



FACT SHEET

Merian Gold Project

Nassau Joint Venture, Suriname

Suriname Gold Company, LLC (Surgold) is a limited liability company owned equally by Newmont Overseas Exploration Limited and Alcoa Worldwide Alumina, LLC. Newmont is the manager of Surgold and has the right to earn-in up to 80% equity ownership of Surgold. Surgold owns and operates the Merian Gold Project (the Project).

The proposed Project is located approximately 75 Km south of the town of Moengo and about 30 Km to the north of the Nassau Mountains. This places the Project between the coastal plain and the Nassau Mountains, which have elevations in excess of 500 m above sea level. The Project is located in an area of moderate relief, with elevations only up to 100 m above sea level.

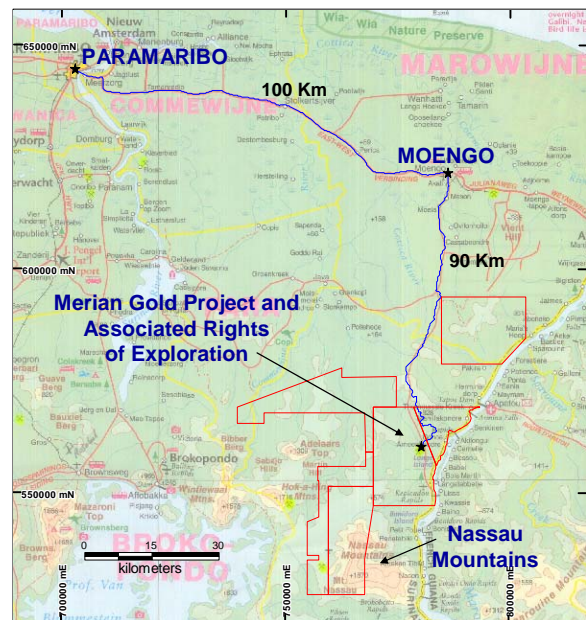
Surgold anticipates that the Project, if approved and constructed, would be similar to the Rosebel mine and possibly consist of open pit excavations, a gold ore processing plant and related site infrastructure.

Newmont became the operator of the site in 2004, and over the past four years has invested more than US\$50 million dollars in exploration expenditures for the Project. While there have been some positive geological discoveries, the Project remains in the pre-feasibility stage due in part to cost and infrastructure challenges. Further technical and economic evaluations, including the successful negotiation of a mineral agreement, are necessary to advance the project to the feasibility stage and determining the amount of gold that can be economically mined.

Surgold and a team representing the Government of Suriname have begun negotiations of a mineral agreement, which will outline the key economic and legal terms for the development and operation of the Project.

Surgold also continues to build relationships with the local communities, and to conduct baseline environmental studies, which will allow the proposed Project to stand as a positive example of responsible mineral resource development in Suriname.

The base camp is located approximately 120 linear kilometers southeast of Paramaribo and is accessed by existing roads, of which about 100 kilometers are paved and 90 kilometers are improved dirt roads.



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About Surgold Partners

Newmont

Founded in 1921 and publicly traded since 1925, Newmont (www.Newmont.com) is one of the largest gold companies in the world. Headquartered in Denver, Colorado, the company has approximately 34,000 employees and contractors, with the majority working at Newmont's core operations in the United States, Australia, Peru, Indonesia and Ghana. Newmont is the only gold company listed in the S&P 500 index and in 2007 became the first gold company selected to be part of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. Newmont's industry leading performance is reflected through high standards in environmental management, health and safety for its employees and creating value and opportunity for host communities and shareholders.

Alcoa

Alcoa is the world leader in the production and management of primary aluminum, fabricated aluminum and alumina combined, through its active and growing participation in all major aspects of the industry. Alcoa serves the aerospace, automotive, packaging, building and construction, commercial transportation and industrial markets, bringing design, engineering, production and other capabilities of Alcoa's businesses to customers. In addition to aluminum products and components including flat-rolled products, hard alloy extrusions, and forgings, Alcoa also markets Alcoa® wheels, fastening systems, precision and investment castings, and building systems. The Company has 97,000 employees in 34 countries and has been named one of the top most sustainable corporations in the world at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. More information can be found at www.alcoa.com.

Example Surgold Community Projects

Surgold supports adult education in the local communities by providing teachers and facilities

Surgold supported the building of a multi-purpose center at Snesi Kondre in the Paramakka Region

