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KGP Q2 PRODUCTION OF 29KOZ & ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE FY25 GUIDANCE

Capricorn Metals Limited (**Capricorn** or the **Company**) is pleased to provide a preliminary update on the quarterly production at the Karlawinda Gold Project (**KGP**).

KGP delivered another strong quarter of operations, producing 28,702 ounces of gold. This result brings half-year production to 54,261 ounces, placing Capricorn above budget for this point in the year and in a strong position to achieve the mid-point of FY25 guidance of 110,000 – 120,000 ounces. AISC is expected to be within the FY25 cost guidance range of \$1,370 - \$1,470 per ounce.

	<i>Unit</i>	Dec24Q	Sep24Q	Jun24Q	Mar24Q
Material mined	<i>BCM ('000)</i>	3,123	3,697	3,149	2,602
Ore milled	<i>t ('000)</i>	1,107	1,088	1,012	997
Head Grade	<i>g/t</i>	0.88	0.80	0.93	0.91
Recovery	<i>%</i>	92.0	91.9	89.1	89.5
Gold production	<i>Oz</i>	28,702	25,559	26,835	26,073

Gold production for the quarter was a product of a continued focus on total material movement from the Bibra open pit to maintain the budgeted pit face positions for end of quarter. The above budget mine production year to date, has resulted in the Bibra pit now being well established for what is a planned, higher production period in H2 FY25. Encouragingly, gold recovery rates continued at the budgeted rate of 92.0% in this quarter and pre stripping works commenced at the Southern Corridor extension of Bibra.

Full operational and cost details will be provided in the Quarterly Report later in January 2025.

The Company's cash and gold on hand at the end of the December 2024 quarter was \$363.1 million (including net capital raising proceeds of \$193.4m) (Sep24: \$144.6m). This represents a cash build from operations of \$31.2 million for the quarter (Sep24: \$24.1m) before discretionary capital expenditure at the Mt Gibson Gold Project (**MGGP**).

The capital spend on development activities at MGGP for the quarter was \$6.0 million, mainly focussed on the 400-room accommodation village. To date Capricorn has spent \$29.9 million on these early construction works. This early spend of part of the \$260 million MGGP capital budget is a strategic decision to compress the ultimate construction timeframe.

Development activities at the MGGP continued to be advanced in the December 2024 quarter:

- Installation of the 400-room accommodation village for operations is nearing completion, with partial occupation commenced in Q2. Completion and handover of the full camp is expected early in Q3;
- Evaluation work for Mining Services and Power Supply contracts continued in the quarter. The Process Plant Design contract was awarded to CPC Engineering in the period and works have commenced; and

- Capricorn submitted the MGGP Public Environmental Report (PER) to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* in accordance with guidelines for the PER developed by DCCEEW and issued to Capricorn in July 2024.

Development activities at the KEP were also advanced in the December 2024 quarter:

- The Plant Design contract was awarded to MACA Interquip Mintrex Engineering (MIQM) in the period and design and procurement works have commenced; and
- Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) design and requisite permitting advanced.

Further details of development and exploration activities will be provided in the Quarterly Report later in January 2025.



Karlawinda Gold Project – Southern Corridor pre stripping activities

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Capricorn Metals board.

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