

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

Like you, we were disappointed with our share performance in 2008. After a frustrating period trying to resolve the Change of Land Use Permit issue at the Paredones Amarillos gold project in Baja California Sur, Mexico, we are seeing signs of progress. We expect a new Change of Land Use Permit to be issued by mid-year. With the reissue of the permit, combined with other positive developments on the project and, if sustained, a continued higher gold price, we anticipate a return to better valuations and higher share prices during 2009.

During the second quarter, we will continue activities directed towards the initial development and financing of the Paredones project. These activities include some project design changes to improve and lower the cost of the processing facility, a re-estimate of the project capital and operating costs to reflect today's lower costs and the commencement of discussions with financial institutions for the financing of the project.

We made other advances on the Paredones project during 2008, including the purchase of the major equipment for the mill, completion of a U.S.\$30 million convertible debt issue for the project, purchase of land in the project area for the process plant, tailings storage facility, other key infrastructure items, and the purchase of land near the Pacific Ocean for the desalination plant for the project. All of these activities are designed to allow us to advance the project rapidly, once the Change of Land Use Permit is received. Provided we obtain the Change of Land Use Permit when anticipated, we expect construction of the mine for the Paredones project to begin by year-end and production is anticipated for early 2011.¹

Last year at our Mt. Todd gold project, we undertook a successful drilling program designed to expand our estimated measured and indicated mineral resources. Our drilling programs at the Mt. Todd project are targeted at mineral resources being explored for open pit mining potential. In our press release dated January 26, 2009, we announced a large increase in our estimated measured and indicated mineral resources, which resulted from this program. Since our purchase of the project in 2006, the total estimated mineral resources have nearly doubled. Equally important, the results of the drilling program have indicated areas where future drilling may add significantly to our estimated resource base.

We have also made significant progress on the metallurgical studies for the processing of ore from the Mt. Todd gold project. We have known from the outset that this ore had certain characteristics which would make processing difficult and our test program has been designed to address these issues. We anticipate that the report on this testing will be available during the second quarter of this year and the preliminary results indicate to us that we have been successful in identifying economic and technically feasible process technologies for the Mt. Todd ores.

¹ For further information on the Paredones Amarillos gold project see the following report: "Feasibility Study, NI 43-101 Technical Report, Vista Gold Corp., Paredones Amarillos Gold Project, Baja California Sur, Mexico" dated October 20, 2008, which report was prepared or supervised by Terry Braun of SRK Consulting (US), Inc., David A. Kidd of Golder Associates, Inc., Steven Ristorcelli and Thomas L. Dyer of Mine Development Associates and Deepak Malhotra of Resource Development Inc., all of whom are independent qualified persons.

We are currently working on a preliminary feasibility study for Mt. Todd, which we expect to be completed later this year. This study will incorporate our latest technical and cost information. In the future, we hope to increase the estimated mineral resources and to convert estimated mineral resources to estimated mineral reserves as we complete subsequent drill programs. We expect the preliminary feasibility study to examine annual production rates in the range of 250-300,000 ounces of gold per year.²

Little work was completed in 2008 on our other projects as we focused on Paredones Amarillos gold project and Mt. Todd gold project. This was driven by our decision to carefully allocate cash and human resources, especially in the last quarter of 2008 as we took steps to conserve cash. We will continue on this plan until we have the green light on our Paredones project. At that time, we plan to accelerate spending and financing that will be required for mine construction on the project. This will be the start of a period of rapid growth for the Company, which we are planning to build into a mid-size producer over the next few years.

Sincerely,



Michael B. Richings
Executive Chairman and CEO
March 30, 2009



Frederick H. Earnest
President & COO

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² For further information on the Mt. Todd gold project see the following report: "Mt Todd Gold Project Resource Update, Northern Territory, Australia" dated February 27, 2009, which report was prepared or supervised by John W. Rozelle of Tetra Tech MM, Inc. who is an independent qualified person.