

Stock Data

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| Share Price: | 7.7p |
| Market Cap: | £22.29m |
| Shares in issue: | 289.6m |
| 52-week high/low: | 20.00p/6.90p |

Company Profile

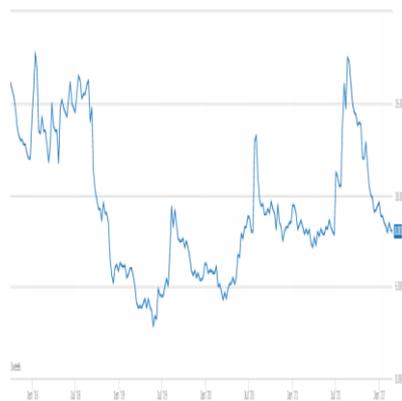
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| Sector: | Mining |
| Ticker: | CORA |
| Exchange: | AIM |

Activities

Cora Gold Limited ('Cora', 'CORA', 'the Group') is a West African focused gold exploration and development company with projects in the Yanfolila Gold Belt of Mali and the Kenieba Window of Senegal.

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5-year share price performance



Source: [LSE](#)

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Cora Gold Limited

Cora Gold has announced a new surface gold discovery at the Group's flagship Sanankoro Gold Project ('Sanankoro' or the 'Project') in southern Mali, in previously unexplored areas 7km from the Zone A deposit. While management retains its primary focus of advancing the Project into an open-pit mine as swiftly as possible, it nevertheless continues to seek opportunities to build on existing resources through new discoveries. Given the Bokoro permit's close proximity to the flagship asset, the fact that selected rock samples have delivered assay results up to 0.85 g/t gold ('Au') serve well to highlight just how extensive the mineralisation at Sanankoro could ultimately prove to be. Indeed, the scale and economics of the principal asset, that are due to be defined in a fully funded definitive feasibility study ('DFS') during H1 2022, might be seen as just a first step. Irrespective of this, the 200% increase in its total JORC 2012 mineral resource estimate, to 809,300 ounces of gold, at a grade of 1.15g/t Au, released on 16 November 2021, is expected to demonstrate a significant economic improvement on those published in the 2020 scoping study that returned a NPV8 of US\$30.9 million (£23.3m) and an IRR of 84%.

Highlights of the new surface gold discovery

- New surface gold discovery at the Company's flagship Sanankoro Gold Project in a previously unexplored areas 7km from the Zone A deposit:
 - Gold assay results from selected rock samples returned up to 0.85 g/t gold ('Au');
 - Gold grain counts from channel samples in the Bokoro II permit returned up to 75 visible gold ('VG') grains.
- Ground exploration work including termite, rock & channel sampling undertaken in unexplored areas of the Bokoro II and Bokoro Est permits at the Project.
- Results support future exploration work on the permit areas to follow up the initial results.

Potential for large portion of the resource to be converted to reserves

At present 67% of the existing resource estimate is in the higher-confidence, 'Indicated' category. This high-confidence category is more likely to be included in the maiden reserve estimate upon completion of the DFS. Reserves tend to have a higher value placed on them by both investors and potential acquirers.

Oxide dominance suggests potential for high operating margins

With over 77% of its pit constrained resource estimate inside the oxide zone and 22% in the transition zone, the ore can be expected to be free-digging, require low levels of milling while incorporating economical leaching techniques to extract the precious metal. This implies a low-cost/higher margin facility. TPI's published a base case valuation on 8 December 2021, which assumed a conservative all-in-sustaining-cost ('AISC') of US\$900/oz Au, which in turn produced an operating margin of 48%.

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Significant potential both at depth and along strike

Given that all deposits remain open at depth and along strike, today's new surface gold discovery at Bokoro highlights just how extensive the total mineralisation at Sanankoro could eventually prove to be. Cora is about to commence a c.7,500m drill programme to further improve resource confidence and add more ounces. Until now it has focused its exploration efforts on defining high-margin and low-cost ounces by concentrating in oxide material, with the maximum resource drilling done to a depth of between 120 and 180 metres below surface. Yet the gold mineralisation clearly does not stop at the base of the oxide/transition zone, but instead continues into sulphide mineralisation at depth. Deeper drilling offers potential to rapidly add further sulphide ounces and extending the life-of-mine ('LOM') in the future possibly without significantly deteriorating the Project's mining economics. In addition to the depth potential, Cora also has significant opportunity to add supplementary oxide and transition ounces along strike, having only drilled 22% of the total prospective strike length of the 33km of the 1-2 Moz Au exploration target.

TPI reconfirms the price target it set for Cora back in December 2021

In its assessment of 8 December 2021, TPI introduced a number of broad assumptions regarding what a potential carbon-in-leach ('CIL') operation at Sanankoro could look like. This was to provide investors a flavour of what might be expected in the forthcoming DFS. The base case valuation was prudently fixed on a gold price of US\$1,750/oz Au (compared with US\$1,926/oz Au presently) and a 1.5Mtpa operation producing around 60,000 ounces of gold per annum, over an eight-year mine life. This provided a risked base case valuation of £52.7m or 18.2p per share an upside of over 127% on the current share price.

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