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Ticker: ME CN	Cash: C\$14m	Project: Tower Gold Project	
Market cap: C\$144m	Price: C\$1.40/sh	Country: Canada, Timmins	

REC. (unc): BUY TARGET (unc): C\$4.60/sh RISK RATING (unc): SPECULATIVE

Recall the 903 pit (1.2Moz @ 0.86g/t) is among the first to be mined in the PEA schedule via a higher-grade starter pit >1.2g/t at low 1.05:1 strip. Today's infill results simply reaffirm this—the average of the 33 pierce points (from 17 holes) highlighted is 13m @ 1.9g/t from <130m downhole, or **17m @ ~2g/t** within ~60m downhole. Stepping back, from the 'bulk' peers in Canada, Moneta is the only one with double-digit ounces (for torque), on infrastructure in Timmins with UG sweeteners that are wide and linear for good 'mineability'. That said, resources aren't reserves. Hence the CY23 focus on 'just' the 5Moz inventory is not only likely to grow toward the ~12Moz M&I&I, but also flip into reserves with the PFS next year. With the stock on US\$22/oz inventory (or 0.1xNAV) vs. >US\$100/oz peer reserve, we think this year's drilling should close this gap (before any regional exploration). As such, **we maintain our BUY rating and C\$4.60/sh PT based on 0.3xNAV**_{5%-1850}, adding only US\$5/oz for pittable resources outside of inventory plus cash/options. In our view the clear advantage of this project is the feed optionality (multiple pits + UGs), allowing for optimal strip, stockpile, and schedule to drive payback on manageable capex—which we think will evolve further as drilling progresses. Key catalysts remain more drilling and an updated MRE ahead of the 2024 PFS.

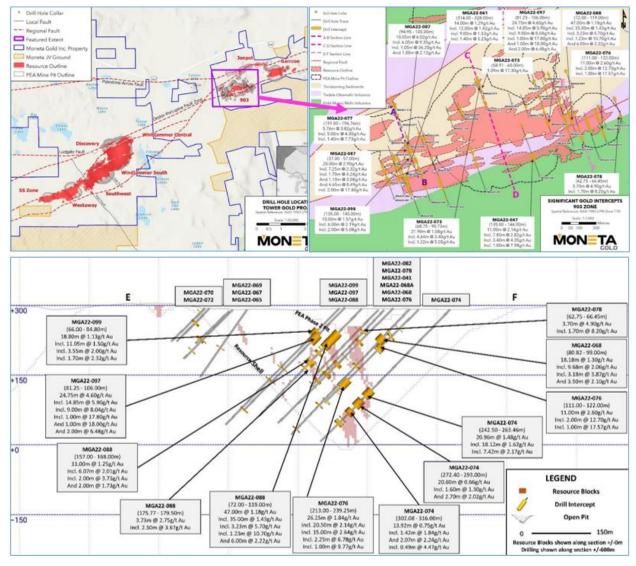


Figure 1. 903 Zone (A) plan views and (B) section view looking E showing today's drilling

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Source: Moneta Gold

903 pit infill confirms shallow HG with 24.8m @ 4.6g/t; New VP Sustainability to lead permitting

Moneta reports results from 43 drill holes (10,057m) from last year's infill/step out program on the 903 Deposit, with highlights of **24.8m @ 4.6g/t** from 81m (incl. 14.9m @ 5.9g/t), **10.1m @ 6.0g/t** from 95m (incl. 6.1m @ 9.4g/t), **47m @ 1.2g/t** from 72m (incl. 3.2m @ 5.7g/t) and **20m @ 2.9g/t** from 37m downhole. The 190,000m infill and upgrade program is underway. Additionally, Mr. Dennis Wilson is appointed to VP Sustainability (30 years of experience in permitting, environmental & health / safety / community management) to advance environmental baseline and permitting.

Why we like Moneta Gold

- Timmins developer with 12.8Moz @ 1.0g/t and still growing
- Garrison acquisition lifts scale, provides capital-friendly schedule
- PEA 200-300koz pa, on infrastructure to drive margin on pits, improved by UG operations

Catalysts

- CY23: Results from 190,000m infill / exploration drilling + historical core sampling
- 1Q24: PFS start for an integrated project / EIS

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Ticker: MECN	Price / m		C\$1.4/sh, BUY, C\$4				0.10x C\$14.02/sh		Asset:	Tower Go	
Author: B Gaspar	Rec / xNA	AV P1:	DU1, C⊉4	.0/511		1xNAV build start, FD:	C\$14.02/511		Country:	Canada, (אנ
Commodity price	CY20A	CY21A	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E	3Q22 MRE Tower Gold	Au (l	koz)	Au (g/t)		
Gold price	1,770	1,794	1,793	1,911	1,873	M&I	4,460	Okoz	0.92g/t		
SOTP <i>project</i> valuation*						Inferred	8,292	2koz	1.09g/t		
		C\$m	0/ship	NAVx	C\$/sh	Global resource	12,75	2koz	1.03g/t		
Tower Gold proj @ 2025 build s	tart	1,433	100%	0.30x	4.04	3Q22 PEA Tower Gold	Au (I	koz)	Au (g/t)		
Cash 3Q22		14	100%	1.00x	0.14	PEA OP inventory	4,10	3koz	0.81g/t		
Cash from options		7	100%	1.00x	0.07	PEA UG inventory	907	koz	3.42g/t		
5.9Moz resource ex inventory @	ຼືລ US\$5/oz	38	100%	1.00x	0.35	SCPe pittable outside inventory:	5,852	2koz			
Asset NAV5% US\$1850/oz		1,493		PT:	4.60	SCPe underground outside inventor	899	koz			
*Diluted for options but not mine b	ouild		Market P/I	NAV5 _{% 2Q22}	0.10x	Funding: uses			Funding: sou	rces	
Asset value: 1xNPV project @	build start	: (C\$m, ung	geared)*			Mine build capex	C\$517m			Cash 3Q22	C\$14m
Project NPV (C\$m)*	\$1750oz	\$1800oz	\$1850oz	\$1900oz	\$1950oz	SCPe G&A to 1st Au	C\$16m	DFS /	/ Mine build e	quity (C\$m)	C\$257r
10.0% discount	707	783	859	935	1,010	SCPe pre-production expl'n	C\$31m	Build de	bt @ 60% of	PP&E (C\$m)	C\$310r
7.5% discount	921	1,011	1,101	1,191	1,281	SCPe fin. costs + wkg cap	C\$30m		Tot	al proceeds	C\$581r
5.0% discount	1,214	1,324	1,433	1,543	1,651	Total uses	C\$594m			Buffer	-C\$13n
Ungeared project IRR:	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Ratio analysis	CY20A	CY21A	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E
0.25xNAV PT (C\$/sh) *	\$1750oz	\$1800oz	\$1850oz	\$1900oz	\$1950oz	Average shares out (m)	322.2	294.9	97.9	102.7	152.3
10.0% discount	2.55	2.76	2.98	3.19	3.40	EPS (C\$/sh)	-	-	-	-	-
7.5% discount	3.15	3.41	3.66	3.91	4.17	CFPS (C\$/sh)	-	-	-	-	-
5.0% discount	3.98	4.29	4.60	4.90	5.21	EV (C\$m)	445.3	399.6	132.7	102.1	146.9
*Project level NPV, excl finance co	sts and cen	tral SGA, di	scounted to	build start		FCF yield (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Share data	Basic	FD	FF FD			PER (x)	-	-	-	-	-
Basic in issue (m)	102.7	106.5	152.3			P/CF (x)	-	-	-	-	-
Group valuation over time^	Jan-23	Jan-24	Jan-25	Jan-26	Jan-27	EV/EBITDA (x)	-	-	-	-	-
Fower Gold Project NPV (C\$m)	1,210.9	1,276.0	1,340.0	1,729.1	2,117.3	Income statement	CY20A	CY21A	CY22E	CY23E	CY248
G&A and finance costs (C\$m)	(160.9)	(141.7)	(135.6)	(141.0)	(120.1)	Net revenue (C\$m)	-	-	-	-	-
Vet cash prior qtr (C\$m)	4.4	9.1	297.6	(18.6)	(244.1)	COGS (C\$m)	0.3	-	-	-	-
Cash from options (C\$m)	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	Gross profit (C\$m)	(0.3)	-	-	-	-
Resource ex reserve (C\$m)	37.8	37.8	37.8	37.8	37.8	D&A, attrib (C\$m)	-	-	-	-	-
NAV FF FD (C\$m)	1,100	1,188	1,547	1,615	1,798	Group G&A (C\$m)	1.2	2.2	3.1	7.1	4.0
Shares in issue (m)	102.7	102.7	152.3	152.3	152.3	Finance cost (C\$m)	-	-	(0.1)	(0.0)	3.2
1xNAV5%/sh FF FD (C\$/sh)	10.71	11.58	10.16	10.60	11.81	Taxes (C\$m)	-	-	-	-	-
Equity ROI from spot (% pa)				96%	70%	Net income (C\$m)	(1.5)	(2.2)	(3.1)	(7.1)	(7.2)
Geared company NAV diluted f	for mine bu	uild, net G	&A and fin	ance costs	5	EBITDA (C\$m)	(4.6)	(13.5)	(19.8)	(47.4)	(5.2)
4Q25 1xNAV FF FD (C\$/sh)^	\$1750oz	\$1800oz	\$1850oz	\$1900oz	\$1950oz	Cash flow, attrib.	CY20A	CY21A	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E
10.0% discount	926	1,007	1,089	1,170	1,251	EBIT (C\$m)	(1.5)	(2.2)	(3.1)	(7.1)	(4.0)
7.5% discount	1,121	1,216	1,312	1,407	1,501	Add back D&A (C\$m)	-	-	-	-	-
5.0% discount	1,387	1,501	1,615	1,728	1,841	Less tax (C\$m)	-	-	(0.1)	(0.0)	3.2
Geared project IRR:	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Change in wkg cap (C\$m)	(1.7)	(0.2)	1.4	0.8	0.0
4Q25 1xNAV FF FD (C\$/sh)^	\$1750oz	\$1800oz	\$1850oz	\$1900oz	\$1950oz	Add back other (C\$m)	(4.2)	(12.0)	(22.1)	(27.2)	(6.4)
10.0% discount	4.73	5.37	6.02	6.68	7.34	Cash flow ops (C\$m)	(7.4)	(14.5)	(23.9)	(33.4)	(7.2)
7.5% discount	6.36	7.14	7.93	8.73	9.53	PP&E - build + sust. (C\$m)	-	(0.6)	(0.3)	-	(225.0
5.0% discount	8.66	9.63	10.60	11.58	12.57	PP&E - expl'n (C\$m)	(0.0)	(1.5)	(0.1)	-	-
^Project NPV incl grp SG&A & fin. o						Cash flow inv. (C\$m)	(0.0)	(2.1)	(0.4)	-	(225.0
Production	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Share issue (C\$m)	6.1	23.4	15.4	50.0	256.8
Gold production (000oz)	259	298	270	230	261	Debt draw (repay) (C\$m)	-	-	-	-	160.0
21 cost (US\$/oz)	715	759	827	1,013	923	Cash flow fin. (C\$m)	6.1	23.4	15.4	50.0	416.8
AISC cost (US\$/oz)	842	876	949	1,015	1,050	Net change in cash (C\$m)	(1.3)	6.8	(8.9)	16.6	184.6
AISC = C1 + ug sustaining capex, \		270	2.5	.,,	.,550	Balance sheet	CY20A	CY21A		CY23E	CY24E
						Cash (C\$m)	5.9	13.3	4.4	41.7	226.3
Gold prod'n (L	HS, 000oz)	→ A	ISC (RHS. I	JS\$/oz Au)		Acc rec., inv, prepaid (C\$m)	0.2	0.4	1.6	1.6	1.6
350koz	.,		<u>~</u>	.,	1200/oz	PP&E + other (C\$m)	2.2	54.9	55.3	55.3	280.1
300koz		_ /		~ +	1100/oz	Total assets (C\$m)	8.2	68.6	61.3	98.6	508.0
250koz		/ -	_		1000/oz	Debt (C\$m)	- 8.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	159.9
200koz					900/oz	Accounts payable (C\$m)		1.3	0.1	0.1	0.9
150koz					800/oz	Accounts payable (C\$m) Others (C\$m)	1.1 0.3	1.3 5.6	0.9 6.0	0.9 6.0	0.9 6.0
100koz					700/oz						
50koz					600/oz	Total liabilities (C\$m)	1.4	6.9	7.0	7.0	166.9 453.9
Okoz - 2020				2020	500/oz	Sh'hlds equity + wrnts (C\$m)	64.8 (58.0)	132.9 (71 1)	(89.9)	(104.3)	
2026 2027	202	28 2	029	2030		Retained earn'gs + rsvs (C\$m)	(58.0)	(71.1)	(89.9)	(104.3)	(112.7)

Liabilities + equity (C\$m)

8.2

68.6

61.3

Source: SCP estimates

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