

# Ascot Commences Ore Processing at the Premier Gold Project

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VANCOUVER, April 08, 2024 - [Ascot Resources Ltd.](#) (TSX: AOT; OTCQX: AOTVF) ("Ascot" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the commencement of ore processing at the Premier Gold Project ("PGP" or the "Project"), located on Nisga'a Nation Treaty Lands in the prolific Golden Triangle of northwestern British Columbia. Rock was introduced into the grinding circuit of the mill on March 31, 2024, and the first ore was introduced into the mill on April 5, 2024.

Derek White, President and CEO, commented, *"The start of ore processing is a momentous achievement for the whole team at Ascot and an exciting milestone for the Company. Most project construction activities are substantially completed, and commissioning activities are ongoing throughout the processing plant with the aim of pouring first gold this month."*

As is customary for processing plant start-ups, waste rock was initially introduced into the grinding circuit in order to pad the semi-autogenous grinding ("SAG") and Ball mill liners with barren material. Once that commissioning step was completed, the grinding system was re-torqued and gold-bearing ore was introduced into the mill on April 5, 2024. Commissioning activities are currently focused on the remaining components of the processing plant - namely the gravity concentration and intensive leaching circuit, the carbon regeneration circuit, the elution circuit, cyanide destruction, and the gold room.

The tailings storage facility ("TSF"), new water treatment plant ("WTP"), tailings thickener and pipeline systems are ready for operations.

The Company anticipates the pouring of first gold at the Project on schedule during the month of April 2024.

## Qualified Person

John Kiernan, P.Eng., Chief Operating Officer of the Company is the Company's Qualified Person (QP) as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the technical contents of this news release.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of [Ascot Resources Ltd.](#)  
*"Derek C. White"*  
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About Ascot Resources Ltd.

Ascot is a Canadian exploration and development company focused on re-starting the past producing Premier Gold Mine, located on Nisga'a Nation Treaty Lands, in British Columbia's prolific Golden Triangle. Ascot shares trade on the TSX under the ticker AOT and on the OTCQX under the ticker AOTVF. Concurrent with progressing the development of Premier, the Company continues to explore its properties

for additional high-grade gold mineralization. Ascot is committed to the safe and responsible development and operation of the Premier Gold Mine in collaboration with Nisga'a Nation.

For more information about the Company, please refer to the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca) or visit the Company's web site at [www.ascotgold.com](http://www.ascotgold.com).

The TSX has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this release.

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