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## QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2014 ("3Q2014")

### COMPANY DIRECTORS & MANAGEMENT

#### Directors

Managing Director	Yu Guo Peng
Non-Executive Chairman	Chi Ho (James) Tong
Executive Director	Jun Ou
Non-Executive Director	John Wu ZhongHan
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#### Management

Deputy General Manager	Zhong Xiao Zhu
Deputy General Manager, Enterprise Management	Yi Jiang Peng
Chief Financial Officer	Shao Kui Chen
Financial Controller	Teck Meng Lim
Chief Geologist	WenMing Yeo
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### TOP SHAREHOLDERS

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Eric Khua	10%
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### Production:

- Aggregated production for the nine months ended 31 July 2014 was 0.84 million tonnes (**MT**), approximately 35.7% lower than that achieved for the nine months ended 31 July 2013.

### Coal Trading :

- Aggregated trading sales volume for the nine months ended 31 July 2014 was 2.5MT, approximately 27.5% higher than that achieved for the nine months ended 31 July 2013.

### Corporate:

- The Company undertook a non-renounceable pro-rata entitlement offer of 1 new option (exercisable at AUD\$0.08 on or before 31 July 2016) for every 10 existing shares held by eligible shareholders at an issue price of AUD\$0.001 per option (**Offer**). Following the end of the quarter 75,539,923 options were issued.



## 1. Overview

Blackgold International Holdings Limited (**Company** or **Blackgold**) currently owns four existing underground thermal coal mines, the Caotang Mine and the Heiwan Mine in Fengjie County, Chongqing, the Baolong Mine in Wushan County, Chongqing and the Changhong Mine in the area bordering Xishui County of Guizhou and QiJiang County of Chongqing, all in the People's Republic of China (**PRC**).

Blackgold produced approximately 0.94MT, 1.21MT and 1.72MT of raw coal in FY2011, FY2012 and FY2013 respectively, primarily at the Caotang and Heiwan Mines.

Total production for the nine months ended 31 July 2014 was approximately 841,000 tonnes, a 35.7% decrease on the total production of approximately 1,308,900 tonnes achieved in the nine months ended 31 July 2013.

As announced on 24 April 2014, Blackgold's four mines have a combined 2012 JORC Code compliant Proved and Probable Reserves of 100.7 million tonnes<sup>1</sup>. Whilst the coal quality on the Company Properties varies within each seam, the seams generally contain low-high sulfur and high heating value anthracite coal. The table below shows the average coal quality of the proved and probable reserves at each of Blackgold's mines:

Average Raw Coal Quality of the Reserve						
Mine	Moisture (%)ad	Ash (%)ad	Volatile Matter (%) ad	FC (%) ad	Sulfur (%) ad	CV (kcal/kg) ar
Caotang	0.63	33.53	7.07	59.32	0.47	4,965
Heiwan	0.76	26.53	6.92	65.56	0.74	5,630
Baolong	0.58	28.39	6.87	62.39	0.57	5,494
Changhong	0.49	18.02	8.89	67.4	2.64	6,788

The data indicates that the majority of Blackgold's coal is anthracite coal, with dry volatile matter contents ranging from 1% to 10%. The dry ash contents of certain raw coal quality indicate that beneficiation (coal washing) prior to utilization will be required in a number of instances.

A summary of each mines' respective Reserves is detailed below. Reserves have been depleted through mining activities and as such, the tables below do not account for depletions after the effective date.

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to ASX Announcement dated 24 April 2014 for full details of the Reserve estimate. This information was prepared under the JORC Code 2012 Edition. The Company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included above and, in the case of estimates of mineral resources and ore reserves, confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed.



JORC CODE COMPLIANT DATA FOR BLACKGOLD COAL PROPERTIES AS OF 1 NOVEMBER 2013 <sup>1</sup>									
Mine	Reserve Category			Raw Coal Quality					
	Proved	Probable	Total	Moisture (%) ad	Ash (%) ad	Volatile Matter (%) ad	FC (%) ad	Sulfur (%) ad	CV (kcal/kg) ar
Caotang	19.9	3.4	23.3	0.63	33.53	7.07	59.32	0.47	4,965
Heiwan	1.9	0.5	2.4	0.76	26.53	6.92	65.56	0.74	5,630
Baolong	29.8	26.4	56.2	0.58	28.39	6.87	62.39	0.57	5,494
Changhong	12.0	6.7	18.7	0.49	18.02	8.89	67.4	2.64	6,788
<b>Total</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>100.7</b>						

*Note: These reserves are estimated in compliance with the JORC Code 2012 Edition. Since mining has occurred, the "Reserves and Resources Base" is being slowly depleted. The deliverable CV of these reserves is between 4,500-7,000kcal/kg*

The Company has also identified Inferred Resources of 42 Mt (32 Mt at Baolong and 10 Mt at Changhong) which it intends to upgrade by future drilling in order to replace reserves depleted by mining activities <sup>1</sup>.

Our trading arm sold approximately 2,532,900 tonnes of coal for the nine months ending 31 July 2014, an increase of 27.5% when compared to that sold in the nine months ended 31 July 2013.



## 2. Production Statistics

FY2014	Unit	Tonnes	Sales A\$ M	Sales RMB M
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Caotang	389,030	17.8	97.2
	Heiwan	100,601	10.0	54.6
	Changhong	71,791	5.5	29.8
	Group	561,422	33.3	181.6
2nd Quarter	Caotang	95,056	3.2	21.9
	Heiwan	12,542	1.0	4.6
	Changhong	12,536	0.5	3.3
	Group	120,134	4.7	29.8
3rd Quarter	Caotang	137,169	5.7	31.1
	Heiwan	16,183	0.6	5.8
	Changhong	6,081	0.3	2.3
	Group	159,433	6.6	39.2
Total for the 9 months	Caotang	621,255	26.7	150.2
	Heiwan	129,326	11.6	65.0
	Changhong	90,408	6.3	35.4
	Group	840,989	44.6	250.6

FY2013	Unit	Tonnes	Sales A\$ M	Sales RMB M
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Caotang	328,873	13.1	85.6
	Heiwan	125,456	8.6	56.6
	Changhong	31,745	1.6	10.6
	Group	486,074	23.3	152.8
2nd Quarter	Caotang	266,109	11.0	71.2
	Heiwan	48,613	4.0	25.5
	Changhong	42,365	3.1	20.2
	Group	357,087	18.1	116.9
3rd Quarter	Caotang	352,302	16.6	96.4
	Heiwan	53,869	4.2	22.5
	Changhong	59,574	1.8	9.4
	Group	465,745	22.6	128.3
4th Quarter	Caotang	252,181	9.9	54.4
	Heiwan	71,335	6.4	36.3
	Changhong	89,201	5.8	34.6
	Group	412,717	22.1	125.3
Total for the 12 months	Caotang	1,199,465	50.6	307.6
	Heiwan	299,273	23.2	140.9
	Changhong	222,885	12.3	74.8
	Group	1,721,623	86.1	523.3

\* The above production statistics table does not include any contribution from coal trading.

Production for 3Q2014 had been kept at 159,400 tonnes.



### **Caotang Mine (Wholly owned by BGG)**

Caotang Mine's main portal is at an elevation of 435m in the foothills of a mountainous countryside. It is located 14 km north-northeast of Fengjie County town, in the PRC, approximately 33km by road from the town center and approximately 25km from the port on the Yangtze River. The site administration falls under the jurisdiction of Baidi and Fenhe Towns (both are equivalent to district level administration) .

The Caotang Mine is characterised by two minable coal seams namely K1 and K2 of which K1 is the primary producing coal seam. The K1 coal seam at the Caotang Mine is the major economic seam while the K2 seam is the secondary producer.

The total thickness of the K1 seam ranges from 0.0m to 2.4m with an average of 1.2m; within the Mine workings it is 1.96m thick.

The K2 coal seam is distributed throughout the permit area and is the secondary producer with the product commonly referred to as "fragrant coal." The coal seam thickness ranges from 0.0m to 1.5m, averaging 0.99m in the Mine workings.

The Caotang Coal is classified as high ash, medium to high sulphur, medium to high phosphorous, and medium calorific value coal making it suitable for the thermal energy market.

Recent and historical assay data indicated that the air dried ("AD") basis raw coal has an average calorific value ("CV") of 5,800 kcal/kg with a 2.3% moisture content, 27.2% ash, 2.1% total sulphur and 0.06% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, as received. Future production is anticipated to be of similar quality.

Total production from the Caotang Mine was approximately 137,200 tonnes in 3Q2014, which is approximately a 61.1% decrease to the production achieved in in the quarter ended 31 July 2013 ("3Q2013").

Please refer to Annexure A for details regarding the lateral development of this mine.

### **Heiwan Mine (Wholly owned by BGG)**

Heiwan Mine portal is at an elevation of 1,120m in a very mountainous countryside, located in the northeast portion of the Fengjie County and approximately 27 km northeast of the Fengjie County, in the PRC. It is approximately 42km by road from the town center and approximately 35km from the port site on the Yangtze River.

The main coal seam worked at the Heiwan Mine is K3. The coal thickness ranges from 0.25m to 0.50m with an original quoted average of 0.40m, but recent underground exposures average 0.49m.

K1 seam, which is similar to K3 averaging 0.84m thickness, is also developed as a secondary production contributor.

Recent and historical assay data indicated that the AD basis raw coal has an average CV of 6,150 kcal/kg with a 2.2% moisture content, 24.8% ash, 0.9% total sulphur and 0.024 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Future production is anticipated to be of similar quality.

This classifies the coal as high ash, low sulphur, and medium calorific value coal suitable for the thermal energy market.



Total production from the Heiwan Mine was approximately 16,200 tonnes in 3Q2014, which is approximately an 70.0% decrease to the production achieved in the corresponding quarter, 3Q2013.

Please refer to Annexure A for details regarding the lateral development of this mine.

### **Changhong Mine (Wholly owned by BGG)**

Changhong Mine is located in the southern portion of the Chongqing Municipality and approximately 108 km south of downtown Chongqing, in the PRC. The mine is located in the area bordering Xishui County of Guizhou and Qijiang District of Chongqing. It is approximately 62km southeast of Qijiang town center and 18km from the nearest railway station.

There are 6 main Upper Permian Longtan Formation coal seams in the district. The thicker M6 and M8 coal seams are originated from 3 small mines. Those mines were amalgamated in 2007. Production will continue in clean up mode above the 1,093m level adit while the new 1,023m level adit is completed to access the deeper coal.

The M6 AD raw coal seam's typical historical analysis is 2.24% moisture content, 33.24% ash, 10.30% volatiles, 56.46% fixed carbon, 5.75% total sulphur and 5,168kcal/kg CV. The M8 AD raw coal seam's typical historical analysis is 2.28% moisture content, 13.32% ash, 9.04% volatiles, 77.64% fixed carbon, 1.84% total sulphur and 7,144kcal/kg CV. Future production is anticipated to be of similar quality.

The coal is mainly used for power generation, domestic consumption, or steaming coal.

Total production from Changhong Mine was approximately 6,100 tonnes in 3Q2014, a 89.9% decrease as compared to 3Q2013 production. This mine only started production in January 2013.

Please refer to Annexure A for details regarding the lateral development of this mine.

### **Baolong Mine (Wholly owned by BGG)**

Baolong Mine is located in the southeast of Wushan County and 17 km from Baolong Town, in the PRC. The trucking distance from the mine site to the local Baolong dock site at Putaoba is 25km.

Blackgold has upgraded the mine development plan to achieve a higher future production. It is currently awaiting approval of its applications for the required safety permit.

Historical K1 seam raw coal moisture has averaged 6.5%; ash has averaged 38.29%; volatiles have averaged 7.9%; total sulphur has averaged 5.03%; CV has been between 4,100 kcal/kg to 4,760 kcal/kg, averaging 4,420 kcal/kg; and phosphorus has averaged 0.004%. The historical K2 seam raw coal moisture has averaged 4.39%; ash has averaged 25.2%; volatiles have averaged 8.55%; total sulphur has averaged 1.82%; CV has been between 4,200 kcal/kg to 6,620 kcal/kg, averaging 5,420 kcal/kg; and phosphorus has averaged 0.014%. Future production is anticipated to be of similar quality.

Please refer to Annexure A for details regarding the lateral development of this mine.



### **3. Coal Trading**

Our trading arm had sold approximately 2.5 MT of coal for the nine months ended 31 July 2014, an increase of 27.5% when compared to the nine months ended 31 July 2013.

The Company is discussing with foreign agents to locate new customers with the intention to expand its coal trading activities beyond the PRC region.

### **4. Chongqing Guoping Shipping Transportation Co., Ltd (“GPST”)**

GPST continues to operate with the current fleets.

### **5. Corporate**

The Company announced a non-renounceable pro-rata entitlement offer of 1 new option (exercisable at AUD\$0.08 on or before 31 July 2016) for every 10 existing shares held by eligible shareholders at an issue price of AUD\$0.001 per option (**Offer**).

The Offer provides shareholders with the opportunity over the next 2 years to subscribe for shares at a discount to the market price at the date of the Offer. Should these options be subsequently exercised, funds raised (up to approximately AU\$7.1 million) will be used for acquisition of new mines and general working capital.

As announced on 14 and 18 August 2014, the Company received acceptances from eligible shareholders for 75,539,923 new options representing acceptance of 85%. 13,260,495 new options became available under the shortfall offer which the company anticipates to close shortly.

The Financial Controller, Mr Lim Teck Meng, had tendered his resignation and is relocating for personal reasons. His last day with the Company will be on 30 September 2014. The Company would like to thank Mr Lim Teck Meng for his previous contribution and wish him all the best for his future endeavour. The Company is seeking for a suitable replacement candidate and will announce the details when appropriate.

### **6. Occupational Health and Safety**

Blackgold is pleased to report that there were no incidents or accidents during 3Q2014.

Blackgold has maintained an excellent safety record over the past 14 years. Individual positioning devices have been purchased and are standard issue to all underground personnel. Although both Caotang Mine and Heiwan Mine are classified as low gas mines, automatic gas detectors have been installed inside the mining areas and are remotely connected to the respective site offices with monitoring links to the Coal Safety Control Bureau of Fengjie County. These gas detectors have also been installed at Changhong Mine and the company intends to install them at Baolong Mine before production commences.



## **6. China Coal Industry**

China's coal industry has traditionally been fragmented among large state-owned coal mines, local state-mines are regarded as inefficient, with minimal capital, outdated equipment and poor safety records. During the past several years China has closed down numerous small coal mines in an effort to consolidate the industry, increase efficiency and promote acceptable safety standards.

In the Fengjie County region in Chongqing, where Blackgold operates its Caotang Mine and Heiwan Mine, approximately 4,000 coal mines existed approximately 10 years ago. The government and local authorities have since reduced this number to less than 100 mines. Blackgold is the largest Australian public listed coal mining company in the local region, and is ideally positioned to benefit from this consolidation process by acquiring additional mines and thereby growing its production and earnings.

Many of the local mines have existing infrastructure and produce coal that can be upgraded and quickly brought into larger scale production. It is Blackgold's aim to leverage its strategic position to make further acquisitions and build production and earnings through both internal growth and via new acquisitions.

## **7. Future Developments**

There was no exploration undertaken this quarter. However, Blackgold will continue to work with independent geologists to progress the exploration and evaluation activities and upgrade its existing reserves and resource base in the forthcoming quarters.

Blackgold enjoys excellent logistics infrastructure and its proximity to the Yangtze River allows it to transport coal to customers at low cost. Blackgold will continue to evaluate acquisition opportunities of mines with similar geographical advantages. It is currently in discussion with potential investors to fund its acquisition and is evaluating a number of potential new mines.

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## **About Blackgold**

*Blackgold International Holdings Limited (ASX Code: BGG) is a Chongqing, China-based producer of high value thermal coal predominantly sold for industrial power generation to power plant customers in Shanghai. Blackgold listed on ASX on 22 February 2011. Blackgold intends to continue to increase its coal production through internal growth and via acquisition to become a significant producer of high value thermal coal.*

*Blackgold currently operates four existing underground thermal coal mines, the Caotang Mine and the Heiwan Mine in Fengjie Country, Chongqing in the PRC, the Baolong Mine in Wushan County, Chongqing in the PRC and the Changhong Mine in the area bordering Xishui County of Guizhou and QiJiang County of Chongqing.*



## **ANNEXURE A – Lateral Development**

Period	Mines	Caotang Mine	Heiwan Mine	Baolong Mine	ChangHong Mine
	Adit inside Pit	Metres			
1Q2013	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	2,496	690	435	900
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	2,295	300	-	195
	Draw points construction	2,467	708	-	-
	Raise between levels (off seam)	-	182	-	636
	Decline off seam	-	-	-	-
2Q2013	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	648	330	220	535
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	580	228	-	438
	Draw points construction	340	126	-	160
	Raise between levels (off seam)	-	131	-	-
	Decline off seam	-	273	-	-
3Q2013	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	1,371	324	282	535
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	1,470	784	251	447
	Draw points construction	552	158	-	-
	Raise between levels (off seam)	-	255	-	-
	Decline on seam	-	505	-	-
4Q2013	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	1,538	237	115.5	599.6
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	1,794	669	84	1,129
	Draw points construction	633	147	-	-
	Raise between levels (off seam)	-	160	-	-
	Decline on seam	-	558	-	-

Period	Mines	Caotang Mine	Heiwan Mine	Baolong Mine	ChangHong Mine
	Adit inside Pit	Metres			
1Q2014	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	950	-	63	1,000
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	703	604	-	370
	Draw points construction	240	208	-	150
	Raise between levels (off seam)	-	559	-	150
	Decline off seam	-	-	-	-
2Q2014	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	990	-	100	1,103
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	300	300	-	84
	Draw points construction	391	150	-	-
	Raise between levels (off seam)	240	110	-	150
	Decline off seam	-	150	-	-
3Q2014	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	840	-	70	119
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	862	377	-	-
	Draw points construction	523	580	-	-
	Raise between levels (off seam)	-	-	-	-
	Decline on seam	-	-	-	-

*Note: Lateral development of mines is planned according to the proposed production requirement, certain pits that are not further developed are indicated as such ("").*



## LOCATION OF BLACKGOLD'S MINES

