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Joining us today is Brodie Sutherland, the CEO of Tocvan Ventures, that trades on our OTCQB Venture Market under the ticker TCVNF. Tocvan Ventures is a junior exploration and development company focusing on gold and silver properties in the Americas with their primary activities in Mexico. Brodie, thanks so much for joining us today.

Brodie Sutherland

Thank you so much for having me. Pleasure to be here.

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Absolutely. So to start, talk about your background in the resource sector and your current role with Tocvan Ventures.

Brodie Sutherland

Yeah, so my background, I come from the technical side, I'm a geologist. I've worked in the mineral exploration industry for over 17 years now. And really our background is looking for undervalued assets out there, primarily focused on gold and silver, that we feel deserve to be looked at in more detail, that we can advance quickly towards production. And we think we've found a sweet spot where we're operating in Mexico.

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Yeah, so talk more about that. Give us an update on your flagship Pilar Gold Silver Project in Mexico.

Brodie Sutherland

Yeah, so Pilar is an asset that we've been working on for the last three years. It's got a long history behind it. It was first discovered in 1996 with some exceptional drill results by the Lundin family, which are a very well-known family in the mining space. And, you know, it, unfortunate for us, it had some exceptional results, but in a time in the market where, you know, gold wasn't really appreciated and these types of projects weren't appreciated. And so it changed hands a few times and we got ahold of it in 2019. We loved the potential behind it. We got back drilling there, you know, starting to step out and define a mineralized ore body that contains gold and silver that's right at surface. And, you know, we're starting to get some of the best results coming out of Sonora State where we operate in Mexico. And, you know, from there, it's provided us with some incredible results.

We've just did a bulk sample there that's shown really encouraging results in terms of being able to recover the gold and silver. And really, it's giving us a stepping stone to move from explorer to producer, which we're looking to do in the next two years. And making that step, I think, is really going to set us apart from a lot of the other junior explorers out there.

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And how do you work with the local jurisdictions on your projects?

Brodie Sutherland

Yeah, this is a great question. We're very fortunate to be in Sonora. This is a state in Mexico that produces the most gold out of any other state in Mexico. It has a long history of mining that goes back hundreds of years. And what you have are a jurisdiction that's created local experts. So these are geologists, these are mine engineers, these are people that understand how to explore and develop mines. And they all live right there. This is their backyard. So we've been extremely fortunate to be in a jurisdiction that we can build our team fully in Sonora, which we have, and that's been a big part of our success. It also means we can fully access all these other services, service providers that we need to advance the projects. And they're all right there in Sonora. So this allows us to have full access and capability to move a project from exploration to production. And again, this jurisdiction has great infrastructure. We can drive to both our projects. Great people and communities there that because they grew up with mining, understand it and understand the importance of it. So we're extremely fortunate to be working in that jurisdiction. And this is a place that we want to look to build our company and continue to grow.

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What's in the pipeline for Tocvan Ventures in 2024?

Brodie Sutherland

Yeah, 2024 is going to be a fun one. You know, we've got a lot planned. We're very shortly here getting back drilling at Pilar, and we've got a lot that we want to continue to build out and define there. That's going to go towards our first made in resource estimate. Again, this is a resource that is right at surface, looks very amenable to an open pit environment, and extremely low cost to recover those metals. So that's what we're building towards there. At the same time, we're actually right now going through the steps to put together our permit application

for mine development. And we want to get that submitted early this year so that that can get into process. We expect that it would take about 18 months to get back. And with that permit, we can build a mine. And that's again one of the unique things about this jurisdiction is that there's actually a much more streamlined process to get a mine up and running versus other jurisdictions, including where I live here in Canada. So we feel like that's what's really going to set us apart. So it's going to be lots of drilling, lots of work and initiatives towards permitting. We just acquired last year 20 times the land position around Pilar. And so it's going to be about exploring and evaluating that area, which is huge, has tons of potential. Placer miners have been quite active across it the last couple of years, kind of opening up new areas and showcasing what that potential is. So we've got a lot to do. We've got another project called the Cacho, which we've just got some very encouraging results off of. We had a drill discovery there in 2023, and we want to keep building off that. So we'll be very active. And we think it's going to be a fun year in that the markets have been subdued in the commodity space the last couple of years, but I think they're due for a rebound, and I think our shareholders can take advantage of that.

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Yeah, so you mentioned Canada, and that's your home country exchange on the CSE. And so talk about the importance of cross trading here on the OTCQB and the US to access the US investors in that market.

Brodie Sutherland

Yeah, I think it's essential for any company like us to get exposure to U.S.-based investors. Here up in Canada, we're a fairly modest country in terms of size of population, but we do have a lot of focus on activities like mining. But I think what we do provides a lot of opportunity and upside for shareholders outside of Canada. And so having exposure to the US side, I think is tremendous for us. It's essential as we look to grow as well. And I think there's a lot of investors out there that see how beat up the commodity space has been and potentially are looking for opportunities there. And I think we're one of those. So it's just great to have access to that through this relationship with the OTC.

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Absolutely. Thanks so much, Brodie. Thanks for your time. And we look forward to continuing your story here on the OTCQB.



Brodie Sutherland

Sounds good. Thank you so much.

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