

B2Gold Announces Initial Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate for the Springbok Zone of the Antelope Deposit at the Otjikoto Mine in Namibia

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VANCOUVER, June 20, 2024 - [B2Gold Corp.](#) (TSX: BTO, NYSE AMERICAN: BTG, NSX: B2G) ("[B2Gold](#)" or the "Company") is pleased to announce an initial Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate for the Springbok Zone, the southernmost shoot of the recently discovered Antelope deposit, located approximately three kilometers ("km") south of the Otjikoto Phase 5 open pit at the Otjikoto Mine in Namibia. All dollar figures are in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Highlights

- Initial discovery to commencement of a Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") in under two years
 - The Antelope deposit, comprised of the Springbok Zone, the Oryx Zone, and a possible third structure, Impala, subject to confirmatory drilling, was discovered in 2022 following deep drill testing by [B2Gold](#) exploration personnel on three-dimensional models of airborne magnetic data
 - Over 36,000 meters ("m") have been drilled into the Springbok Zone to date, with 33 holes totaling 16,950 m completed in 2024, to establish the 50 x 50 m spacing that informs this initial Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate
- Initial Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate of 390,000 gold ounces meets the [B2Gold](#) threshold to initiate PEA-level studies of development by underground mining methods, similar to the Wolfshag deposit
 - The Mineral Resource estimate on the Springbok Zone that will form the basis for a potential PEA includes Inferred Mineral Resources of 1.75 million tonnes grading 6.91 grams per tonne ("g/t") gold for a total of 390,000 ounces of gold
 - Ongoing exploration drilling on the Oryx Zone, which appears to represent a second shoot northeast of and stacked stratigraphically above the Springbok Zone, has returned high-grade intervals that demonstrate the potential to increase the Mineral Resource estimate
- Subject to receipt of a positive PEA study and permit, mining of the Springbok Zone, coupled with the exploration potential of the greater Antelope deposit, could begin to contribute to gold production at Otjikoto in 2026
 - Potential to supplement the processing of low-grade stockpiles at the Otjikoto Mine through 2031, with the goal of increasing gold production levels to over 100,000 ounces per year from 2026 through 2031
- Recent drilling at the Springbok Zone remains open southward, indicating additional exploration potential beyond the currently defined resource
 - Drill hole GH24-097 intersected 13.68 g/t gold over 6.10 m from 470.63 m, and drill hole GH24-104 intersected 21.64 g/t gold over 5.88 m from 502.37 m

Figure 1. Otjikoto Mine and Antelope Deposit Location Overview

Springbok Zone June 2024 Mineral Resource Estimate

Category	Domain	Tonnes	Gold Grade (g/t Au)	Contained Gold Ounces
Inferred	Springbok	1,630,000	7.09	370,000
Inferred	Other	130,000	4.60	20,000
Inferred	Total	1,750,000	6.91	390,000

Notes:

1. *The Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101 for the Springbok Zone June 2024 Mineral Resource estimate is Andrew Brown, P.Geo., [B2Gold](#)'s Vice President, Exploration.*
2. *Mineral Resources have been classified using the 2014 CIM Definition Standards. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no guarantee that all or any part of the Mineral Resource will be converted into a Mineral Reserve. Inferred Resources are considered too geologically speculative to have mining and economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as Mineral Reserves.*
3. *The Springbok Zone June 2024 Mineral Resource Estimate has an effective date of June 14, 2024.*
4. *Mineral Resources are reported on a 100% basis.*
5. *The Springbok Zone June 2024 Mineral Resource Estimate assumes an underground mining method. Mineral resources are reported within optimized stopes that were created using a 3 g/t Au cut-off and minimum thickness of 4 m.*
6. *"Other" resource ounces are adjacent to the main Springbok Zone and are within the 50 x 50 m drill spacing that defines the inferred mineral resource.*
7. *All tonnage, grade and contained metal content estimates have been rounded; rounding may result in apparent summation differences between tonnes, grade, and contained metal content.*

Resource Model Methodology

The initial Springbok Mineral Resource model was prepared in-house by [B2Gold](#) personnel. Drilling completed in support of the June 2024 Mineral Resource Estimate includes 60 diamond drillholes (32,249 m of drilling).

High-grade mineralization at the Springbok Zone forms shallowly plunging shoots within gently dipping stratigraphy. High-grade and low-grade mineralization domains were modeled along these trends in three-dimensions and used to control the estimation of gold grades.

All resources at the Springbok Zone are hosted within fresh rock.

Outlier assays were capped at 4 g/t gold in the low-grade domain and 35 g/t gold in the high-grade domain. Gold grades were capped prior to compositing to 1 m. Grades were estimated into the block model using Inverse Distance Cubed (ID3) interpolation with searches dynamically controlled along mineralized zone trends.

A total of 4,382 bulk density measurements were made at site on drill core samples using the Archimedes water-displacement method. The average density is 3.11 tonnes per cubic meter ("t/m³") in the low-grade domain and 3.37 t/m³ in the high-grade domain.

Nominal drill hole spacing for Inferred Mineral Resources is 50 x 50 m.

2024 Otjikoto Exploration Drilling Program

The 2024 exploration budget for Namibia is \$9 million, funding the largest drill program at the Otjikoto Mine since the definition of the Wolfshag discovery in 2012. A total of 39,000 m of drilling have been budgeted for 2024 and five rigs are currently active on the drill program.

Overall, the Antelope deposit mineralization has been intersected by drilling over a combined strike length of approximately 1,500 m. Over two km of prospective stratigraphy remain relatively untested between the Oryx Zone and the southernmost known mineralization in Phase 5 of the Otjikoto Mine open pit. Drilling over this zone is planned for the second half of 2024.

The initial Inferred Mineral Resource for the Springbok Zone is a significant milestone, following the 2022 discovery of the Antelope deposit, a blind target, in that mineralization does not outcrop on the Otjikoto mining license. Mineralization in the Springbok Zone is characterized by quartz-pyrrhotite-magnetite veins and locally, visible gold. Mineralization has been overprinted by deformation focused along two main marble

beds, that serve as major stratigraphic markers in the Otjikoto Mine stratigraphy.

High-grade gold mineralization exhibits continuity along a shoot-like geometry plunging shallowly north-northeast. This implies a subtle inflection in the stratigraphy that hosts the Otjikoto deposit, where the mineralized zones plunge shallowly south-southwest. Of the 16,950 m of drilling completed on the Springbok Zone in 2024, drill holes such as GH24-104 (21.64 g/t gold over 5.88 m from 502.37 m) and GH24-097 (13.68 g/t gold over 6.10 m from 470.63 m) highlight some of the high-grade width intervals present within the Springbok Zone. One of the most recent drill holes, GH24-117, intersected 7.13 g/t gold over 6.56 m from 416.72 m, including a higher-grade interval of 11.13 g/t gold over 3.81 m, and is the southernmost intersection of the Springbok Zone, indicating that mineralization remains open-ended to the southeast. As previously reported, the deep mineralization in the Antelope deposit, including the Springbok Zone, is potentially amenable to underground mining based on comparable inputs from the underground mining of the Wolfshag deposit.

Highlights from the 2024 infill drill program on the Springbok Zone include:

HoleID	Zone	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Au (g/t)
GH24-088	Springbok	438.60	446.70	8.10	6.24
GH24-093	Springbok	445.14	449.90	4.76	6.99
GH24-097	Springbok	470.63	476.73	6.10	13.68
GH24-099	Springbok	432.80	437.53	4.73	4.26
GH24-104	Springbok	502.37	508.25	5.88	21.64
GH24-117	Springbok	416.72	423.28	6.56	7.13

Note:

1. All composites reported are above a 3.5 g/t gold cutoff, applying a maximum internal dilution of 2 m. Results are uncapped. Core lengths approximate true width of mineralized intervals.

With the 50 x 50 m infill drill program of the Springbok Zone completed, three rigs will be deployed to the Oryx Zone. Previously announced drill holes such as GH23-056, which intersected 9.86 g/t gold over 7.48 m from 517.55 m, indicate that resource potential is open to the northeast along strike from the Springbok Zone.

Figure 2. Springbok Zone 2024 Infill Drilling Results

Quality Assurance/Quality Control on Sample Collection and Assaying

LeachWell analysis at the Otjikoto Mine Lab has been the primary method of analysis of half core (NQ) samples from the Antelope deposit. Assay composites presented herein are derived from 1-kilogram samples. Tails from mineralized zones are fire assayed to determine the gold recoveries, which averages ~95%. Quarterly submission of coarse reject material is sent to a certified external laboratory for Screen Fire Assay check analysis. In-house studies by [B2Gold](#) indicate that LeachWell results compare favorably to fire assay completed by ALS Johannesburg.

Quality assurance and quality control procedures include the systematic insertion of blanks, LeachWell certified standards and duplicates in the drill core sample sequence. The results of the control samples are evaluated on a regular basis with partial batches re-analyzed and/or resubmitted on exploration samples, as needed. All results stated in this announcement have been accepted according to [B2Gold](#)'s quality assurance and quality control protocols.

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Qualified Persons

Andrew Brown, P.Geo., Vice President, Exploration at [B2Gold](#), a qualified person under National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the scientific information related to exploration and mineral resource matters contained in this news release.

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