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### Peak Gold's Peak Mines in New South Wales, Australia and Amapari mine in Amapa State, Brazil gives them the opportunity for an annual production of more than 200 thousand ounces



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#### **BIO:**

Mr. Carvalho has extensive experience in the mining industry. He was previously the Executive Vice-President, Central and South America of Goldcorp Inc. He worked for 33 years with the Rio Tinto group in Brazil, where his primary role was Chief Financial Officer, as one of three Executive Directors managing four operating companies. Prior to joining Goldcorp, Mr. Carvalho was President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Mineração Onça Puma Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Canico, Canada. He is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Masters of Business Administration from Queens University.

#### **Company Profile:**

Peak Gold Ltd. is a new intermediate gold producer with two operating assets: Peak Mines in New South Wales, Australia and Amapari mine in Amapá State, Brazil. The operations were recently acquired from Goldcorp. Peak Gold is fore-

casting production of 215,000 ounces of gold in 2007 with a cash cost of approximately \$300 per ounce. Peak Gold has an active growth strategy, which will allow the Company to triple production by 2008.

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**CEOCFO:** Mr. Carvalho, the company is a fairly new entity, please tell us about it?

**Mr. Carvalho:** "Peak Gold was created with the idea of what we believe is a gap in the mid-tier gold producers market. There are not many companies there; we have larger companies such as Goldcorp Inc. (NYSE:GG) and Barrick Gold Inc. (NYSE:ABX). The mid tiers are just a few and that is the focus of our business plan. We are focusing on this mid-tier for the next eight to twelve months."

**CEOCFO:** Is that why Goldcorp gave up the properties?

**Mr. Carvalho:** "Goldcorp gave up the two properties because it was very much in line with what big companies do. They have big projects to take care and small assets demand management time that could be dedicated to the big projects."

**CEOCFO:** Why did these particular properties appeal to you?

**Mr. Carvalho:** "We are focusing on becoming a mid-tier gold producer by acquiring producing mines with an annual production of 100 to 200 thousand ounces. Our Peak Mines in New South Wales, Australia and Amapari mine in Amapa State, Brazil help us achieving that. The second thing is that the man-

agement of Peak Gold wants to add value to our shareholders also by upgrading and producing more from these two assets."

**CEOCFO:** What might you do to one of the properties that could make that happen?

**Mr. Carvalho:** "Our Peak Mines is an underground mine in Australia and it was originally built by Rio Tinto plc (NYSE:RTP) to have a ten-year mine life. This was fourteen years ago and today it still has ten years of mine life left. We believe that in ten years time it is still going to have ten years mine life. It is an ongoing operation, which will give us value for quite a long time. Amapari was acquired by Wheaton River (now Goldcorp) and has great exploration potential. We have a lot to find yet and we are finding a good quality of reserves and resources there."

**CEOCFO:** Are you looking for additional properties?

**Mr. Carvalho:** "Yes, we are. This is our business plan exactly. The work on these two properties is the basics. Our main target is to add new gold-producing assets within the next eight to twelve months and we aim to be a 600,000 ounces producer, plus or minus, within this time frame."

**CEOCFO:** Is there much to choose from out there?

**Mr. Carvalho:** "Not much. The market is quite tight. As I said before, the big ones have bought the mid-tiers and juniors are still mostly exploration with not much production yet. We are looking at some assets right now."

**CEOCFO:** You increased your management team, do you need to add additional?

**Mr. Carvalho:** “No, we do not. It is basically, four people; CEO, COO, CFO and VP, Investor Relations. We are not planning to have any big office.”

**CEOCFO:** Tell us about your industry background.

**Mr. Carvalho:** “My knowledge of the market comes from 35 years in the mining business. I know people and assets. I also know how to manage people. In the end, in my view it is all about people; it is who you have doing the things that need to be done. Here I have to be more on the marketing side. I have to be close to the shareholders of this company and convince them that the shares they bought in our company were a good buy and they will make money. This is my target now.”

**CEOCFO:** What is the financial picture at Peak Gold?

**Mr. Carvalho:** “I think there is turbulence in the markets from time to time, but these things come and go. We believe that the gold price will be on the upside in the near future. I have been through

system and we can actually borrow money in the markets easier than some years ago.”

**CEOCFO:** In closing, why should potential investors be interested in Peak Gold?

**Mr. Carvalho:** “It is in the intermediate companies that you have more chances of getting value. The shares in the big companies are already trading at two times NAV or something like that. Our company started trading at about NAV and there is a chance to grow. It is our chance to grow with smaller assets that the big ones like Barrick and Goldcorp don’t want. This is potential for growth and adding value for shareholders. Big companies are strong and safer to put money in, but in terms of returns, I believe the mid-tiers will have more of a chance to give good return.”

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several financial crisis over the years and in the mining business we end up living our lives relatively unaffected, provided we do not need to borrow too much money from the market. It looks like these days there is a lot of money in the



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