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# **Introduction to Metals Exploration**

AIM-quoted gold producer, producing c. 80,000oz of gold per year at Runruno in the Philippines. Pursuing M&A and other growth opportunities to replace Runruno as it approaches the end of its life of mine in 2026.

#### **Proven Operator**

• Turnaround of Runruno resulted in strong cash generation. Company is now debt-free\* and focused on growth opportunities

### **M&A Activity**

- Proposed acquisition of Condor Gold, including the La India gold project in Nicaragua clear development path to production and significant upside potential
- Acquisition of YMC group in August 2024, acquiring the Abra tenements. Drill ready targets defined and government approval for drilling received.

#### ESG & Health and Safety

- Strong ESG focus in order to create net-positive impact for stakeholders and local communities
- Health and Safety is fundamental. Over 24 million man-hours recorded with no lost time incidents occurring



## **Investment Case**

## **Delivering on Our Strategy**

Acquisition of Condor Gold - construction ready with significant upside potential

**Cashflow generative** 

Acquisition of Abra - significant exploration targets identified

Continuing to focus on further M&A opportunities

Strong management team with a track record of delivery

Operational success at Runruno

2024 has seen us begin to deliver on our strategy of pursuing M&A opportunities to ensure the continuation of cashflow and further growth post-Runruno



# Metals Exploration Growth Strategy

#### **Condor Gold 2-4yrs**

- **Expansion into Americas**
- 14+ years of potential mine life
- Expand resource through exploration targets
- Open Pit and Underground

#### Growth Strategy 3-5yrs

- Regional Opportunities
  (Asia pacific and the
  Americas)
- Manikbel Project
- Repurpose of existing infrastructure

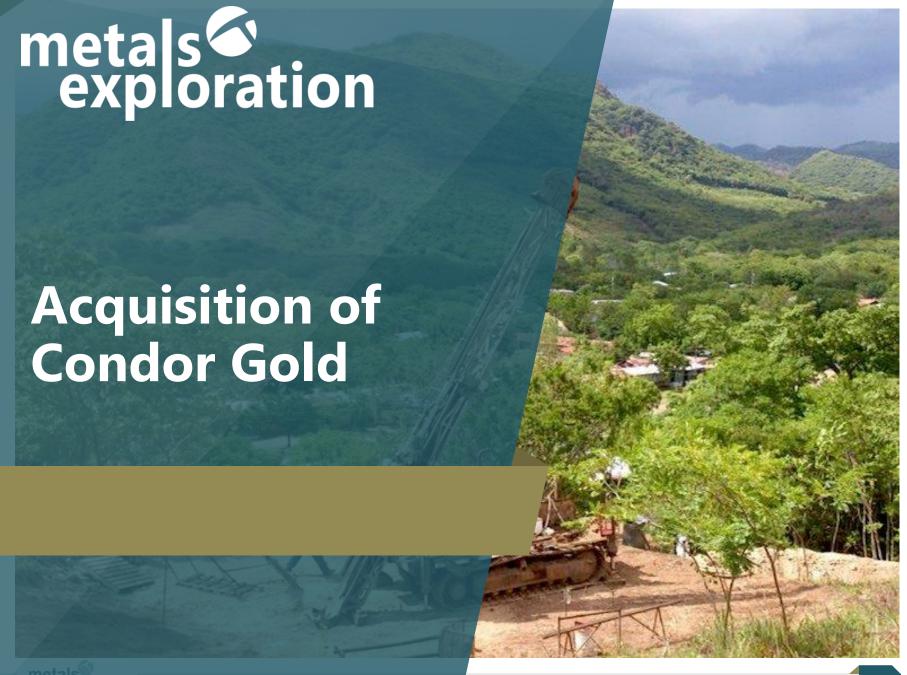
YMC Develop Tier 1 Target 10yrs

#### Runruno

- Flagship Operation
- Nationally recognised for outstanding community relations
- Debt Free\*

\* MTL is debt free, save for the £5.5m unsecured bridging loan facility secured from Drachs in connection with the company's offer for Condor Gold.





# **Acquisition of Condor Gold - Rationale**

- Clear development path to production utilizing our existing and future cash reserves. Leveraging our proven track record as a mine builder and operator
- Condor Gold is a dual listed AIM-TSX (AIM:CNR, TSX:COG) silver and gold metals exploration and development company with properties in Nicaragua. Condor has an extensive concession package of 587 km², with key assets in the La India Gold Mining District
- Numerous parallel gold structures identified
- La India is fully permitted and construction ready. The company intends to commence construction following completion of the transaction, targeting to have the project running prior to the finalisation of Runruno
- Darren Bowden has > 15 years' experience working in Central/South America and is a fluent Spanish speaker
  - Will quickly be able to assemble a team of experienced individuals
- Cash flow used to finance the development of the next production ready asset either in the Philippines or elsewhere.



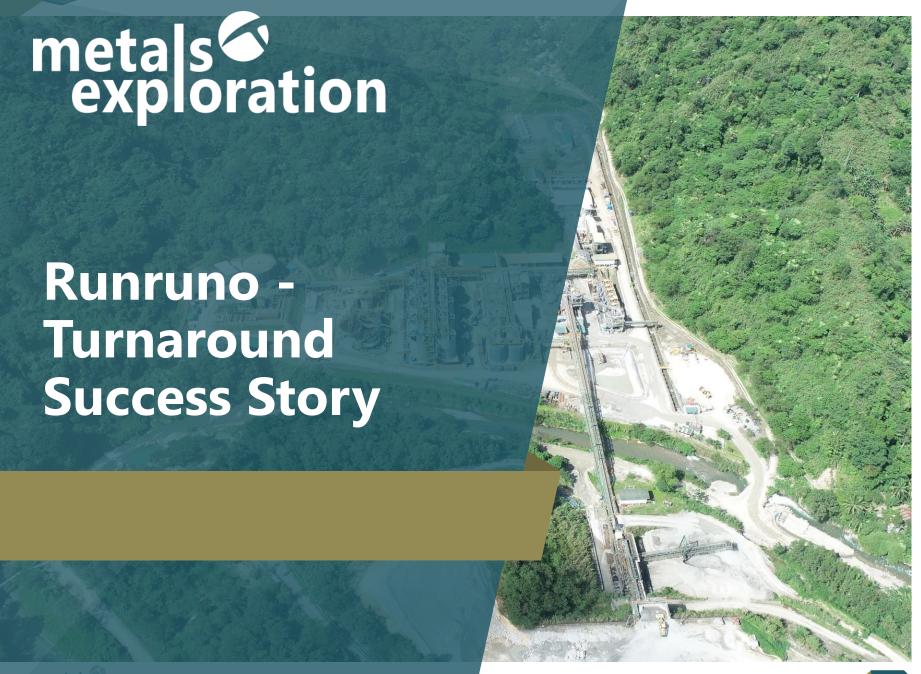




## **Deal Structure**

- Under the terms of the Offer, each Condor Gold Shareholder shall be entitled to the Fixed Consideration of 4.0526 new MTL shares and 9.9p in cash for each Condor Gold Share held
  - The Fixed Consideration values Condor Gold's issued ordinary share capital at £67.5m, representing approximately 33.0p per Condor Gold Share
- In addition, each Condor Gold Shareholder will be entitled to one Contingent Value Right ("CVR") which entitles them to their pro rata share of:
  - US\$14.4 million (paid in £) following the first gold pour (as confirmed by the independent CVR representative), subject to the pour occurring within 5 years from the earlier of drill mobilisation and 6-months after completion of the transaction (the "CVR Commencement Date"), to be settled by way of loan notes; and
  - o up to an aggregate of US\$14.4 million, on the basis of US\$18 per ounce (to be paid in £) of additional contained gold JORC Mineral Resource discovered in excess of 3.158 Moz total resource at the Condor Group's La India, Rio Luna and Estrella projects (subject to a cap of 800,000 ounces above the 3.158Moz hurdle), over the five-year period following the CVR Commencement Date, settled by the issue new MTL shares and/or unsecured loan notes at MTL's sole election, following the third and fifth anniversary of the CVR Commencement Date
  - The maximum potential CVR consideration payable pursuant to the transaction therefore amounts to US\$28.8m (c. £22.6m, representing 11.1p per Condor Gold Share)
- It is intended that Jim Mellon, Condor's Chair will be appointed to the board of Metals Exploration on completion as a non-executive director, subject to the usual regulatory approval process
- The Boards of Metals Exploration and Condor Gold both unanimously recommend that their respective shareholders vote in favour of the transaction
- Metals Exploration's largest two shareholders, representing 56.0% of its issued share capital, have irrevocably undertaken to vote in favour of the transaction
- Condor Gold's largest shareholder and Chair, Jim Mellon (through Galloway Limited) and its directors, representing 28.8% of Condor Gold's issued share capital, has irrevocably undertaken to vote in favour of the transaction





## Runruno

- Following key optimisations made to the BIOX process, fixing many of the technical issues, the management team, led by Darren Bowden, turned Runruno into a success
  - Forecast production of 82,500oz in 2024
  - Record FY2023 gold production of 85,194oz, generating revenues of \$167 million
  - Excellent gold recovery in our processing operations - FY2023 gold recovery of 88.7%
- Strong operational performance has enabled the company to gain debt-free\* status, allowing Metals Exploration to focus on post-Runruno growth opportunities as LoM runs out in 2026
- Strong community engagement through advancement of socio-economic programmes
- Safety is at the core of Metals Exploration's business. Over 24 million man-hours with no lost time incidents occurring



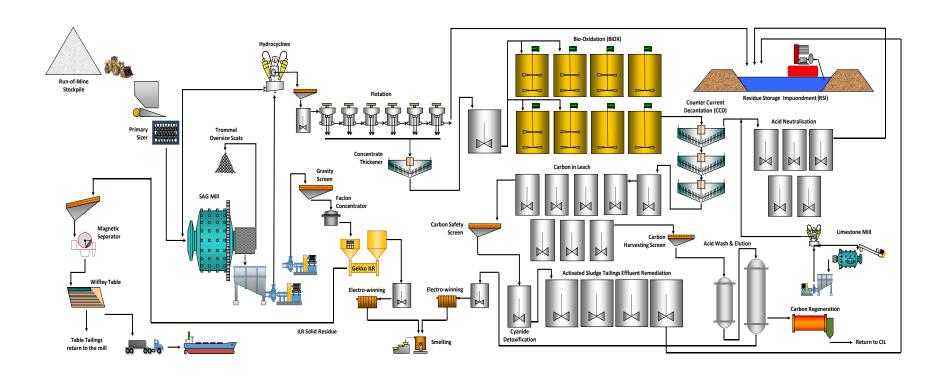


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# **Processing**

- Mostly finely grained gold in pyrite
- Gold recovery by separation followed by leaching with bio-oxidation pre-treatment of flotation concentrate
- Average mill throughout 2.1Mtpa above 1.75Mtpa design capacity
- Overall plant recovery is 89%





# **Progressive Mine Rehabilitation**





## **Recognition of Our Performance**

#### 2024

- Presidential Mineral Industry Environmental Award in the Surface Mining Operation Category in 2024, for the third year in a row, the highest government mining award attainable in the Philippines
- Safest Surface Mining Operation Award for 2024

#### 2023

- Presidential Mineral Industry Environmental Award in the Surface Mining Operation Category for the second year in a row
- 3rd Runner-up for the Best Mining Forest Contest in the Metallic Category
- The group was selected by the Government to represent the Philippines at the third ASEAN Mineral Awards - 1st Runnerup in recognition of outstanding best practices in Sustainable Mineral Development (Mineral Mining -Metallic)





These awards recognise mining companies for outstanding dedication, initiatives, and innovations in environmental protection, health & safety, and community development

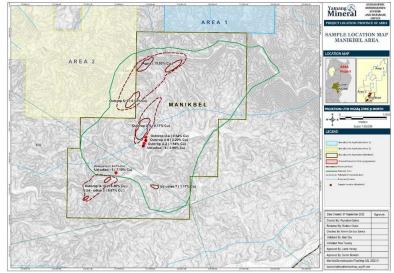




## **Abra Tenement**

- In August 2024, Metals Exploration completed the acquisition of the YMC Group, which holds an extensive exploration tenement in the prospective Abra area of the Philippines
- Abra covers 16,200 hectares on the island of Luzon, c. 200km north of Runruno, in the Cordillera region, a prolific gold belt in the Philippines, with proven mineral endowment in the area, having produced 40 Moz of gold historically
- In Q4 2024, received final approval from the Philippine authorities for the commencement of exploration drilling activities
- Drill-ready targets, the Manikbel prospect and Domenglay, have been defined and the company's diamond drill rig has been mobilised. The plan is four initial drill holes as part of the objective to compile an initial resource estimate by Q3 2025
- Acquired YMC for a cash consideration of US\$1.6
  million and the issue of options to subscribe for up
  to 41 million new Metals Exploration plc ordinary
  shares

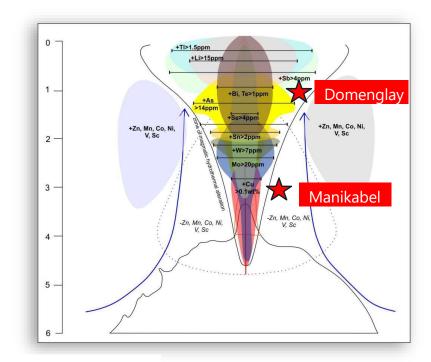


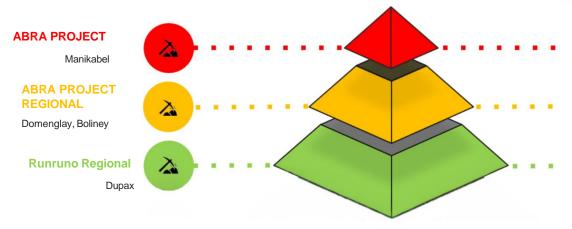




# **Abra Drill Targets**

- Located on the Western belt of the Central Cordillera, a prospective gold belt
- Priority 1 Manikabel
- Priority 2 Domenglay
- Priority 3 Dupax
- Potential for further Runruno regional exploration





Significant surface geochemisty anomaly, mapped copper mineralisation, walk up drill targets.

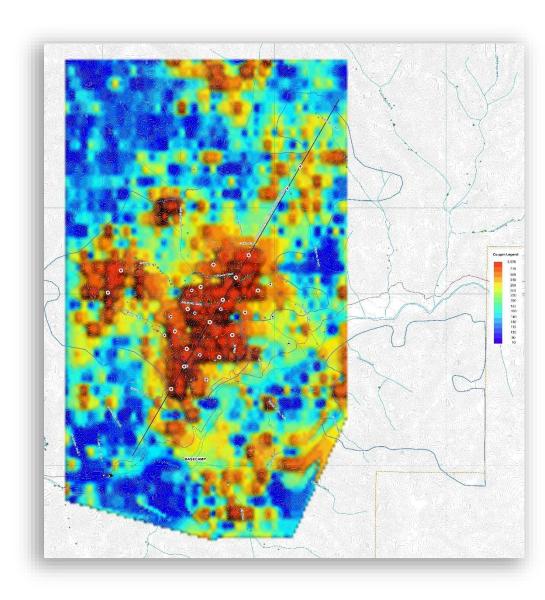
Moderate sized lithocap identified 500x 400m, 2<sup>nd</sup> anomalous zone to east 600m diameter, friendly community.

VMS target, 20km south of RR with grades of up to 15.47 g/t Au and 7% Cu. Target size 10 to 20 MT.



## Manikbel

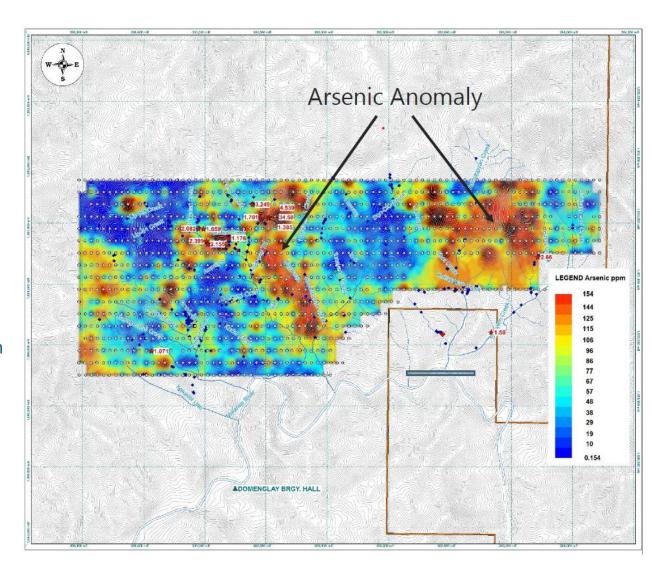
- Large outcropping copper prospect
- Initial drilling programme planned on a 200m x 200m grid for 24 holes
- Identified mineralised zone is 1,500m x 800m at > 700ppm Cu
- Rock samples of over 10% copper recovered from outcrop sampling
- Manikbel has the highest intensity copper geochemical signature of all the areas
- Mineralisation from historical sampling seems to be predominantly copper with little gold identified to date





# **Domenglay**

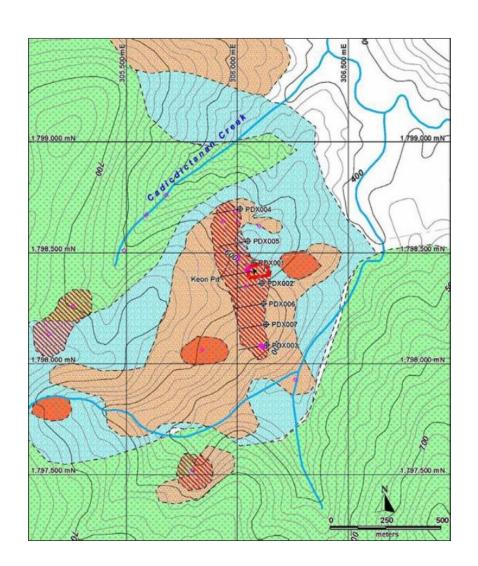
- Significant Arsenic Anomaly
- Gold values over 30g/t on surface
- High copper values also obtained in the area
- Arsenic overlays a Mag high
- The key target approx. 600m in diameters sits within a caldera





# Dupax

- Within 20Km of Runruno
- VMS target, 20km south of RR with grades of up to 15.47 g/t Au and 7% Cu.
- Target size 10 to 20 MT.
- Surface mapping of main outcrop is 700m x 100m
- Key target of the extension of Runruno operations







# **Sustainability**

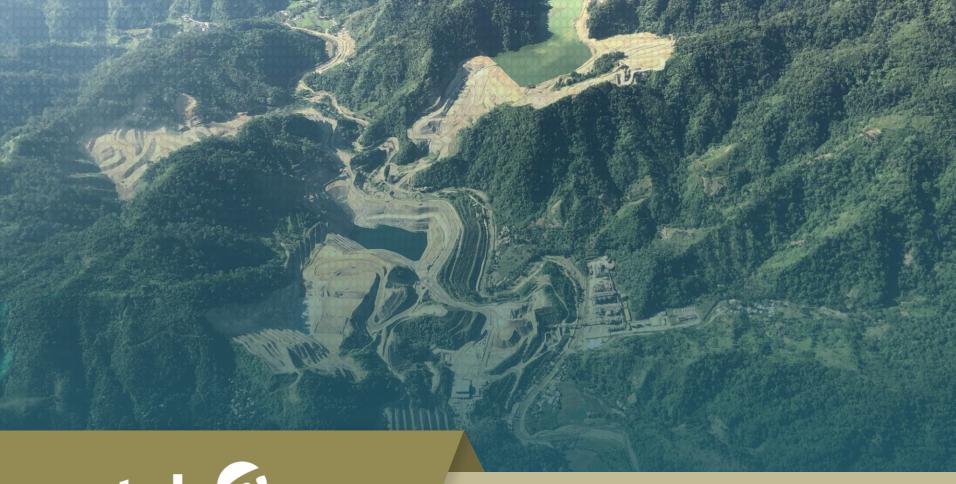
Metals Exploration's priority is to create a net-positive impact for its stakeholders and local communities through the advancement of a number of environmental, sustainability and social programmes. The company strives to be accountable, transparent, and responsible in its corporate purpose

- Our Social Development and Management Programme was set up to identify and implement socio-economic programmes that enhance the lives of those in the local community
  - Focusing on areas including health, education, and infrastructure development, the company allocates 1.5% of direct mining and processing costs to be applied to the SDMP. Total community programme expenditure for FY2023 was US\$1.4 million
- Metals Exploration has established, and continues to maintain, strong relationships with the local community
  - At Runruno, the company has brought employment to a region that otherwise had no formal employment sector, with over 98% of the workforce being Filipinos
  - Runruno has been producing gold without any community or government enforced stoppages since 2016









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