



## **Mercenary Alert: Taiga Gold Corp to Begin Trading**

**A Special Alert Musing from Mickey the Mercenary Geologist**

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In early December, I posted on a pending gold spinco that had attracted my attention and speculative dollars ([Mercenary Musing, December 1, 2017](#)). Long-time prospect generator [Eagle Plains Resources \(EPL.V\)](#) recently completed the one for two transaction and the new junior, [Taiga Gold Corp](#) should begin trading on Monday April 30 on the Canadian Stock Exchange (CSE) under the symbol **TGC**.

Five projects formerly controlled by EPL were vended into Taiga Gold. They are contiguous with, adjacent to, or near SSR Mining's (SSRM) Seabee Gold operations, which consist of two gold mines and a mill located 100 km east of La Ronge, Saskatchewan.

Taiga's flagship asset is the 340 sq km Fisher gold project, which borders SSRM's property on the east, south, and north and is underlain by the same rocks of the Pine Lake greenstone belt. Moreover, shear zones that host gold mineralization at the Seabee and Santoy mines have been traced onto TGC ground. There are multiple gold showings in rocks and soils and strong geophysical anomalies along these structures.

The Fisher project is in year two of a four-year joint venture option to SSR Mining. The mid-tier gold-silver miner can earn up to a 60% interest by completing \$4.0 million in exploration expenditures and paying \$300,000. Once the earn-in has been completed, SSRM has a 90-day, one-time option to earn an additional 20% interest by making a cash payment of \$3,000,000 to Taiga Gold. If the option is exercised, an 80/20 joint-venture will be formed to further advance the property.

Eagle Plains retains a 2.5% NSR that is subject to reduction on certain claims with underlying royalties; 1% is buyable for \$1.0 million. Once a JV is formed, EPL will receive advance royalty payments of \$100,000 annually until commercial production commences.

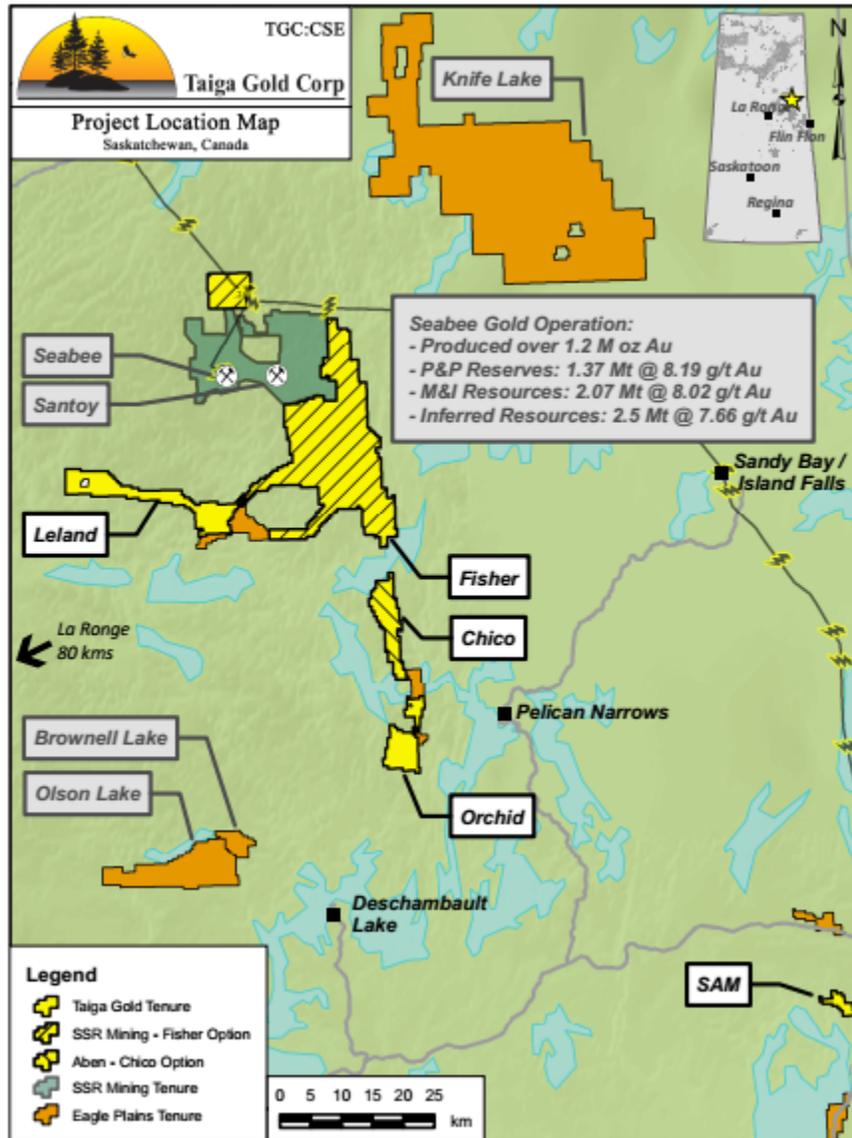
SSRM is currently testing the project with two drill rigs as part of an 18,000 meter campaign in 2018.

Other properties with gold showings include the 100% owned Leland and Orchid claim groups and the Chico project, which is currently under joint venture option to Aben Resources (ABN.V). Aben can earn up to 80% interest in Chico by completing \$3.5 million in exploration expenditures, issuing 2.5 million

shares and making \$150,000 in cash payments. Aben permitted a 2000 meter drill program for this winter but it is currently on hold pending resolution of local native concerns.

Also included is the Sam claim group, a high-grade copper-gold prospect located west of Flin Flon, Manitoba that is surrounded by SSR Mining claims.

Taiga's five properties are shown below:



Taiga Gold Corp has 56.1 million shares outstanding with EPL controlling 19.9% and \$300,000 in cash. The aforementioned option agreements with SSR Mining and Aben Resources, if maintained, will generate cash and shares over time. A private placement financing to the tune of \$2.0 million is expected to be announced soon.

Management and the Board of Directors are the same professionals that have successfully led Eagle Plains Resources over most of its 23-year history as a public company.

I think the exploration potential on the early-stage Fisher prospect is high given its strategic land position adjacent to two producing gold mines and along extensions of productive shear zones.

With completion of the 18,000 meter drill program in 2018, SSR Mining should earn its 60% interest in the project. At that juncture, it has 90 days to make a \$3.0 million balloon payment to earn 80%.

As I stated previously, if the exploration drilling is successful, this would be an opportune time for a friendly takeout of Taiga Gold.

Alternatively, SSR Mining could choose not to make the balloon payment and either put the project on the shelf or attempt to dilute Taiga with large exploration expenditures in a 60-40 JV. These scenarios remain valid concerns and are especially so if exploration does not return significant results.

Note that the above opinions are only that. I am a shareholder of both Eagle Plains Resources and Taiga Gold Corp and EPL is a current sponsor of my website. Therefore, these views are influenced by my financial involvement.

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Ciao for now,

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