

SURINAME GOLD PROJECTS: DUE DILIGENCE ADVANCING TO FAST-TRACK EXPLORATION PROGRAMS

Due diligence fast-tracked across both the Gonini and Greenstars Gold Projects to allow immediate execution of the exploration strategy upon satisfaction of the conditions precedent, with management commencing site visits and in-country meetings with key officials.

- **Management in Suriname.** Management is in Suriname visiting the Gonini and Greenstars Gold Projects, progressing legal, title and technical due diligence with the vendors, in-country counsel and advisers, meeting local communities and key officials, and planning the first field programs.
- **~199 km² of granted gold mining rights.** Gonini lies in the historic Sara Creek district, where gold has been mined for 150 years, approximately 66 km from Newmont's Merian mine. Greenstars lies approximately 35 km west of Zijin's Rosebel mine, which has reportedly produced more than 5.65 Moz of gold since 2004^{1,2,6}.
- **Field crew mobilising.** The Company is finalising its exploration programs and assembling a field crew to undertake verification sampling at Greenstars and first-pass sampling at Gonini^{1,2}.
- **Due diligence advancing.** Legal, title and technical due diligence is advancing at Gonini (~164 km²) and Greenstars (~35 km²), alongside the preparation of binding agreements with both vendors, to allow exploration programs to start as soon as the conditions precedent are satisfied^{1,2}.
- **Structural targeting under way.** Guiana Shield structural specialists have been engaged to provide structural interpretation that will focus field programs. Suriname's orogenic gold is concentrated along shear zones, fold hinges and greenstone contacts. Mapping these controls is fundamental to effective exploration in deeply weathered terrain, where outcrop is scarce^{3,9}.
- **Actively growing the land position.** CRR continues to actively assess further opportunities across Suriname to expand the ~199 km² of granted gold mining rights, subject to completion of the acquisitions^{1,2}.
- **A proven gold jurisdiction.** Suriname hosts Zijin's Rosebel and Newmont's Merian mines, with more than two decades of continuous large-scale gold production. Gold accounted for ~79% of Suriname's exports (~US\$2.0 billion) in 2024^{6,8}.
- **Global gold capital is moving into Suriname.** Gold Fields completed a C\$77 million investment in Founders Metals in September 2026 to hold ~19.9%, and La Mancha holds 19.9% of both Miata Metals and Greenheart Gold – all Canadian-listed explorers in the same Suriname greenstone belt^{4,5,7}.
- **Rare ASX exposure to a highly under-explored greenstone belt.** The Guiana Shield shares its gold-bearing geology with West Africa's Birimian greenstone belts, but has seen materially less systematic modern exploration^{4,9}.

Critical Resources Limited (ASX: CRR) (**Critical Resources** or the **Company**) is pleased to provide an update on its Suriname gold projects interests, following the announcement of the Gonini Gold Project (**Gonini**) on 23 September 2026 and the Greenstars Gold Project (**Greenstars**) on 28 September 2026^{1,2}.

The Company's objective in Suriname is to build a portfolio of granted gold projects in one of South America's most active gold exploration jurisdictions, and to move quickly from securing title to systematic exploration on the ground. Both projects are at an early stage. The coming weeks will be an important period, with management on site and establishing an in-country presence to begin first-pass sampling.

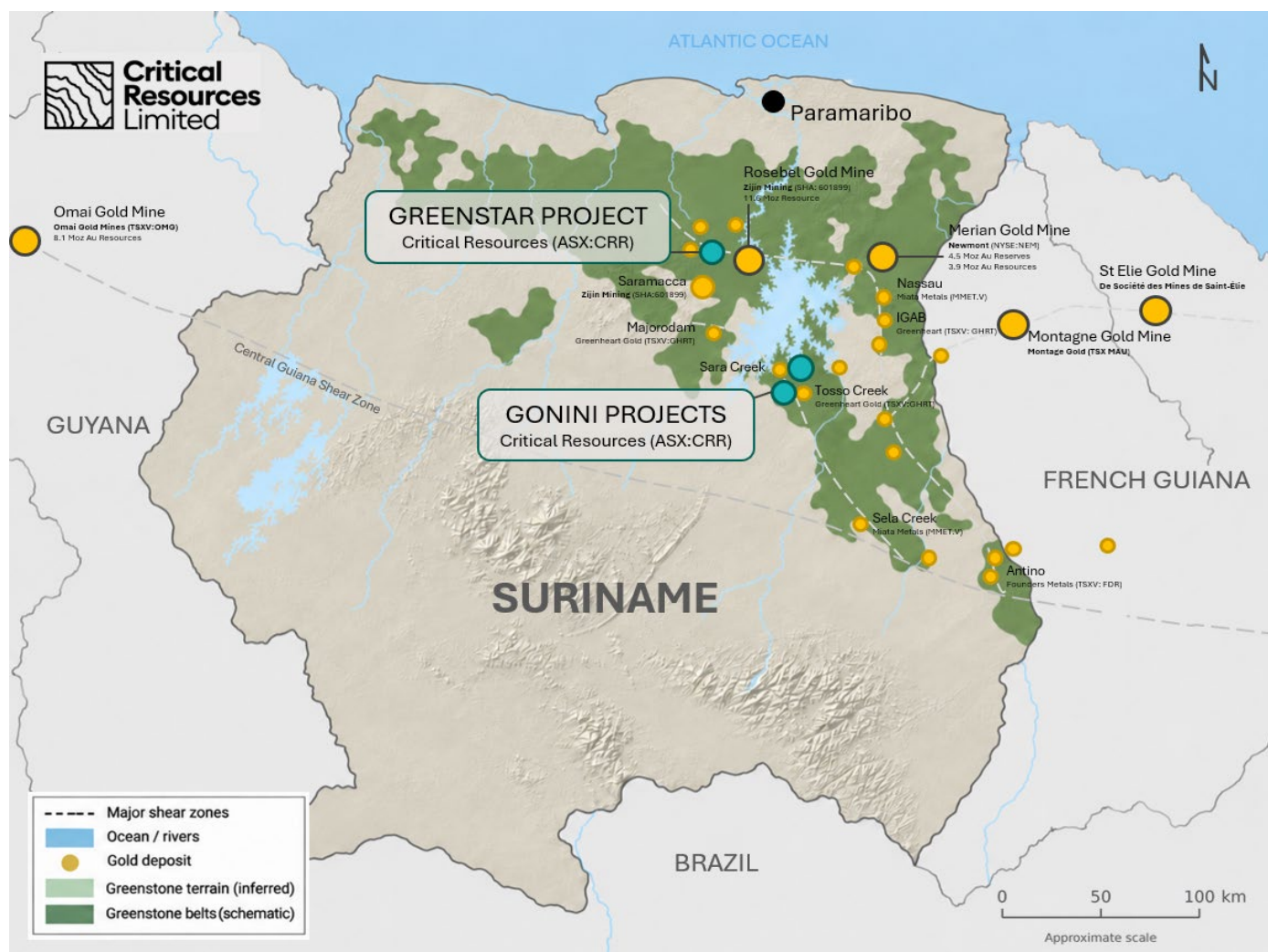


Figure 1 – Location of the Gonini and Greenstars Gold Projects and other gold occurrences within Suriname and the greenstone belt.

Critical Resources Managing Director, Tim Wither, commented: 'Suriname is a relatively unknown but proven gold jurisdiction, and is attracting serious capital from some of the world's leading gold investors. In a matter of weeks, we have secured exclusivity over two granted gold projects, and we are now on the ground. Our meetings with our vendors, partners and service providers give us great confidence that we can build a strong in-country team to rapidly advance systematic exploration across Gonini and Greenstars, and across other projects we may be able to bring into our Suriname portfolio.'

'Our partners have been very supportive, giving us introductions to key personnel, legal counsel, business administrators and bankers, and access to logistics and exploration teams. Our vendors are valuable partners who are equally invested in the success of our projects and in building an experienced in-country team of technical and exploration personnel.'

'This visit lets us meet our vendors and local communities first-hand, and set up the field programs, with a crew being organised to mobilise in the coming weeks, subject to finalisation. We continue to fast-track the due diligence on Gonini and Greenstars so that we can get boots on the ground as soon as practicable, and being here in Suriname with our vendors, counsel and advisers is the most direct way to

do that. It is early days, but we are very excited to be starting exploration in Suriname. We are also actively looking at further opportunities to grow our position in the country – the Gonini and Greenstars projects provide a solid foundation on which to build.'

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A proven producing jurisdiction. Rosebel (Zijin, in production since 2004) and Merian (Newmont, in production since 2016) have underpinned more than two decades of large-scale gold mining in Suriname. Rosebel reportedly produced 5.65 Moz of gold between 2004 and 2021 and 306,535 oz in 2025, and was acquired by Zijin for US\$360 million in 2023.

Global gold capital is moving into Suriname. Gold Fields completed a C\$77 million investment in Founders Metals in September 2026, lifting its stake to approximately 19.9%. La Mancha holds 19.9% of Miata Metals, following a C\$25.2 million financing in August 2026, and 19.9% of Greenheart Gold^{4,5,7}. These transactions show growing investor interest in Suriname's gold exploration sector, without implying a comparable outcome for CRR.

The South American counterpart to West Africa's Birimian. The Guiana Shield and the West African Birimian Shield are interpreted to have been joined before the Atlantic opened and share comparable gold-bearing geology. The Birimian hosts an estimated 500+ Moz of discovered gold and the Guiana Shield around 100 Moz, reflecting materially less systematic modern exploration^{4,9}.

An ASX first mover. Based on the Company's review, no other ASX-listed Australian company holds rights to granted gold tenure in Suriname, giving Australian investors rare listed exposure to the region².

Suriname gold sector overview: major producers and listed explorers

Company	Listing	Suriname projects	Status (October 2026)
Newmont	NYSE: NEM	Merian (75% Newmont / 25% Staatsolie)	Producing since 2016 ⁸
Zijin Mining	SSE: 601899	Rosebel	Producing since 2004; 306,535 oz in 2025 ⁶
Founders Metals	TSXV: FDR	Antino	Exploration and drilling; Gold Fields ~19.9% ⁴
Miata Metals	TSXV: MMET	Sela Creek, Nassau	Exploration and drilling; La Mancha 19.9% ⁵
Greenheart Gold	TSXV: GHRT	Majorodam, Igab, Tosso Creek	Exploration; drilling at Tosso Creek; La Mancha 19.9% ⁷
Critical Resources	ASX: CRR	Gonini, Greenstars	Due diligence; ~199 km ² of granted exploitation rights, subject to completion ^{1,2}

Table 1 – Selected producers and explorers active in the Suriname greenstone belt (refer Sources). Third-party information has not been independently verified by Critical Resources and is provided for regional and jurisdictional context only. Results from other projects are not indicative of mineralisation at Gonini or Greenstars.

TWO COMPLEMENTARY GRANTED GOLD PROJECTS

Gonini Gold Project (~164 km²). Two granted exploitation rights in the historic Sara Creek district, where gold was discovered in 1876, within the Marowijne greenstone belt, approximately 66 km from Newmont's Merian mine. Generations of small-scale miners have worked the district, but there is no record of modern systematic exploration on the Gonini rights^{1,9}.

Greenstars Gold Project (~35 km²). A single granted exploitation right in the Para District, road-accessible from Paramaribo and approximately 35 km west of Zijin's Rosebel gold mine, with active small-scale alluvial workings in the project area². Both acquisitions are staged, with most of the consideration deferred and conditional on completion. The key commercial terms are summarised in the Company's announcements of 23 and 28 September 2026^{1,2}.

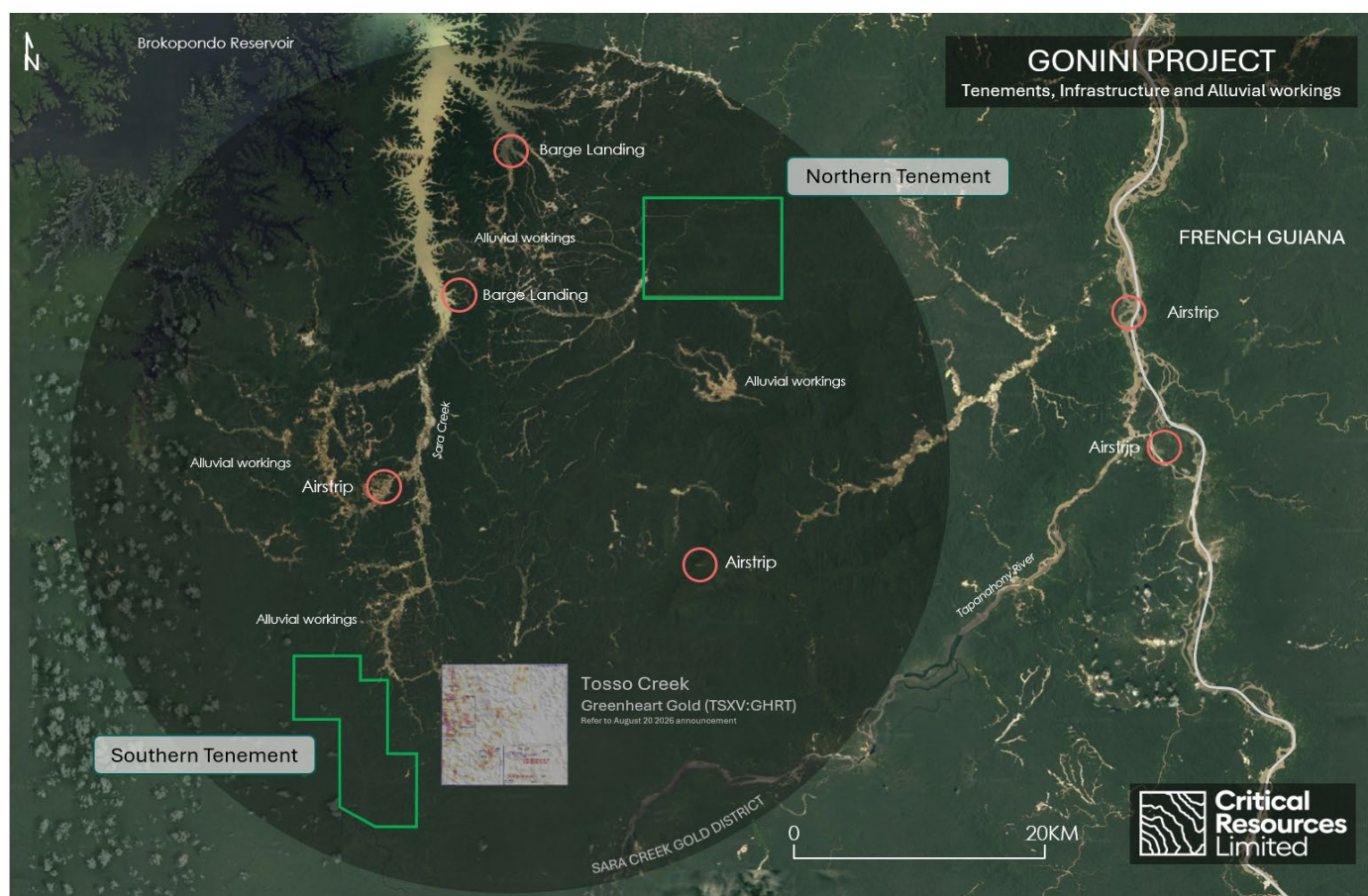


Figure 2 – Gonini Project northern and southern tenure, Greenheart Gold (TSXV: GHRT) Tosso Creek project (refer to GHRT announcement dated 20 August 2026) and nearby transport access.



Figure 3 – Location of the Greenstars Gold Project relative to Zijin's Rosebel and Saramacca operations², road access and alluvial workings.

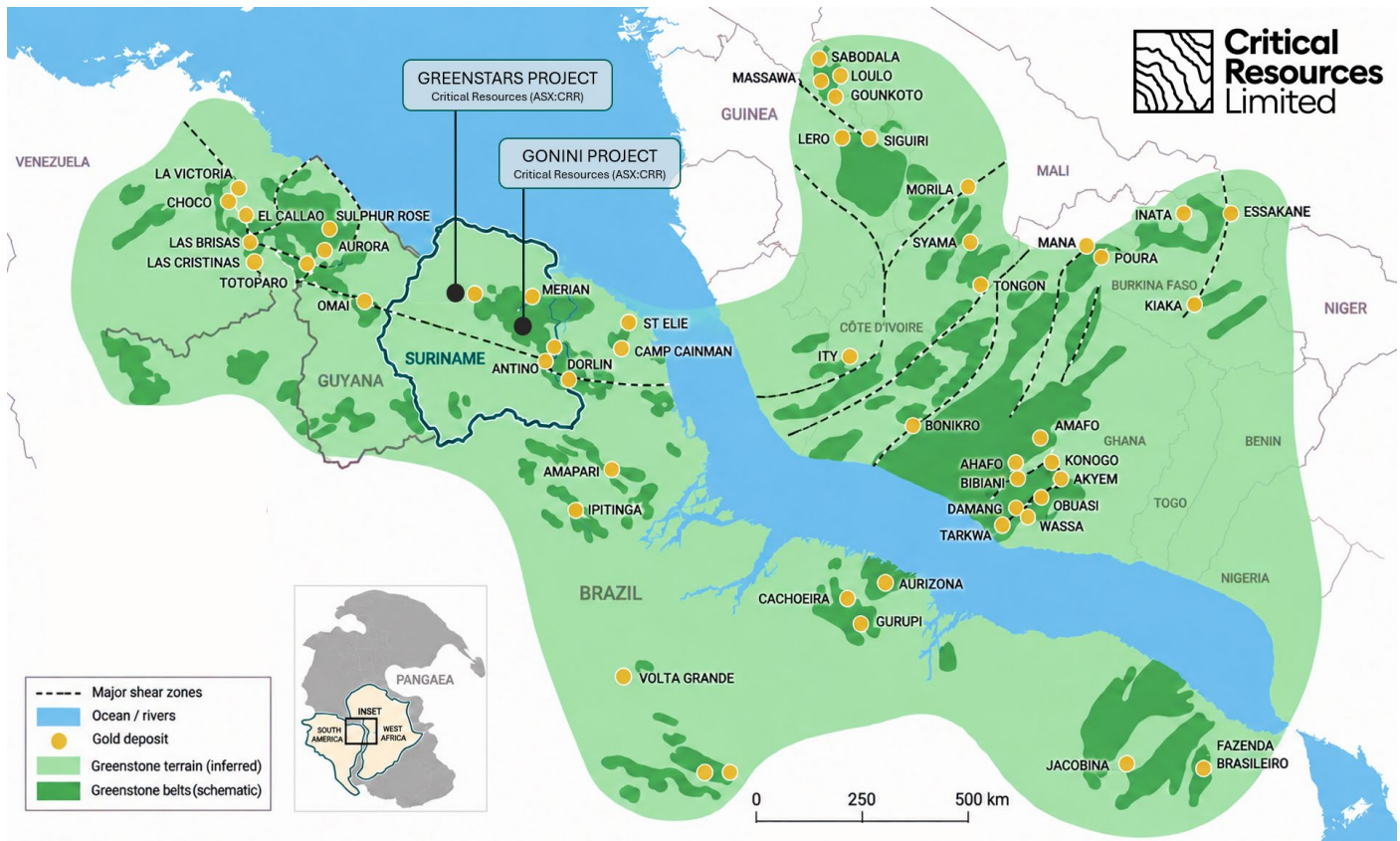


Figure 4 – Location of the Company's Suriname projects on a geological map of the West African Birimian greenstone belts and the correlative greenstone belts of the Guiana Shield, showing the locations of major deposits and projects¹.

DUE DILIGENCE FAST-TRACKED

Critical Resources management is currently in Suriname, commencing site visits, in-country meetings with key officials and preparations for the first field programs. The planned activities include:

- **Gonini site inspection.** Inspection of both exploitation rights in the historic Sara Creek district, including the existing artisanal workings, access and camp infrastructure.
- **Greenstars site inspection.** Inspection of the right and its road access from Paramaribo, the small-scale alluvial workings and the two areas identified by the Vendor as prospective, ahead of verification sampling during due diligence.
- **Field crew and logistics.** Planning field logistics, site access and camp arrangements for the field crew being organised to mobilise in the coming weeks.
- **Stakeholders and set-up.** Meeting with the vendors, local communities, relevant government agencies and the Company's in-country advisers, and progressing the establishment of the Company's Suriname operating entity.

Once mobilised, the field crew will commence verification sampling at Greenstars and first-pass sampling at Gonini. Subject to completion, the Company then intends to run first-pass soil and auger geochemistry across interpreted prospective geological contacts at both projects^{1,2}.

The Company's strategy is to build a portfolio of gold projects in the Suriname greenstone belt that can be explored efficiently and acquired on staged terms. Gonini and Greenstars provide the foundation for that

portfolio. The Company continues to actively review further opportunities across Suriname to expand its interests, and will pursue only those that meet its criteria for title, access and cost of entry. The Company will keep the market informed in accordance with its continuous disclosure obligations.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT – EARLY-STAGE STATUS & PROXIMITY STATEMENT

This announcement contains references to deposits, exploration and transactions by other parties on properties near the Gonini and Greenstars Gold Projects. Such references do not in any way guarantee that the Company will have any success in delineating a JORC-compliant Mineral Resource at either project, if at all. Both projects are early-stage exploration projects. No Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves have been estimated for either project, and no Exploration Results are reported. Completion of each acquisition is subject to conditions precedent that may not be satisfied.

This announcement has been approved for release by the Board of Directors of Critical Resources.

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THIRD-PARTY INFORMATION AND PROXIMITY STATEMENT

References in this announcement to the Rosebel and Merian mines; to the Antino, Sela Creek, Nassau and Tosso Creek projects; and to the corporate transactions and financings of Founders Metals, Miata Metals and Greenheart Gold are drawn from public disclosures by the relevant companies as listed under Sources. The Company has not verified this information, does not rely on it for any statement about the Gonini or Greenstars Gold Projects, and includes it for regional and jurisdictional context only. Mineralisation on nearby properties is not necessarily indicative of mineralisation on the Company's projects. The production and reserve figures attributed to third parties were prepared by those parties under the reporting regimes applicable to them and have not been prepared or reported by Critical Resources in accordance with the JORC Code.

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