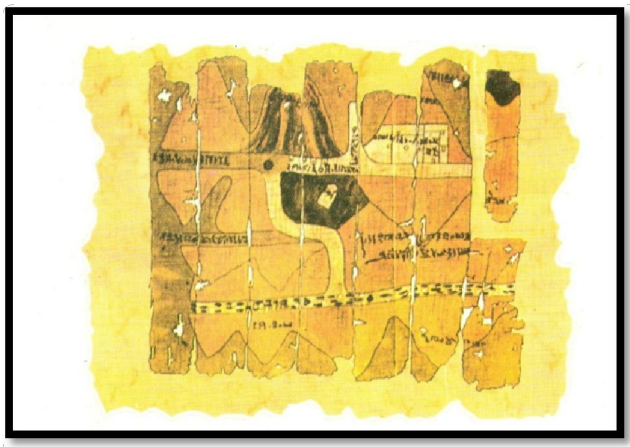
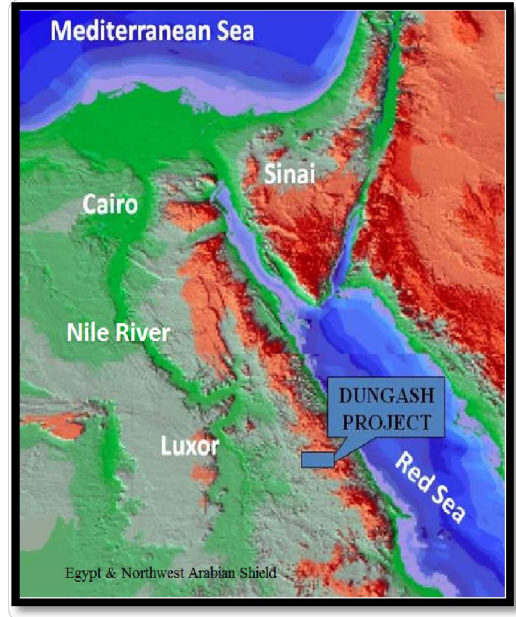


GOLD AND THE EASTERN DESERT OF EGYPT

The Eastern Desert of Egypt is a region of sparsely populated “stony” desert lying between the Nile River and the Red Sea. Precambrian rocks, containing widespread gold mineralization, underlie most of the Eastern Desert and form a north-trending belt 1200 km long and 200-400 km wide bordered by the Red Sea on the east and overlapped by Cretaceous Nubian sandstones to the west. The Eastern Desert Precambrian comprises the northwestern extremity of the large Arabian Shield which occupies much of Saudi Arabia to the east and Sudan to the south.

The Eastern Desert has a long history of gold exploitation beginning as early as 3000 B.C. and continuing intermittently through the Pharaonic Kingdoms, Roman and Islamic Eras. Interest in Eastern Desert gold was revived in relatively recent history with creation of the Egyptian Geological Survey and entry of British commercial interests to re-develop some of the historic mines in the late 19th and early 20th centuries but declined to a largely dormant state following the 1952 Revolution when the industry was nationalized. Gold production during this remarkable 5000 year period has been estimated at 55 million ounces ranking the Eastern Desert as an important goldfield by any standard.



Map of King Seti I Gold Mine
1350-1205 B.C



Roman Era Grinding Stone

The modern era of gold exploration and development formally began in 1986 through a Presidential decree providing the Egyptian Geological Survey authority to form mining ventures with private interests. This action attracted renewed investment to the mining sector and increasing exploration from the mid 1990's to the present time which led to development of Matz Holdings' Hammash mine in early 2009 and Centamin Egypt's world class Sukari mine, with a reported resource of 12.9 million ounces gold, in early 2010.



There are currently six groups actively exploring 16 mineral concessions in the Eastern Desert goldfields. Mica Star for Mining is a major participant in the emerging Egyptian gold industry and is currently exploring its Dungash concession and preparing to implement programs at its newly acquired El Shazly and Um El Rus projects.