

### Definitive Feasibility Study Begins for 'Stage 1' Production Targeting Phase 1 commissioning by the end of 2026

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Existing fully permitted Central Gawler Mill adjacent to brownfield Challenger mines<sup>1</sup>
- Challenger JORC (2012) Mineral Resources Estimate now 313koz Au (10.6Mt @ 0.92 g/t), including 194koz Au (1.87Mt @ 3.23 g/t) in existing open pit and underground mines, where:<sup>2</sup>
  - Challenger Main Open Pit: 70,000oz Au (0.65Mt @ 3.36 g/t Au);
  - Challenger West Open pit: 11,600oz Au (0.03Mt @ 10.7 g/t Au);
  - Challenger Underground (above 215mRL): 89,400oz Au (0.98Mt @ 2.84 g/t Au); and
  - Challenger Deeps (below 90mRL): 23,000oz Au (0.21Mt @ 3.50 g/t Au).
- Historical tailings storage facility with coarse, higher-grade tailings up to 0.6 – 1.0 g/t Au<sup>2</sup>
- Evaluating de-risked, two phase transition to operations with initial tailings reprocessing ('Phase 1') followed by the introduction of high-grade (~3 g/t) fresh ore ('Phase 2')
- Targeting Phase 1 commissioning by end of 2026; credit finance conversations underway

Barton Gold Holdings Limited (ASX:BGD, OTCQB:BGDFF, FRA:BGD3) (**Barton** or **Company**) is pleased to announced that a Definitive Feasibility Study (**DFS**) has started, targeting 'Stage 1' production utilising the fully permitted Central Gawler Mill (**CGM**) located at Barton's South Australian Challenger Gold Project (**Challenger**).

The JORC (2012) Mineral Resource Estimate (**MRE**) for Challenger was recently upgraded to 313koz Au, including 194koz Au high-grade fresh ore (~3.2 g/t Au) in or adjacent to existing serviceable open pit and underground development, and an historical Tailings Storage Facility 1 (**TSF1**) containing 56koz Au at a grade of 0.54 g/t Au.<sup>2</sup>

Barton is targeting March 2026 DFS completion and end of 2026 CGM commissioning, with 'Phase 1' operations reprocessing TSF1 materials, and 'Phase 2' then introducing fresh ore. Altris Pty Ltd (**Altris**) has been appointed to lead the DFS, with SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd (**SRK Consulting**) completing TSF1 mining studies, Tetra Tech Coffey Pty Ltd (**Tetra Tech Coffey**) designing a tailings storage lift, and GPA Engineering Pty Ltd (**GPA**) supporting engineering, metallurgy and process plant design. Technical site visits will begin this week.

#### Commenting on the start of the Stage 1 DFS, Barton Managing Director Alexander Scanlon said:

*"With gold prices at all-time highs and over 300koz Au JORC Resources adjacent to the Central Gawler Mill, the opportunity to leverage our existing infrastructure to operations and cash flow has never been more attractive.*

*"We are wasting no time pursuing this opportunity, targeting a low-cost and low-risk transition to operations by the end of 2026, the re-rating of Barton's equity to a 'producer' profile, and operating free cash flows to fund our planned regional growth at Tunkillia. We look forward to sharing regular updates during an exciting 18 months ahead."*

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Prospectus dated 14 May 2021 and ASX announcement dated 21 July 2025

<sup>2</sup> Refer to ASX announcement dated 8 September 2025

## Fully permitted infrastructure and mines

Challenger and the CGM are fully permitted for operations, with normal operations last occurring during mid-2018 before the site and CGM were placed on care and maintenance.<sup>3</sup>

All Challenger mineralisation is adjacent to the CGM, with additional lower-grade stockpiles and higher-grade mill residuals (eg. ball mill rejects) located on the Run of Mine (**ROM**) pad. These materials are not included in the Challenger MRE. TSF1 is the smaller of two historical tailings facilities, and is located ~1km west of the CGM.

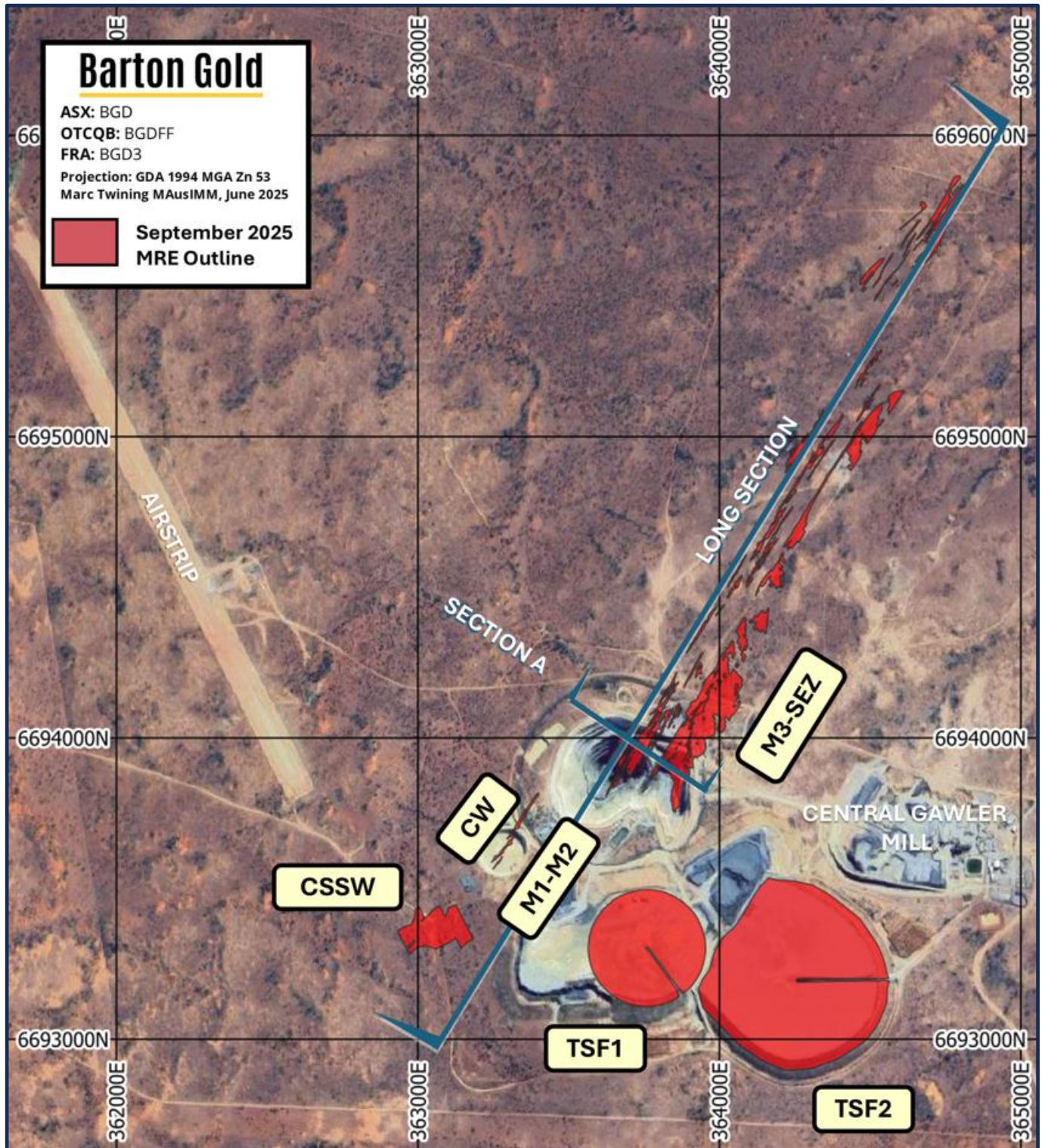


Figure 1 – Challenger site map with locations of key infrastructure and JORC (2012) MRE deposits<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Refer to Prospectus dated 14 May 2021

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## Preliminary low-cost CGM reinstatement estimate

Preliminary engineering analysis by Ammjohn Solutions (**Ammjohn**) estimated the full reinstatement of the CGM to its original 600ktpa fresh ore configuration to cost A\$26m (±30%), including (among others) upgrades to mill motors, automation and a new pre-leach thickener to improve efficiency.<sup>5</sup>

## Challenger open pit, underground & tailings mineralisation

An updated Challenger JORC (2012) MRE was reported on 8 September 2025, as shown in Table 1.<sup>6</sup>

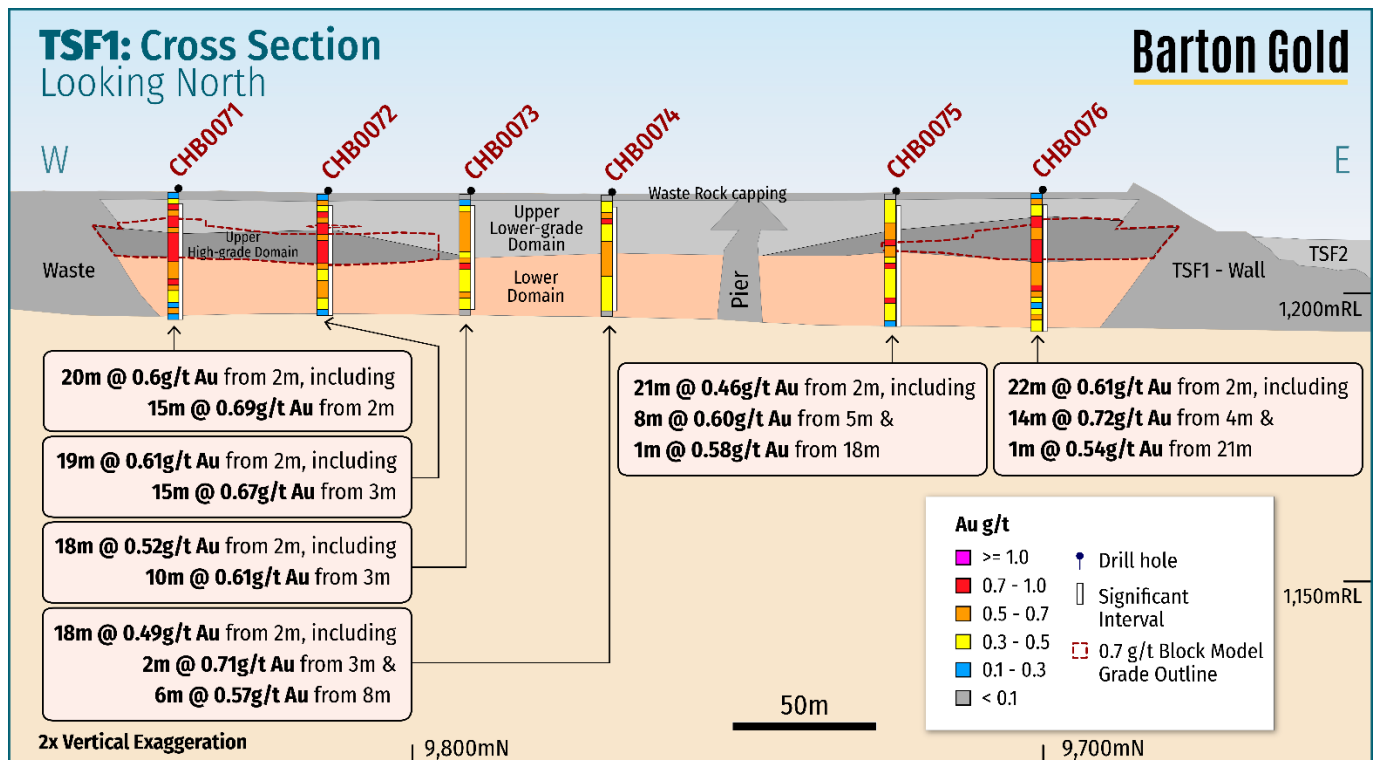
Zone	Indicated			Inferred			TOTAL		
	Mt	g/t Au	Koz Au	Mt	g/t Au	Koz Au	Mt	g/t Au	Koz Au
Challenger Main Open Pit	0.17	2.69	14.8	0.48	3.61	55.2	0.65	3.36	70.0
Challenger Underground (above 215mRL)	--	--	--	0.98	2.84	89.4	0.98	2.84	89.4
Challenger Deeps (below 90mRL)	--	--	--	0.21	3.50	23.0	0.21	3.50	23.0
Challenger West open pit	--	--	--	0.03	10.7	11.6	0.03	10.7	11.6
Challenger SSW Deposit	--	--	--	0.40	0.95	12.2	0.40	0.95	12.2
Tailings Storage Facility 1	3.19	0.54	55.5	--	--	--	3.19	0.54	55.5
Tailings Storage Facility 2	5.13	0.31	51.8	--	--	--	5.13	0.31	51.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.49</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2.09</b>	<b>2.84</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>313</b>

\* Totals subject to rounding; tonnages are dry metric tonnes; all Mineral Resources classified as 'Inferred' are approximate; cut-off grades applied are 2.0 (Deeps) 1.0 g/t Au (UG above 215 mRL), 0.5 g/t Au (Main Open Pit, Challenger West, SSW) and 0.0 g/t Au (TSF1 and TSF2).

**Table 1 – Challenger JORC (2012) Mineral Resources Estimate (September 2025)<sup>6</sup>**

TSF1 has been identified as a potentially attractive reprocessing opportunity. TSF1 serviced the highest grade open pit and underground operations in the Challenger Main Open Pit and Underground.<sup>6</sup>

Metallurgical testwork indicates these materials to be coarse, with a grain size of up to 225µm instead of the design target size of 75µm, resulting in a peripheral ring of higher-grade materials with potential recoveries of 65-70% via regrinding to 38µm, or 75–80% via high-efficiency fine grinding.<sup>6</sup>



**Figure 2 – Cross section showing higher-grade peripheral TSF1 materials & 0.7g/t Au grade shell<sup>5</sup>**

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## About Barton Gold

Barton Gold is an ASX, OTCQB and Frankfurt Stock Exchange listed Australian gold developer targeting future gold production of 150,000ozpa with **2.2Moz Au & 3.1Moz Ag JORC Mineral Resources** (79.9Mt @ 0.87g/t Au), brownfield mines, **and 100% ownership of the region's only gold mill** in the renowned Gawler Craton of South Australia.\*

### Challenger Gold Project

- 313koz Au + fully permitted Central Gawler Mill (**CGM**)

### Tarcoola Gold Project

- 20koz Au in fully permitted open pit mine near CGM
- Tolmer discovery grades up to 84g/t Au & 17,600g/t Ag

### Tunkillia Gold Project

- 1.6Moz Au & 3.1Moz Ag JORC Mineral Resources
- Competitive 120kozpa gold & 250kozpa silver project

### Wudinna Gold Project

- 279koz Au project located southeast of Tunkillia
- Significant optionality, adjacent to main highway



## Competent Persons Statement & Previously Reported Information

The information in this announcement that relates to the historic Exploration Results and Mineral Resources as listed in the table below is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by the Competent Person whose name appears in the same row, who is an employee of or independent consultant to the Company and is a Member or Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (**AusIMM**), Australian Institute of Geoscientists (**AIG**) or a Recognised Professional Organisation (RPO). Each person named in the table below has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration and to the activity which he has undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code 2012 (**JORC**).

Activity	Competent Person	Membership	Status
Tarcoola Mineral Resource (Stockpiles)	Dr Andrew Fowler (Consultant)	AusIMM	Member
Tarcoola Mineral Resource (Perseverance Mine)	Mr Ian Taylor (Consultant)	AusIMM	Fellow
Tarcoola Exploration Results (until 15 Nov 2021)	Mr Colin Skidmore (Consultant)	AIG	Member
Tarcoola Exploration Results (after 15 Nov 2021)	Mr Marc Twining (Employee)	AusIMM	Member
Tunkillia Exploration Results (until 15 Nov 2021)	Mr Colin Skidmore (Consultant)	AIG	Member
Tunkillia Exploration Results (after 15 Nov 2021)	Mr Marc Twining (Employee)	AusIMM	Member
Tunkillia Mineral Resource	Mr Ian Taylor (Consultant)	AusIMM	Fellow
Challenger Mineral Resource (above 215mRL)	Mr Ian Taylor (Consultant)	AusIMM	Fellow
Challenger Mineral Resource (below 90mRL)	Mr Dale Sims	AusIMM / AIG	Fellow / Member
Wudinna Mineral Resource (Clarke Deposit)	Ms Justine Tracey	AusIMM	Member
Wudinna Mineral Resource (all other Deposits)	Mrs Christine Standing	AusIMM / AIG	Member / Member

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\* Refer to Barton Prospectus dated 14 May 2021 and ASX announcement dated 8 September 2025. Total Barton JORC (2012) Mineral Resources include 1,049koz Au (39.7Mt @ 0.82 g/t Au) in Indicated category and 1,186koz Au (40.2Mt @ 0.92 g/t Au) in Inferred category, and 3,070koz Ag (34.5Mt @ 2.80 g/t Ag) in Inferred category as a subset of Tunkillia gold JORC (2012) Mineral Resources.