

Ausgold secures freehold properties at Katanning Gold Project

Acquisition covers key mining and infrastructure areas, significantly de-risking the project

Ausgold Limited (ASX: AUC) (**Ausgold**, or the **Company**) is pleased to advise that it has entered into binding agreements to acquire two farming properties at its 100%-owned 3.04 million ounce Katanning Gold Project (**KGP**), located 275km south-east of Perth in Western Australia.

The two properties cover a combined area of 1,026 hectares. One property, located within *Mining Lease* 70/488, covers an area of 94 hectares and encompasses the southern extent of the Central Zone Resource (the Jinkas, Jinkas South and Jackson deposits) – an area which will be a primary source of ore in the first 18 months of production at the KGP. The vendor of this property is Mr John Smith.

The second property, located within *Exploration Licences* 70/2928 and 70/3952, covers an area of 932 hectares and it is proposed that key mine infrastructure will be located on a part of this property. The vendor of this property is Wallacup Holdings Pty Ltd. Ausgold will shortly proceed to lodge applications to convert the exploration tenure over the property to Mining Leases.

The agreements are each on usual terms, with settlement of the acquisitions not subject to any material conditions precedent and the total consideration being \$10.76 million, with \$3.12 million paid on signing of the agreements and the balance to be paid in early April 2024. Ausgold is currently considering traditional and non-dilutive funding alternatives to fund the deferred consideration and land acquisitions as part of the overarching project finance for the development of the KGP.

The vendors are not related parties of the Company.

Ausgold Managing Director, Dr Matt Greentree, said:

"This is an important milestone for the Katanning Gold Project which reflects our intent to advance this large-scale asset towards development. We are pleased to have reached agreement with two key landowners to secure these properties, which cover significant parts of the early mine plan as well as proposed mine infrastructure. This is a significant de-risking step for the development of a proposed long-term mining operation at the KGP."

This announcement has been approved by the board of directors.

On behalf of the Board,

Matthew Greentree Managing Director Ausgold Limited

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About Ausgold Limited

Ausgold Limited (ASX: AUC) is a gold exploration and development company based in Western Australia.

The Company's flagship project is the Katanning Gold Project, located 275km south-east of Perth and approximately 40km north-east of the wheatbelt town of Katanning. Ausgold holds a dominant ground position in this relatively underexplored greenstone belt, an area prospective for Archean gold deposits. The current Resource at Katanning is 3.04 Moz gold (Table 1).

Ausgold's portfolio also includes the Doolgunna Station Cu-Au project and the Yamarna Ni-Cu-Co project in Western Australia and the Cracow Au Project in Queensland.

Table 1 - Current Mineral Resource (details in ASX release 4th September 2023)

	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	MOz Gold
Measured	38.1	1.10	1.35
Indicated	31.8	1.04	1.07
Inferred	18.9	1.02	0.62
Total	88.9	1.06	3.04

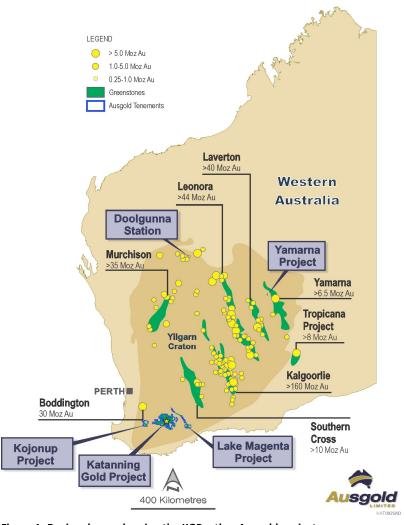


Figure 1- Regional map showing the KGP, other Ausgold projects and mineralised greenstone belts



Competent Person's Statements

The information in this statement that relates to the Mineral Resource Estimates is based on work carried out by Dr Michael Cunningham of Sonny Consulting Services Pty Ltd, Mr Daniel Guibal of Condor Geostats Services and Dr Matthew Greentree of Ausgold Limited in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Dr Greentree is Managing Director and is a Shareholder in Ausgold Limited. Dr Greentree takes responsibility for the integrity of the Exploration Results, including sampling, assaying, QA/QC, the preparation of the geological interpretations and Exploration Targets. Dr Michael Cunningham is an option holder in Ausgold and takes responsibility for the Mineral Resource Estimate for the Jackson, Olympia, Dingo and Datatine deposits and Mr Daniel Guibal takes responsibility for the Jinkas and White Dam Resources.

Dr Cunningham and Dr Greentree are Members of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Mr Daniel Guibal is a Fellow (CP) of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. They have sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity they are undertaking, to qualify as Competent Persons in terms of The Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code, 2012 edition).

The Competent Persons consent to the inclusion of such information in this report in the form and context in which it appears.

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