

Lundin Gold Three Year Outlook Anticipates Continued Growth In Gold Production From Fruta Del Norte

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VANCOUVER, Nov. 29, 2022 - [Lundin Gold Inc.](#) (TSX: LUG) (Nasdaq Stockholm: LUG) (OTCQX: LUGDF) ("Lundin Gold" or the "Company") is pleased to announce its 2023 guidance and three-year gold production outlook. All amounts are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated. [View PDF](#)

Highlights:

- 2023 production is estimated between 425,000 to 475,000 ounces ("oz").
- Cash operating costs¹ and all-in sustaining costs[1] ("AISC") for 2023 are expected to range between \$700 and \$760 and \$870 and \$940 per oz gold sold, respectively.
- Total sustaining capital in 2023 is estimated at \$45 to \$55 million.
- 28,000 metres is planned to be drilled under the 2023 near mine and regional exploration programs.

The Company's outlook for production, sustaining capital and AISC for the next three years is provided in the table below.

	2023	2024	2025
Gold Production (oz)	425,000 - 475,000	450,000 - 500,000	465,000 - 515,000
Sustaining Capital (\$ million)	45 - 55	25 - 35	45 - 55
Cash operating cost (\$/oz) ¹	700 - 760	650 - 710	640 - 700
AISC (\$/oz) ¹	870 - 940	780 - 850	800 - 870

1. Gold/silver price per oz assumptions for the three years are \$1,650/\$18.50, respectively.

Ron Hochstein, President and CEO commented, "Now that the South Ventilation Raise has been completed, the additional ventilation will allow us to increase the rate of mining to 4,400 tonnes per day, to match the expected throughput of the mill. At current gold prices and considering the low cost nature of this mine notwithstanding inflationary pressure, we look forward to continuing generating strong free cash flow for years to come with a production forecast well in excess of 400,000 oz."

¹ See Non-GAAP Financial Measures below.

2023 Guidance and 2023-2025 Outlook

Gold production at Fruta del Norte for 2023 is estimated to be between 425,000 to 475,000 oz based on an average throughput rate of 4,400 tpd. The head grade is estimated to average 9.67 g/t, with fluctuations expected during the year as different sections of the ore body are mined. Average mill recovery for the year is estimated at 90%.

Cash operating costs are estimated to range between \$700 and \$760 per oz of gold sold in 2023, with

variability expected during the year. AISC for 2023 is expected to range between \$870 and \$940 per oz of gold sold, based on an assumed gold price of \$1,650 / oz and silver price of \$18.50 / oz. These reflect "steady-state" operations with higher unit costs compared to 2022 due to mining and milling ore with lower grade, inflationary pressures resulting in increased costs of consumables and transportation, and higher maintenance requirements as equipment ages.

Total sustaining capital in 2023 is estimated at \$45 to \$55 million and will include the fourth tailings dam raise, a few items that were not completed in 2022 such as a new warehouse, as well as new projects such as a new sewage water treatment plant and several efficiency improvements projects in the mine and plant.

The anticipated fluctuation in gold production over the three years is principally due to expected variations in the grade of ore mined and milled. Except for variations in gold price and possible continuing inflationary pressure which impact cash operating cost and AISC, the other significant factor affecting AISC is sustaining capital which is expected to be higher in the years when a tailings dam lift is planned (2023 and 2025).

Other 2023 Activities

Consistent with the dividend policy approved in Q2 2022, the Company is planning to continue to pay dividends, moving to quarterly dividends of at least \$0.10 per share starting in March 2023 following release of the annual results.

Lundin Gold also expects to continue its near mine and regional exploration programs and is planning 28,000 metres of drilling utilizing a minimum of five rigs in 2023 as compared to 22,500 metres in 2022.

The near-mine program will focus on underground and surface drilling at or near Fruta del Norte. Indications from drilling in 2022 suggests significant potential for the extension of the Fruta del Norte resources at depth as well as to east, west and south of the current resource envelope. The 2023 near mine program is estimated to cost \$9.4 million and intends to drill 15,500 metres. Drilling is aimed at confirming indications of both a potentially larger Fruta del Norte mineralized envelope and the existence of satellite deposits.

The regional program will focus on several exploration targets located in the 16km long Suarez Basin, with the objective of identifying another Fruta del Norte. The 2023 regional program is estimated to cost \$11.7 million and will drill 12,500 metres.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This news release refers to certain financial measures, such as cash operating costs and AISC, which are not measures recognized under IFRS and do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS. These measures may differ from those made by other companies and accordingly may not be comparable to such measures as reported by other companies. These measures have been calculated on a basis consistent with historical periods. Please refer to the Company's MD&A filed on SEDAR under the Company's profile at www.sedar.com, pages 13 to 16, for the third quarter of 2022 for an explanation of non-IFRS measures used.

Qualified Persons

The technical information relating to Fruta del Norte contained in this News Release has been reviewed and approved by Ron Hochstein P. Eng, Lundin Gold's President and CEO who is a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101.

About Lundin Gold

Lundin Gold, headquartered in Vancouver, Canada, owns the Fruta del Norte gold mine in southeast Ecuador. Fruta del Norte is among the highest-grade operating gold mines in the world.

The Company's board and management team have extensive expertise in mine operations and are dedicated to operating Fruta del Norte responsibly. The Company operates with transparency and in accordance with international best practices. Lundin Gold is committed to delivering value to its shareholders, while simultaneously providing economic and social benefits to impacted communities, fostering a healthy and safe workplace and minimizing the environmental impact. The Company believes that the value created through the development of Fruta del Norte will benefit its shareholders, the Government and the citizens of Ecuador.

Additional Information

The information in this release is subject to the disclosure requirements of Lundin Gold under the EU Market Abuse Regulation. This information was publicly communicated on November 29, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time through the contact persons set out below.

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This press release contains forward-looking information in a number of places, such as in statements relating its 2023 production outlook, including estimates of gold production, grades and recoveries, and its expectations regarding AISC, cash operating costs, free cash flow and capital costs, benefits of increased ventilation in the mine, plans to declare and pay dividend and the Company's exploration plans and success. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, as Lundin Gold's actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in this forward-looking information as a result of the factors discussed in the "Risk Factors" section in Lundin Gold's Annual Information Form dated March 21, 2022, which is available at www.lundingold.com or on SEDAR.

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the uncertainty regarding risks posed by climate change; limits of disclosure and internal controls; security risks to the Company, its assets and its personnel; the potential for litigation; and risks due to conflicts of interest.

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