

A New Mining Model Is Emerging -- And Wall Street Is Paying Attention

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NEW YORK, July 15, 2025 - For decades, mining has been defined by high-risk, high-capex exploration, where success is one-in-a-thousand discoveries. Most juniors never reach production. Investors face dilution. Timelines stretch into decades. Mining companies are uninvestable at scale because they are capital destroyers, cyclical and heavy capex, with high price and execution risk. [ESGold Corp.](#) (CSE: ESAU) (OTCQB: ESAUF) (Profile) is challenging that model. Instead of chasing greenfield exploration, ESGold is redeveloping past-producing or legacy mine sites - sites with known volumes, historical grades and existing infrastructure. These are assets left behind not because they were depleted or economically unviable but because previous owners and operators lacked the resources and technology to develop them. With gold at an all-time high and demand for all types of minerals booming, now is the time for companies with the experience, insight and capital to position themselves in a market with potential has never been more promising and Wall Street has never been more interested. ESGold joins an elite group of miners, including [BHP Group Ltd.](#) (NYSE: BHP), [Barrick Mining Corp.](#) (NYSE: GOLD), [Franco-Nevada Corp.](#) (NYSE: FNV), and [Kinross Gold Corp.](#) (NYSE: KGC) that are leveraging their expertise to make the most of this golden opportunity.

- For investors, bullion isn't enough - Wall Street wants leverage, scalability and cash flow.
- ESGold has developed a highly scalable, repeatable cash flow model that begins with low-cost, low-footprint tailings reprocessing and leverages the proceeds to fuel exploration and acquisition of legacy projects.
- The company has demonstrated proven execution and robust platform potential, leveraging clean processing and environmental remediation.
- ESGold's Montauban Project is now fully permitted and firmly under construction, marking a major milestone in the company's evolution from exploration to near-term production.
- ESGold's newly appointed CEO brings a compelling blend of finance expertise and resource-sector acumen to guide the company into its production and expansion phase.

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A Different Opportunity

Gold is hitting all-time highs (<https://ibn.fm/5Vz3s>), U.S. debt is surging (<https://ibn.fm/d9mQV>) and central banks are buying more gold than at any point in history (<https://ibn.fm/21JrU>). But for investors, bullion isn't enough - Wall Street wants leverage, scalability and cash flow. Today, the opportunity in the minerals space looks different than it ever has.

With modern technology, elevated metals prices and environmental incentives, ESGold Corp.'s (CSE: ESAU) (OTCQB: ESAUF) model is to unlock value from legacy tailings - quickly, cleanly, and at low cost. No high-risk drilling campaigns. No decades-long permits. Just low capex, fast timelines and tangible economics. And that's not all. While extracting high margins, ESGold is also committed to cleaning up the environment.

And because the approach is repeatable, this isn't just a mine - it's a scalable platform. Wall Street loves scalable models that provides exactly that: a system that generates cash flow, funds its own growth and turns forgotten sites into modern production. ESGold is fully permitted, under construction, and on track to pour gold and silver within the next two quarters. This isn't just a mining story. It's a new chapter, one that aligns with institutional capital, clean-tech mandates, disciplined execution and, most importantly, profitability.

Cash-Flow Model Built to Scale

ESGold has developed a highly scalable, repeatable cash flow model that begins with low-cost, low-footprint tailings reprocessing and leverages the proceeds to fuel exploration and acquisition of legacy projects that meet its low-capex, high-margin criteria.

The company's flagship Montauban Project in Quebec exemplifies this model (<https://ibn.fm/bifRN>). With fully permitted infrastructure and a gravity separation circuit permitted for processing up to 1,000 tonnes per day of historic tailings, ESGold expects near-term gold, silver and mica production by late 2025 or early 2026. With processing costs at just C\$29.83 per tonne and minimal environmental impact, the model generates robust free cash flow while cleaning up legacy sites (<https://ibn.fm/CiCp0>).

Crucially, ESGold intentionally redirects this cash into systematic, district-scale exploration. With more than 32,000 acres (or 13,000 hectares) of mineral claims and modern geophysical work, including Ambient Noise Tomography (ANT) scans to depths of 800-plus meters; underway, the approach provides defined funding for discovering and expanding high-grade legacy deposits. As CEO Gordon Robb states, the company has "laid the foundation for something extraordinary" (<https://ibn.fm/uzoEo>).

This blueprint is built for replication across North America's estimated 500,000+ legacy mine and tailings sites (<https://ibn.fm/Yvfgp>). By capitalizing on existing low-capex tailings reprocessing before allocating proceeds to exploration or acquisition of new legacy deposits, ESGold's model aligns operational profitability with sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Proven Execution, Platform Potential

ESGold has demonstrated proven execution and robust platform potential, leveraging clean processing and environmental remediation to build a scalable gold and silver mining model. That foundation is reinforced by a focused leadership team and a favorable policy climate aligned with global sustainability goals.

At its Montauban project, ESGold is advancing a gravity-based tailings processing facility, while exploring non-cyanide environmentally friendly extraction methods. This low-footprint, environmentally friendly operation is designed to clean up legacy tailings while generating nondilutive cash flow, setting the stage for redeployment into further exploration and redevelopment efforts (<https://ibn.fm/TMLuP>).

In addition, the company is actively engaging with Quebec and Canadian governments, seeking nondilutive funding to support construction, equipment purchase and expansion, an approach that dovetails with regional clean industry incentives and sustainability mandates (<https://ibn.fm/oy3ft>). Through these partnerships, ESGold expects to create 20-30 direct jobs, plus additional roles in drilling and exploration, while affirming its commitment to sustainable resource stewardship.

Permitted and Under Construction

ESGold's Quebec-based Montauban Project is now fully permitted and firmly under construction, marking a major milestone in the company's evolution from exploration to near-term production. With more than 60% of the project's infrastructure already in place, financing has been secured, including a C\$3.4 million raise, to initiate the final construction phase and mill assembly. This foundational work positions ESGold to transition decisively into gravity-based tailings processing, significantly reducing regulatory risk and accelerating the timeline to first gold and silver output (<https://ibn.fm/hP1qt>).

In May 2025, ESGold completed the delivery and installation of key gravity separation equipment, including Humphrey spiral concentrators, which finalize the core processing circuit. Designed to handle up to 1,000 tonnes per day of historical tailings without chemical reagents, this system will recover gold, silver, and marketable mica, laying the groundwork for a clean, environmentally friendly pilot operation.

Since late June, the team has expanded the Montauban mine building to 4,000 square feet, doubling its original size to accommodate personnel, control rooms, processing labs and a secure "gold room" for gold and silver storage, further evidencing serious capital deployment and operational scale-up (<https://ibn.fm/KLOuu>). Complementing the construction progress, onsite testing of spiral circuit concentrate is now underway, with metallurgical assays and updated geophysical surveys expected soon to optimize downstream recovery and exploration planning (<https://ibn.fm/p3qWv>).

As a test-pilot model for fast-tracked, low-impact resource redevelopment, the fully permitted and

under-construction Montauban Project offers a derisked path to production by year-end. It simultaneously validates ESGold's scalable, environmentally aligned platform - poised for expansion across the Americas - by demonstrating successful regulatory navigation, strategic infrastructure investment and operational readiness at scale.

Cash Flow in Sight, Discovery Around the Corner

ESGold is rapidly moving from project development to cash-flow generation, with first gold and silver production at the fully permitted Montauban Project. This milestone will complete the company's dual-track strategy - launching low-capex, gravity-based tailings processing while scaling up systematic exploration - so that operating revenues can directly fund discovery efforts across the broader property.

The company's exploration engine is powered by Ambient Noise Tomography (ANT), a nonintrusive seismic imaging technique that captures natural and anthropogenic ground vibrations using highly sensitive geophones to map subsurface structures in 3D (<https://ibn.fm/O7kNY>). Unlike traditional seismic surveys, ANT passively records ambient seismic energy and converts it into deep-imaging models, enabling visualization up to depths of 800-plus meters, double the originally planned scope. This advanced deep-imaging capability allows ESGold to pinpoint structural repetitions, lens-like zones and deep-seated mineralized bodies beyond the reach of historical drilling.

Pending the release of ANT results, ESGold could validate the presence of a district-scale volcanogenic massive sulfide (VMS) system at Montauban. Preliminary geophysical work has already identified a major conductive and magnetic anomaly in the southwestern portion of the property, reinforcing the VMS thesis (<https://ibn.fm/CNSY9>). If confirmed, this validation will support high-priority drilling targets and bolster a 3D geological model that combines ANT data with historical assay and VTEM records, paving the way for accelerated resource delineation.

In essence, ESGold is not only nearing its inaugural production phase but also primed for transformational discovery. With cash flow in sight and geophysical confirmation around the corner, the company stands at a pivotal point: near-term gold and silver revenues that derisk and fund deeper drilling, and ANT-driven insights that may unveil a much larger mineralized footprint.

The Right CEO for the Cycle

Gordon Robb, ESGold's newly appointed CEO, brings a compelling blend of finance expertise and resource-sector acumen to guide the company into its production and expansion phase. With more than a decade of experience in global capital markets, Robb's background supports ESGold's ambitions for scalable, clean-mining initiatives (<https://ibn.fm/IL8CY>). His fluency in structuring complex deals and managing investor relations is expected to greatly benefit the company as it transitions into a near-term producer with long-term growth potential.

Before joining ESGold, Robb served as business development and investor relations manager at Scottie Resources, where he was pivotal in capital-raising efforts and enhancing shareholder engagement. Under Robb's leadership, Scottie professionalized its investor communications and secured strategic funding, an achievement emblematic of Robb's deal-making mindset. Colleagues describe his tenure there as having an instrumental influence on the company's financial positioning and market credibility.

At ESGold, Robb inherits a clean and environmentally responsible operation anchored by the Montauban tailings project, already under construction. "The Montauban Project is fully permitted, construction is well underway and a major discovery opportunity is unfolding alongside the tailings-to-cash flow model," Robb has stated. "We are building what the market has long been waiting for - a replicable, scalable clean mining company that delivers returns through both production and discovery, while minimizing environmental and permitting risk."

Taken together, Robb's global finance pedigree, proven capital markets track record and strategic vision provide essential fuel for ESGold's dual ambitions: near-term cash flow through tailings reprocessing and district-scale discovery across legacy mine sites. His appointment signals to investors and stakeholders that ESGold has the executive depth necessary to execute both fronts with sophistication and discipline.

Mining Moves, Wall Street Watches

Wall Street is paying close attention as top-tier mining companies take strategic steps to align operations with next-generation growth drivers. For investors, these milestones signal a broader trend, where innovation and disciplined capital deployment are creating new opportunities across the resource space.

BHP Group Ltd. (NYSE: BHP), a multinational mining and metals company, has announced that it will establish its first Industry AI Hub in Singapore (<https://ibn.fm/HHR4o>). The hub is designed to accelerate digital transformation and AI adoption in the mining and resources sector. The company noted that the hub will focus on solving BHP enterprise-wide challenges using AI technologies to improve safety and lift productivity. The hub of BHP AI specialists will also look at further integration of data-driven decisions, intelligence and automation into the company's core operations. BHP selected Singapore to further develop its AI capabilities for its vibrant innovation ecosystem, strong digital infrastructure and alignment with BHP's ambitions to scale technologies that deliver operational value.

Barrick Mining Corporation (NYSE: GOLD) has released its 2024 sustainability report (<https://ibn.fm/SKkKh>). Titled "Beyond the Horizon," the report highlights Barrick's journey from its transformational merger in 2019 to becoming a leader in responsible mining, underscoring its commitment to sustainability-driven growth, community empowerment and environmental stewardship, focused on long-term value creation and measurable outcomes. As Barrick Mining Corporation enters a new growth phase through the rest of the decade, it has also recalibrated its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile and reduction roadmap to align with its expanding production base, and increased renewable energy footprint supporting its ambitious Net Zero by 2050 target.

Kinross Gold Corp. (NYSE: KGC), a Canadian-based global senior gold mining company, also published its 2024 sustainability report (<https://ibn.fm/Qu3SA>). The report noted that the company had delivered a strong sustainability performance, including a \$4 billion total benefit footprint through taxes, wages, procurement and community investment. "Kinross' commitment to Sustainability is deeply rooted in our values and culture, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to responsible mining," said Kinross CEO J. Paul Rollinson. "We prioritize health and safety and environmental stewardship, as well as providing sustainable benefits to the communities where we operate. Partnerships are core to our operating philosophy, and we strive to be a trusted partner that delivers impactful community investments."

Franco-Nevada Corp. (NYSE: FNV), a leading gold-focused royalty and streaming company, has entered into an agreement to acquire an existing royalty package on the Coeur d'Alene Gold Mine in Ontario from a private third party for total cash consideration of \$1,050 million (<https://ibn.fm/w6Csl>). The Coeur d'Alene Gold Mine is one of the newest, large scale, and most modern gold mines to be built in Canada with an already extensive gold mineral resource base of more than 16 million ounces of Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources and 4 million ounces of Inferred Mineral Resources. Franco-Nevada partnered with [IAMGold Corp.](#) and Sumitomo Metal Mining Co. Ltd. for the acquisition of the Royalty, which exclusively allows Franco-Nevada access to conduct detailed due diligence.

For analysts and institutional investors, key developments underscore a compelling narrative: mining is no longer just about extraction, it's about transformation. Whether through strategic cash-flow models, scalability, or community value delivery, leading mining operations are positioning themselves for sustainable growth. As this evolution continues, Wall Street will be watching closely for companies that execute with both operational precision and forward-looking vision.

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