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\$5.7M

Pacgold Ltd

Seeking to unlock an entire gold corridor, at scale

Pacgold Limited (ASX:PGO) is an ASX-listed minerals exploration company focused on the Alice River gold project at the northern end of the North-east Queensland Mineral Province. Pacgold has a 100% interest in Alice River, covering an historical high-grade goldfield and open-pit mine with eight mining leases and five exploration permits over an area spanning 377km². The company commences drilling in March/April with a pipeline of high-grade targets along a previously overlooked 30km trend. Pacgold listed in July 2021, raising \$6mn at an issue price of \$0.25/share and market capitalisation at listing of \$13.7mn. The company has subsequently raised an additional \$3.2mn via a five-for-48 underwritten, prorata, non-renounceable entitlement offer at \$0.63/share and an accompanying \$7.8mn share placement to new and existing sophisticated and institutional investors at the same price. Pacgold now has four institutional shareholders on its register — Resource Capital Funds, Acorn Capital, Lowell Resources Funds Management, and Altor Alpha Fund — which combined hold more than 20% of the company. Pacgold ended December 2022 with \$5.7mn cash-in-hand which is sufficient for the current drilling programme.

Project description

Pacgold is progressing its flagship operation, the Alice River gold project, 300km northwest of Cairns in far north Queensland. The geology in the region is characterised by significant epithermal gold mineralisation. Historically, the Alice Queen open pit, under which the Central Target zone sits, produced ~30koz at 5.6g/t Au in the 1990s. Drilling results have confirmed the prospectivity of the project, with the initial focus on the Central Target F1a zone where four high-grade gold shoots have been identified within granted mining leases, with mineralisation defined over 800m strike and over 500m depth, open in all directions. Results included 17m at 9.3g/t Au from 192m (including 3m at 25.3g/t Au) and 43m at 3.0g/t Au from 214m including 6m at 17.5g/t Au. In addition, a more recent IP geophysics survey and an initial shallow diamond drilling programme have defined the Southern Target gold system, located 2km south of the Central Target. Shallow historical drilling on the Southern Target returned 8m at 55.9g/t Au from 18m, 18m at 4.6g/t Au from 16m and 4m at 22.7g/t Au from 32m. Pacgold's first two shallow diamond holes confirmed a strong correlation with the Central Target mineralisation model and similar results to historical drilling with 4.4m at 3.3g/t Au from 33.6m including 1m at 11.2g/t Au and 15m at 2.0g/t Au from 64m including 3m at 6.9g/t Au.

Drilling programme to add definition to the targets

Pacgold has identified 9km of priority targets and will focus on resource step-out drilling on the Central Target zone and drilling of the Southern Target gold system. IP geophysics data over regional prospects including the Northern Target will also be a focus in the current quarter. The company recently announced that its initial metallurgical programme at Alice River achieved excellent gold recoveries from conventional carbon-in-leach processing. Metallurgical recoveries averaged 93.3% from the Central Target's F1a zone with almost half of the gold recovered via simple gravity separation. The company plans to continue the metallurgical test work later in 2023 in tandem with the drilling programme.

Well positioned to develop its flagship asset

With five mining leases already in place over the Alice River gold project, Pacgold is well positioned to fast-track mine development. Longer-term fundamentals appear to be supportive of a stronger gold price which will likely add to the business development case of this project.

Share Details

ASX code PGO
Share price (24-Feb) \$0.37

Market capitalisation \$24.7M

Number of shares 66.8M

Total unlisted options on 9.9M issue

Share Price Performance (12 months)

Net cash at 31-Dec-2022



Upside Case

- Strong institutional support with four funds on the register
- Drilling programme from April confirms a massive high-grade gold mineralised structure
- Mining leases in place will speed up the path to commercialisation

Downside Case

- Drilling programme fails to define a significant resource
- Company becomes target for majors before shareholders realise a sufficient return
- Falling gold price would potentially impact investment case

Catalysts

- Results from drilling programme commencing in March/April
- Delivery of JORC resource
- Progression to pre-feasibility study and environmental impact studies

Comparative Companies (Australia & NZ)

FAL, BGD, BNR, HAW, VKA, WGR, FG1

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