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## **Shanta Gold Limited**

("Shanta Gold", "Shanta" or the "Company")

### **New Luika Gold Mine Resource Upgrade**

Shanta Gold (AIM: SHG), the East Africa-focused gold producer, developer and explorer, is pleased to provide an exploration update at the New Luika Gold Mine ("NLGM") in South Western Tanzania and the Company's licences in the surrounding Lupa Goldfield.

#### **Highlights**

- Drilling at Bauhinia Creek ("BC") Central, conducted in April and May, has converted 126,787 ounces of Inferred Resources grading 3.15 g/t into 83,543 ounces of Indicated Resources grading 7.85 g/t, a suitable level of confidence for these ounces to be incorporated into the Mine Plan;
- Drilling was completed at a cost of US\$164,000, implying a conversion cost of US\$2 per ounce of Inferred Resource ounces to Indicated Resource ounces;
- A further 58,553 ounces of new Inferred Resources grading 4.79 g/t have been added to the Mineral Resource;
- These new high grade, underground Indicated Resources are expected to be supplemented with medium/low grade ounces to match the historically blended feed grade of 4.3g/t;
- Incorporation of the additional Resource ounces is expected to extend the current Life of Mine to at least 2025;
- Shanta's strategy is to maintain a rolling 5-8 year life of mineable ounces which balances the cost of exploration with visibility on future production;
- The next phase of drilling on the mining licences over the next 12 months will target conversion of a further 220,300 ounces of Inferred Resources into Indicated Resources at BC as well as other deposits, namely: the Ilunga, Luika and Elizabeth Hill orebodies;
- New exploration targets outside of the mining licences continue to be generated and prioritised with updates to be provided to the market in due course; and,
- Over 5,000 meters of exploration drilling is planned for H2 2019 across Shanta's regional targets in the Lupa Goldfield.

**Eric Zurrin, Chief Executive Officer, commented:**

*"Following the drilling of six holes costing the Company US\$164,000, we have replaced all of*

*the depletion expected from 2019 gold production. This highlights the exceptional nature of the BC orebody and the long-life potential of the high margin, New Luika Gold Mine. It is worth remembering that in 2012, New Luika Gold Mine's overall reserve based mine life was just 2.5 years and has grown incrementally since then despite production of approximately 80,000 ounces per year and limited exploration."*

## **BC underground resource upgrade**

Shanta's exploration strategy at NLGM is focused on its three high grade underground sources at the mine and further exploration targets within 20 km of the processing plant. In April and May 2019, the Company completed a small exploration programme at BC Central, with six exploration holes close to the existing underground decline. At a cost of US\$2/oz, the Company has added an additional 83,543 ounces of gold grading 7.85 g/t to Indicated resources.

**Table 1\*: JORC Compliant Comparative Bauhinia Creek Resource Summary – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2017 vs 1 July 2019 (at a cut-off grade of 1g/t Au)**

	31 Dec 2017			1 Jul 2019		
	Tonnes	Au	Au	Tonnes	Au	Au
	(Mt)	(g/t)	(Koz)	(Mt)	(g/t)	(Koz)
<b>Indicated</b>	1.53	5.38	264	1.86	5.82	348
<b>Inferred</b>	1.25	3.15	127	1.04	2.86	96
<b>TOTAL</b>	2.78	4.37	391	2.90	4.75	444

\* Figures as of 31 December 2017 with no depletion applied for January 2018 to July 2019.

**Table 2\*: JORC Compliant Comparative Bauhinia Creek Resource Summary – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2017 vs 1 July 2019 (cut-off grades 1 - 3 g/t Au)**

COG (g/t)	Indicated Resources – 31 Dec 2017			COG (g/t)	Indicated Resources – 1 Jul 2019		
	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (Koz)		Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (Koz)
1.0	1.53	5.38	264	1.0	1.86	5.82	348
2.0	1.24	6.29	250	2.0	1.56	6.66	333
3.0	0.95	7.43	227	3.0	1.24	7.69	308

  

COG (g/t)	Inferred Resources – 31 Dec 2017			COG (g/t)	Inferred Resources – 1 Jul 2019		
	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (Koz)		Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (Koz)
1.0	1.25	3.15	127	1.0	1.04	2.86	96
2.0	0.77	4.14	102	2.0	0.36	5.34	62
3.0	0.55	4.82	86	3.0	0.19	8.01	49

\* Figures as of 31 December 2017 with no depletion applied for January 2018 to July 2019.

The Company's strategy over the next 12 months is to target conversion of a further 220,300 ounces of Inferred Resources into Indicated Resources at the BC, Ilunga, Luika and Elizabeth Hill orebodies through additional drilling. Shanta's strategy is to maintain a rolling 5-8 year life of mine reserve which balances the cost of exploration with visibility on future production.

Shanta has historically fed blended ore of approximately 4.3 g/t into the processing plant. The new high grade Indicated Resources ounces are expected to be supplemented with medium/low grade ounces and included in the Mine Plan resulting in an extension of the current Life of Mine to at least 2025.

### **Regional Exploration Drilling**

Regional exploration drilling across Shanta's holding of tenements in the Lupa Goldfield is scheduled to commence in Q3 2019 and continue through to at least the end of 2019. A total of 5,439 meters of drilling is planned across prioritised exploration targets.

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### **About Shanta Gold**

Shanta Gold is an East Africa-focused gold producer. It currently has defined ore resources on the New Luika and Singida projects in Tanzania and holds exploration licences covering approximately 1,500km<sup>2</sup> in the country. Shanta's flagship New Luika Gold Mine commenced production in 2012 and produced 81,872 ounces in 2018. The Company has been admitted to trading on London's AIM and has approximately 787 million shares in issue.

For further information please visit: [www.shantagold.com](http://www.shantagold.com).

## **Qualified Person**

The technical information contained within this announcement has been reviewed by Juma Kisunda (the Company's Chief Mine Geologist) and Paul W. Mbuya (the Company's Exploration Manager), who are Members of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (Aus.I.M.M). They have sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' and for the purposes of the AIM Guidance Note on Mining and Oil & Gas Companies dated June 2009.

## **Glossary**

### **Glossary of Technical Terms**

"Au"	chemical symbol for gold
"artisanal mining"	A subsistence miner who works independently, mining using their own resources
"cut off grade" (COG)	the lowest grade value that is included in a resource statement. It must comply with JORC requirement 19: " <i>reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction</i> " the lowest grade, or quality, of mineralised material that qualifies as economically mineable and available in a given deposit. It may be defined on the basis of economic evaluation, or on physical or chemical attributes that define an acceptable product specification
"g/t"	grammes per tonne, equivalent to parts per million
"Inferred Resource"	that part of a Mineral Resource for which tonnage, grade and mineral content can be estimated with a low level of confidence. It is inferred from geological evidence and assumed but not verified geological and/or grade continuity. It is based on information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes which may be limited or of uncertain quality and reliability
"Indicated Resource"	that part of a Mineral Resource for which tonnage, densities, shape, physical characteristics, grade and mineral content can be estimated with a reasonable level of confidence. It is based on exploration, sampling and testing information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes. The locations are too widely or inappropriately spaced to confirm geological and/or grade continuity but are spaced closely enough for continuity to be assumed

"JORC"	The Australasian Joint Ore Reserves Committee Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves 2012 (the "JORC Code" or "the Code"). The Code sets out minimum standards, recommendations and guidelines for Public Reporting in Australasia of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves
"koz"	thousand troy ounces of gold
"Measured Resource"	that part of a Mineral Resource for which tonnage, densities, shape, physical characteristics, grade and mineral content can be estimated with a high level of confidence. It is based on detailed and reliable exploration, sampling and testing information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes. The locations are spaced closely enough to confirm geological and grade continuity
"Mineral Resource"	a concentration or occurrence of material of intrinsic economic interest in or on the Earth's crust in such form, quality and quantity that there are reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction. The location, quantity, grade, geological characteristics and continuity of a Mineral Resource are known, estimated or interpreted from specific geological evidence and knowledge. Mineral Resources are sub-divided, in order of increasing geological confidence, into Inferred, Indicated and Measured categories when reporting under JORC
"Mt"	million tonnes
"oz"	troy ounce (= 31.103477 grammes)
"Reserve"	the economically mineable part of a Measured and/or Indicated Mineral Resource
"t"	tonne (= 1 million grammes)

## APPENDIX 1: SAMPLING TECHNIQUES AND DATA

<p><b>Sampling techniques</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> <li>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</li> <li>In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trenches were excavated to bedrock and sampled at the base by cutting a continuous channel (10 cm wide and 5 cm deep)</li> <li>Trenching samples were obtained from cut channels using geological and alteration contacts as a guide but limiting the sampling interval to between 30 – 100 cm to obtain about 3 kg per sample and submitted to the on-site lab (Quality Laboratory Services) or to the SGS Laboratory in Mwanza for analysis.</li> <li>At least 3kg sample pulverized and a 50g charge fire assayed with AAS finish for gold.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Drilling techniques</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diamond core drilling; NQ core size</li> </ul>
<p><b>Drill sample recovery</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Core sample recoveries routinely measured and recorded in spreadsheet database</li> <li>Samples split half core perpendicular to strike of structures</li> </ul>
<p><b>Logging</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logging of geology, alteration, and geotechnical aspects recorded in drill logs for diamond core drilling</li> <li>Logging is qualitative; All drill core photographed</li> <li>Entire intervals that were drilled and/or trenched were logged</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</li> <li>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Half core taken; sawn</li> <li>For trench samples, the entire sample for the respective interval aggregated, not riffled or split</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aggregated half core; Entire 3kg sample pulverized at laboratory prior to fire assay in order to minimize bias.</li> <li>Drilling and channels planed orthogonal to the strike of structures/lithologies in order to maximize representivity</li> <li>Field duplicates sampled at appropriate intervals</li> </ul>
<b>Quality of assay data and laboratory tests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</li> <li>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire assay is appropriate for the nature of gold mineralization being assayed</li> <li>No geophysical tools used to generate exploration results</li> <li>Registered reference material inserted at the interval of 20 samples</li> <li>Levels of accuracy and precision (detection limit) for gold is 0.01 ppm which is suitable for the level of assays reported</li> </ul>
<b>Verification of sampling and assaying</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> <li>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant intersections that were reported by field personnel are yet to be verified by an independent CP</li> <li>No twinning of drill holes</li> <li>Primary data was logged onto paper and later transferred into database, verified by a Senior Geologist and stored in electronic database, which is regularly backed up. Database is verified and compared with standard assays stored in using established company protocols</li> <li>No adjustments have been made to assay data</li> </ul>
<b>Location of data points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drill holes and trenches were accurately surveyed using Trimble DGPS survey equipment</li> <li>Drill holes and trenches surveyed in UTM Coordinates System Arc 1960</li> <li>Topographical surveys were done using Aerial Lidar Survey</li> </ul>
<b>Data spacing and distribution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</li> <li>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drilling assayed on a maximum of 1 m downhole.</li> <li>The data spacing was enough to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the mineral resource estimation procedures</li> <li>Samples were not composited</li> </ul>
<b>Orientation of data in relation to geological structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drilling and trenching planned perpendicular to the interpreted strike of lithological units and geological structures</li> <li>No sampling bias was interpreted</li> </ul>

	<i>orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</i>	
<b>Sample security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Samples secured by senior personnel on site and transported directly by company vehicle to the laboratories (Quality Labs in NLGM and SGS in Mwanza)</li> </ul>
<b>Audits or reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal reviews are regularly completed but no external audits were carried out for the currently reported results</li> </ul>

## APPENDIX 2: REPORTING OF EXPLORATION RESULTS

<b>Mineral tenement and land tenure status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</i></li> <li>• <i>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ML408/2010</li> <li>• Valid to 20/09/2020</li> </ul>
<b>Exploration done by other parties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical colonial exploration and mining works</li> </ul>
<b>Geology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underlain by a complex association of high grade metamorphic- and intrusive lithologies, commonly intruded by dykes of variable composition. Modally, granodioritic and granitic lithologies are most commonly encountered.</li> <li>• These granodiorites and granites have been interpreted as late-orogenic intrusive phases associated with gold mineralisation in the area. Subordinate diorite, porphyroblastic hornblende gabbro, quartzo-feldspathic felsite and migmatite are also regularly observed.</li> <li>• Dyke intrusives include dolerite, pegmatite and common aplite and alaskite, seemingly randomly crosscutting major lithologies, and therefore regarded as younger than the country rock.</li> </ul>
<b>Drill hole Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>easting and northing of the drill hole collar</i></li> <li>○ <i>elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</i></li> <li>○ <i>dip and azimuth of the hole</i></li> <li>○ <i>down hole length and interception depth</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant tables included summarizing drill holes and trenches locations, RL, azimuth, length/depth, and significant intersection intervals</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ hole length.</li> <li>• If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</li> </ul>	
<b>Data aggregation methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> <li>• Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</li> <li>• The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploration results from drilling and trench sampling have been weighted by interval</li> <li>• No high-grade caps have been applied</li> <li>• Lower cut-off grade of 0.5 g/t Au has generally been applied to significant intersections</li> <li>• Aggregate drilling and trenching intervals do not incorporate longer lengths of low-grade results</li> <li>• No metal equivalent reported</li> </ul>
<b>Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>• If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> <li>• If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drill holes and trenches have been drilled/excavated as perpendicular as possible to the general strike of the mineralized zones and structures so that the intersected lengths are close to true widths</li> </ul>
<b>Diagrams</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maps and sections are being generated</li> </ul>
<b>Balanced reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All significant drilling and trench results have been reported</li> </ul>
<b>Other substantive exploration data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metallurgical studies on mineralised material from the Bauhinia Creek deposit during 2010/2011 indicated that the ore is amenable to direct cyanidation leaching with an average of 85% gold liberated</li> </ul>
<b>Further work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> <li>• Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drilling to be continued to test the down-dip continuity of the delineated mineralization</li> </ul>

## APPENDIX 3: ESTIMATION AND REPORTING OF MINERAL RESOURCES

<b>Database integrity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes.</li> <li>Data validation procedures used.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The data capturing access database is linked to a superseding access database on the geological server.</li> <li>Queries allow specially selected information from the captured data and create core data sheets which include Collar, Survey, Lithology and Assay logs. These logs are essentially used to display in the mining software by an ODBC link.</li> <li>An independent validation process is run for each log sheet in Micromine. Should there be any queries, a report file is created and exported to excel. The report will be mailed to the personnel responsible for data capturing to correct on the original data.</li> <li>Once confirmation is given of the updates, all databases are refreshed and the validation process in Micromine repeated with the use of form sets.</li> <li>Once all data validates, a number for the tear of validation is indicated in the collar file of the superseding database</li> </ul>
<b>Site visits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits.</li> <li>If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site was visited on regular basis from April to August 2018 and the outcome was used in the resource estimation</li> </ul>
<b>Geological interpretation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confidence in (or conversely, the uncertainty of ) the geological interpretation of the mineral deposit.</li> <li>Nature of the data used and of any assumptions made.</li> <li>The effect, if any, of alternative interpretations on Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diamond drilling was done perpendicular to the strike of the ore body at a dip designed to give a true intersection width of the mineralized body at a spacing less than 42m.</li> <li>The downhole survey was done at every 15m.</li> <li>Core meter marking, geological logging, structural interpretation, core sampling, Data validation and QAQC analysis was done by competent and experienced geologists</li> <li>Only samples submitted to the accredited laboratory (SGS Mwanza) were used in the estimate</li> <li>The limits of the structural features hosting the mineralized zone was interpreted by overlaying the assays against geological logging section by section using section strings.</li> </ul>
<b>Dimensions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and lower limits of the Mineral Resource.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drill hole spacing is generally between 25 to 42m along with a vertical spacing of approximately 20 to 38m in the upper to mid-level portions of the mineralized zones. This drilling spacing combined with the surface exposures and trench sampling, along with the geophysical data, permits the assumption that both the mineralized structures are continuous and persistent, and the mineralization within the structures has the continuity necessary to consider these deposits as Mineral Resources</li> </ul>
<b>Estimation and modelling techniques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions, including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compositing the data into regular composite intervals was done to moderate the presence of extreme short sample interval grade values in the data by combining them with adjacent data to form the composite</li> </ul>

	<p>computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The availability of check estimates, previous estimates and/or mine production records and whether the Mineral Resource estimate takes appropriate account of such data.</li> <li>• The assumptions made regarding recovery of by-products.</li> <li>• Estimation of deleterious elements or other non-grade variables of economic significance (eg sulphur for acid mine drainage characterisation).</li> <li>• In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation to the average sample spacing and the search employed.</li> <li>• Any assumptions behind modelling of selective mining units.</li> <li>• Any assumptions about correlation between variables.</li> <li>• Description of how the geological interpretation was used to control the resource estimates.</li> <li>• Discussion of basis for using or not using grade cutting or capping.</li> <li>• The process of validation, the checking process used, the comparison of model data to drill hole data, and use of reconciliation data if available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A combination of several methods was used to decide what constituted an appropriate capping value. The spatial position of the outlier values as well as coefficient of variation plots, lognormal probability plots and decile analysis were all used in the determination of capping values</li> <li>• Scatter plots were generated of the gold grade composites versus location to assess any potential non-stationarity in the data.</li> <li>• Block models were created to represent the mineralized body contained within the wireframe solids for each target. Cell sizes were chosen based on the average drill hole spacing</li> <li>• Geostatistics was done using Micromine 2018 to determine the estimation parameters</li> <li>• The mineralized target of Bauhinia Creek was modelled for gold grade using Ordinary Kriging with the shell of the wireframe solid as a hard boundary. Only data within the solid was used in the estimate. Where a target was bisected by faulting, only the data within a fault block was used to estimate that block. The Estimation process was done using Micromine software 2018 for all block grade estimates</li> </ul>
<b>Moisture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the tonnages are estimated on a dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dry tonnages</li> </ul>
<b>Cut-off parameters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The basis of the adopted cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cutoff grade(s) was generated by Shanta's experienced senior mining engineer based on current operating cost and gold price.</li> </ul>
<b>Mining factors or assumptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assumptions made regarding possible mining methods, minimum mining dimensions and internal (or, if applicable, external) mining dilution. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential mining methods, but the assumptions made regarding mining methods and parameters when estimating Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An optimization study was conducted on the mineralization contained within the Bauhinia Creek target to ascertain whether they fulfil the criteria of "reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction" using current operating costs</li> <li>• The mineral resource was deemed amenable to extraction by underground mining methods and were declared at a cut-off of 2.0g/t</li> </ul>
<b>Metallurgical factors or assumptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the metallurgical assumptions made.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shanta Mining Company Ltd commissioned the first of a series of gold department and metallurgical studies on mineralised material from the Saza tenement in June 2009. Reverse circulation drill chips from five mineralised targets were submitted for gold department testing</li> <li>• Further metallurgical studies commissioned on mineralised material from the Bauhinia Creek deposit during 2010/2011 have supported initial gold department findings, with the following conclusion being reached. "The diagnostic leach results showed the samples to be amenable to direct</li> </ul>



- *The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.*
- *These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.*