

# ILLEGAL MINING MAPPER

**SANSA 2019 Earth Observation Challenge**

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# THE PROBLEM

There is no reliable illegal mining monitoring system in South Africa

## GOLD

- R14.4bn lost per year
- SARS
- National Treasury



## SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT

- Water
- Mercury pollution
- Physical Hazards
- Communities



# THE PROBLEM



## Canal at Florida

A) Built by CGS for DMR – destroyed by illegal miners



## Illegal mining at van Ryn

B) Old mine workings reopened  
C) Village created on site

# THE SOLUTION

- Illegal mining monitoring system

- High-resolution satellite imagery

- RadarSAT-2
    - Worldview-3

- Process

- Finding patterns and anomalies in the data
    - Machine learning
    - Deep learning

- Maps

- Active intelligence

- Near Real Time Alerts





## PRIMARY - Management of gold resources

- Spatial and temporal patterns
- High risk zones and greatest rate of gold loss



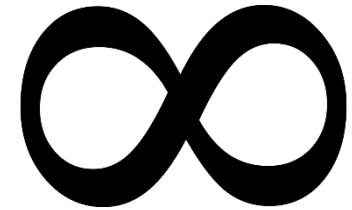
Development locally  
expand globally

## SECONDARY – Effects of illegal mining management

- Security
- Municipalities
- Research
- Water & Environment



New IP

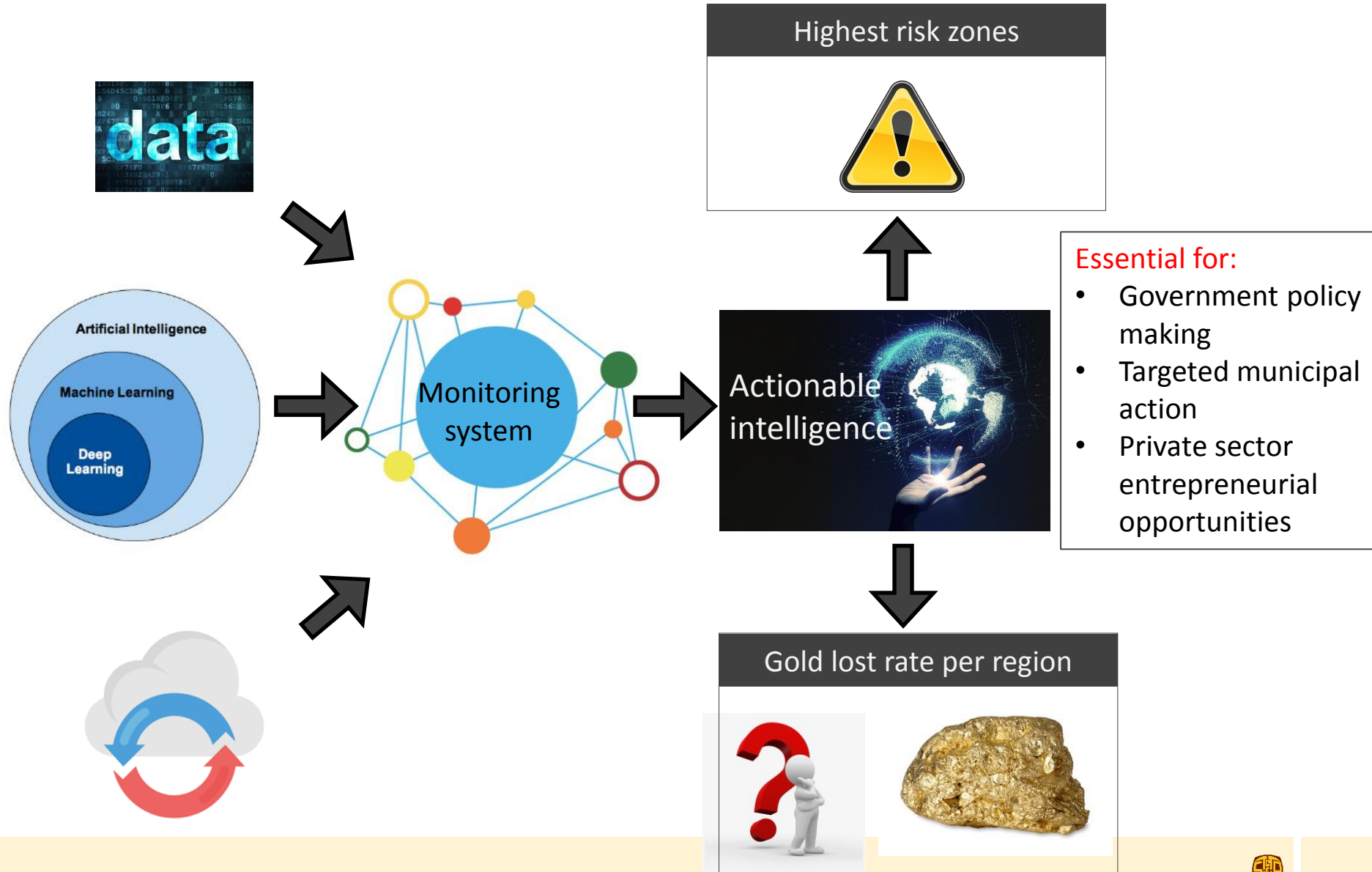


Entrepreneurial  
opportunities

# True value: Business and Environmental Intelligence

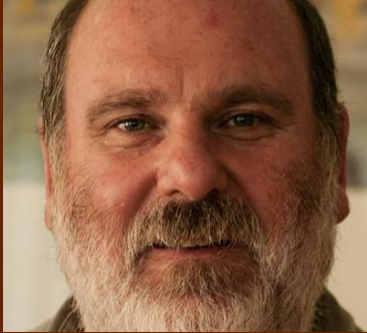


# BUSINESS MODEL



# OUR KEY TEAM MEMBERS

**Mine water  
experts**



Dr Henk Coetzee



Dr Viswanath Vadapalli

**GIS, spatial  
analyst and  
database  
expert**



Dr Chiedza Musekiwa

**AI  
expert**



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# OUR ADVANTAGE

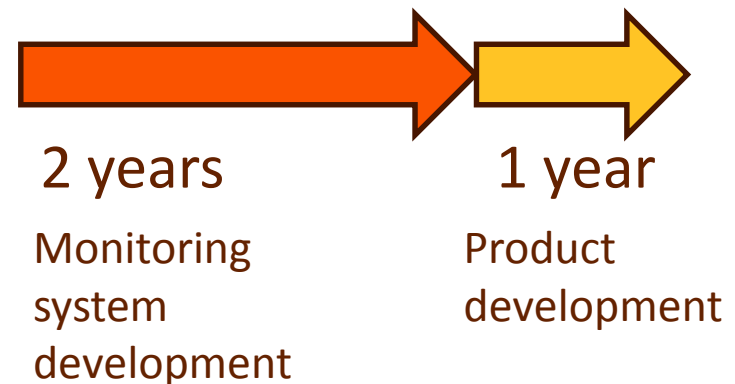
## Team

- Experience
- Interdisciplinary ability

# FUNDING NEEDS AND TIMELINE

- EO data
- Cloud infrastructure
- Product development
- Marketing

## Timeline



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