

# **Project ramp up continues with third jumbo and additional drill rig on site in January 2023; first debt draw down completed**

## **New equipment will accelerate development and exploration; Project remains comfortably on track for production in second half of CY23**

Bellevue Gold Limited (Bellevue or Company) (ASX: BGL) is pleased to provide an update on recent activities aimed at accelerating development of its Bellevue Gold Project.

Bellevue Managing Director Steve Parsons said: “We are in a strong position with the project running comfortably on time and on budget. The strong progress made in recent months, combined with the proceeds of the raising, has enabled us to continue pushing ahead at a rapid pace, further de-risking the project from both a production and timetable perspective”.

The first draw down of \$35 million from the Project Loan Facility (PLF) with Macquarie Bank Limited (Macquarie) was completed on 21 December 2022 in line with first draw down requirements. The proceeds from the initial drawdown will be used to meet budgeted project expenditure requirements. The project remains fully funded with pro forma cash at bank of \$142 million as at 30 November 2022 and total liquidity of \$307 million<sup>1</sup>.

Recent works include further acceleration of the underground development with a third underground jumbo rig mobilised to site by contractor Develop Global Limited (Develop) (ASX: DVP). The jumbo, which is being commissioned and is due to commence work at the start of January 2023, will be used to develop additional access in the Marceline area.

Underground development rates are expected to continue increasing with the ramp up of ore drives starting in the new year. Single heading development at the Viago decline is also now switching to twin headings with the bifurcation of the Deacon decline reached. Overall development rates continue to exceed the project schedule, putting the project well on track to meet commercial production in the second half of calendar year 2023.

Detailed design for the Tribune box cut, which has been brought forward in the schedule, is underway and works have been included in the open pit tender, which is on schedule to be awarded in January 2023.

To access a 3D viewer of the LOM plan click here:

<https://vrify.com/decks/12502-project-update-december-2022>

An additional underground diamond drill rig has been secured and will be mobilised to site in late January 2023. The additional diamond drilling will be conducting step out exploration and Resource definition drilling to grow the project Reserve base.

Site works at the processing plant are progressing well with key infrastructure bulk earthworks and civils complete, including CIL, ball mill, crushers and thickeners. Over 1,100m<sup>3</sup> of structural concrete has been poured over a five-week period, which more than half of the concrete required for the project. Tank construction has commenced and is progressing ahead of schedule, with tank floor and strake assembly and welding ongoing.

Long lead items continue to arrive on site and into Perth, along with structural steel, grid mesh and platework. Having ordered long lead items as part of the initial early works agreement with GR Engineering Services Limited

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<sup>1</sup> Pro forma cash at bank and liquidity are unaudited and include \$60 million of proceeds from the capital raising announced on 6 December 2022. Excluded items are capital raising costs and potential proceeds from the share purchase plan that is expected to close at 5.00pm (AWST) on 13 January 2023 (subject to Bellevue's discretion to amend this date by making an ASX announcement in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules). Pro forma cash at bank includes \$35 million of proceeds from the first PLF draw down.

(GRES) (ASX:GNG) (refer to ASX announcement dated 24 May 2022), procurement is well ahead of construction schedule, allowing on site teams to continue unabated.

**Figure 1:** Overview of processing plant works as of 20 December 2022 – looking NW



Bellevue and Energy Developments Pty Ltd (EDL) are continuing to progress negotiations in relation to a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the project, which is a key step in Bellevue's strategy to be powered by a forecast average of 80% renewable energy each year using a wind, solar and battery hybrid power solution.

The successful completion of the \$60 million placement was announced on 6 December 2022 which will be used to fund the increased and accelerated underground mining plan and further growth drilling.

Bellevue is offering eligible shareholders in Australia and New Zealand the opportunity to participate in a share purchase plan of up to \$10 million<sup>2</sup> which is open until 5.00pm (ASWT) on 13 January 2023<sup>3</sup>.

**Third development jumbo on site, second raisebore commissioned**

Recent works include further acceleration of the underground development with a third underground jumbo rig mobilised to site by contractor Develop. The jumbo, which is being commissioned and is due to commence work at the start of January 2023, will be used to bring forward access in the Marceline area and fast track development in the Deacon Main decline and access.

<sup>2</sup> Bellevue reserves the right (in its absolute discretion) to scale back applications under the share purchase plan if demand exceeds \$10 million or to accept oversubscriptions (subject to the ASX Listing Rules).

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**Figure 2:** Third jumbo rig arrived on site for commissioning on 19 December 2022



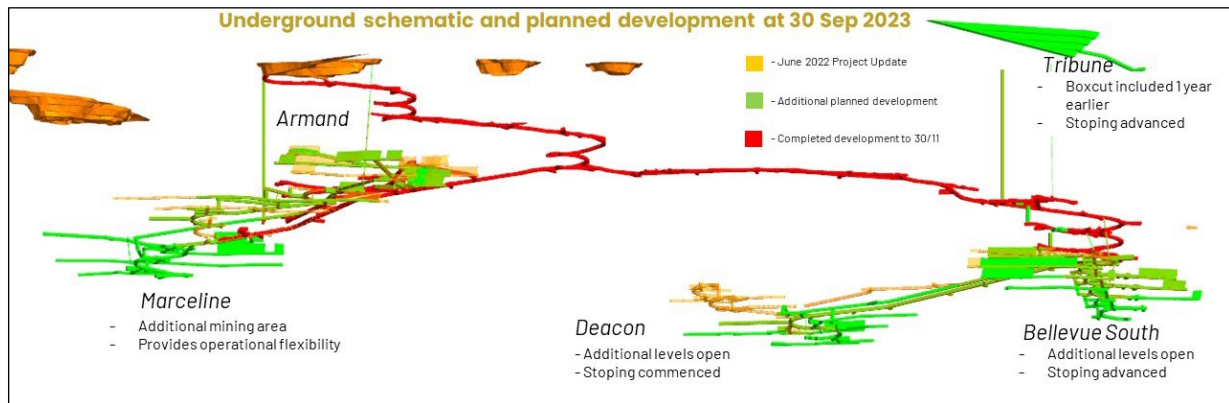
Two raisebore rigs have now been mobilised to site, with drilling continuing for escapeway access to the Northern mining district and an additional raisebore commissioned and drilling to develop a ventilation rise to the surface for the Southern mining district.

**Figures 3-4:** Left – Bellevue site RUC raisebore drilling at the Northern escapeway rise; Right – Second raisebore drilling rig at the Southern ventilation rise



Overall development rates continue to exceed the project schedule, putting the project well on track for commercial production in the second half of calendar year 2023. Development will focus on high-confidence, high-grade, sub-vertical mining areas to de-risk the production schedule (as shown in Figure 5 below). The additional development fast-tracks Marceline and Deacon, and opens additional mining areas earlier in the mine sequence.

**Figure 5:** Third jumbo rig mobilised to Bellevue to complete updated mine plan, areas shown in green show additional mine development areas that will be completed relative to the project model.



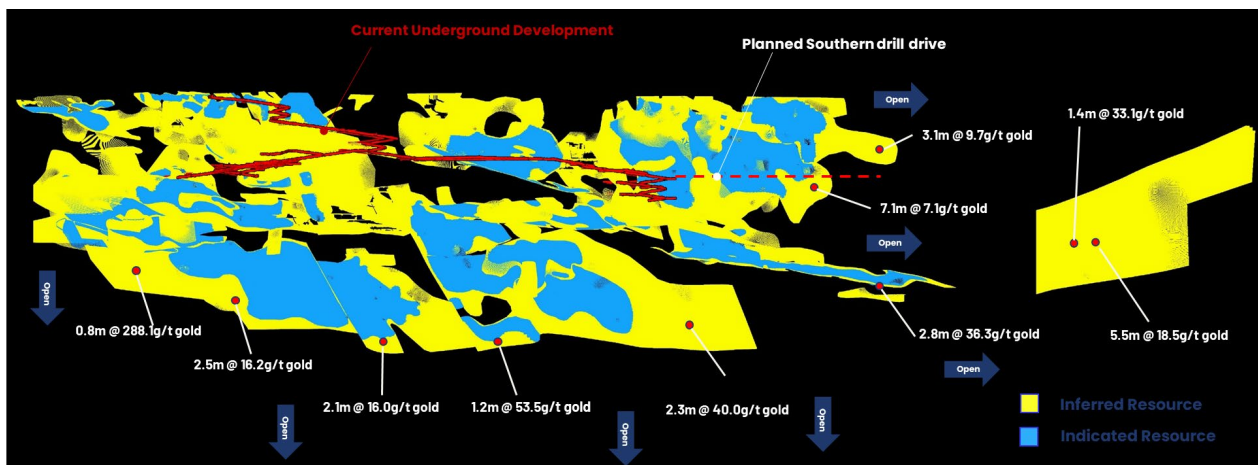
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The additional drilling will fast-track grade control drilling at Marceline to support the accelerated mine plan, target Resource growth, and Reserve conversion from underground drilling platforms, and continue testing down hole conductive electromagnetic (DHEM) targets outside the current Resource.

**Figure 6:** Overview of Bellevue 3.1Moz Mineral Resource Estimate showing the current development for drill platforms in red



Refer to ASX announcements dated 20 November 2017, 22 March 2018, 30 May 2018, 7 July 2018, 6 August 2018, 9 October 2018, 21 May 2019, 11 July 2019, 6 September 2019, 10 September 2019, 2 October 2019, 19 November 2019, 24 February 2020, 27 May 2020, 7 July 2020, 1 October 2020, 11 November 2020, 18 February 2021, 16 March 2021, 15 April 2021, 16 June 2021, 2 August 2021, 21 September 2021, 14 October 2021, 15 February 2022 and 5 April 2022, 24 November 2022.





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*Figure 8: Top – Close up of the construction progress of the primary crusher*



*Figure 9: Close up of ball mill foundations*







*Figure 10: Cyclone cluster construction at factory*



*Figure 11: Thickener trial construction at factory*





**Figure 12:** Elution column under hydrotest



**Figure 13:** Crushing circuit screen testing







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### Power Purchase Agreement Update

Bellevue and EDL are continuing to progress negotiations in relation to a PPA for the project, which is a key step in Bellevue's strategy to be powered by a forecast average of 80% renewable energy each year using a wind, solar and battery hybrid power solution.

As part of the early works agreement with EDL, Macquarie has increased the bank guarantee to EDL to a total of \$27 million to secure early works equipment, with a view to ensuring that the long lead items required for the hybrid power station will be ready for the provision of power in the second half of calendar year 2023. The PLF facility limit is reduced by this value until such time as the bank guarantee is returned, expires or is otherwise cash backed.

If the power purchase agreement (PPA) with EDL is not signed prior to 28 February 2023, or the early works agreement and in turn a bank guarantee to EDL is not otherwise extended, the Company would have rights of novation over the contracts for the long-lead items ordered or the bank guarantee would become payable. Bellevue expects to sign the PPA with EDL by this date.

For further information regarding Bellevue Gold Limited please visit the ASX platform (ASX:BGL) or the Company's website [www.bellevuegold.com.au](http://www.bellevuegold.com.au).

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### ***End Notes and JORC Compliance Statements***

For full details of **previously announced Exploration Results** in this announcement, refer to the said announcement or release on the said date.

Information in this announcement that relates to **Ore Reserve** estimates has been extracted from the ASX announcement dated 10 June 2022 titled "Project Production, De-risking and Growth Update-update".

Information in this announcement that relates to **Mineral Resource** estimate has been extracted from the ASX announcements dated 4 May 2022 titled "Resource Update" and 24 November 2022 titled "Further positive grade control results".

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the said original announcements, and in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not materially modified from the original market announcements.

Information in this announcement that relates to production targets (including subsets of such targets) were first reported in the ASX announcement dated 10 June 2022 titled "Project Production, De-risking and Growth Update-update". The Company confirms that all the material assumptions underpinning the production targets, and the forecast financial information derived from the production targets, continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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- planned capital requirements; and
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Forward looking All-In-Sustaining Cost estimates have been prepared on a real basis at a project level.

The All-In-Sustaining Cost, pre-tax free cashflow and IRR estimates in this announcement are based on the economic assumptions detailed in the section titled "Material assumptions" on page 8 of the ASX announcement dated 10 June 2022 titled "Project Production, De-risking and Growth Update-update".