

Paint your wagon and come along!

Some old gold mining camps grow respectable while evolving into world cities and, instead of a slow death, some of the mines keep re-inventing themselves while new thinking and different economics even result in brand new mines springing up.

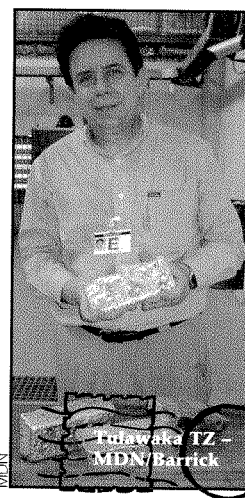
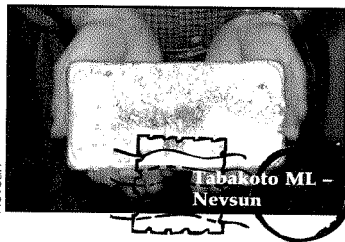
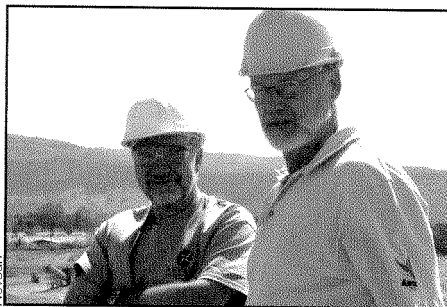
In other parts of Africa new mining camps are growing out of the veld. Notables in such developments included Tanzania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Mauritania, Ghana and others.

The new giants are Tanzania and Mali.

The town of Geita is one of the fastest growing centres in east Africa, and in view of Geita Gold Mine's direct contribution towards the minerals industry and economy, its processing plant appears on the Tanzanian 5 000 shilling note.

Morila Mine has to date produced more than

John Clarke, president and CEO and Bill Nielsen, VP Exploration, looking rather pleased with Tabakoto. Clarke commented that Nevsun is poised to become a significant regional producer and explorer in the Kenieba district of Western Mali.



3-million oz of gold and paid out some US\$430-million to its shareholders. Loulo Mine started commercial production in

November 2005 and delivered 68 000 oz of gold for the last quarter of 2005.

The Tabakoto Gold Mine achieved commercial production in April 2006. The first trial gravity gold commissioning bar was poured before March month end and weighed 3,8 kg.

In the first full year of production, Tulawaka Gold Mine produced 147 093 oz of gold. In the process, the mine has registered more than 4-million man-hours worked without a single lost-time accident. Congratulations are in order all over Africa!

Where will the City of Gold of the new millennium grow out of the tall grass – Geita? Kenieba? Or are we still looking for the big camp?

