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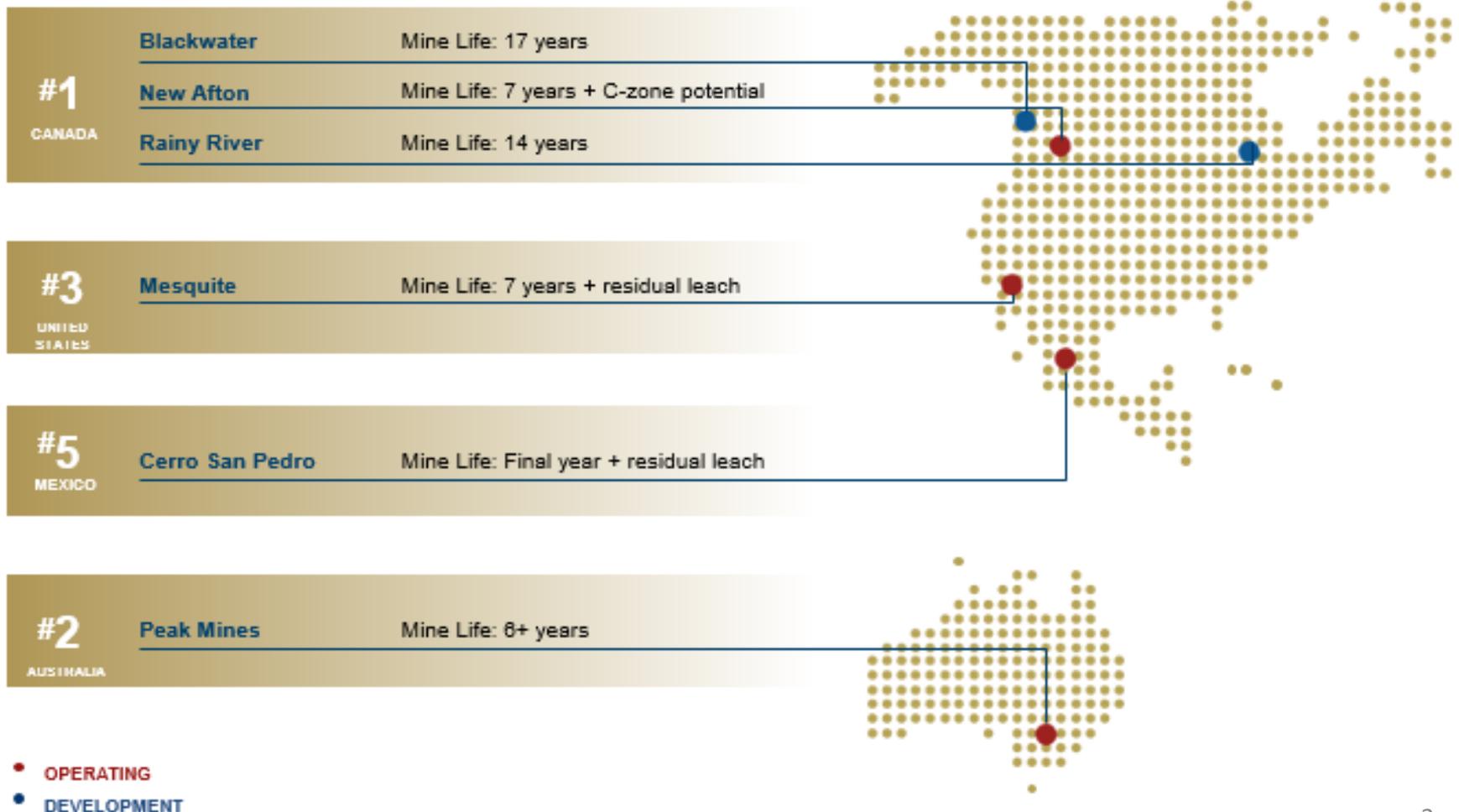
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All Assets Ranked in Top 5 Global Mining Jurisdictions⁽¹⁾



1. Source: 2015 Behre Dolbear Report – “2015 Ranking of Countries for Mining Investment”.

Construction

- Rainy River – 325 Koz of annual production

Permitting

- Blackwater – 485 Koz of annual production

Engineering/Planning

- New Afton C-Zone
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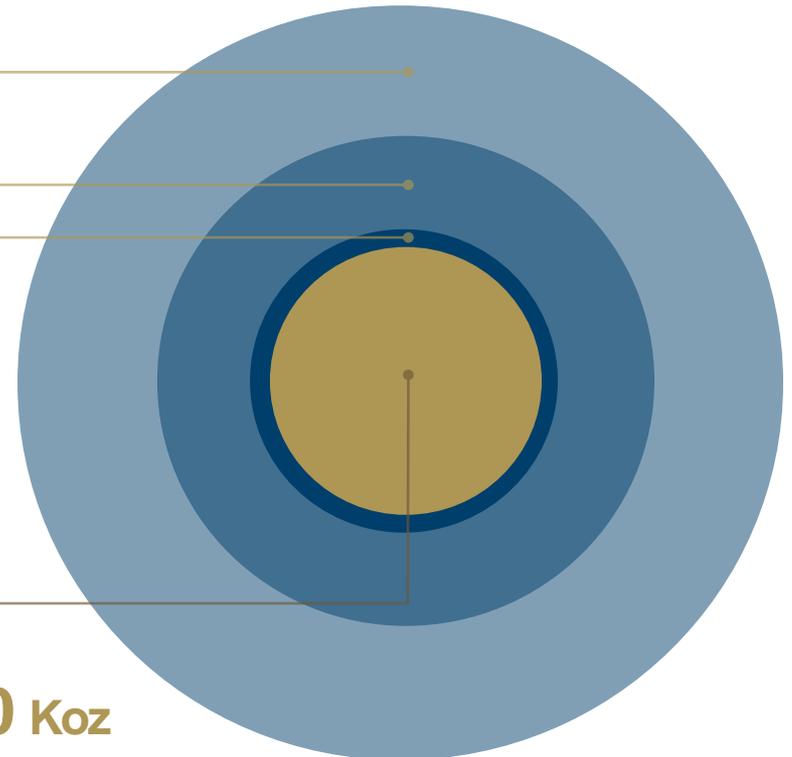
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RAINY RIVER

NEW AFTON
EXPANSION

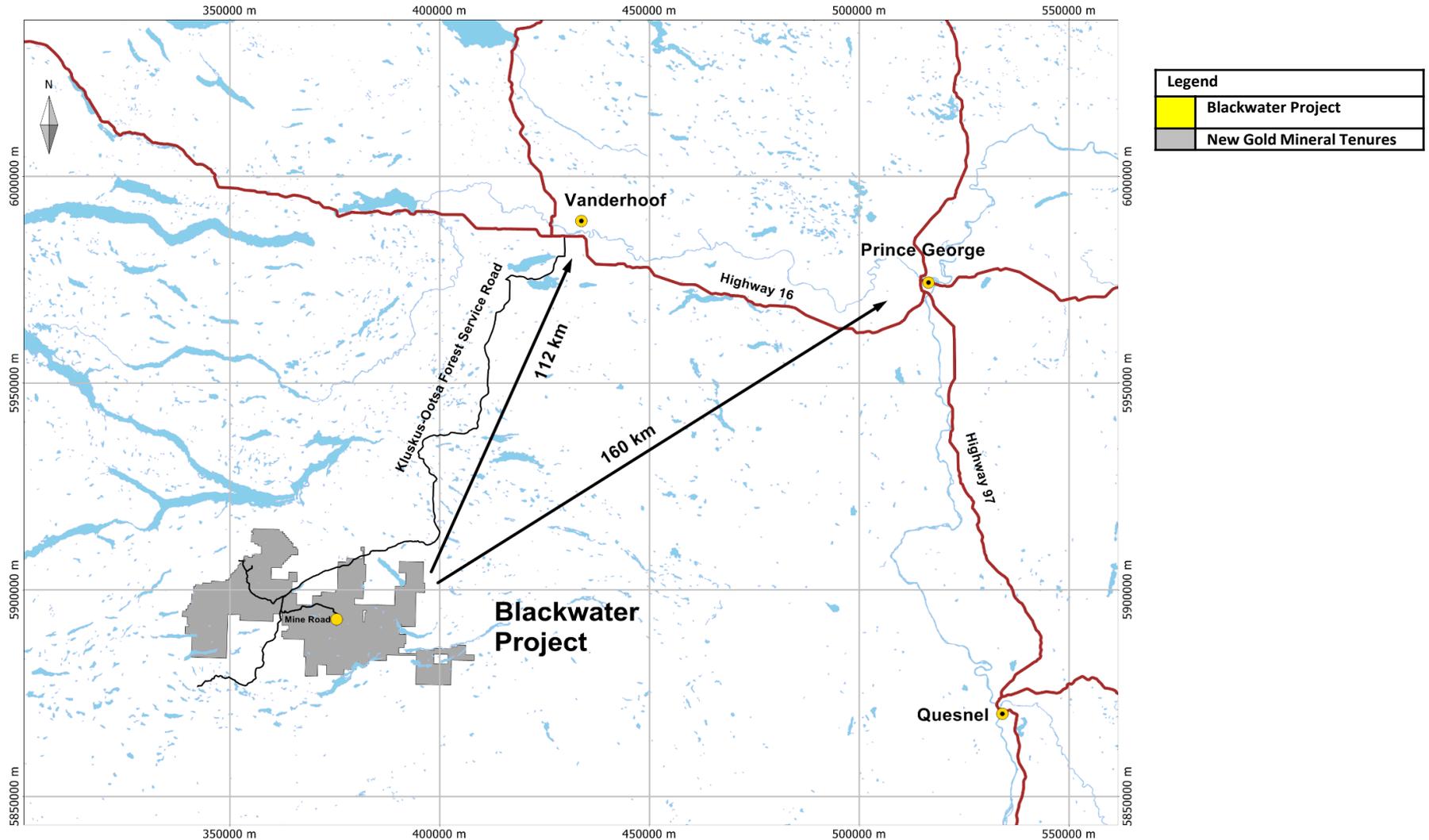
2015E GOLD
PRODUCTION

390-430 Koz



New Gold has **multiple organic growth** options in its portfolio

Blackwater Project Location



Jurisdiction and Regional Upside



2013 Feasibility Study

First nine years:

~\$1,576 million
Development Capital⁽²⁾

17-year
Mine Life

485 Koz
Annual Gold Production

1.8 Moz
Annual Silver Production

\$590/oz
All-in Sustaining Costs⁽³⁾

Significant Gold and Silver Resource⁽⁴⁾

8.2 Moz
Gold Reserves

60.8 Moz
Silver Reserves

1.3 Moz
Gold M&I Resources

7.8 Moz
Silver M&I Resources

2016 Plan



**Complete Federal
Environmental
Assessment
process by late 2016/
early 2017**

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2. Development capital assumes \$1.25 CDN/USD exchange rate.

3. Refer to Endnote on all-in sustaining costs under the heading “Non-GAAP Measures”.

4. Mineral resources are exclusive of reserves. For a detailed breakdown of Mineral Resources and Reserves by category, refer to New Gold’s news release dated February 17, 2016 titled “New Gold Announces 2015 financial results with record gold production leading to strong cash flow”. Refer to Endnotes under the heading “Cautionary note to U.S. readers concerning estimates of mineral reserves and mineral resources” and “Technical Information”.



We engage our communities early in our planning processes

- **Blackwater - Community Liaison Committee**
- **Cerro San Pedro - Social Closure Plan and transitioning community**
- **Peak Mines - shift change consultations**
- **New Afton: in 2014 contributed \$21 million in government revenues** (direct, indirect and induced)



Committed to local hiring and procurement goods and services

- Provincial contributions in 2014:
 - to over 150 community organizations and programs
 - Totaling over \$1.5 million USD

At Blackwater since 2012:

- 65% local hires
- Over \$260,000 contributed in sponsorships and donations

Investing in community initiatives

- Over \$7 million in contributions in 2015
- 42% increase from 2014





Building strong respectful partnerships with First Nations

- 15 Participation Agreements across our sites in Canada
- Blackwater - First Nation led Training and Employment strategy; Over 23% Indigenous employees and contractors
- Rainy River: 71% of contracts are to First Nations; over 29% Indigenous employees and 32% Indigenous construction contract employees

Rainy River Overview

Overall Construction

35% complete

Through April 2016

Capital Spent Project to Date

\$394 million

Through March 2016

2016 Capital Spend Estimate

\$500 million

\$82 million spent in first quarter 2016



Start-up planned for mid-2017

- **Continue with community and First Nations consultations (Present and ongoing)**
- **Proceed with Environmental Assessment & permitting phase**
 - **Application Review Stage- started January 12, 2016**
- **We are continuing to partner with communities to help prepare local contractors and workers for potential construction and operation opportunities, including:**
 - **Working with communities, First Nations, educational institutions, and economic and business development organizations to prepare people for jobs in the mining industry (present and increasing 2017 onwards)**
- **We expect to hire:**
 - **1,000 to 1,500 (peak) people during construction (2018-2020)**
 - **500 full-time workers to operate the mine (2020-2037)**

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