



# **Platform**

SANSA 2019 Earth Observation Data Challenge

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#### Who is EGC and what we do?

- We are a group of mine finders
- We are **experts** in Mineral Exploration and Mine Development studies

 We work closely with investors and know any investment decision is all about how the data is presented, easy data = easy decisions

We work internationally





# The Team – 245 years combined experience

- Regina Molloy Founding Director EGC
  - 25 years multi-commodity international exploration geologist, 3 continents.
- Christopher Ainsworth Geoscience Director
  - 30+ years economic geologist specialising in mineral exploration in 6x African countries
- Dr Thinus Jordaan Sedimentary & Mineral Exploration Expert
  - 40+ years geoscience, mineral exploration and project management, global experience.
- A team of South African Youth We want to combine our experience with younger aged digitals = knowledge transfer

#### 5x Others keen to participate

- Stuart Clague Mineral Exploration, <40 years experience
- Hylton Allison Environment and Community Specialist, 17 years experience
- Robert Barnett Industrial Minerals Specialist, 40+ years experience
- Dr Gideon Groenwald Karroo and Palaeontology Specialist, Gift of the Givers Hydrogeological Leader, 40 years experience
- Stephan Meyer Hydrogeology Specialist, 13 years experience



## The Problem – Mining Data Digitalisation

- South Africa needs **economic growth**. New mine discoveries = taxes, royalties, employment, uplift, builds national self confidence
- The Problem in South Africa
  - Limited new mines discovered in past 30 years, sector is shrinking
  - 10-20 years to discover & develop a new metalliferous mine
  - Surface mines found, buried deposits next = higher risk
  - Not competitive in attracting exploration investment
  - Data is not easily accessible
  - South Africa does <u>not</u> have a free mine data

    platform and yet it has all the knowledge, expertise, historical data and known mineral endowment.

## Bigger Problem

 Government wants to ensure cost recovery on their spending, but that defeats the strategic purpose: to encourage investment and reduce the barriers to entry (junior minors)

## The Solution – Mine Data Platform

- Source public and private data and geographically reference on a platform for anyone to access
- Five technical categories that drive Mineral Exploration Investment & will be included in the Data Platform
- 1. Geology (rocks)
- Hydrogeology (water)
- 3. Biology (flora and fauna)
- 4. Population Distribution
- 5. Transport Routes and Capacities
- Simple solution, no R&D, capitalises on the work already done
- This is a disruptive innovation & badly needed
- The data portal needs to be free to encourage mining investment at all levels incl. education sector contribution

#### Earth Observation – How do we use it?

- Geologists are some of the largest Earth Observation scientists in the world
- In Exploration, we use satellite imagery for everything...
- The satellite imagery is critical for mapping, referencing historical data and determining data accuracy.





Geologist toolbox + satellite imagery = happy geologist

**Geologists** 

Day!

#### **Business Model**

- unique opportunity
- Just 1x mine discovery = R4Bn value (Orion Prieska mine) => R8Bn by mine closure = good value initiative.
- Motivate Mineral Exploration to discover the next generation of mines
- Help lift junior miners with data = big impact
- Create <u>internationally competitive national mining</u> companies (JSE benefit)
- Could be applied to other countries



## Value Proposition & Market

- We are looking for benevolent funder(s) in return for portal branding
- Compete for exploration funds, improve Fraser Index Ranking and Corruption Perceptions Index (Transparency International)
- No co-incidence successful Mining Nations with \$20-30Bn
   pipelines have free mine data platforms as they know this increases
   Mineral Exploration investment.
- EGC is well informed, our investor exploration knowledge is unique

## Funding Request – 2 years of budget – USD\$2.5M

					Year 1 B	udg	get <u>Estimat</u>	<u>e</u>					
									15				
							Per year		USD		ZAR	USD	
	Item	Monthly rate*		# staff	# months		Total	Total	Total		Total	%	
People	EGC	R	135,000	6	12	R	9,720,000	\$	648,000				
Hire	Junior staff	R	40,000	15	12	R	7,200,000	\$	480,000	R	17,380,800	\$1,158,720.00	66%
niie	Legal	R	38,400	1	12	R	460,800	\$	30,720				

	Item		Price/unit	# units		Total	Total				
Office & Hardware	Office hire	R	50,000	12	R	600,000	\$ 40,000				
	Office bills	R	20,000	12	R	240,000	\$ 16,000				
	Computing	R	50,000	15	R	750,000	\$ 50,000	R	2,450,000	\$ 163,333	9%
	Software	R	50,000	15	R	750,000	\$ 50,000				
	Scanning Unit	R	55,000	2	R	110,000	\$ 7,333				
Portal	Servers, Portal cost and Development**				R	4,000,000	\$ 266,667	R	4,000,000	\$ 266,667	15%
	** Estimated co	st or	nly								
TOTAL	Sum Total				R	23,830,800	\$ 1,588,720				
	Contingency 1	0%			R	2,383,080	\$ 158,872	R	2,383,080	\$ 158,872	9%
	<b>Grand Total</b>				R	26,213,880	\$ 1,747,592				100%

Year 1 R26 million = USD\$1.75M 18-24 months to complete

- Initial engagement = R200-300K
- Continued to be built over many years this is the start no end



#### Simple Product Development Risk at front of project (FEL), not at back **Mine Data Digitisation Process** We are here Engage public institutions & private industry - free data - national interest Pre-seed/idea stage 3 months Legal agreements in place, design portal and database system Seed stage Early stage Office, IT systems, youth hire, start mentoring process Year 1 Initial growth stage online pilot test, live platform, circulate asking public for feedback Rapid expansion stage Add complex data online, manage large database systems

# Simple & straight forward project

Year 2

Maturity



Roll platform out across the Industry

#### Conclusion

- The Future in Mining is in Digitalisation
- South Africa desperately needs mine investment
- Its time to take a leap of faith, knock down the walls and make data freely available
- We must use our vast knowledge and resources to find new mines
- Providing geoscience data is one of the best investments a country can make in terms of return

### **Request**

I want to come & show you how data portals from around the world help to discover new mines for you to decide how you can help make this project happen



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EGC members have worked for the world's largest down to the world's smallest mining companies fulfilling technical, advisory and managerial roles in Africa, Australasia and the America's. We are explorers at heart and our passion is mineral exploration discovery followed by successful mine development.

Commodity experience includes gold, base metals (lead, zinc, copper, cobalt, nickel), platinum, bauxite, titanium, tin, BIF and itabirite iron ore, coal, graphite, manganese, rare earth elements, uranium, lithium & potash brine systems and industrial minerals.

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### Competitors

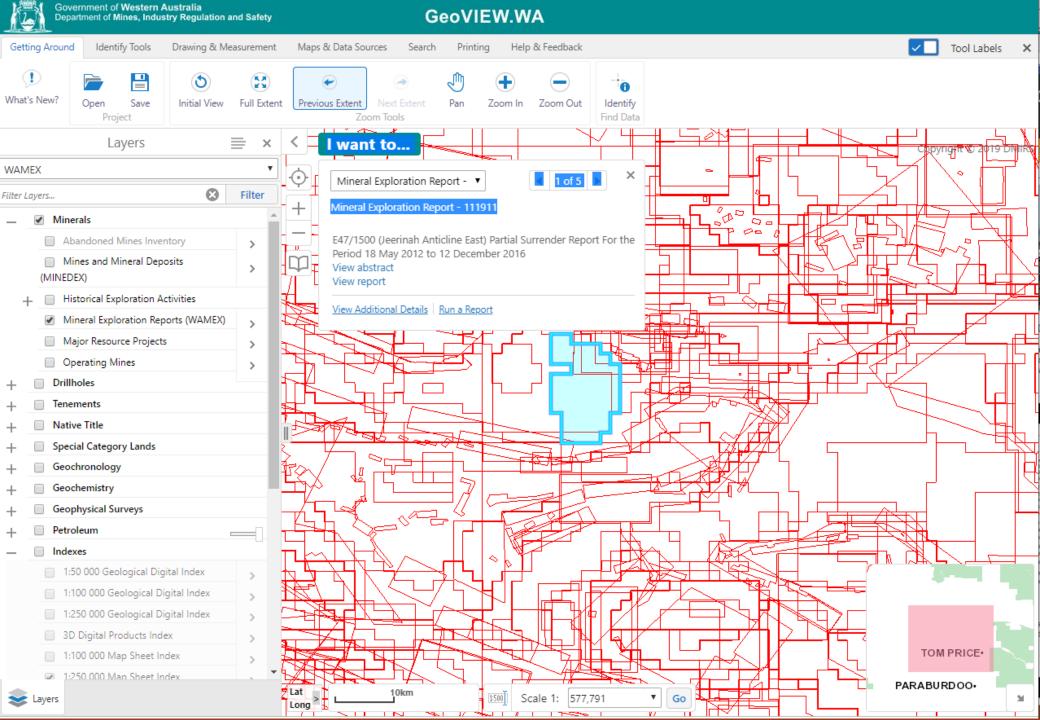
- Exploration and Mine Data is currently spread across the following:
  - Council for Geoscience
  - Private historical files inaccessible
  - Educational institutions Universities
  - Other government departments
- There is currently no centralised data portal in South Africa

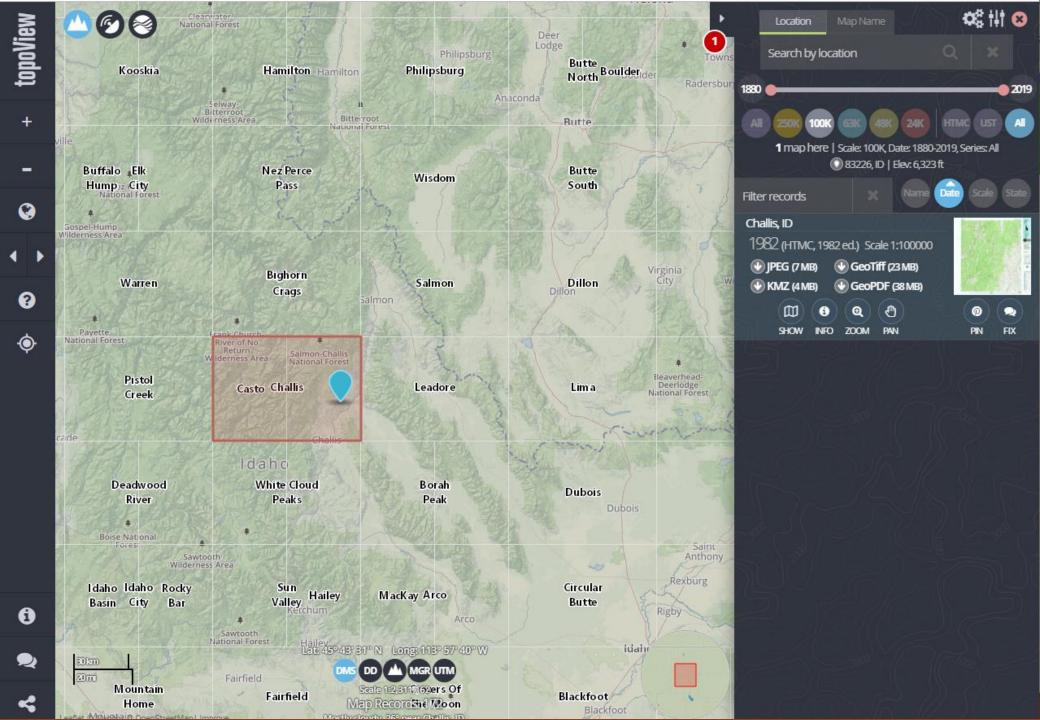


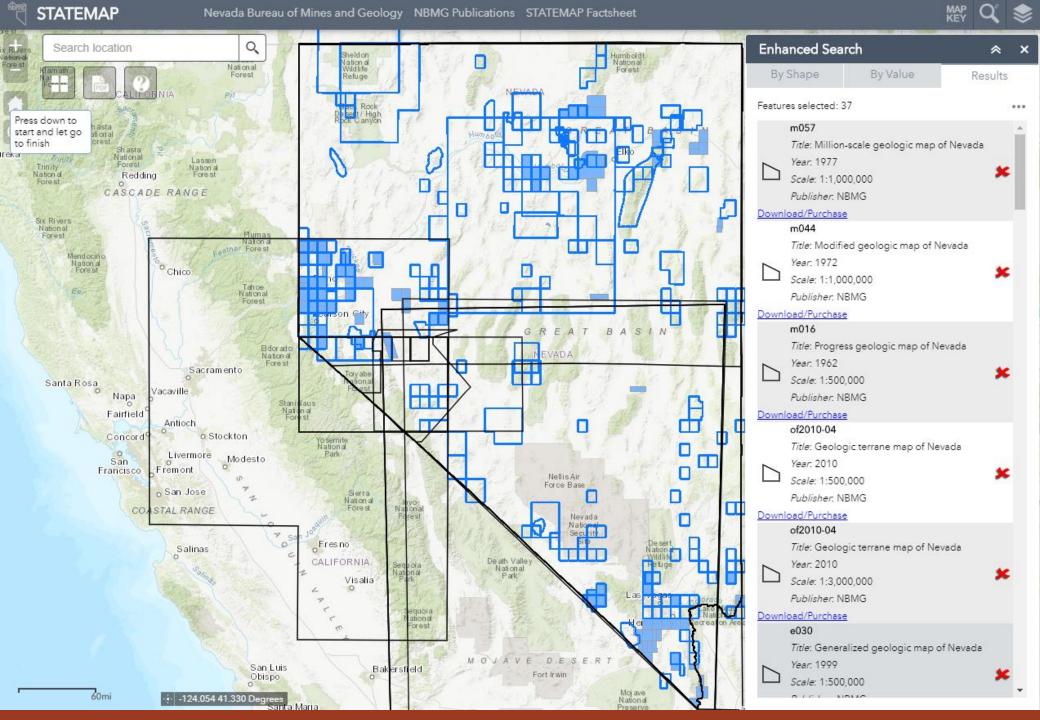
### Current EGC Projects

- Nigeria lead-zinc greenfield project, national company, geophysical survey in progress
- USA project assessments for base metal investment (copper, gold)
- Venture Capital evaluations;
  - DRC copper-cobalt
  - Uganda nickel
  - Mali gold and lithium
  - Zambia manganese
- Pakistan in search for base metals, Lesedi for KSA nuclear project (K-A-CARE)











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