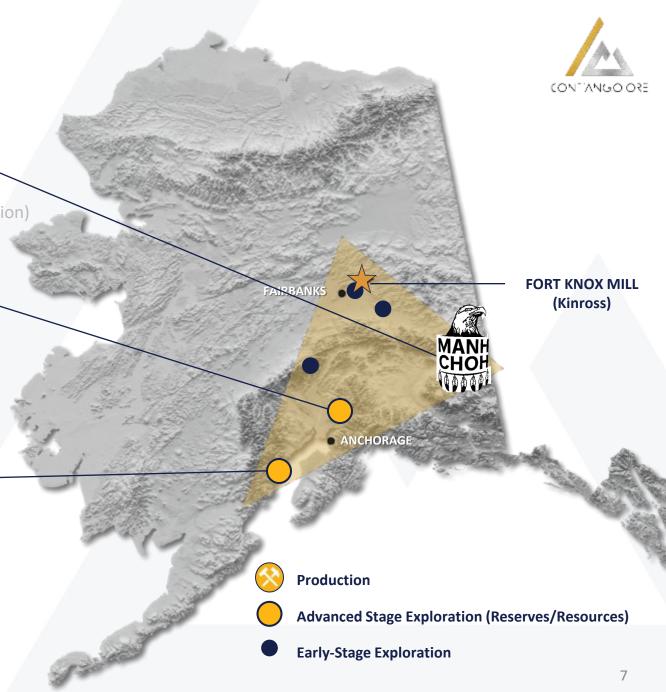
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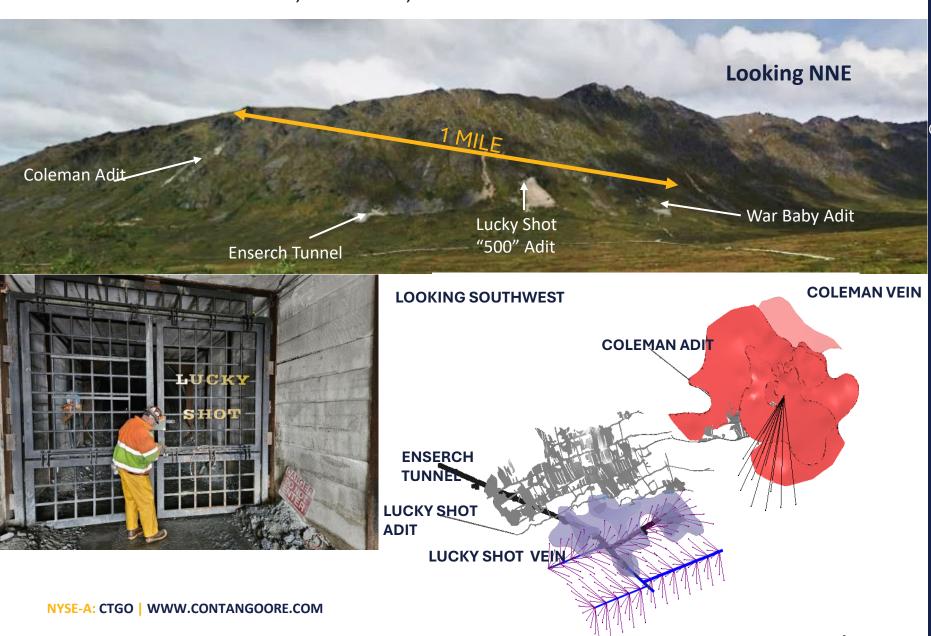
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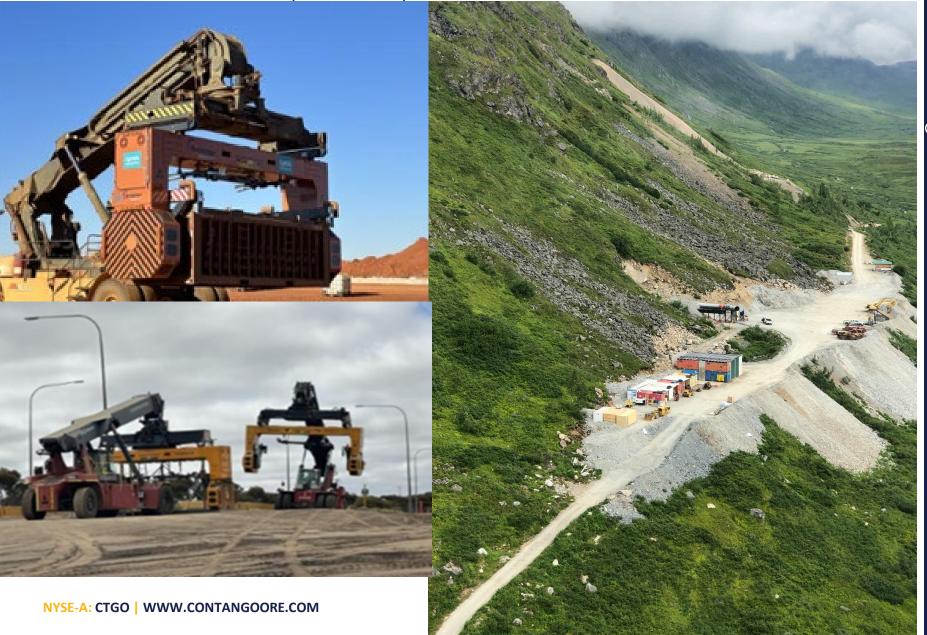
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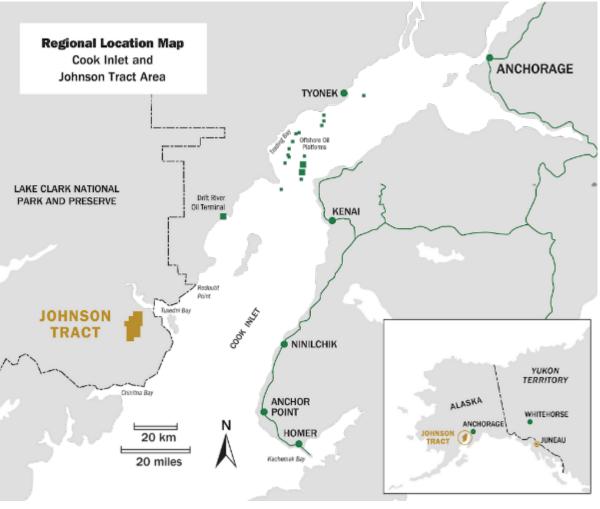
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#### **JOHNSON TRACT**

#### JOHNSON TRACT LEASED FROM CIRI ALASKA NATIVE CORP







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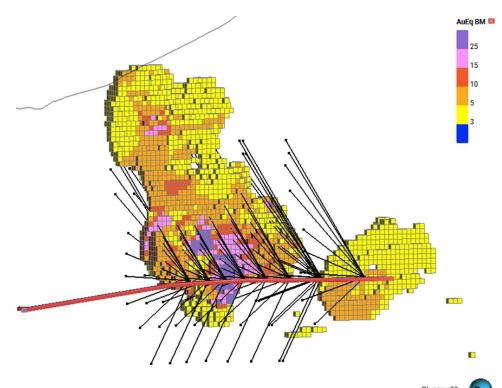
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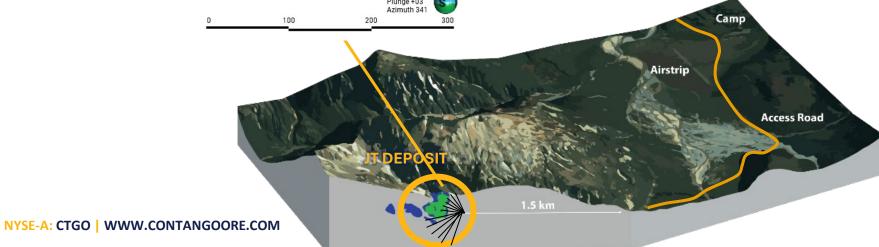




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#### **CONTANGO'S 5 YEAR DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE**

Focused on three Advanced-Stage Exploration Projects to support 200,000 GEO production



- Definition resource drilling at Lucky Shot
- Road and portal development at Johnson Tract
- Lucky Shot online: target ~30,000 to 40,000 GEO annually
- UG development, resource definition, FS at Johnson Tract

All 3 projects in production

200,000 GEO

First gold pour from Manh Choh: +42,000 GEO produced in 2024

~60,000 GEO<sup>1</sup>

+42,000 GEO

2025 2024

2-3 Yrs

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100,000 GEO



- Fully permitted and producing gold
- Permits received in less than 2 years
- Built on time and on budget
- First gold pour on July 8, 2024
- 2025 ~60,000 oz annual production1
- LOM ~60,000 oz annual production
- LOM \$1400 AISC



- Fully permitted for mining
- 110,000 oz at 14.5 g/t GEO
- 2-3 years to develop 400,000-500,000 GEO resource
- Plan to start with 30,000-40,000 GEO production
- Identify potential processing facilities



- Acquired for \$30/GEO
- Established 1.1M oz resource at 9.4 g/t GEO
- Permit to build road from camp to portal site received August 2024
- PEA by March 2025
- Target for FS with mine construction decision by 2029

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<sup>1.</sup> See news release dated November 29, 2024 "Contango Reaffirms and Updates 2025 Manh Choh Guidance"

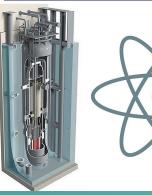
#### **REMOTE ENERGY SOLUTION: SMRs**

#### RELIABLE POWER FOR REMOTE COMMUNITIES AND PROJECTS

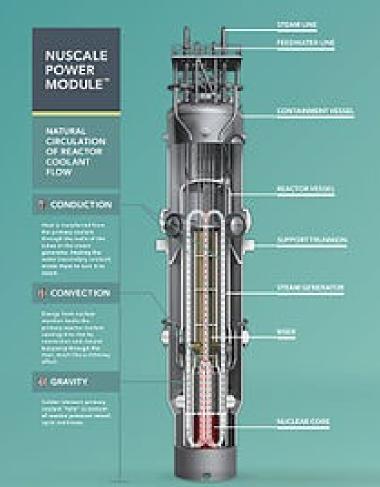
- Small physically a fraction of the size of a conventional nuclear power reactor
- Modular making it possible for systems and components to be factory-assembled and transported as a unit to a location for installation
- Reactors harnessing nuclear fission to generate heat to produce energy
- SMRs power capacity of up to 300 MW per unit
- Micro-Modular Reactors (subset of SMRs) up to 10MW per unit
- More than 80 commercial SMR designs being developed around the world (Argentina, Canada, China, Russia, South Korea and the USA)



## SOLUTION FOR RELIABLE AND SUSTAINABLE POWER FOR REMOTE COMMUNITIES AND PROJECTS







## QUESTIONS?





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