



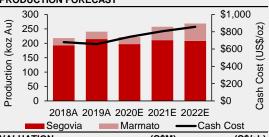
## Gran Colombia Gold Corp. (TSX: GCM)

# Record Free Cash Flow & A 300% Dividend Increase in Q3/20

Financial Results November 13, 2020

(Currency is C\$ unless noted otherwise	·)		
Closing Price (C\$/sh)			\$6.17
Rating			BUY
Target (C\$/sh)			\$16.50
Return to Target			167%
52 Week Low / High (C\$/sh)		\$2.88	/ \$8.10
CAPITALIZATION		Basic	Diluted
Shares Outstanding (M)		61.6	89.2
Market Capitalization (C\$M)			\$380.0
Enterprise Value (C\$M)			\$247.7
Cash (C\$M)			\$184.3
Debt (C\$M)			\$52.0
FYE: DEC 31	2019A	2020E	2021E
Au Produced (000's oz)	240	222	257
Cash Costs (US\$/oz)	\$656	\$741	\$805
CAPEX (US\$M)	\$52	\$27	\$92
Gross Revenue (US\$M)	\$326	\$396	\$477
EBITDA (US\$M)	\$143	\$195	\$241
CFPS (US\$/sh)	\$2.16	\$2.46	\$2.60
EPS (US/sh)	\$0.92	\$1.03	\$2.35
CTOCK CHART			





VALUATION	(C\$M)		(C\$/sh)
2019 EV/EBITDA	\$ 190	4.0x	\$ 10.21
2020 EV/EBITDA	\$ 262	4.0x	\$ 13.47
1yr FWD NTM EV/EBITDA	\$ 329	4.0x	\$16.46
2021 EV/EBITDA	\$ 321	4.0x	\$ 16.10
2022 EV/EBITDA	\$ 307	4.0x	\$ 14.02

## MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

Management (4.41%), MM Asset Management Inc (12.45%), Sprott, Eric Steven (5.4%), Iacono, Serafino (1.9%), Sprott Asset Management, . (1.54%), Jarislowsky, Fraser Limit. (1.03%)

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Source: RCS estimates, Company Information, Capital IQ

## **Company Description**

Gran Colombia Gold Corp. engages in the acquisition, exploration, development, and operation of gold and silver properties primarily in Colombia. It holds interests in the Segovia operations comprising the El Silencio, Providencia, Sandra K, and the Carla underground mines located in Colombia; and the Marmato gold project situated in Colombia.

## **Impact: Positive**

Gran Colombia announced its Q3/20 financial results, reporting record financial metrics and a significant dividend increase. This performance was driven by solid operating results from Segovia, along with higher gold prices. The company is also on-track to meet revised 2020 guidance. We expect Gran Colombia's share price to be driven by steady operating results coupled with exploration success at Segovia.

### **Highlights:**

- Strong gold price translates to the income statement and balance sheet (Figure 1). Gran Colombia hit five new record highs including Revenue of US\$113.1M (+47% QoQ, 36% YoY), Adjusted EBITDA of US\$56.7M (+51% QoQ and YoY) and Free Cash Flow (FCF) of US\$53.4M (+1314% QoQ, +172% YoY). We note that with the exception of Revenue and FCF, the Q3 results were a slight miss versus our estimates owing to higher operating costs. We expect costs to improve in Q4/20 with both operations returning to more typical run-rates despite the necessary COVID-19 protocols continuing to impact costs.
- Annual dividend increased by 3x; balance sheet expected to further strengthen. The company increased its annual dividend by changing its payment frequency from C\$0.015/sh every quarter (C\$0.06/sh per annum) to C\$0.015/sh every month (C\$0.18/sh per annum). The increased dividend represents a ~3% dividend yield but only accounts for ~12% of the company's 2021E FCF of US\$68M. If gold prices continue to hold at current levels, Gran Colombia remains in a position to capitalize on growth opportunities, return additional capital to shareholders and/or reduce the debt on its balance sheet by redeeming part or all of its US\$35.5M gold-linked notes.
- Focus should be shifting to exploration results. The company currently has eight drill rigs turning at Segovia, with its 3,500m diamond drilling campaign expected to continue into 2021. We believe that exploration will succeed in expanding the reserve base at Segovia while maintaining current grades. We see reserve growth as a key catalyst for Gran Colombia closing its valuation gap relative to peers.

#### Valuation:

We maintain our BUY rating and price target of C\$16.50/sh (unchanged). Our target is based on 4.0x our one-year forward, NTM EBITDA estimate of C\$329M (was C\$327M). Gran Colombia trades at 1.0x 2021E EV/EBITDA and 0.32x NAV versus peers at 2.9x and 0.52x, respectively. We believe that the combination of continued strong FCF generation and demonstrating that higher-grade areas are likely to continue at Segovia, should help close the valuation gap to peers. Upcoming Catalysts: 1) Exploration results at Segovia (ongoing) and Marmato (ongoing), 2) 2021 guidance (Q1/21) and 3) Q4 Operating and Financial results (Q1/21).



## Q3/20 Financial Results:

Strong set of quarterly results. Given the increase in the gold price of ~US\$200/oz for the quarter, we were expecting a QoQ and YoY increase in financial metrics across the board. While the impact from COVID-19 was largely realized in Q2, our estimates did not account for its lingering effect this quarter. As a result, Total Cash Costs of US\$796/oz (RCS est, US\$691/oz), EBITDA of US\$55.8M (RCS est US\$60.1M) and EPS of US\$0.29/sh (RCS est US\$0.43/sh) missed our expectations. With Segovia expected to produce just under 200,000 oz, the company remains on track to meet its annual production guidance at both, Segovia and Marmato. Assuming gold prices continue to hold at current levels, mining rates are maintained, and costs from COVID-19 normalize in Q4/20, we expect another steady quarter of results from the company to round out its FY/20 results.

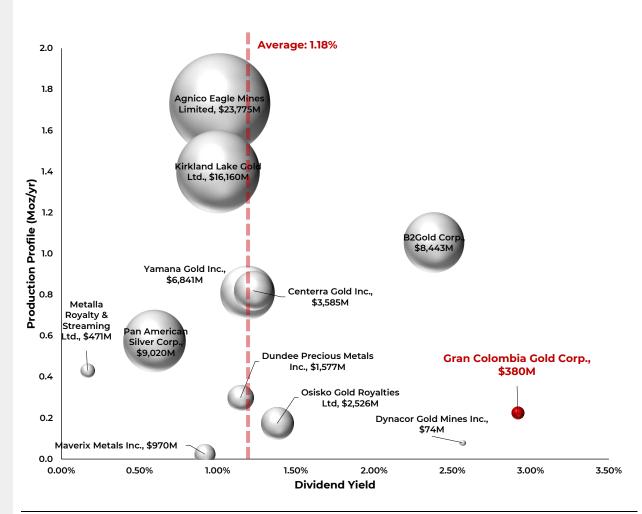
Figure 1: Gran Colombia Quarterly Estimates

	Updated Q3 2020A	Previous Q3 2020E	Change	Q2 2020A	Q1 2020A	Q4 2019A	Q3 2019A	Q2 2019A	Q1 2019A
Segovia Production (koz)	51.6	51.6	0%	44.4	50.3	58.2	50.5	51.6	54.4
Marmato Production (koz - 100% basis)	6.9	6.9	0%	3.9	5.9	7.1	6.2	6.3	6.2
Total Production (koz - 100% basis)	58.5	58.5	0%	48.2	56.2	65.2	56.7	57.9	60.6
Total Cash Cost (US\$/oz)	\$796	\$691	15%	\$713	\$667	\$683	\$684	\$655	\$601
Gold Price (US/oz)	\$1,928	\$1,928	0%	\$1,725	\$1,587	\$1,487	\$1,479	\$1,312	\$1,305
Revenue (US\$M)	\$113.1	\$107.4	5%	\$77.1	\$101.0	\$88.5	\$83.0	\$77.6	\$77.4
EPS (US\$/sh)	\$0.29	\$0.43	-33%	-\$0.30	\$0.42	-\$2.86	\$0.18	\$0.02	\$0.16
EBITDA (US\$M)	\$55.8	\$60.1	-7%	\$32.9	\$53.4	\$38.8	\$37.9	\$32.1	\$34.3
FCF (CFO+CFI) (US\$M)	\$52.4	\$38.9	35%	-\$8.4	\$14.3	\$12.6	\$15.1	\$5.0	\$8.6
CFPS (US\$/sh)	\$0.90	\$0.90	1%	\$0.00	\$0.78	\$0.70	\$0.70	\$0.38	\$0.38
Cash (US\$M)	\$138.2	\$230.8	-40%	\$87.7	\$99.7	\$84.2	\$63.3	\$51.3	\$40.2
CAPEX (US\$M)	\$14.3	\$16.6	-14%	\$10.8	\$14.0	\$12.7	\$14.2	\$8.0	\$7.8

Source: Company Reports, RCS Estimates



Figure 2: Bubble chart showing Production Profile x Dividend Yield of mid-tier peers (bubble size corresponds to market capitalization)



Source: Company Reports, S&P Market Intelligence, S&P Capital IQ, RCS Estimates Note: For royalty companies production profile corresponds to sales volume.



## Financial and Operating Summary: Gran Colombia Gold Corp.

FINANCIAL DATA							STOCK CHART						
Ticker Current Price (C\$/sh) 52 Week Low / High (C\$/sh) Target Price (C\$/sh) Shares Outstanding (M) Market Capitalization (C\$M	)					C\$6.17 / \$8.10 \$16.50 61.6 \$380.0	\$9.0 \$8.0 \$7.0 \$6.0 \$3.0	/\ \	an Ma	m	لمرمه	- 6 - 7 5	,0000
Cash & Cash Equivalents ( Total Debt (C\$M)  Enterprise Value (C\$M)	C\$M)					\$184.3 \$52.0 \$247.7	\$5.0 \$4.0 \$3.0	J.				- 3	,000 (olume
FINANCIAL DATA						·	\$2.0 + \$1.0 +	. 14		ı			,000
Capital Structure Shares Outstanding						Shares Millions 61.6	\$0.0 12-Nov-19 12-Fe	eb-20	12-May-20	12-4	ug-20	12-Nov-2	
Options Warrants						1.8 21.6	TECHNICAL ASSUMPTIONS	2018A	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E
Fully Diluted Shares  Ownership (May 2019)				Shares	s O/S (M)	84.9 % O/S	Gold Price (US\$/oz) Silver Price (US\$/oz) Canadian : US\$ exchange rate	\$ 1,278 \$ 16.53 \$ \$ 0.77				\$ 2,000 \$ \$ 25.00 \$ \$ 0.75 \$	25.00
Management MM Asset Management Inc Van Eck Associates Corpora AGF Management Limited	tion				2.7 7.7 2.8 1.6	4.4% 12.5% 4.6% 2.7%	RESOURCE ESTIMATE Segovia Marmato Global Resource	7.0 93. 100	)7 20	AuEq 10.9 2.8 3.4	94 4	AuEq (l 2,48- 8,583 11,06	4 2
lacono, Serafino  Financial Summary (US\$)					1.6	2.7%	RESERVE ESTIMATE Segovia Marmato	<b>Tonne</b>	<b>s (Mt)</b> 94	AuEq 11.0	(g/t)	AuEq (I	koz)
Year-end December 31st Shares O/S (M) EBITDA (US\$M)	2018A 48.3 \$102	2019E 53.6 \$143	2020E 61.6 \$195	2021E 61.6 \$241	2022E 61.6 \$230	2023E 61.6 \$234	Global Reserves Segovia (RCKS Mine Model) Marmato (RCKS Mine Model)	1.9 5.7 63.	78	11.0 <b>10.</b> 0 <b>2.8</b>	69	688 1,98 5,82	8
FCF (CFO+CFI) (US\$M) EPS (US\$/sh) CFPS (US\$/sh)	\$41 -\$0.11 \$2.02	\$52 \$0.69 \$2.16	\$127 \$0.76 \$2.46	\$68 \$1.76 \$2.60	-\$26 \$1.69 \$2.13	\$33 \$1.58 \$2.32	YALUATION Year 2019 EV/EBITDA	EBITDA \$19	90	Multiple 4.0x	Valı	uation (C\$/s	h)
EV/EBITDA P/CFPS Income Statement (US\$M)	1.9x 2.4x	1.3x 2.2x	0.9x 1.9x	0.8x 1.8x	0.8x 2.2x	0.8x 2.0x	2020 EV/EBITDA  1yr FWD NTM EV/EBITDA  2021 EV/EBITDA	\$26 <b>\$32</b> \$32	<b>29</b> 21	4.0x 4.0x 4.0x		\$13.47 <b>\$16.46</b> \$16.10	
Revenue Operating Expenses Depreciation	281.7 151.7 54.6	326.4 157.2 32.3	396.3 174.9 26.4	477.5 213.7 32.0	488.0 237.9 35.4	504.2 250.0 45.5	2022 EV/EBITDA NET ASSET VALUE	\$30	)7	4.0x Disc	ount Rate	\$14.02 (C\$M)	(C\$/Sh)
General & Admin Net Income Balance Sheet (US\$M)	15.5 (2.9)	22.9 34.8	24.6 45.4	23.2 108.5	19.9 104.0	20.6 97.0	Segovia (100%), Colombia Marmato (53.6%), Colombia Taxes				5% 5% 5%	\$ 1,796 \$ \$ 821 \$ \$ (743) \$	9.21
Cash & Equivalents Debt  Cash Flow (US\$M)	35.6 86.7	84.2 64.8	281.8 97.0	314.6 81.8	251.4 64.0	259.8 52.1	Other Assets Corporate Adjustments Total NAV				in-situ 5%	\$ 91 \$ \$ (267) \$ \$ 1,698 \$	1.02 (2.99)
Operating CF Financing CF	79.7 (7.5)	103.3	154.1 79.5	159.9 (35.2)	131.4 (37.0)	143.0 (24.5)	COMPARABLES  Company	Ticker	Price	EV/EB		,	
Investing CF Change in Cash	(38.8) 32.4	(51.6) 48.6	(26.9) 197.6	(91.9) 32.8	(157.6) (63.2)	(110.1) 8.4	Pretium Resources Inc. TMAC Resources Inc.	TSX:PVG TSX:TMR	C\$ \$15.87 \$1.15	8.5x 2.5x	6.0x 1.3x	P/NA 0.97 0.25	x x
PRODUCTION PROFILE  450 3 400						000,1 \$\hat{\varepsilon}\$	Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd. Guyana Goldfields Inc. Torex Gold Resources Inc.	TSX:WDO TSX:GUY TSX:TXG	\$11.10 \$0.00 \$19.53	12.1x 0.0x 2.8x	6.4x 0.0x 1.9x	0.89 0.00 0.60	x x

Argonaut Gold Inc.

Gran Colombia Gold Corp.

**EBITDA (2020E) SENSITIVITIES** 

Average



\$350 \$300 - 25% \$250 -

\$2.45

\$6.17

3.1x

4.8x

1.5x

2.9x

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0.39x

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