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All amounts are in US dollars except as noted.



## Golden Queen Capital Market Information

Capital Structure – March 2017					
Listings	TSX: GQM   OTCQX: GQMNF				
Shares Issued & Outstanding	111,048,683				
Options	1,555,000				
Warrants (non-listed)	18,757,700				
Warrants (GQM.WT)	5,560,000				
Fully Diluted Shares	136,921,383				
Market Cap (Basic)	US\$89 MM   C\$119 MM				
Cash *	US\$23 MM				
Debt **	US\$49 MM				
Enterprise Value	US\$115 MM				
Insiders Ownership	~30.0%				
Institutional Ownership	~16.0%				
Public Float	~54.0%				

<sup>\*</sup> Cash (September 30, 2016) comprised of US \$15.7 mm 100% attributable to Golden Queen Mining Ltd. and 50% of Golden Queen Mining LLC's cash balance of US\$15.4 mm.

Top Shareholders*				
Clay Family	30%			
Sprott Asset Management L.P.	6%			
Continental Casualty	3%			
Gabelli Funds LLC	3%			

\*Source: TSX Infosuite

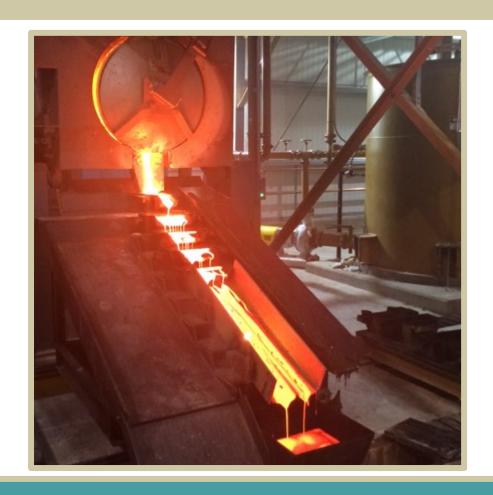




<sup>\*\*</sup> Debt (September 30, 2016) comprised of US\$41.7 mm loan and 50% of Golden Queen Mining LLC's mobile equipment loans of US\$14.9 mm.

## Investment Highlights

- ✓ Gold and silver producer
- ✓ US-based project, 50% owned, fully funded to positive cash flows
- ✓ Located in a miningfriendly jurisdiction with existing infrastructure
- ✓ Robust project economics; low cost structure
- ✓ Significant production growth potential
- Experienced management team with excellent joint venture partners



Commercial production reached in December 2016



## Strategic Focus

### **OPERATIONS**

## Crushing-ScreeningPlant optimization

- Achieve average of 11,000 to 12,000 tons per day throughput

### **GROWTH**

- > Organic growth
  - expand Heap Leach pad capacity
  - potential for resource increase with exploration drilling
- Add value with aggregate sales

Value enhancement through acquisitions

### **BALANCE SHEET**

> Debt reduction

Maintain capital discipline

Maximize shareholder returns



## **Project Location**

- The Project is located in Kern County ~90 miles northeast of the Los Angeles International Airport
- Access to site is from State Route 14 and an existing paved County road, Silver Queen Road
- Power line, water supply and railroad within ~1 mile of the Project
- Project located ~5 miles south of the town of Mojave
- Railroad hub for the Burlington Northern and Union Pacific railroad lines



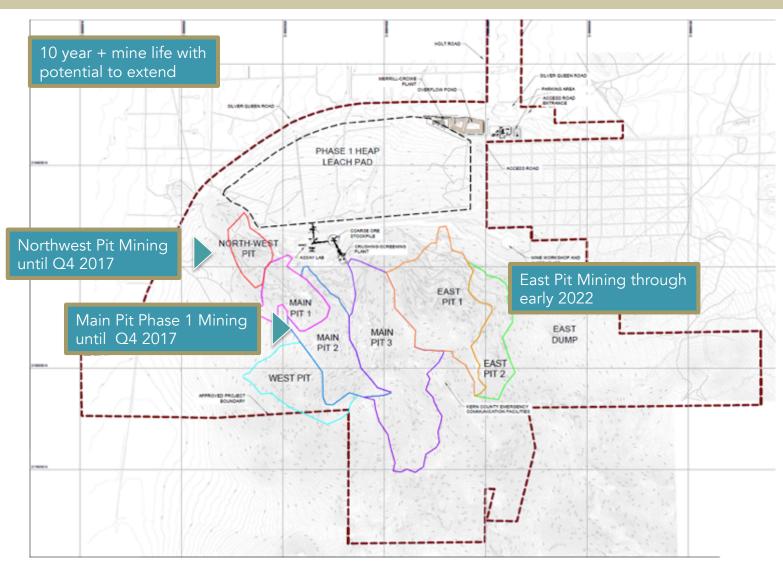


- Kern County's economy strongly depends on natural resources
  - o Kern County is the state's top oil-producing county and accounts for ~75% of California's oil production (California is the 3rd largest oil producing state in the U.S., behind Texas and North Dakota)
  - o Wind turbines to the west of the Project form collectively one of the largest onshore wind energy projects in the world

Excellent infrastructure nearby: paved road, power, water, railroad



### Site Overview



## Soledad Mountain Project Overview



## **Crushing-Screening Plant**





## Crushing-Screening Plant





## Heap Leach Pad & Merrill-Crowe Plant





### 2016 Results

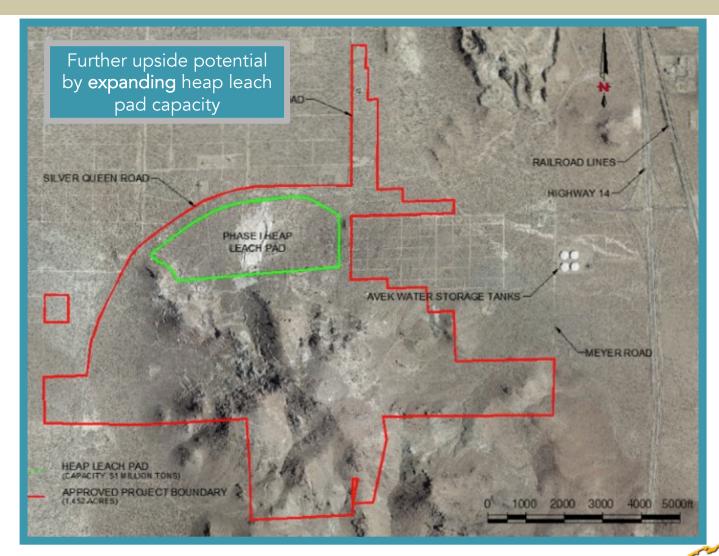
	Q4 2016	TOTAL 2016
Ore Tons Mined (k ton)	819	2,578
Strip Ratio (W:O)	2.9:1	2.4:1
Ore processed (k ton)	895	2,666
Gold deposited on the pad (contained oz)	13,078	36,624
Silver deposited on the pad (contained oz)	266,808	886,664
Gold Grade Processed (oz/t)	0.015	0.014
Silver Grade Processed (oz/t)	0.298	0.332
Gold Production (oz)	7,779	19,030
Silver Production (oz)	69,606	194,792
Site Operating Costs (\$/t)	\$12.46	\$13.02
Cash Costs Net of By Products (US\$/oz)	\$1,376	\$1,416
Revenue (mm)	\$10.3	\$27.2

<sup>\*</sup>Figures shown on a 100% basis. Golden Queen Mining Co. Ltd. owns 50% of the Soledad Mountain Project



<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the February 14, 2017 news release for further details

## Approved Project Boundary



## Further Upside Potential

MDA modeled a total of 1.9 million tons as high-grade vein ore mined by earlier underground operators including Gold Fields American Development Company ("Gold Fields") prior to 1942. These volumes are therefore not included in the reported resources. Total historical production at Soledad Mountain has been estimated at 1.3 million tons, although detailed production records are not available. This difference is significant as it is possible that the model underestimates the amount of high-grade vein material that remains in place.

Channel samples included in the Project database consist entirely of cross-cut samples; none of the samples taken along the strike of the mineralized structures were transcribed from original Gold Fields maps into the Project database. The inclusion of the drift-sample data would increase the accuracy of the modeling of the high-grade portions of the mineralized structures, which could further enhance the grade of the resources.

Additional high grade material could meaningfully impact the project economics



## Aggregate Sales

- The Company is actively pursuing a by-product aggregate business once the heap leach operation is in full production, based on the location of the Project in Southern California (proximity to major highways and railway lines).
- The source of raw materials will be suitable quality waste rock specifically stockpiled for this purpose. The waste rock can be classified into a range of products such as riprap, crushed stone and sand with little further processing.
- Test work done in the 1990s has confirmed the suitability of waste rock for certain kinds of aggregates. Testing of current mine rock is underway.
- Research suggests that up to 1 million tons of waste rock could be sold into the southern California aggregates markets annually.
- No contributions from the sale of aggregate will be included in the cash flow projections until long term contracts for the sale of products have been secured.

It is expected that aggregate could be sold over an extended life of 30 years.

The sale of aggregates has been included in the Approved Plan.



## **Experienced Leadership Team**

Thomas M. Clay Chairman & CEO	<ul> <li>Vice President of East Hill Management Co., LLC, the Clay family office, and has served on the Golden Queen Mining Co. Ltd. Board since 2009</li> <li>Director of the Clay Mathematics Institute and of Thrombogenics N.V.</li> </ul>
Robert C. Walish, Jr.	<ul> <li>Currently serves as the President &amp; CEO, Golden Queen Mining Company, LLC, and is the former General Manager of SCM Franke Operation of KGHM International in Chile</li> <li>30+ years of open pit and heap leach mining experience including work in Guyana, Arizona, Alaska, South Carolina, Montana &amp; Nevada and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Colorado and his Master of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin</li> </ul>
Bryan A. Coates Director	<ul> <li>Currently the President of Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd. and former Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Osisko Mining Corp. with over 30 years of experience in the international and Canadian mining industry</li> <li>Also serves as the Chairman of the Board at Timmins Gold Corp.</li> </ul>
Guy Le Bel Director	Served as Vice President Evaluations of Capstone Mining and is a current director of RedQuest Capital with more than 30 years of international mining experience in strategic and financial planning
Bernard Guarnera Director	<ul> <li>Registered professional engineer and registered professional geologist and is President, Mining &amp; Metallurgical Society of America, Current director, Colorado Mining Association and Broadlands Mineral Advisory Services Ltd. with 40+ years of experience in the global mining industry</li> </ul>
Andrée St-Germain Vice President Finance & CFO	<ul> <li>Joined Golden Queen Mining in 2013 and has been involved with the financing and construction of the Project</li> <li>Formerly, an investment banker with Dundee Capital Markets working exclusively with mining companies on a variety of financings and M&amp;A advisory assignments</li> </ul>



## The Golden Queen Opportunity

- ✓ Becoming a significant producer of gold and silver in California
- ✓ US-based project, fully funded to positive cash flows
- ✓ Accomplished leadership team
- ✓ Project is located in a mining friendly jurisdiction with existing infrastructure
- ✓ The low cost structure creates robust project economics
- ✓ Completed project construction in-line with budget
- ✓ Strong joint venture partners

GQM offers near term access to cash flow with significant upside potential

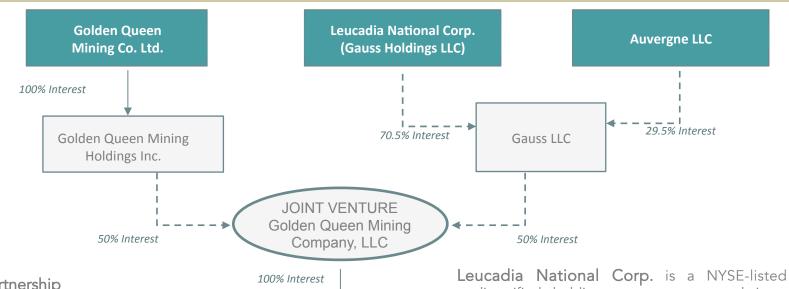




## **APPENDIX**



## Committed Partnership



#### Our Partnership

In September 2014, Golden Queen Mining Co. Ltd. entered into a joint venture with Gauss LLC, whereby Gauss LLC invested US\$110 million in cash in exchange for a 50% joint venture interest in the Soledad Mountain Project.

Soledad Mountain Project Leucadia National Corp. is a NYSE-listed diversified holding company engaged in a variety of businesses, including investment banking and capital markets, beef processing, asset management, commercial mortgage banking and servicing, manufacturing, auto dealerships, telecommunications, oil & gas, energy projects and real estate.

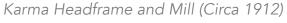
Auvergne LLC is a wholly-owned entity of the Clay family, who have been long-term, supportive shareholders of Golden Queen. Since the late 1980's, the Clay family and associated entities have provided significant equity and debt capital to Golden Queen to help fund the exploration and development of the Soledad Mountain Project.

## Soledad Mountain History

Gold mining on Soledad Mountain dates back to the late 19th century. The largest producer in the area was Gold Fields American Development Co., a subsidiary of Consolidated Gold Fields of South Africa. This syndicate operated an underground mine and mill on the property from 1935 to 1942, when the mine was forced to close by War Production Board Order L-208. Production after the war was minimal, as costs had increased while the price of gold remained fixed at \$35 per ounce until 1973.

The Soledad Mountain deposit is a large, epithermal, multi-episodic, fault/fissure vein system. Gold and silver mineralization occurs in low sulfidation, quartz adularia veins and stockworks that strike northwest. At least 14 separate veins and related vein splits have been identified. Core veins range from less than 1 metre to 6 metres wide with gold grades typically greater than 3.5 grams per ton, surrounded by lower grade mineralization with widths ranging from 1 metre to greater than 50 metres. The level of oxidation extends to depth and the deposit is well-suited for heap leaching.







## **Geological Setting**

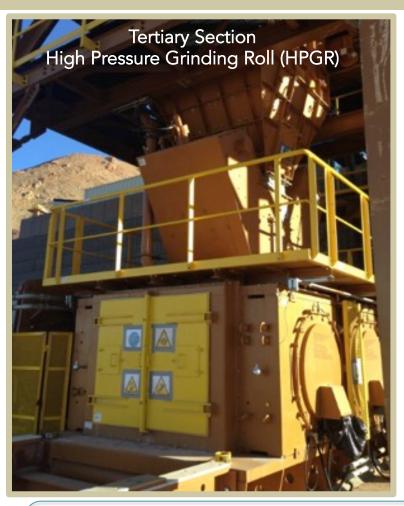
Soledad Mountain is located within the Mojave structural block, a triangular-shaped area bounded to the south by the northwest-trending San Andreas Fault and to the north by the northeast-trending, Garlock Fault. The Mojave block is broken into an orthogonal pattern of N50E to N60E and N40W to N50W fracture systems. These fracture zones likely developed as the result of Late Cretaceous compressional stresses that were present prior to formation of the Garlock and San Andreas Faults.

Gold deposits in the Mojave block include Soledad Mountain, Standard Hill, Cactus and Tropico. At Soledad Mountain gold mineralization occurs in low-sulfidation style, quartz-calcite veins and stockworks that strike northwest. Gold mineralization at Standard Hill, located 1 mile northeast of Soledad, consists of north to northwest-striking quartz veins in Cretaceous quartz monzonite and Tertiary, quartz latite volcanic rocks. At the Cactus Gold Mine, 5 miles west of Soledad, gold occurs in northwest and northeast-striking quartz veins, breccias and irregular zones of silicification in quartz latite, rhyolitic flows and rhyolitic intrusive breccias.

At least 14 separate veins and related vein splits occur at Soledad Mountain. Veins generally strike N40W and dip at high angles either to the northeast or to the southwest. Mineralization consists of fine-grained pyrite, tetrahedrite, acanthite, native silver, pyrargyrite, polybasite, native gold and electrum within discrete quartz veins, veinlets, stockworks and irregular zones of silicification. Electrum is approximately 25% silver and up to 50% silver.



## High Pressure Grinding Roll (HPGR)



#### The HPGR in industry

- Proven and simple technology currently in use in hundreds of projects world-wide
- Consists of two counter-rotating rolls: one a fixed roll and the other a "floating" roll. The "floating" roll is mounted on and can move freely on slides and grinding forces are applied by four hydraulic rams

#### Benefits of using the HPGR will include:

- Higher gold and silver recoveries due to the formation of microcracks in ore particles
- Faster gold and silver extraction rates
- Stronger agglomerates due to a more favorable overall particle size distribution. This will also impact the flow rate of solutions through the heap
- Lower capital costs than a conventional crushing-screening plant that uses cone crushers and screens to size ore for leaching in a heap leach operation
- Manageable dust control with fewer transfer points in the crushingscreening plant
- Lower energy consumption and thus lower operating costs than a conventional crushing-screening plant



- 60% of the HPGRs installed in the minerals industry are from ThyssenKrupp/Polysius
- ThyssenKrupp/Polysius has been manufacturing HPGRs for over 25 years



### 2015 Resource & Reserve Estimates (100% Basis)

### Reserve Estimates

			In-Situ Grade			Contained Metal		
			Gold		Silver		Gold	Silver
Classification	Tonnes	Ton	g/t	oz/ton	g/t	oz/ton	oz	oz
Proven	3,357,000	3,701,000	0.948	0.028	14.056	0.410	102,300	1,517,100
Probable	42,957,000	47,352,000	0.638	0.019	10.860	0.317	881,300	14,999,100
Total & Average	46,314,000	51,053,000	0.661	0.019	11.092	0.324	983,600	16,516,200

- The qualified person for the mineral reserve is Sean Ennis, Vice President, Mining, P.Eng., APEGBC Registered Member who is employed by Norwest Corporation.
- A gold equivalent cut-off grade of 0.005 oz/ton was used for quartz latite and a cut-off grade of 0.006 oz/ton was used for all other rock types. Cut-off grade was varied to reflect differences in estimated metal recoveries for the different rock types mined.
- Gold equivalent grades were calculated as follows: AuEq(oz/ton) = Au(oz/ton) + (Ag(oz/ton)/88, which reflects a long-term Au:Ag price ratio of 55 and a Au:Ag recovery ratio of 1.6.
- Tonnage and grade measurements are in imperial and metric units. Grades are reported in troy ounces per short ton and in grams per tonne.
- The Effective Date of the mineral reserve estimate is February 1, 2015.

### Resource Estimates

			In-Situ Grade			Contained Metal		
			Gold		Silver		Gold	Silver
Classification	Tonnes	Ton	g/t	oz/ton	g/t	oz/ton	oz	oz
Measured	4,298,243	4,738,000	0.960	0.028	13.37	0.39	130,000	1,865,000
Indicated	79,237,167	87,344,000	0.549	0.016	9.26	0.27	1,415,000	23,733,000
Measured & Indicated	83,535,409	92,082,000	0.575	0.017	9.53	0.28	1,545,000	25,598,000
Inferred	21,392,329	23,581,000	0.343	0.010	7.20	0.21	245,000	4,965,000

- The qualified person for the mineral resource is Michael Gustin, C.P.G. employed as Senior Geologist by Mine Development Associates, Inc.,
- Mineral Resources are inclusive of Mineral Reserves.
- Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- Mineral Resources are reported at a 0.004 oz/ton (0.137 g/t) AuEg cut-off in consideration of potential open-pit mining and heap-leach processing.
- Gold equivalent grades were calculated as follows: AuEq(oz/ton) = Au(oz/ton) + (Ag(oz/ton)/88, which reflect a long-term Au:Ag price ratio of 55 and a Au:Ag recovery ratio of 1.6
- Mineral Resources are reported as partially diluted.
- Rounding as required by reporting guidelines may result in apparent discrepancies between tons, grade and contained metal content.
- Tonnage and grade measurements are in U.S. and metric units. Grades are reported in troy ounces per short ton and in grams per tonne.
- The Effective Date of the mineral resource estimate is December 31, 2014.

Cautionary note to U.S. investors concerning proven or probable mineral reserve estimates: This slide uses the terms "proven reserves" and "probable reserves" in accordance with NI 43-101. We advise U.S. investors that the requirements of NI 43-101 for identification of "reserves" are not the same as those of the SEC, and reserves reported by the Company in compliance with NI 43-101 may not qualify as "reserves" under SEC Guide 7 standards. Accordingly, information concerning mineral deposits set forth herein may not be comparable with information presented by companies using only U.S. standards in their public disclosure.

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## 2015 Updated Feasibility Study

- The 2015 feasibility study incorporates the revised reserves.
- Detailed mine scheduling has been completed on a quarterly basis for the life of the mine.
- Only ~65% of the resource estimate has been included in the mine plan. Successful infill drilling and expanding the Approved Project Boundary may allow us to significantly increase the mine life.

Key Parameters	2015 Feasibility Study
Estimated Mine Life (Years)	11.3
Average Throughput (k short tons per year)	4,594
Stripping Ratio (waste tons:ore tons)	3.41:1
Au Recovery (%)	82.1%
Ag Recovery (%)	50.0%
Total Au Production (k oz)	807.4
Total Ag Production (mm oz)	8.3
Average Annual Au Production (k oz) (Year 2 – Year 11)	74
Average Annual Ag Production (k oz) (Year 2 – Year 11)	781



## 2015 Updated Feasibility Study

- Robust revised economics
- All key operating costs (including the following items: cyanide, cement, power, labour, fuel) have been brought current
- Demonstrates robust economics and first quartile cash cost
- All figures shown in US\$



Operating Costs	2015 Feasibility Study
Mining Costs per Tonne Mined	\$1.17/t
Mining Costs per Tonne of Ore Processed	\$5.18/t
Processing Costs per Tonne of Ore Processed	\$4.10/t
Site G&A per Tonne of Ore Processed	\$0.72/t
Operating Costs per Tonne of Ore Processed	\$9.99/t
Total Cash Costs, Net of Silver By-Product (1) (2)	\$518/oz
Total Cash Costs, Net of Silver By-Product + Susex (1) (2) (3)	\$558/oz

<sup>(1)</sup> Base case done with a gold price of \$1,250/oz and a silver price of \$17/oz. \$25.4mm spent prior to December 31, 2014 has been excluded from economics.



<sup>(2)</sup> Includes royalties, property taxes, California fees, off-site refining charges, reclamation financial assurance.

<sup>(3)</sup> Sustaining capex includes additional mobile mining equipment acquired between Year 2 and Year 10.

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