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# **Tietto appoints Matthew Wilcox as Chief Operating Officer**

## **Highlights:**

- Matthew Wilcox joins Tietto as Chief Operating Officer to **drive development** of 3.02Moz Abujar Gold Project, **West Africa's next gold mine**
- Mr Wilcox was instrumental in delivering West African Resources' Sanbrado Gold Mine ahead of schedule and under budget in March 2020
- ➤ Tietto received a **Mining Licence** (Exploitation Permit) for Abujar from Côte d'Ivoire's Ministry of Mines, Petroleum and Energy and is negotiating the **Mining Convention** for the project, **expected H1 CY2021**
- ➤ Abujar PFS remains on track for delivery in Q1 CY2021
- > Tietto is well funded to deliver project milestones, with over A\$57m cash to hand at the end of 2020.

West African gold explorer and developer Tietto Minerals Limited (ASX: TIE) (**Tietto** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew Wilcox as its Chief Operating Officer as it progresses towards becoming West Africa's next gold producer, developing the 3.02Moz Abujar Gold Project in Cote d'Ivoire.

Mr Wilcox directly managed the construction of West African's (ASX: WAF) 300,000ozpa Sanbrado Gold Mine, which was completed in March 2020, ahead of schedule and under budget. He is highly experienced in the gold mining construction industry in West Africa, having spent the prior eight years working for Nord Gold, which operates nine gold mines globally, including three mines in Burkina Faso and one mine in Guinea.

Prior to his role at West African, Mr Wilcox was Project Director for the construction of Nord Gold's 4Mtpa Bissa Gold Project and 8Mtpa Bouly Gold Project, both located in Burkina Faso. He was General Manager of the 6Mtpa LEFA Gold Project in Guinea, and prior to joining West African was Project Director for the construction of the 12Mtpa Gross Gold Project in Siberia, Russia.

Tietto Managing Director, Dr Caigen Wang, said:

"We are incredibly excited to welcome Matthew to our team as we continue to progress development of our 3.02Moz Abujar Gold Project. He has an amazing track record of developing and delivering mines and we are confident he can replicate the milestones he achieved with West African's Sanbrado Mine with our project.



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"With our Mining Licence in place for the project and discussions with the Ivoirian Government on terms and conditions for the Abujar Gold Project Mining Convention, as well as a Pre-Feasibility Study on track for delivery in the current quarter, we are methodically and systematically moving Abujar through the development stages and bringing a candidate with Matthew's calibre and experience on board will only serve to boost our capabilities."

Tietto has commenced US\$2.5M of early site works at Abujar including site access upgrade, power line corridor survey, camp improvement and purchase of long-lead items in anticipation of approval and completion of the Abujar PFS later this quarter.

It has also commenced a 70,000m drill program, with up to six rigs completing as much as 11,000m of drilling per month as it targets multiple new and existing prospects to drive further resource growth on the Abujar Middle Tenement, which hosts the 2.3Moz AG deposit, expected to be the focus of its future mining operation.

## **ENDS**

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of the Company.

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## Abujar Gold Project, Côte d'Ivoire

The Abujar Gold Project is located approximately 30km from the major regional city of Daloa in central-western Côte D'Ivoire. It is close to good regional and local infrastructure to facilitate exploration and development being only 15km from nearest tarred road and grid power.

The Abujar Gold Project is comprised of three contiguous tenements, Middle, South and North tenement, with a total land area of 1,114km², of which less than 10% has been explored. It features an NNE-orientated gold corridor over 70km striking across three tenements.

Tietto is well placed to grow its resource inventory. It has substantially advanced the project since starting exploration in mid-2015 with the identification of 3.02 million ounces Indicated and Inferred JORC 2012 Mineral Resources and has completed metallurgical test work and is currently undertaking feasibility studies with a PFS expected to be released early in Q1 2021.

## **Competent Persons' Statements**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets and Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Mark Strizek, a Competent Person who is a Member or The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Strizek is a non-executive director of the Company. Mr Strizek has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Strizek consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. Additionally, Mr Strizek confirms that the entity is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information contained in the ASX releases referred to in this report.



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The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information evaluated by Mr Jeremy Clark who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (MAusIMM) and who has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Clark is an associate of RPM and he consents to the inclusion of the estimates in the report of the Mineral Resource in the form and context in which they appear.

#### **Compliance Statement**

This report contains information extracted from ASX market announcements reported in accordance with the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" ("2012 JORC Code") and available for viewing at www. tietto.com. Includes results reported previously and published on ASX platform, 16 January 2018, 27 March 2018, 23 April 2018, 8 May 2018, 7 June 2018, 4 October 2018, 1 November 2018, 28 November 2018, 31 January 2019, 26 February 2019, 12 March 2019, 19 March 2019, 9 April 2019, 9 May 2019, 30 May 2019, 9 July 2019, 26 July 2019, 2 October 2019, 24 October 2019, 12 December 2019, 23 January 2020, 20 February 2020, 10 March 2020, 24 March 2020, 2 April 2020, 9 April 2020, 23 April 2020, 3 June 2020, 9 June 2020, 25 June 2020, 2 July 2020, 21 July 2020 20 July 2020, 29 July 2020, 19 August 2020, 9 September 2020, 24 September 2020 and 26 October 2020. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the previous announcements.



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#### **JORC Statement of Mineral Resources**

Results of the independent Mineral Resources estimate for the Project are tabulated in the Statement of Mineral Resources below, which are reported in line with the requirements of the 2012 JORC Code; as such the Statement of Mineral Resources is suitable for public reporting. The Statement of Mineral Resources shown in Table 1.

Within AG, the Mineral Resource is reported at a cut-off grade of 0.3 Au g/t within a pit shell at a gold price of 2,000 USD per troy ounce, and 0.8 Au g/t below the pit. The cut-off grades were based on estimated mining and processing costs and recovery factors of similar projects in Cote d'Ivoire as detailed in JORC Table 1. It is highlighted that while a 2,000 USD per ounces pit shell was utilised the cut-off grades were estimated based on the gold price of 1,881 USD per troy ounce which is 1.25 times the consensus forecast as of September 2020.

Within APG due to the shallow nature of mineralisation (maximum depth 250m) and Inferred classification the resource was reported with a changing cut-off grade at depth. This was due to the increased costs of potential mining and likely requirement to haul material to the plant at AG. The resource is reported using a 0.3 g/t cut off to a depth of 120m and a 0.8 g/t cut off below 120m at APG. Similarly, the South Gamina Resource was reported to a depth of 120m and not reported at depths below 120m.

Table 1: Statement of Mineral Resources by Deposit as at October 21, 2020, Reported at 0.3 g/t Au cut off within pit shells; and 0.8 g/t Au cut off below the pit shells for AG, and 0.3 g/t to a depth of 120m and 0.8 g/t below 120m for APG, and 0.3 g/t to a depth of 120m for SG

Area	Class	Oxide			Transition				Fresh		Total		
		Quantity (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Au (Moz)	Quantity (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Au (Moz)	Quantity (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Au (Moz)	Quantity (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Au (Moz)
	Indicated	0.2	1.3	0.006	0.7	1.2	0.029	23.2	1.6	1.207	24.1	1.6	1.24
AG	Inferred	0.6	1.2	0.024	2.2	1.0	0.069	22.7	1.3	0.963	25.6	1.3	1.06
	Total	0.8	1.2	0.03	2.9	1.1	0.10	45.9	1.5	2.17	49.6	1.5	2.30
APG	Inferred	1.2	0.6	0.02	6.3	0.6	0.13	23.5	0.7	0.54	31.0	0.7	0.70
SG	Inferred	0.04	0.7	0.00	0.1	0.8	0.00	0.4	1.6	0.02	0.5	1.4	0.02
Gran	d Total	2.04	0.8	0.05	9.3	0.8	0.23	69.8	1.2	2.73	81.2	1.2	3.02

#### Note:

- 1. The Mineral Resources has been compiled under the supervision of Mr. Jeremy Clark who is an associate of RPM and a Registered Member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr. Clark has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity that he has undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code.
- 2. All Mineral Resources figures reported in the table above represent estimates at 21 October, 2020. Mineral Resource estimates are not precise calculations, being dependent on the interpretation of limited information on the location, shape and continuity of the occurrence and on the available



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sampling results. The totals contained in the above table have been rounded to reflect the relative uncertainty of the estimate. Rounding may cause some computational discrepancies.

- 3. Mineral Resources are reported in accordance with the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (The Joint Ore Reserves Committee Code JORC 2012 Edition).
- 4. The Mineral Resources have been reported at a 100% equity stake and not factored for ownership proportions.

The total resource at AG and APG is reported at varying cut-off grades as provided in Table 2 below. However, RPM recommends that the Mineral Resource be reported using the criteria shown in Table 1 . It is highlighted that Table 2 is not a Statement of Mineral Resources and does not include the use of pit shells to report the quantities rather the application of various cut off grades. As such variations with Table 1 will occur and a direct comparison is not able to be completed.

Table 2: AG and APG Mineral Resources at varying cut off grades

	AG Indicated			AG Inferred			AG Total			APG Inferred			Combined Total		
cog	Quanti ty (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Au (Moz)	Quantity (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Au (Moz)									
0.1	28.5	1.4	1.3	45.4	0.9	1.3	73.9	1.1	2.6	57.5	0.6	1.0	131.4	0.9	3.7
0.2	28.2	1.4	1.3	44.6	0.9	1.3	72.8	1.1	2.6	56.0	0.6	1.0	128.8	0.9	3.7
0.3	26.8	1.5	1.3	41.5	1.0	1.3	68.3	1.2	2.6	48.5	0.6	1.0	116.8	1.0	3.6
0.4	24.0	1.6	1.3	35.3	1.1	1.2	59.3	1.3	2.5	35.9	0.7	0.8	95.2	1.1	3.3
0.5	20.6	1.8	1.2	28.9	1.2	1.2	49.5	1.5	2.4	23.6	0.9	0.6	73.2	1.3	3.0
0.6	17.9	2.0	1.2	23.4	1.4	1.1	41.2	1.7	2.2	16.3	1.0	0.5	57.5	1.5	2.7
0.7	15.6	2.2	1.1	18.8	1.6	1.0	34.4	1.9	2.1	10.8	1.2	0.4	45.2	1.7	2.5
0.8	13.8	2.4	1.1	15.7	1.8	0.9	29.5	2.1	2.0	7.6	1.3	0.3	37.1	1.9	2.3
0.9	12.4	2.6	1.0	13.5	1.9	0.8	25.8	2.2	1.9	6.0	1.5	0.3	31.9	2.1	2.1
1.0	11.2	2.8	1.0	11.8	2.0	0.8	23.1	2.4	1.8	3.9	1.7	0.2	27.0	2.3	2.0
1.1	10.2	2.9	1.0	10.4	2.2	0.7	20.6	2.5	1.7	2.8	2.0	0.2	23.4	2.5	1.9
1.2	9.4	3.1	0.9	9.3	2.3	0.7	18.7	2.7	1.6	2.4	2.2	0.2	21.1	2.6	1.8
1.3	8.7	3.2	0.9	8.3	2.4	0.6	17.0	2.8	1.6	2.1	2.3	0.2	19.1	2.8	1.7
1.4	8.0	3.4	0.9	7.5	2.5	0.6	15.4	3.0	1.5	1.7	2.5	0.1	17.1	2.9	1.6
1.5	7.4	3.6	8.0	6.7	2.7	0.6	14.1	3.1	1.4	1.6	2.6	0.1	15.7	3.1	1.6
1.6	6.8	3.7	8.0	6.0	2.8	0.5	12.9	3.3	1.4	1.5	2.7	0.1	14.3	3.2	1.5
1.8	5.9	4.0	8.0	5.0	3.0	0.5	10.9	3.6	1.3	1.2	2.9	0.1	12.1	3.5	1.4
1.9	5.6	4.2	0.7	4.5	3.2	0.5	10.0	3.7	1.2	1.1	3.0	0.1	11.2	3.6	1.3
2.0	5.2	4.3	0.7	4.0	3.3	0.4	9.2	3.9	1.2	1.1	3.0	0.1	10.3	3.8	1.3
2.5	4.0	4.9	0.6	2.6	3.9	0.3	6.6	4.5	1.0	0.8	3.3	0.1	7.4	4.4	1.0
3.0	3.2	5.5	0.6	1.8	4.4	0.3	5.0	5.1	0.8	0.4	3.8	0.1	5.4	5.0	0.9