

# Exploring in Prolific Gold Belts

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# **DISCOVERY DRIVEN EXPLORATION IN ONTARIO & NEVADA**



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**District:** Walker Lane, NV

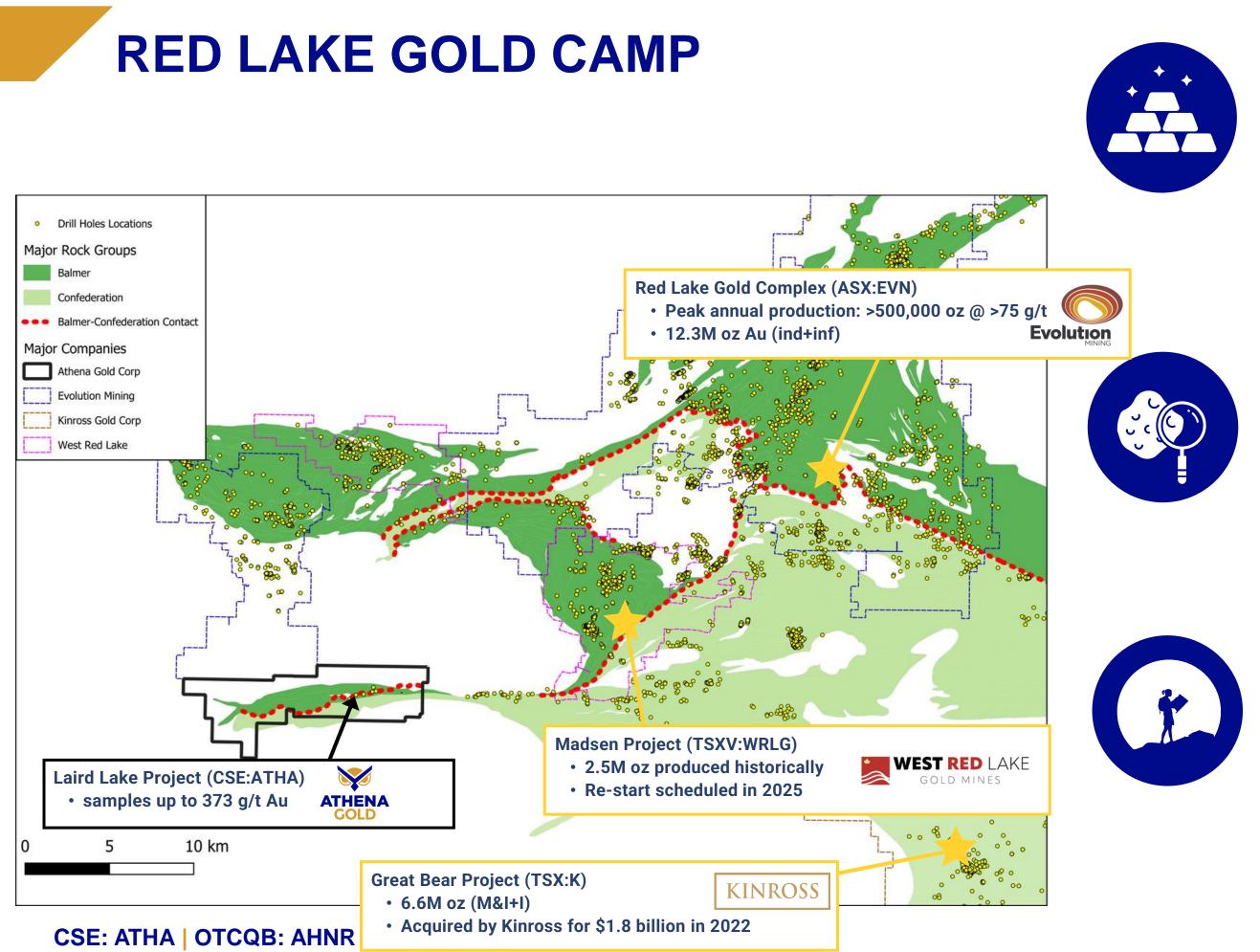
### **Discovery hole:** 5.35 g/t Au over 33.5m

- **Goal:** Identify structural controls and delineate
- near-surface, oxide, Au-Ag deposit

# **ONTARIO PROJECT** Laird Lake (Au)

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### **Red Lake District**

- >30M oz Au produced from amongst the highest-grade mines globally
- Long mining history dating back to 1920s, with local workforce and infrastructure

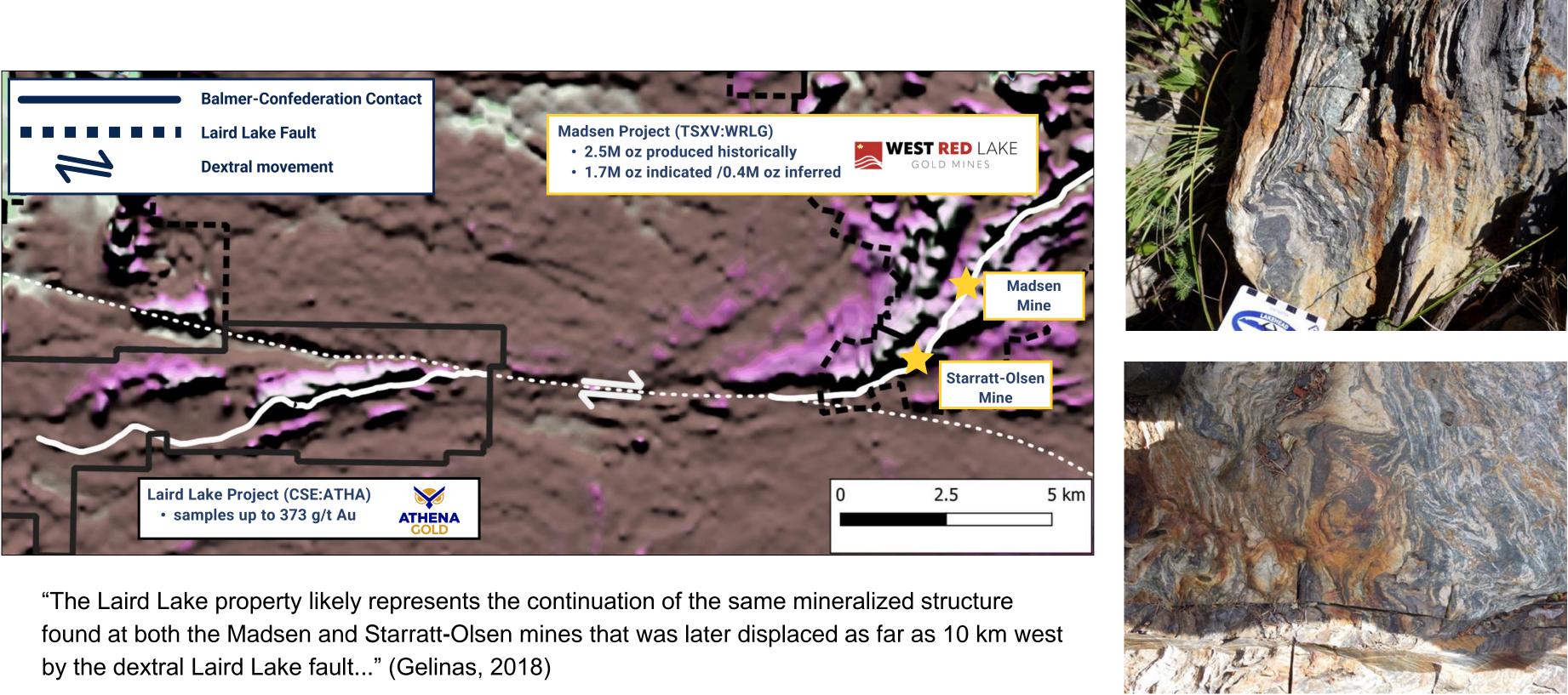
### **Prime Geology**

- >90% of Au mined in Red Lake is within
   ~300 m of Balmer-Confederation contact
- Laird is hosted in same structural setting as Great Bear and Madsen, ~10 km of Balmer-Confederation contact

### Limited Exploration on Athena's Ground

- Historically mapped incorrectly, new MSc mapping identified Balmer rocks
- Recent sampling returned
   373 g/t Au



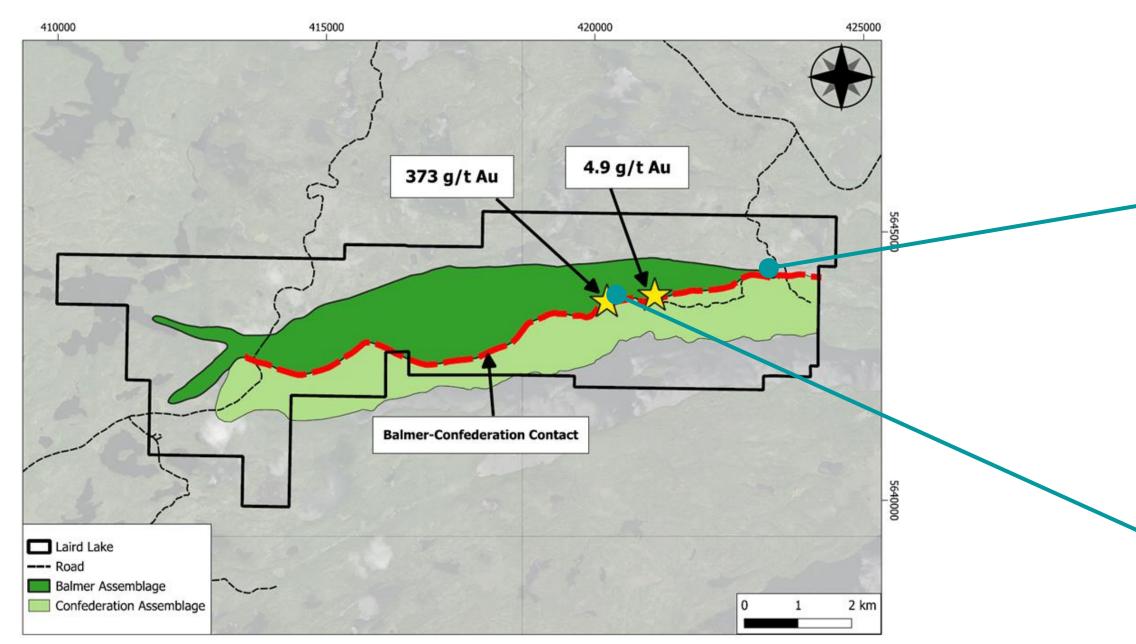


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Contorted metasomatic banding at Laird Lake (top) and Madsen (bottom)





#### **NEXT STEPS:**

- Reconnaissance prospecting confirmed a 2.2 km trend of mineralization coincident with the Balmer-Confederation contact, with samples up to 373 g/t Au.
- In Spring 2025, Athena plans to commence a property-wide till geochemistry survey; results of which, in conjunction with existing geophysics, will lead to target definition for an initial winter-spring drill program.

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# **NEVADA PROJECT** Excelsior Springs (Au)

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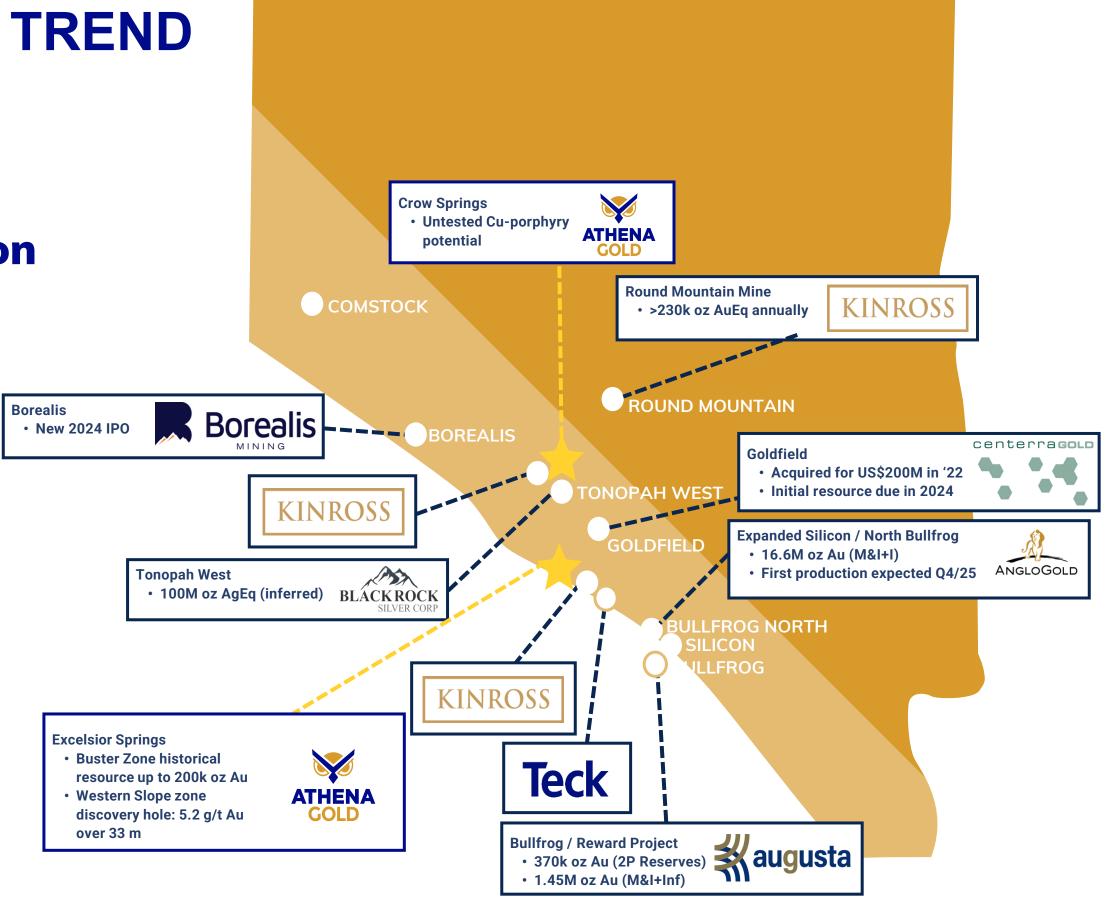


# NEVADA'S WALKER LANE TREND



### **Top-Rated Mining Jurisdiction**

- Nevada is ranked number 1\*\* as the top mining jurisdiction globally in investment attractiveness (Fraser Institute, 2023)
- 3.65% of global Au production and 77%\*\*\* of U.S. Au production (2023)





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### **Walker Lane Trend**

- >40M\* oz Au produced
- Actively explored by majors
  - Kinross Gold
  - AngloGold
  - Centerra Gold
  - Teck Resources

\* <u>https://www.convergentmining.com/c-blog/grassroots-exploration-on-the-walker-lane</u>

\*\* https://www.fraserinstitute.org/studies/annual-survey-of-mining-companies-2023?language=en

\*\*\* https://www.gbreports.com/publication/nevada-mining-2023-digital-version

# **EXCELSIOR SPRINGS**



### Walker Lane, Nevada

- ~40\* Moz Au produced
- Easy mining (~0.2 g/t Au typical cut-off for near-surface, oxides)
- Long mining history dating back to 1800s



### **Historic UG Production**

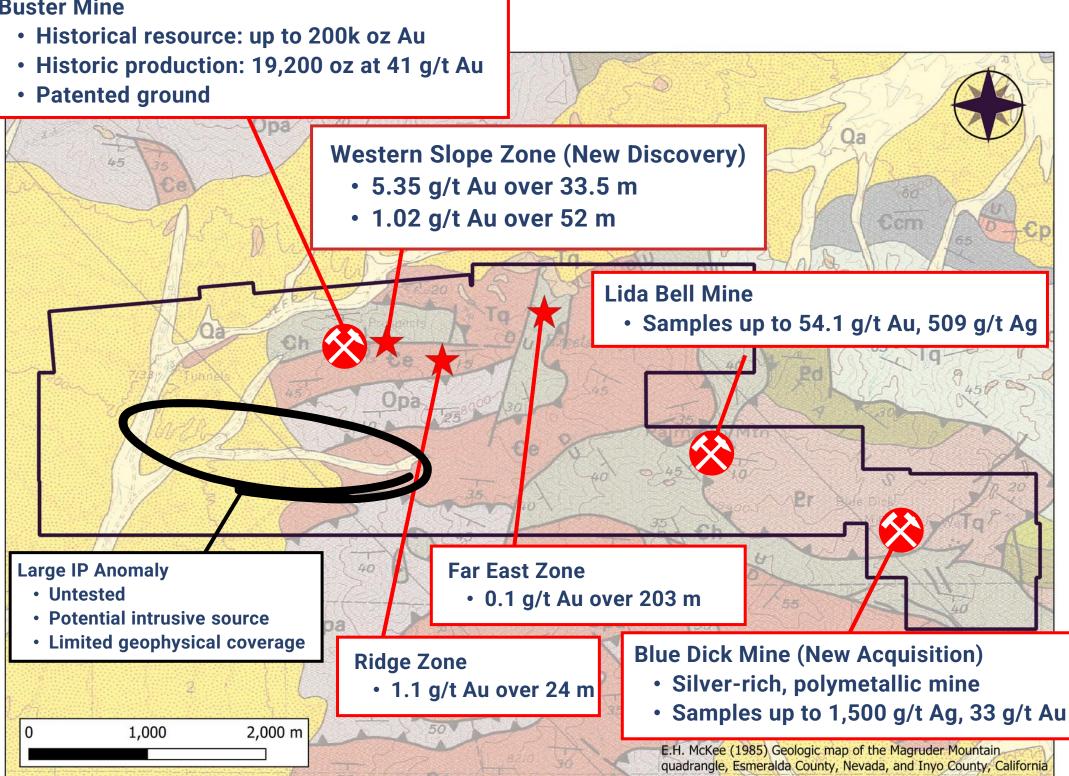
- Three historic mines
- Buster Mine produced from narrow, epithermal veins, at >40 g/t Au, in late 1800s to early 1900s
- Patented ground
- Historical resource up to 200k oz Au



### **Open-Pit Potential**

- Western Slope Zone sampling returned 5.35 g/t Au over 33.5 m in near-surface, oxides, ~400 m from Buster Mine
- Mineralization bleeds into host rock returning 1.02 g/t Au over 52 m

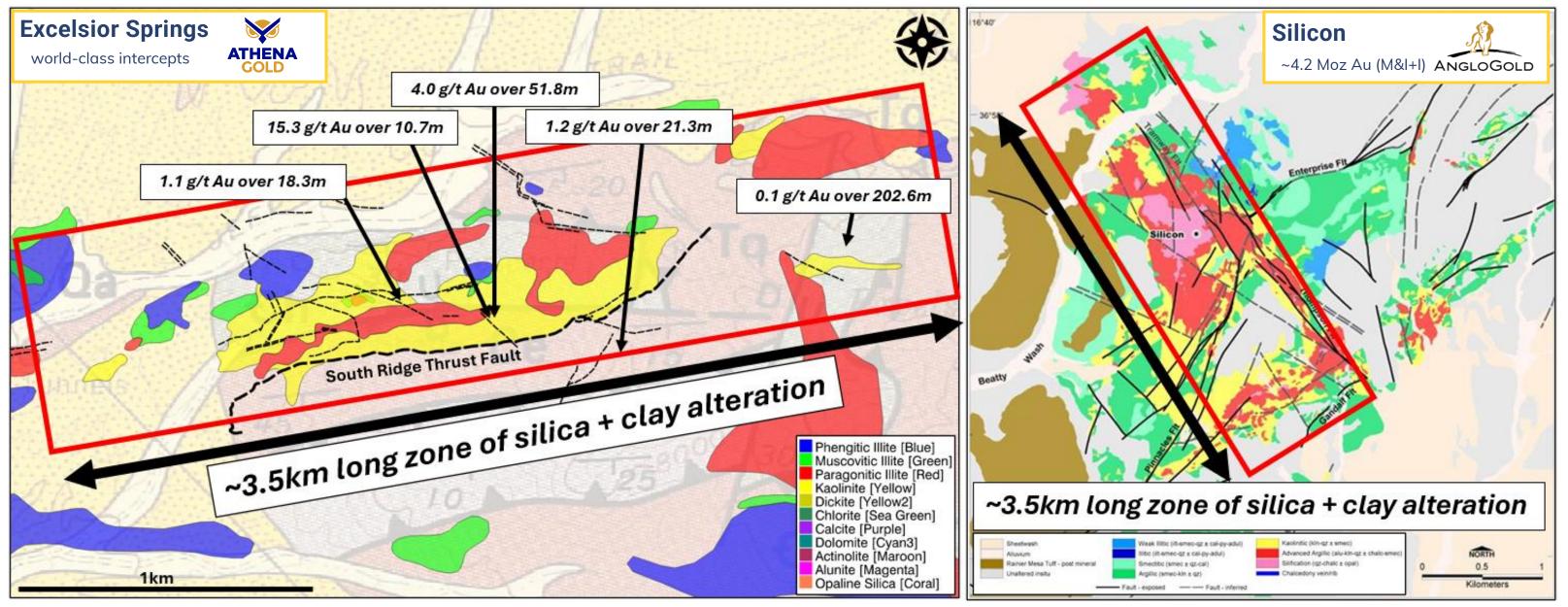
#### **Buster Mine**



\* https://www.convergentmining.com/c-blog/grassroots-exploration-on-the-walker-lane



# **EXCELSIOR SPRINGS**



### Size of the prize: An analog to Anglo Gold's Silicon Project

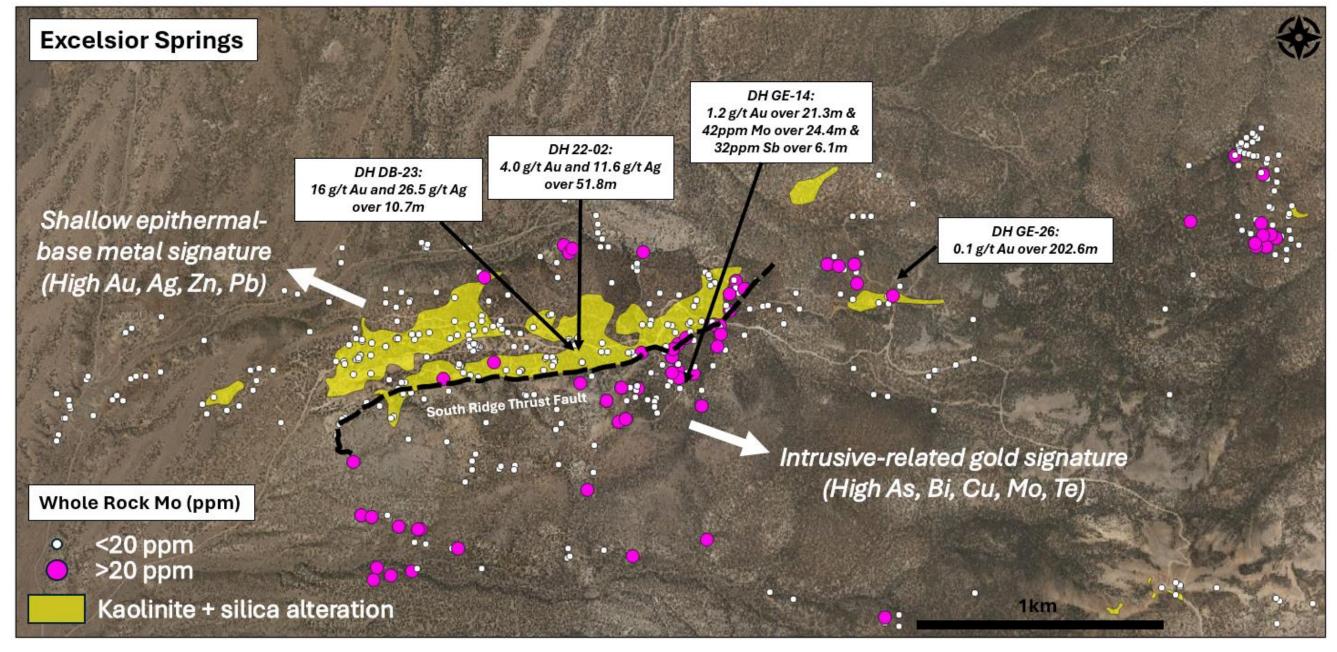
- Same deposit type in the same mining jurisdiction
  - Silicon, like Excelsior, comprised historical underground mines associated with silica and clay alteration, that now make for an open-pit target
- similar structural setting
  - Silicon's discovery hole returned similar grade-thickness
    - intercepts as Excelsior's Western Slope discovery hole www.athenagoldcorp.com | 12



# Similar drill intercepts, similar alteration footprint,

# **EXCELSIOR SPRINGS**

### Two mineralized signatures; potential for multiple deposits



#### **NEXT STEPS:**

- The discovery hole has been made, but structural understanding is limited
- Athena has commenced a property-wide structural mapping program, which is expected to follow-up with a trenching program
- Athena is aiming to conduct oriented core drilling (all prior holes were reverse circulation)

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#### **Silicified breccia**

• typical of higher-grade veins



#### **Boxwork** texture gossan

 indicates strong hydrothermal component and disseminated gold in host rock

# ATHENA ACQUIRING GOLD ASSETS FROM LIBRA LITHIUM

### WHO

- Athena Gold (CSE: ATHA), a publicly traded Nevada-focused explorer
- Libra, a private Ontario-focused explorer with Au and Li projects

### WHAT

- Athena has acquired Libra's gold assets
  - Creating a Nevada-Ontario-focused gold explorer
- Libra management joining Athena:
  - David Goodman as Chairman
  - Koby Kushner as President, CEO and Director
  - Ben Kuzmich as VP Exploration
  - Andrew Jedemann as Exploration Manager
  - John C. Power as Director & Corporate Secretary

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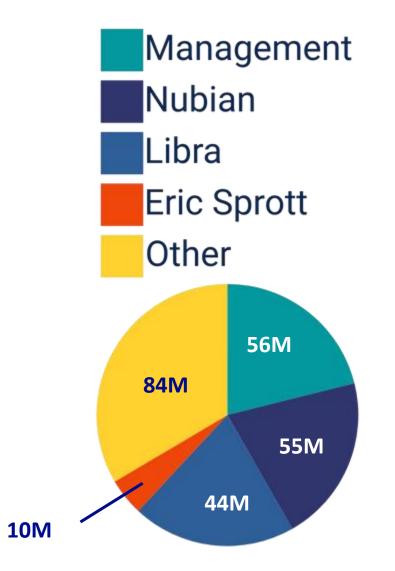
### **PRO-FORMA CAPITAL STRUCTURE** (as of April 1, 2025)

Shares Issued	<b>239M</b>
Warrants	<b>43M</b>
Stock Options	5.2M
Fully Diluted	287M
52 Week High/Low	\$0.08/\$0.03

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### **Pro-forma Capitalization**





### LAIRD LAKE BUDGET (FLOW-THROUGH ELIGIBLE)

ACTIVITY	COST	TIMELINE
Till geochemistry	~\$400k-\$550k	Q2-Q3/25
Drilling (phase 1)	~\$800k-\$1.5M	Q4/25-Q1/26
Drilling (phase 2)	~\$800k-\$1.5M	Q3-Q4/26

### **EXCELSIOR SPRINGS BUDGET (HARD DOLLARS)**

ACTIVITY	COST	TIMELINE
Trenching and sampling	~\$200k-\$250k	Q2/25

\*All amounts are in Canadian dollars

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### David Goodman

### Chairman

- Co-founder, Libra
- Former CEO of Dynamic Funds, Dundee Wealth, Dundee Corp.



### Koby Kushner, P.Eng., CFA

### **President, CEO & Director**

- 10 years in mine engineering and capital markets
- Experienced in open pit and underground, from exploration to production, in major gold districts (Red Lake, Abitibi, Hemlo, Rice Lake)
- former sell-side analyst at a boutique mining investment bank



# Our team is young, entrepreneurial, and highly technical.

# It is our every intention to build a great and lasting company.

# MANAGEMENT



### Ben Kuzmich, MSc., P.Geo.

### **VP Exploration**

- 15 years in mining and mineral exploration
- experiendiscoveries include Little Wing Au zone (Alamos' Lynn Lake), E-Zone (Barrick's Hemlo), and Flanders, Oz, and Docker Li discoveries (Libra)
- Ce covers grassroots exploration and resource definition



### Andrew Jedemann, MSc., P.Geo. Exploration Manager

- 8 years' experience in mining and mineral exploration
- MSc thesis written on porphyry-epithermal systems
- Discoveries include Flanders, Oz, and Docker Li discoveries (Libra)



# **BOARD & MANAGEMENT**

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<ul> <li>8 years of experience in mining and mineral exploration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>30 years of ex</li> </ul>
Andrew Jedemann, MSc., P.Geo.   Exploration Manager	Brian Power   Dir
Ben Kuzmich, MSc., P.Geo.   Vice President, Exploration <ul> <li>15 years of experience in mining and mineral exploration</li> </ul>	John E. Hiner   Di • 45 years of ex exploration g
current CFO of Augusta Gold	
<ul> <li>30 years of experience in accounting,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Past Presiden</li> </ul>
Ty Minnick, CPA   Chief Financial Officer	A
•	John C. Power
<ul> <li>Koby Kushner, P.Eng., CFA   President, CEO &amp; Director</li> <li>10 years of experience in mining engineering and capital markets</li> </ul>	<ul><li>David Goodman,</li><li>Past CEO, Du</li></ul>

**WYLOO** 

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### , LLB, CFA | Chairman undeeWealth, Dynamic Funds

- Director, Corporate Secretary, Audit Committee Member ent of Redwood Microcap Fund
- Director, Chairman of Audit Committee
- experience, independent consulting geologist
- irector, Audit Committee Member
- experience in business management













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