ASX ANNOUNCEMENT
23 December 2024

Paulsens First Gold!

Black Cat Syndicate Limited ("**Black Cat**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to announce that first gold has been poured at the restarted Paulsens Gold Operation ("**Paulsens"**).

HIGHLIGHTS

The first gold has successfully been poured from the refurbished processing facility at Paulsens:

- Completion of the refurbishment occurred safely, on schedule and within budget.
- Commissioning of the ball mill with lower-grade material commenced on 16 December 2024.
- Carbon stripping is expected to commence in January 2025, once the gold circuit is at the required levels.
- The first gravity gold was poured on 22 December 2024.

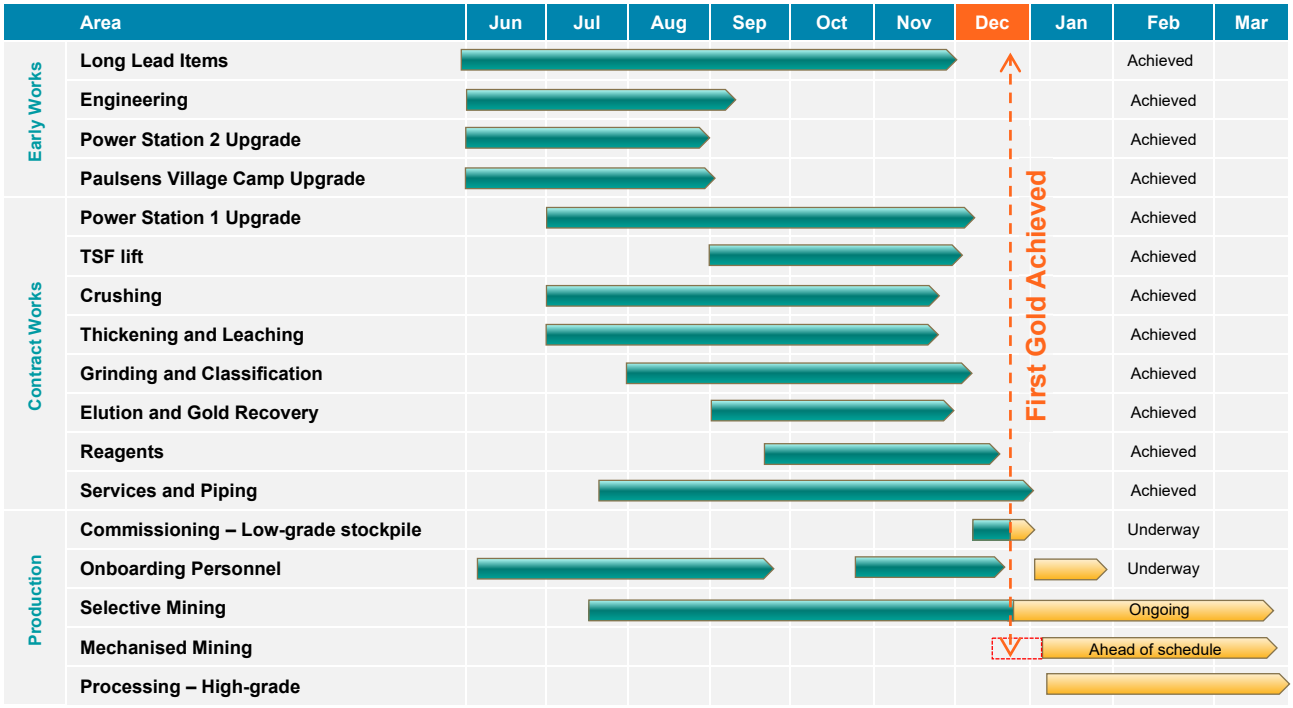
Figure 1: *First gravity gold pour at Paulsens, 22 December 2024 (from left to right, Gold Room Operator - Ashley Hicks, General Manager - Mark Davies, Processing Manager - Scott Bailey and Managing Director - Gareth Solly.*

Black Cat's Managing Director, Gareth Solly, said: *"This is a significant milestone for Black Cat as we grow our gold production. Our Paulsens team combined with Maca Interquip should be immensely proud that they have successfully achieved our targets and poured first gold safely, on time and within budget. This is the perfect time to become a gold producer and we are looking forward to targeting ~100koz from our operations by the end of 2025."*

TIMELINE TO GOLD

Refurbishment is now complete, commissioning with low-grade stockpiles has commenced and first gold pour has been successfully achieved. Ramp up and circuit optimisation activities are ongoing throughout the processing plant.

Mobile mining equipment will continue to arrive on site throughout December to allow for the ramp up of mechanised mining from January 2025.



The Paulsens Team, combined with Maca Interquip have successfully refurbished the process plant, and returned the mine to functional operation. All of this has been completed on time and within budget.

Figure 2: *BC8 staff and final members of Maca Interquip prior to demobilising from site.*

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

As at the date of this announcement, the proposed activities and timing for the Company over the coming months includes:

Jan - Dec 2025	Progress reports on accelerated and expanded Kal East processing facility
Jan - Mar 2025	Kal East near-mine baseload drilling
Jan - Mar 2025	Paulsens near-mine drilling
Mar - Oct 2025	Paulsens regional drilling

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This announcement has been approved for release by the Board of Black Cat Syndicate Limited.

COMPETENT PERSON'S STATEMENT

Where the Company refers to the exploration results, Mineral Resources, and Reserves in this report (referencing previous releases made to the ASX), it confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in that announcement and all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Mineral Resource and Reserve estimates with that announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed.

The Company confirms that all material assumptions underpinning the production targets, or the forecast information derived from the production targets, included in the original ASX announcements dated, 8 May 2024, 9 May 2024 and 15 May 2024 continue to apply and have not materially change

ABOUT BLACK CAT SYNDICATE (ASX: BC8)

Black Cat is fully funded and the key pillars are in place for Black Cat to become a multi operation gold producer at its three 100% owned operations. The three operations are:

Paulsens Gold Operation: Paulsens is located 180km west of Paraburdoo in WA. Paulsens consists of an underground mine, 450ktpa processing facility, 128 person camp, numerous potential open pits and other related infrastructure. The operation has commenced the mill refurbishment stage, with a plan to be in production by the end of 2024. Paulsens has a Resource of 4.3Mt @ 4.0g/t Au for 548koz and significant exploration and growth potential.

Coyote Gold Operation: Coyote is located in Northern Australia, ~20km on the WA side of the WA/NT border, on the Tanami Highway. There is a well-maintained airstrip on site that is widely used by government and private enterprises. Coyote consists of an open pit and an underground mine, 300ktpa processing facility, +180 person camp and other related infrastructure. The operation is currently on care and maintenance and has a Resource of 3.7Mt @ 5.5g/t Au for 645koz with numerous high-grade targets in the surrounding area.

Kal East Gold Project: comprises ~650km^2 of highly prospective ground to the east of the world class mining centre of Kalgoorlie, WA. Kal East contains a Resource of 18.8Mt @ 2.1g/t Au for 1,294koz, including a preliminary JORC 2012 Reserve of 3.7Mt @ 2.0 g/t Au for 243koz. A turn-key funding, development & processing arrangement to mine and mill the Myhree and Boundary open pit deposits is underway[1]. Separately, Black Cat plans to construct a central processing facility near the Majestic deposit, ~50km east of Kalgoorlie. The processing facility, with throughput up to 1.5Mtpa, will be a traditional carbon-in-leach gold processing facility which is ideally suited to Black Cat's Resources as well as to third party free milling ores located around Kalgoorlie.

Coyote Gold Operation
- Landholding ~1,050sqkm
- Gold Resources: 3.7Mt @ 5.5g/t for 645koz
- Mill: 300ktpa - only mill in Western Tanami region (expandable); operational +180 person camp
- Historical Production: >35kozpa (211koz @ 4.9 g/t)
- C&M, multiple open pits & underground potential

Paulsens Gold Operation
- Landholding ~3,190sqkm
- Gold Resources: 4.3Mt @ 4.0g/t for 548koz
- Critical/Base Metals: 14kt Sb, 19kt Pb, 1.6kt Cu, 1.5Moz Ag
- Mill: 450ktpa - regionally strategic location; +128 person camp
- Historical Production: ~75kozpa (1,003koz @ 6.9 g/t mined)
- Mill refurbishment, multiple open pits & underground potential

Kal East Gold Project
- Landholding ~650sqkm
- Gold Resources: 18.8Mt @ 2.1g/t for 1,294koz
- Proposed Mill: ~800ktpa - designed, permitted, components acquired; spare 700ktpa mill to expand to 1.5Mtpa
- Historical Production: ~600koz
- Pre-development, open pit & underground potential
- Turn-key Funding, Development & Processing arrangement signed with mining at Myhree and Boundary to commence June/July 2024

Strategic Landholding ~4,890 km^2

Gold Resources 2.5Moz @ 2.9 g/t Au

Milling Capacity 1.55Mtpa (expandable to 2Mtpa)

Potential Pathway to +150kozpa

Operation	Paulsens	Kal East	Coyote	Strategy
Land Size	~3,190 km^2	~650 km^2	~1050 km^2	>4,890 km^2 - prime discovery potential
Resources	0.55Moz @ 4.0g/t Au	1.3Moz @ 2.1g/t Au	0.65Moz @ 5.5g/t Au	2.5Moz @ 2.9g/t Au (growing)
Initial Production Targets	177koz @ 4.1g/t Au	381koz @ 2.1g/t Au	200koz @ 3.7g/t Au	Conservative targets with upside
Production milestone - LTI[2]	60-70kozpa	50-60kozpa	40-50kozpa	Grow to 150-180kozpa
Activity/Infrastructure	Refurbish	Install owned mill	Relocate mill & refurbish	Dominate 3 prolific gold districts
Maximum Cash Drawdown	$34M	$92M	$56M	Low capital / reduced risk
Operating Cashflow $3,500/oz (after all capital)	$201M	$401M	$295M	Strong cashflow >$897M
AISC	$1,882/oz	$1,724/oz	$1,613/oz	Low cost / high margin

[1] BC8 ASX announcement 20/05/24
[2] BC8 ASX announcement 02/08/22

APPENDIX A - JORC 2012 GOLD RESOURCE TABLE - BLACK CAT (100% OWNED)

Mining Centre		Measured Resource			Indicated Resource			Inferred Resource			Total Resource		
		Tonnes ('000)	Grade (g/t Au)	Metal ('000 oz)	Tonnes ('000)	Grade (g/t Au)	Metal ('000 oz)	Tonnes ('000)	Grade (g/t Au)	Metal ('000 oz)	Tonnes ('000)	Grade (g/t Au)	Metal ('000 oz)
Kal East													
Bulong	Myhree/Boundary OP	-	-	-	903	2.7	78	300	1.8	17	1,203	2.5	95
	Myhree/Boundary UG	-	-	-	230	4.6	34	585	3.8	71	815	4.0	105
	Other Open Pits	-	-	-	97.5	2.5	7.8	1,079.40	1.8	61.8	1,176.80	1.8	69.6
	Other Underground	-	-	-	-		-	351.6	3.2	35.7	351.6	3.2	35.7
	Sub Total	-	-	-	1,230	3.0	120	2,316	2.5	185	3,546	2.7	305
Mt Monger	Open Pit	13	3.2	1	7,198	1.8	407	6,044	1.5	291	13,253	1.6	699
	Underground	-	-	-	1,178	4.5	169	710	4.6	104	1,888	4.5	274
	Sub Total	-	-	-	8,375	2.1	576	6,754	1.8	395	15,142	2.0	972
Rowes Find	Open Pit	-	-	-	-	-	-	148	3.6	17	148	3.6	17
Kal East Resource		**13**	**3.2**	**1**	**9,605**	**2.3**	**696**	**9,219**	**2.0**	**597**	**18,836**	**2.1**	**1,294**
Coyote Gold Operation													
Coyote Central	Open Pit	-	-	-	608	2.8	55	203	3.0	19	811	2.9	75
	Underground	-	-	-	240	23.4	181	516	10.5	175	757	14.6	356
	Sub Total	-	-	-	849	8.7	236	719	8.4	194	1,568	8.5	430
Bald Hill	Open Pit	-	-	-	560	2.8	51	613	3.2	63	1,174	3.0	114
	Underground	-	-	-	34	2.7	3	513	5.0	82	547	4.8	84
	Sub Total	-	-	-	594	2.8	54	1,126	4.0	145	1,721	3.6	198
Stockpiles		-	-	-	375	1.4	17	-	-	-	375	1.4	17
Coyote Resource		**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,818**	**5.3**	**307**	**1,845**	**5.7**	**339**	**3,664**	**5.5**	**645**
Paulsens Gold Operation													
Paulsens	Underground	159	10.8	55	827	9.6	254	348	8.6	97	1,334	9.5	406
	Stockpile	11	1.6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1.6	1
	Sub Total	170	10.2	56	827	9.6	254	348	8.6	97	1,345	9.4	407
Mt Clement	Open Pit	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,249	1.5	61	1,249	1.5	61
	Underground	-	-	-	-	-	-	492	0.3	5	492	0.3	5
	Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,741	1.2	66	1,741	1.2	66
Belvedere	Underground	-	-	-	95	5.9	18	44	8.3	12	139	6.6	30
Northern Anticline	Open Pit	-	-	-	-	-	-	523	1.4	24	523	1.4	24
Electric Dingo	Open Pit	-	-	-	98	1.6	5	444	1.2	17	542	1.3	22
Paulsens Resource		**170**	**10.2**	**56**	**1,019**	**8.4**	**277**	**3,100**	**2.2**	**216**	**4,289**	**4.0**	**548**
TOTAL Resource		**183**	**9.7**	**57**	**12,442**	**3.2**	**1,280**	**14,164**	**2.5**	**1,152**	**26,789**	**2.9**	**2,488**

Notes on Resources:

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2. All tonnages reported are dry metric tonnes.
3. Data is rounded to thousands of tonnes and thousands of ounces gold. Discrepancies in totals may occur due to rounding.
4. Resources have been reported as both open pit and underground with varying cut-offs based off several factors discussed in the corresponding Table 1 which can be found with the original ASX announcements for each Resource.
5. Resources are reported inclusive of any Reserves.
6. Paulsens Inferred Resource includes Mt Clement Eastern Zone Au of 7koz @ 0.3g/t Au accounting for lower grades reported.

The announcements containing the Table 1 Checklists of Assessment and Reporting Criteria relating for the 2012 JORC compliant Resources are:

Kal East Gold Project

- Boundary, Trump, Myhree – Black Cat ASX announcement on 9 October 2020 "Strong Resource Growth Continues including 53% Increase at Fingals Fortune"
- Strathfield – Black Cat ASX announcement on 31 March 2020 "Bulong Resource Jumps by 21% to 294,000 oz"
- Majestic – Black Cat ASX announcement on 25 January 2022 "Majestic Resource Growth and Works Approval Granted"
- Sovereign, Imperial – Black Cat ASX announcement on 11 March 2021 "1 Million Oz in Resource & New Gold Targets"
- Jones Find – Black Cat ASX announcement 04 March 2022 "Resource Growth Continues at Jones Find"
- Crown – Black Cat ASX announcement on 02 September 2021 "Maiden Resources Grow Kal East to 1.2Moz"
- Fingals Fortune – Black Cat ASX announcement on 23 November 2021 "Upgraded Resource Delivers More Gold at Fingals Fortune"
- Fingals East – Black Cat ASX announcement on 31 May 2021 "Strong Resource Growth Continues at Fingals".
- Trojan – Black Cat ASX announcement on 7 October 2020 "Black Cat Acquisition adds 115,000oz to the Fingals Gold Project".
- Queen Margaret, Melbourne United – Black Cat ASX announcement on 18 February 2019 "Robust Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate at Bulong"
- Anomaly 38 – Black Cat ASX announcement on 31 March 2020 "Bulong Resource Jumps by 21% to 294,000 oz"
- Wombola Dam – Black Cat ASX announcement on 28 May 2020 "Significant Increase in Resources - Strategic Transaction with Silver Lake"
- Hammer and Tap, Rowe's Find – Black Cat ASX announcement on 10 July 2020 "JORC 2004 Resources Converted to JORC 2012 Resources"

Coyote Gold Operation

- Coyote OP&UG – Black Cat ASX announcement on 16 January 2022 "Coyote Underground Resource increases to 356koz @ 14.6g/t Au – One of the highest-grade deposits in Australia"
- Sandpiper OP&UG, Kookaburra OP, Pebbles OP, Stockpiles, SP (Coyote) – Black Cat ASX announcement on 25 May 2022 "Coyote & Paulsens High-Grade JORC Resources Confirmed"

Paulsens Gold Operation

- Paulsens UG – Black Cat ASX announcement on 31 October 2023 "24% Resource Increase, Paulsens Underground - 406koz @ 9.5g/t Au"
- Paulsens SP – Black Cat ASX announcement on 19 April 2022 "Funded Acquisition of Coyote & Paulsens Gold Operations - Supporting Documents"
- Belvedere UG – Black Cat ASX announcement on 21 November 2023 "Enhanced Restart Plan for Paulsens"
- Mt Clement – Black Cat ASX announcement on 24 November 2022 "High-Grade Au-Cu-Sb-Ag-Pb Resource at Paulsens"
- Merlin, Electric Dingo – Black Cat ASX announcement on 25 May 2022 "Coyote & Paulsens High-Grade JORC Resources Confirmed"

APPENDIX B - JORC 2012 POLYMETALLIC RESOURCES - BLACK CAT (100% OWNED)

Deposit	Resource Category	Tonnes (,000 t)	Grade					Contained Metal				
			Au (g/t)	Cu (%)	Sb (%)	Ag (g/t)	Pb (%)	Au (koz)	Cu (kt)	Sb (kt)	Ag (koz)	Pb (kt)
Western	Inferred	415	-	0.4	0.2	76.9	-	*	1.6	0.7	1,026	-
	Total	**415**	**-**	**0.4**	**0.2**	**76.9**	**-**	*	**1.6**	**0.7**	**1,026**	**-**
Central	Inferred	532	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-
	Total	**532**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	*	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Eastern	Inferred	794	-	-	1.7	17.0	2.4	*	-	13.2	434	18.7
	Total	**794**	**-**	**-**	**1.7**	**17.0**	**2.4**	*	**-**	**13.2**	**434**	**18.7**
Total		**1,741**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	*	**1.6**	**13.9**	**1,460**	**18.7**

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4. Resources have been reported as both open pit and underground with varying cut-offs based off several factors discussed in the corresponding Table 1 which can be found with the original ASX announcements for each Resource.
5. Resources are reported inclusive of any Reserves.
6. Gold is reported in the previous table for Mt Clement, and so is not reported here. A total of 66koz of gold is contained within the Mt Clement Resource.

The announcements containing the Table 1 Checklists of Assessment and Reporting Criteria relating for the 2012 JORC compliant Reserves are:

Paulsens Gold Operation

- Mt Clement – Black Cat ASX announcement on 24 November 2022 "High-Grade Au-Cu-Sb-Ag-Pb Resource at Paulsens"

APPENDIX C - JORC 2012 GOLD RESERVE TABLE - BLACK CAT (100% OWNED)

	Proven Reserve			Probable Reserve			Total Reserve		
	Tonnes ('000s)	Grade (g/t Au)	Metal ('000s oz)	Tonnes ('000s)	Grade (g/t Au)	Metal ('000s oz)	Tonnes ('000s)	Grade (g/t Au)	Metal ('000s oz)
Kal East									
Myhree Open Pit	-	-	-	545	2.4	46	545	2.4	46
Boundary Open Pit	-	-	-	120	1.5	6	120	1.5	6
Other Open Pits	-	-	-	2,623	1.7	141	2,584	1.7	142
Sub total Open Pits	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3,288**	**1.8**	**193**	**3,288**	**1.8**	**193**
Underground	**-**	**-**	**-**	**437**	**3.6**	**50**	**437**	**3.6**	**50**
Kal East Reserve	-	-	-	**3,725**	**2.0**	**243**	**3,725**	**2.0**	**243**
Paulsens Gold Operation									
Underground	93	4.5	14	**537**	**4.3**	**74**	**631**	**4.3**	**87**
Paulsens Reserve	93	4.5	14	**537**	**4.3**	**74**	**631**	**4.3**	**87**
TOTAL Reserves	**93**	**4.5**	**14**	**4,262**	**2.3**	**317**	**4,356**	**2.4**	**330**

Notes on Reserve:

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4. Cut-off Grade:
   - Open Pit - The Ore Reserves are based upon an internal cut-off grade greater than or equal to the break-even cut-off grade.
   - Underground - The Ore Reserves are based upon an internal cut-off grade greater than the break-even cut-off grade.
5. The commodity price used for the Revenue calculations for Kal East was AUD $2,300 per ounce.
6. The commodity price used for the Revenue calculations for Paulsens was AUD $2,500 per ounce.
7. The Ore Reserves are based upon a State Royalty of 2.5% and a refining charge of 0.2%.

The announcements containing the Table 1 Checklists of Assessment and Reporting Criteria relating for the 2012 JORC compliant Reserves are:

Kal East Gold Project

- Black Cat ASX announcement on 03 June 2022 "Robust Base Case Production Plan of 302koz for Kal East"

Paulsens Gold Operation

- Black Cat ASX announcement on 10 July 2023 "Robust Restart Plan for Paulsens"