

**NORTH COUNTRY GOLD CORP.**  
(the "Company", "North Country" or "NCG")

**FORM 51-102F1**  
**MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS ("MD&A")**  
**FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2015 AND 2014**

The following MD&A, prepared as of July 29, 2015, should be read together with the interim consolidated condensed financial statements and notes thereto for the three months ended May 31, 2015 and 2014, prepared using International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). All amounts are stated in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated. The reader should be aware that historical results are not necessarily indicative of future performance.

**Forward Looking Statements**

Forward-looking statements look into the future and provide an opinion as to the effect of certain events and trends on the business. Certain statements contained in this MD&A constitute forward-looking statements. The use of any words such as "anticipate", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "may", "will", "project", "should", "believe" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and various estimates, factors and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors.

It is important to note that:

- Unless otherwise indicated, forward-looking statements in this MD&A describe the Company's expectations as of the date of this MD&A.
- Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these statements as the Company's actual results, performance or achievements may differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements if known or unknown risks, uncertainties or other factors affect the Company's business, or if the Company's estimates or assumptions prove inaccurate. Therefore, the Company cannot provide any assurance that forward-looking statements will materialize.
- The Company assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or any other reason except as required by law.

For a description of material factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements in this MD&A, please see "Risks and Uncertainties".

**Description of Business**

Formation

North Country Gold Corp. was incorporated under the Business Corporations Act (*Alberta*) on February 3, 2010 and the Company's common shares began trading on the TSX Venture Exchange under the stock symbol "NCG" on April 15, 2010. On September 6, 2012, the Company's common shares began trading on the OTCQX under the stock symbol "NCGDF".

*The Committee Bay Greenstone Belt*

The Committee Bay Greenstone Belt located in Nunavut, Canada is a 300 km long, 5 to 50 km wide package of highly prospective lithologies. It is geologically comparable to the significant gold bearing belts hosting the Meadowbank and Meliadine deposits currently being developed in eastern Nunavut. The Committee Bay Greenstone Belt currently hosts five potential mining centers and remains one of the longest and least explored greenstone belts in Canada. NCG holds a 100% interest in more than 160,000 acres of land with prospective geology along the Committee Bay Belt.

### *Three Bluffs Deposit*

The Three Bluffs Deposit, located within the Committee Bay Greenstone Belt in Nunavut, Canada, comprises a current resource of 4.32Mt at 4.91g/t gold for 683,000 oz gold (Indicated) and 5.52Mt at 5.43g/t gold for 965,000 oz gold (Inferred). The Deposit is hosted within a ~50m wide, steeply dipping Banded Iron Formation unit which can be traced for over 10 km. Gold mineralization at the Three Bluffs Deposit has presently been delineated over nearly 4 km of strike to an average depth of 300 m. Significant potential exists to expand the current resource inventory by continued exploration targeting mineralized shoot plunge extensions and strike continuity.

### *Joint Exploration Agreement with Auryn Resources Inc*

On March 20, 2015, the Company and Auryn Resources Inc ("Auryn") jointly announced the execution of a definitive Joint Exploration Agreement (the "JEA") whereby Auryn has the option to spend \$6,000,000 CDN over a 30-month period to earn a 51% interest in the mineral concessions comprising the Committee Bay Project at which time the parties will share costs pro-rata in a customary joint venture. Of this amount, \$500,000 is a firm commitment to be incurred within the first 12 months. As a condition of the JEA, Auryn agreed to purchase 10,000,000 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.05 per common share as part of a non-brokered private placement of 20,000,000 common shares of the Company.

A technical committee was formed to jointly plan and oversee exploration programs. Auryn has ultimate discretion over the nature and manner of exploration undertaken during the earn-in period and will become the operator of the ensuing joint venture, while North Country provides staff, equipment and consumables as the contractor to implement programs.

### *Private Placement*

On March 20, 2015, the Company completed a non-brokered private placement for gross proceeds of \$1,000,000 consisting of 20,000,000 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.05 per common share. The Company paid a 5% finder's fee in the amount of \$14,375 on \$287,500 of the gross proceeds raised. The common shares will be subject to a hold period, which will expire four months and one day from the date of closing, being July 20, 2015. Auryn subscribed for 10,000,000 common shares and therefore satisfied their condition of the JEA.

### *Auryn Resources Inc. to acquire North Country Gold Corp*

On June 30, 2015, Auryn and the Company announced that they have entered into a letter agreement pursuant to which Auryn will acquire the Company under a plan of arrangement (the "Arrangement"). The consideration for 100% of the Company's outstanding common shares which Auryn does not already own will be the issuance of approximately 13.8 million Auryn common shares valued at approximately \$20,400,000 based on \$1.48 per share volume weighted average price of Auryn shares on the TSX Venture Exchange for the 20-day period ending June 29, 2015. Under the proposed Arrangement, the Company's shareholders will receive one Auryn common share for each ten North Country common shares held at the time of completion of the Arrangement.

The acquisition price represents a premium of 65.5% to the volume weighted average price of the Company's common shares on the TSX Venture Exchange for the 20-day period ending June 30, 2015 and a 48% premium to the June 29, 2015 closing price. The 10:1 exchange ratio will be preserved regardless of either the Company's or Auryn's share price upon closing.

The letter agreement requires that directors and officers of North Country (representing an aggregate of approximately 4.5% of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares) will enter into support agreements concurrently with execution of a definitive arrangement agreement to be entered into between Auryn and the Company within approximately 30 days. The support agreements will provide that these key shareholders will, amongst other things, support the transaction and vote their North Country shares in favour of the Arrangement.

#### *North Country and Auryn initiate exploration and commence drilling*

On July 8, 2015, North Country and Auryn initiated a \$4 million summer exploration program at the Committee Bay project. The 2015 exploration program is focused on existing drill-ready targets as well as new areas identified through a recently completed prospectivity analysis on the southwest region of the Committee Bay belt.

The completion of geological, geophysical, and geochemical analysis on the existing data from the Committee Bay project has resulted in the identification of several targets that are collectively considered as potential deposit footprints. These targets will be the focus of North Country and Auryn's near-term exploration efforts in the Committee Bay belt. Further analysis across the central and northeast regions of Committee Bay are expected to be completed by Q4, 2015.

The focus of the summer program is to bring an innovative exploration approach to the Arctic with the goal of maximizing operational efficiencies to reduce the cost of drilling and regional exploration work. The exploration program will be comprised of 3,000 to 5,000 metres of rotary air blast ("RAB") drilling utilizing a light weight mobile drill, drone aerial imagery acquisition at 10 cm resolution across the entire project area, 60 line km of IP geophysics, structural mapping, and a till sampling program utilizing bulk cyanide leach methodology. The program will focus on known and newly identified targets in the West Plains and Raven areas. The RAB drilling will focus on expanding known mineralized trends along strike as well as testing newly identified targets areas. Ground IP geophysical surveys and till sampling will be conducted across newly identified target areas prior to drill testing.

#### **Selected Annual Information**

The following table summarizes audited consolidated data for annual operations reported by the Company for the years ended February 28, 2015, February 28, 2014, and 2013.

<b>For the year ended or as at</b>	<b>February 28, 2015</b>	<b>February 28, 2014</b>	<b>February 28, 2013 (Restated)</b>
Total assets (\$)	83,980,640	84,658,702	84,744,986
Mineral properties (\$)	81,354,377	80,281,338	79,075,936
Current liabilities (\$)	1,203,567	680,951	684,271
Total revenues (\$)	-	-	-
Long-term financial liabilities (\$)	-	-	32,619
Net loss from continuing operations (\$)	(967,696)	(622,848)	(2,088,805)
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Weighted average shares	122,134,073	111,840,959	111,713,669
Basic and diluted loss per common share from continuing operations(\$)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)
Basic and diluted (loss) income per common share from discontinued operations(\$)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)

The Company's total assets increase primarily as a result of incurring expenditures on its mineral properties; current liabilities fluctuate between years due to timing of payments and is comprised primarily of accounts payable; long-term financial liabilities are comprised of the non-current portion of a capital lease and decreases as payments are being made monthly and the fluctuations of net loss are described in more detail below.

### Summary of Quarterly Results

The following table summarizes financial data for the past eight quarters.

Period ended (in Dollars)	May 31 2015	Feb 28 2015	Nov 30 2014	Aug 31 2014	May 31 2014	Feb 28 2014	Nov 30 2013	Aug 31 2013
Total revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net (loss) income	(409,736)	(332,742)	(220,111)	(244,556)	(170,287)	(500,592)	(170,881)	108,715
Basic and diluted net (loss) income per common share	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	0.00

### Results of Operations

In general, the Company's net loss has fluctuated quarterly primarily from the issuance and vesting of compensation stock options, interest on cash deposits, and incidental gains or losses on the sale of marketable securities.

The Company's primary business being the acquisition and exploration of prospective mineral properties does not have a material effect on the Company's net income or loss as materially all of the financial effect of mineral exploration and acquisition are capitalized to the consolidated statement of financial position pursuant to the Company's accounting policies. Details of expenditures on the Company's mineral properties are contained in the following section of this MD&A.

### For the three months ended May 31, 2015

The Company's net loss from operations for the three months ended May 31, 2015, was \$409,736 (2014 – \$170,287) and was composed of:

- general and administrative expenses of \$407,413 (2014 - \$169,024), were incurred for ongoing administration, management, legal and accounting costs for the Company's operations. General and administrative expenses of the Company increased due to increased business activities relating to the Company's JEA with Auryn Resources Inc;
- finance costs of \$7,318 (2014 - \$11,201) related to interest on a finance lease and accretion of the Company's asset retirement obligation;
- interest income earned on the Company's cash deposits of \$2,753 (2014 - \$1,180), increased from the prior year due to increased cash on deposit with Company's financial institutions;
- a loss on foreign exchange of \$754 (2014 – \$772) was recognized due to the translation of the Company's foreign balances into the Company's functional and presentation currency of Canadian dollars;
- share-based compensation of \$295,000 (2014 - \$nil) was a non-cash expense recognized pursuant to the granting of options in the current period, and;
- other income of \$300,496 (2014 – \$12,030) was significantly higher in the current period due to charges earned for the usage of the Company's camp assets and equipment to its joint venture partner.

## 1. Financial instruments and risk management

The Company is exposed to the following financial risks:

- i) Market risk
- ii) Credit risk
- iii) Liquidity risk

In common with all other businesses, the Company is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. This note describes the Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them. Further quantitative information in respect of these risks is presented throughout these consolidated financial statements.

There have been no substantive changes in the Company's exposure to financial instrument risks, its objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks or the methods used to measure them from previous years unless otherwise stated in the note.

### General objectives, policies and processes

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the determination of the Company's risk management objectives and policies and, whilst retaining ultimate responsibility for them, it has delegated the authority for designing and operating processes that ensure effective implementation of the objectives and policies to the Company's finance function.

The overall objective of the Board and the Company's finance function is to set policies that seek to reduce risk as far as possible without unduly affecting the Company's competitiveness and flexibility and to ensure that risks are properly identified and that the capital base is adequate in relation to those risks. Further details regarding these policies are set out below.

### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market prices are comprised of three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk, other price risk.

#### *Currency risk*

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of, or future cash flows from, the Company's financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company's operations in Australia (up to the wind-up date of April 30, 2014) were denominated in Australian Dollars. Subsequent to the wind-up date, the Company had no foreign currency transactions and currency risk up to the date of the wind-up was minimal.

#### *Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk arising from the effect of changes in prevailing interest rates on the Company's financial instruments. The Company's interest rates on its finance leases are fixed and do not fluctuate. Interest rate risk is limited to potential decreases on the interest rate offered on cash and cash equivalents held with chartered Canadian financial institutions. The Company considers this risk to be minimal.

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of potential loss to the Company if counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable.

The Company has assessed its exposure to credit risk on its cash and cash equivalents and has determined that such risk is minimal. The majority of the Company's cash and cash equivalents are held with financial institutions in Canada.

The Company's accounts receivable balances are current as of May 31, 2015. The Company trades only with recognized, creditworthy third parties and its receivables from such third parties are monitored on an ongoing basis. The Company has determined its credit risk associated with its trade accounts receivable is minimal.

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company monitors its risk by monitoring the maturity dates of its existing debt and other payables. The Company's policy is to ensure that it will always have sufficient cash to allow it to meet its liabilities when they become due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation.

To achieve this objective, the Company prepares annual expenditure budgets, which are regularly monitored and updated as considered necessary. Further, the Company utilizes authorizations for expenditure on exploration projects to further manage expenditures. Monthly working capital and expenditure reports are prepared by the Company's finance function and presented to management for review and communication to the Board.

At May 31, 2015, the Company's current liabilities consisted of accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$204,520 due within the next three months and current portion of finance lease obligations of \$21,809 due within the next year. The Company's cash and cash equivalents of \$886,691 and trade and other receivables of \$116,471 are sufficient to pay these current liabilities.

### Determination of fair value

The Company categorizes its fair value measurements according to a three level hierarchy. The hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used by the Company's valuation techniques. A level is assigned to each fair value measurement based on the lowest level input significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy based on the reliability of inputs are as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities the Company can access at the measurement date; and
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3: no observable inputs for the asset or liability.

The available-for-sale investments of the Company are based on quoted prices and are therefore considered to be Level 1.

### Capital management

The Company monitors its equity as capital.

The Company's objectives in managing its capital are to maintain a sufficient capital base to support its operations and to meet its short-term obligations and at the same time preserve inventor's confidence and retain the ability to seek out and acquire new projects of merit. The Company is not exposed to any externally imposed capital requirements.

## Related Party Transactions

Unless otherwise noted, related party transactions were incurred in the normal course of operations and are measured at the amount established and agreed upon by the related parties. The Company incurred and paid fees to directors and officers for management and professional services as follows:

### For the three months ended

	May 31, 2015	May 31, 2014
Management fees paid to corporations controlled by key management	\$ 260,229	\$ 48,500
Capitalized fees paid to a corporation controlled by key management	7,000	41,775
	<u>\$ 267,229</u>	<u>\$ 90,275</u>

As at May 31, 2015, accounts payable included \$12,409 (February 28, 2015 - \$362,103) relating to consulting fees payable and accounts receivable included \$39,728 (February 28, 2015 - \$15,913), relating to the reimbursement of shared office and staff costs, receivable from corporations controlled by a common directors and officers.

During the period ended May 31, 2015, 1,405,000 options were issued to directors, officers, and key management resulting in a non-cash share-based compensation expense of \$56,200.

During the year ended February 29, 2012, the Company and a company with common directors entered into two five year office premises lease agreements. Basic rental payments, excluding operating costs, are approximately \$170,000 to \$180,000 per year. The office rental and operating costs are shared between several companies, and the Company only pays its pro rata share of the total cost of the office rental. The Company's share of basic rental payments during the period ended May 31, 2015 was \$3,432 (2014 - \$7,787).

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

	July 29 2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	May 31 2015	February 28 2015
Working Capital	1,160,000	879,618	(621,722)

Notes: (1) Estimated with information currently available.

At July 28, 2015, the Company had working capital of approximately \$1,160,000. The current estimated average monthly burn rate to manage the Company is \$55,000 to \$75,000. This amount excludes mineral property expenses currently funded under the JEA by Auryn, and transactions costs related to the Arrangement in progress.

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On March 26, 2015, and April 29, 2015, the Company granted stock options to acquire up to an aggregate 7,375,000 common shares of the Company under the Plan, vesting immediately upon issuance. 4,900,000 of the stock options granted are exercisable at a price of \$0.10 per common share, and the remaining 2,475,000 of the stock options granted are exercisable at a price of \$0.07 per common share. To date, 5,675,000 of these stock options have been exercised, for gross proceeds to the Company of \$499,250.

At present, the Company has no producing properties and has not determined whether its mineral properties contain mineral deposits that are economically recoverable. These material uncertainties cast significant doubt regarding the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. At the current stage of the Company's operations, the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to obtain additional sources of financing. Management is seeking out additional sources of funding, which may include equity financing, joint ventures on its mineral properties, sale of assets or any combination thereof. If the Company is unsuccessful in obtaining additional financing to fund operations and the exploration and development of its mineral properties, the going concern assumption may not be appropriate and adjustments would be necessary to the carrying value of assets and liabilities and reported revenues and expenses. Such adjustments could be material.

### Outstanding Share Data

The following table summarizes the Company's outstanding capital structure as at July 28, 2015:

<b>Shares Issued</b>	147,988,505		
<b>Fully Diluted Number of Shares</b>	156,888,505		
<b>Options Outstanding</b>	<u># of Options</u>	<u>Exercise Price</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
	5,200,000 @	\$0.47	October 1, 2015
	100,000 @	\$0.85	November 22, 2016
	500,000 @	\$0.25	December 3, 2017
	1,400,000 @	\$0.15	February 3, 2019
	1,000,000 @	\$0.10	March 26, 2020
	200,000 @	\$0.07	March 26, 2020
	500,000 @	\$0.10	April 29, 2020
Total Options:	8,900,000 @	\$0.34	
Total:	<u>\$3,028,000</u>		

### Mineral Properties

#### Joint Exploration Agreement with Auryn Resources Inc

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### **Committee Bay Greenstone Belt**

North Country Gold Corp. controls one of the largest under-explored greenstone belts in Canada with numerous drill-ready high-grade gold targets. The gold-rich Committee Bay Greenstone Belt is located 180 kilometres northeast of the Agnico Eagle's Meadowbank gold mine. The Three Bluffs deposit is geologically comparable, with similar grades, type of mineralization and age as Meadowbank and Meliadine Gold Deposits. The Company currently holds 100% interest in over 160,000 acres along the 300 kilometre long belt and has identified 5 distinct mineral development centres.

The Three Bluffs deposit occurs at the eastern end of a package of auriferous iron formation bearing supracrustal rocks (Walker Lake trend) that have been traced at least five kilometers west. Surface sampling and cursory exploratory drilling has indicated this package to be continuously mineralized. This mineralized trend is interpreted to represent a second order splay of the regional Walker Lake Shear Zone. North Country believes that significant potential exists along the Walker Lake trend and in 2013 completed a preliminary high-level engineering and logistics study to assess potential project metrics and to assist in the development of strategies for efficient, directed future exploration and accelerated project development. North Country believes that the Three Bluffs Gold Project is best suited to a possible medium sized operation which focusses on coherent trends of high grade gold mineralization occurring within the present resource

On September 30, 2014, the Company announces it has completed a site infrastructure maintenance program at its Three Bluffs Project. The four week program addressed servicing of camp infrastructure, mobile and drill equipment fleet, and included site visits by key consultants to allow completion of a PEA if permissible during Q4 2014 and Q1 2015.

On July 10, 2014, the Company announced it has completed a review of the existing combined open-pit/underground resource estimate for the Three Bluffs Gold Deposit published in April 2013, which the Company considers to demonstrate the potential existence of a conceptual high-grade underground deposit at Three Bluffs.

### **High-Grade Subset**

Utilizing an overall block cut-off grade of 5.0 g/t, which the company believes better reflects underground mining costs at these deposits and at this location, a possible high-grade underground subset of the existing Three Bluffs resource estimate contains an indicated resource of 1.140 Mt grading 11.21 g/t Au for 411,000 ounces gold and an inferred resource of 1.900 Mt grading 9.15 g/t for 558,000 ounces gold.

Table 1 summarizes the current Three Bluffs resource estimate queried at a 5.0 g/t grade cut-off, which is a high-grade underground subset of the existing combined open pit and underground resource estimate previously released April 23, 2013 as summarized in Table 2 below.

**Table 1. Three Bluffs Resource Estimate\* (Subset of April 2013 resource estimate)**

<b>High Grade Underground* - 1.0 g/t Au Model</b>				
Classification	Grade Cut-off g/t	Tonnage Tonnes	Au g/t	Au ounces
<b>Indicated</b>	5.00 g/t	<b>1,140,000</b>	<b>11.21</b>	<b>411,000</b>
<b>Inferred</b>	5.00 g/t	<b>1,900,000</b>	<b>9.15</b>	<b>558,000</b>

(See footnotes below Table 2)

### **Three Bluffs Gold Deposit**

The Three Bluffs gold project is a structurally controlled lode gold system hosted within oxide facies iron formation and greywackes. The deposit currently hosts an open-pit/underground resource of 4.30 Mt at 4.91 g/t gold for 683,000 ounces gold (indicated) and 5.52Mt at 5.43 g/t gold for 965,000 ounces gold (inferred) using a cut-off grade of 1.35 g/t for open pit (inside Whittle shell) and a cut-off grade of 2.5 g/t for underground (outside Whittle shell) (See press release dated April 23, 2013, Table 2, and applicable notes).

To date, Three Bluffs has been drill tested along a strike length of 4.1 kilometres to depths of 500 metres below surface with gold mineralization persisting to depth where the company has identified additional mineral potential\* comprising 4.5 to 7.5 million tonnes grading between 3.8 g/t and 7.3 g/t gold (see press release date April 23, 2013). \*Estimates of the potential quantity and grade of additional mineral potential' at Three Bluffs are conceptual in nature as there has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the target being delineated as a mineral resource.

**Table 2. Three Bluffs Gold Project April 2013 resource estimate**

<b>Open Pit- Three Bluffs Inside Whittle Shell</b>				
Classification	Grade Cut-off g/t	Tonnage tones	Au g/t	Au ounces
Indicated	1.35 g/t	3,600,000	4.81	557,000
Inferred	1.35 g/t	1,000,000	5.24	169,000
<b>Underground - Three Bluffs Outside Whittle Shell</b>				
Indicated	2.50 g/t	716,000	5.46	126,000
Inferred	2.50g/t	4,520,000	5.48	796,000
<b>Total Three Bluffs Resource</b>				
<b>Total Indicated OP+UG</b>		<b>4,320,000</b>	<b>4.91</b>	<b>683,000</b>
<b>Total Inferred OP+UG</b>		<b>5,520,000</b>	<b>5.43</b>	<b>965,000</b>

**Notes:**

1. A total of 17 domains utilized in grade estimation of the 0.50g/t wireframes and 16 domains for the 1.00 g/t wireframes. Au capping by domain from 75 g/t Au to 30 g/t Au, 16 domains utilized in grade estimation of 1.00 g/t wireframes, Au capping by domain from 75 g/t Au to 30 g/t Au.
2. Block grade estimation of 0.50 g/t and 1.00 g/t wireframes utilizing ID3 interpolation.
3. Block grade estimation for 0.50 g/t and 1.00 g/t wireframes performed by successive search ellipsoids with first pass of 15m x 15m x 5m, second pass 30m x 30m x 10m and third pass 75m x 75m x 20m.
4. Open pit resources (inside whittle) are estimated at a pit discard grade of 1.35 g/t Au with 93% Au recovery utilizing a long term gold price of US\$1,500 per ounce, Whittle pit optimization of 0.50 g/t block model was utilized to constrain the open-pittable resources.
5. Underground resources constrained from 1.00 g/t wireframe block model below the optimized Whittle pit using a 2.50 g/t block cut-off.
6. Numbers may not add-up due to rounding.

7. *Prior resources for Three Bluffs were completed by Roscoe Postle Associates Ltd. in April of 2012 (see press release dated April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and the Technical Report on the Three Bluffs Project, Nunavut Territory, Canada filed on Sedar, May 18, 2012).*
8. *Mineral resources, which are not mineral reserves, do not have demonstrated economic viability.*
9. *The quantity and grade of reported Inferred resources are uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to classify these Inferred resources as Indicated or Measured, and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading them to an Indicated or Measured category.*
10. *There are no known legal, political, environmental, or other risks that could materially affect the potential development of the mineral resources.*
11. *\*Underground high grade subset constrained by applying strict 5.0 g/t block cut-off to the existing 1.0 g/t wireframe block grade estimation. This subset is not in addition to the current open pit and underground indicated and inferred resource but rather is that portion of the 1.0 g/t Au mode resource that reports to the higher block grade cut-offs.*

Mineralization at Three Bluffs remains open to depth, which brings significant upside potential for increasing underground resources. Detailed geological compilation indicates that four high-grade shoots project to depth below the current level of drilling, and North Country Gold has estimated the additional Mineral Potential to depth at Three Bluffs.

**Table 3. Additional Mineral Potential at Three Bluffs**

	Tonnage (Million)	Grade (Au g/t)	Ounces (Au)
<b>Three Bluffs</b>	4.50 to 7.50	3.8 to 7.3	550,000 to 1,736,000

*\*The potential quantity and grade is conceptual in nature as there has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the target being delineated as a mineral resource.*

The approximate grades and tonnages have been determined by taking the average underground inferred resource grade (5.48 g/t Au) plus or minus 30 percent and considering the cumulative strike extent of the four high grade shoots, average widths, and a 300 to 500 metre depth extension below existing resources.

Additional exploration targets comprising potentially open-pittable zones remain to be tested along strike of the main Three Bluffs trend and significant potential for parallel zones of mineralization remains in flanking iron formations.

### **Engineering and Logistics Study**

During the year ended February 28, 2014, North Country completed a preliminary high-level engineering and logistics study on the Three Bluffs Gold Project. The study was initiated by North Country to assess potential project metrics and to assist in the development of strategies for efficient, directed future exploration and accelerated project development.

The study reviewed a number of potential mining and processing scenarios for possible future development of the Three Bluffs Gold Project including extraction via underground mining only, or via combined open pit and underground mining methods occurring either parallel or in sequence. Consideration was also given to potential onsite processing using a stand-alone gravity and/or carbon-in-leach plant was also assessed for potential operations processing between 500 to 3000 tonnes of ore per day. Capital costs and operating costs for each scenario were estimated using industry analogues and global mining databases enabling the impact of cut off grades to be assessed and potential project metrics to be calculated intended to be considered for a planned PEA study.

Based on results of the study and sensitivity analysis the Three Bluffs Gold Project is more sensitive to increased grade than to increased mineralized tonnes. North Country believes that the Three Bluffs Gold Project is best suited to a possible medium sized operation which focusses on coherent trends of high grade gold mineralization occurring within the present resource.

The results of the high-level trade off and logistical studies has provided NCG with invaluable information on how to focus ongoing work and fast track the Three Bluffs Gold Project to the preliminary economic assessment stage and to future development.

## Resource Methodology

The 2012 Three Bluffs Resource estimate and the 2013 resource update have been prepared by Dave Rennie, P.Eng. with independent resource consultants Roscoe Postle Associates Inc., in accordance with Canadian regulatory requirements set out in NI 43-101 and CIM resource definitions.

The Three Bluffs resource is based on 59,000 meters of drilling on the project completed between 1994 and 2012, with drill hole spacing at 100m x 120m to 30m x 30m in denser drilled portions of the deposit. Wireframes were constructed of correlatable mineralized envelopes utilizing a 0.50 g/t Au and 1.00g/t Au drill hole assay composites. Seventeen individual wireframes were constructed for the 0.50 g/t model and sixteen individual wireframes were constructed for the 1.00 g/t model. Grade capping levels were determined separately for each domain.

Inverse distance cubed (ID3) interpolation using three progressive search volumes (15m x 15m x 5m, 30m x 30m x 10m and 75m x 75m x 20m) on 1.5 meter down hole composites were utilized to assign gold grades to 10m x 10m x 2m blocks. Resource classification was applied using a combination of distance to nearest composite, number of holes used in the estimate, and manual adjustment based on inspection of the blocks. Inferred was provisionally assigned to any block within 75m of the nearest composite. Blocks within 30m of the nearest composite (generally within the 30m x 30m drill pattern), for which at least two drill holes contributed composites, were provisionally assigned to the Indicated category. These provisional assignments were reviewed in section and plan and manually adjusted to eliminate isolated small groups of unrealistically classified blocks.

To determine the open-pit resources Whittle pits were run on the 0.50 g/t Au model. The optimization utilized a long-term gold price of US\$1,500 per ounce, process gold recovery of 93%, a calculated discard grade of 1.35 g/t Au, and pit batter angles of 50 degrees. The pit discard grade is based on break-even costs of mining, milling and G&A/tonne converted to grams/ tonne Au at the gold price used for the optimization.

The underground portion of the resource was estimated from the 1.00 g/t Au model on that portion of the resource which lies below the optimize pit limits, utilizing a block cut-off grade of 2.50 g/t. Underground block cut-off grades are based on third party recommendations of similar size and working operations.

## Metallurgical Test Work

Mineral processing test work consisting of exploratory gravity concentration, cyanide leaching and froth flotation studies was undertaken by Process Research Associates under the guidance of independent metallurgical consultant Kevin Scott, P.Eng., of Scott Wilson Roscoe Postle Associates Inc. The sample comprised approximately 110kg of split core samples composited from 2007 drill holes and representing an average estimated LOM grade of 4.3 g/t Au and 7.5% S.

Additional gravity recovery test work on Three Bluffs mineralization was performed by Knelson Research Technology Centre. A 18 kg sample taken from a composite of coarse reject material from 2007 drill hole assay samples was subject to multi-pass testing utilizing Knelson's bench scale KC-MD3 enhanced gravity concentrator to examine recovery trends for gold and gold bearing sulphides.

Gold recovery results from preliminary testing are provided in the table below. Based on the composite samples tested it is expected that Three Bluffs ore could be processed by various standard beneficiation steps to recover approximately 93% of the gold.

## Gold Recovery

Process	Mass	Grade (g/t Au)	Gold Recovery
Gravity and Flotation (Locked Cycle)	18%	30.5	95.8%
Rougher Flotation only	15%	60.5	97.2%
Gravity only	7%	47.7	77.9%
Cyanide Leaching (72 hours)			94.6%

The metallurgical results indicate that a combination of gravity and flotation extraction followed by cyanide leaching of the concentrates is likely the most suitable processing option for Three Bluffs. It is anticipated based on these results that a gravity-flotation recovery of 95% followed by a cyanide leach of the concentrates which would extract 98% of the gold is possible. The overall recovery from this circuit would be approximately 93%.

## **Risks and Uncertainties**

### *Mining risks*

The Company is subject to the risks typical in the mining business including uncertainty of success in exploration and development; operational risks including unusual and unexpected geological formations, rock bursts, particularly as mining moves into deeper levels, cave-ins, flooding and other conditions involved in the drilling and removal of material as well as environmental damage and other hazards; risks that intended drilling schedules or estimated costs will not be achieved; and risks of fluctuations in the price of commodities and currency exchange rates. Metal prices are subject to volatile price movements over short periods of time and are affected by numerous factors, all of which are beyond the Company's control, including expectations of inflation, levels of interest rates, sale of gold by central banks, the demand for commodities, global or regional political, economic and banking crises and production rates in major producing regions. The aggregate effect of these factors is impossible to predict with any degree of certainty.

### *Business risks*

Natural resources exploration, development, production and processing involve a number of business risks, some of which are beyond the Company's control. These can be categorized as operational, financial and regulatory risks.

Operational risks include finding and developing reserves economically, marketing production and services, product deliverability uncertainties, changing governmental law and regulation, hiring and retaining skilled employees and contractors and conducting operations in a cost effective and safe manner. The Company continuously monitors and responds to changes in these factors and adheres to all regulations governing its operations.

Financial risks include commodity prices, interest rates and foreign exchange rates, all of which are beyond the Company's control.

Regulatory risks include the possible delays in getting regulatory approval to the transactions that the Board of Directors believe to be in the best interest of the Company, and include increased fees for filings, the introduction of ever more complex reporting requirements the cost of which the Company must meet in order to maintain its exchange listing.

### *Revenues and Financial Resources*

The Company's only revenues were generated in prior years from drilling operations in Australia and were only sufficient to sustain those operations. The Company's Canadian operations do not generate revenue and are unlikely to generate any in the foreseeable future. Additional funds would be required for further exploration to prove economic deposits; to bring such deposits to production; and to acquire and explore other mineral interests. The Company has limited financial resources and there is no assurance that sufficient additional funding will be available to it fulfill its obligations or for further exploration and development, on acceptable terms or at all. Failure to obtain additional funding on a timely basis could result in delay or indefinite postponement of further exploration and development and could cause the Company to forfeit its interests in some or all of its properties or to reduce or terminate its operations.

### *Competition*

The mineral exploration and mining business is competitive in all of its phases. The Company will compete with numerous other companies and individuals, including competitors with greater financial, technical and other resources, in the search for and the acquisition of attractive mineral properties. The Company's ability to acquire properties in the future will depend not only on its ability to develop its present properties, but also on its ability to select and acquire suitable prospects for mineral exploration or development. There is no assurance that the Company will be able to compete successfully with others in acquiring such prospects.

### *Price Volatility and Lack of Active Market*

In recent years, the securities markets in Canada and elsewhere have experienced a high level of price and volume volatility, and the market prices of securities of many public companies have experienced significant fluctuations in price which have not necessarily been related to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. It may be anticipated that any quoted market for the Company's securities will be subject to such market trends and that the value of such securities may be affected accordingly.

### *Dividends*

The Company has no earnings or dividend record and is unlikely to pay any dividends in the foreseeable future as it intends to employ available funds for mineral exploration and development. Any future determination to pay dividends will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company and will depend on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements and such other factors as the Board of Directors of the Company deem relevant.

### *Key Executives*

The directors and officers of the Company devote part of their time to the affairs of the Company. The Company is dependent on the services of key executives and a small number of highly skilled and experienced consultants and personnel, whose contributions to the immediate future operations of the Company are likely to be of importance in locating and delineating mineral deposits. The loss of these persons or the Company's inability to attract and retain additional highly skilled employees or consultants may adversely affect its business and future operations. The Company does not currently carry any key man life insurance on any of its executives.

### *Potential Conflicts of Interest*

Certain directors and officers of the Company are, and may continue to be, involved in the mining and mineral exploration industry through their direct and indirect participation in corporations, partnerships or joint ventures which are potential competitors of the Company. Situations may arise in connection with potential acquisitions in investments where the other interests of these directors and officers may conflict with the interests of the Company. Directors and officers of the Company with conflicts of interest will be subject to and will follow the procedures set out in applicable corporate and securities legislation, regulation, rules and policies.

### *Nature of the Securities*

The purchase of the Company's securities involves a high degree of risk and should be undertaken only by investors whose financial resources are sufficient to enable them to assume such risks. The Company's securities should not be purchased by persons who cannot afford the possibility of the loss of their entire investment. Furthermore, an investment in Company's securities should not constitute a major portion of an investor's portfolio.

## **Outlook**

With the completion of the JEA, the parties are currently formulating exploration strategies for the 2015 season. The 2015 program is designed to create a district scale geologic model that will pave the way for more intensive drill campaigns in 2016 and 2017.

### *Auryn Resources Inc. to acquire North Country Gold Corp*

On June 30, 2015, Auryn and the Company announced that they have entered into a letter agreement pursuant to which Auryn will acquire the Company under a plan of arrangement (the "Arrangement"). The consideration for 100% of the Company's outstanding common shares which Auryn does not already own will be the issuance of approximately 13.8 million Auryn common shares valued at approximately \$20,400,000 based on \$1.48 per share volume weighted average price of Auryn shares on the TSX Venture Exchange for the 20-day period ending June 29, 2015. Under the proposed Arrangement, the Company's shareholders will receive one Auryn common share for each ten North Country common shares held at the time of completion of the Arrangement.

The acquisition price represents a premium of 65.5% to the volume weighted average price of the Company's common shares on the TSX Venture Exchange for the 20-day period ending June 30, 2015 and a 48% premium to the June 29, 2015 closing price. The 10:1 exchange ratio will be preserved regardless of either the Company's or Auryn's share price upon closing.

The letter agreement requires that directors and officers of North Country (representing an aggregate of approximately 4.5% of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares) will enter into support agreements concurrently with execution of a definitive arrangement agreement to be entered into between Auryn and the Company within approximately 30 days. The support agreements will provide that these key shareholders will, amongst other things, support the transaction and vote their North Country shares in favour of the Arrangement.

## **Additional Information**

Continuous disclosure relating to the Company may be found on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

## **Qualified Person**

The disclosures contained in this MD&A regarding the Company's exploration & evaluation properties have been prepared by, or under the supervision of, Mr. Simeon Robinson, P.Geo., a Qualified Person for the purposes of National Instrument 43-101.

## **Approval**

The Audit Committee of the Company has approved the disclosures contained in this MD&A.