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## **BLACKTHORN RESOURCES GRANTED 3-YEAR RENEWAL OF POA AND GUIDO EXPLORATION PERMITS IN BURKINA FASO**

Blackthorn Resources Limited (ASX: BTR) (“the Company” or “Blackthorn Resources”) is pleased to advise that the Company has been granted a 3-year renewal of its 100% owned exploration permits covering the Poa and Guido permits in the Sanguié Province of Burkina Faso, West Africa.

The Poa and Guido exploration permits, which cover 133 sq km and 177 sq km respectively, have been granted for a further 3 year period expiring in July 2013 (Figure 1). Under the current prospecting legislation, exploration permits in Burkina Faso may be granted for three consecutive 3-year terms, totaling 9 years. The Poa and Guido exploration permits have now been renewed to commence their second term, and after expiry of this new term in 2013, will be eligible for renewal for an additional 3-year period.

Blackthorn Resources holds 100% exploration tenure for approximately 1,134 sq km of ground that is situated within the Boromo greenstone belt that trends across Burkina Faso to Ghana in the south. The Company is conducting exploration work over its permits and has recently completed a diamond-core drilling program on the POA, GUIDO and SEMAPOIUN prospects. Other exploration activities undertaken include rock, stream and soil sampling, trenching, mapping, and geophysical surveys.

The Company has operated in Burkina Faso since 2004 and has an established office in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso, together with nearby site infrastructure associated with construction of the Company’s Perkoa zinc project.

### **ATTRIBUTION**

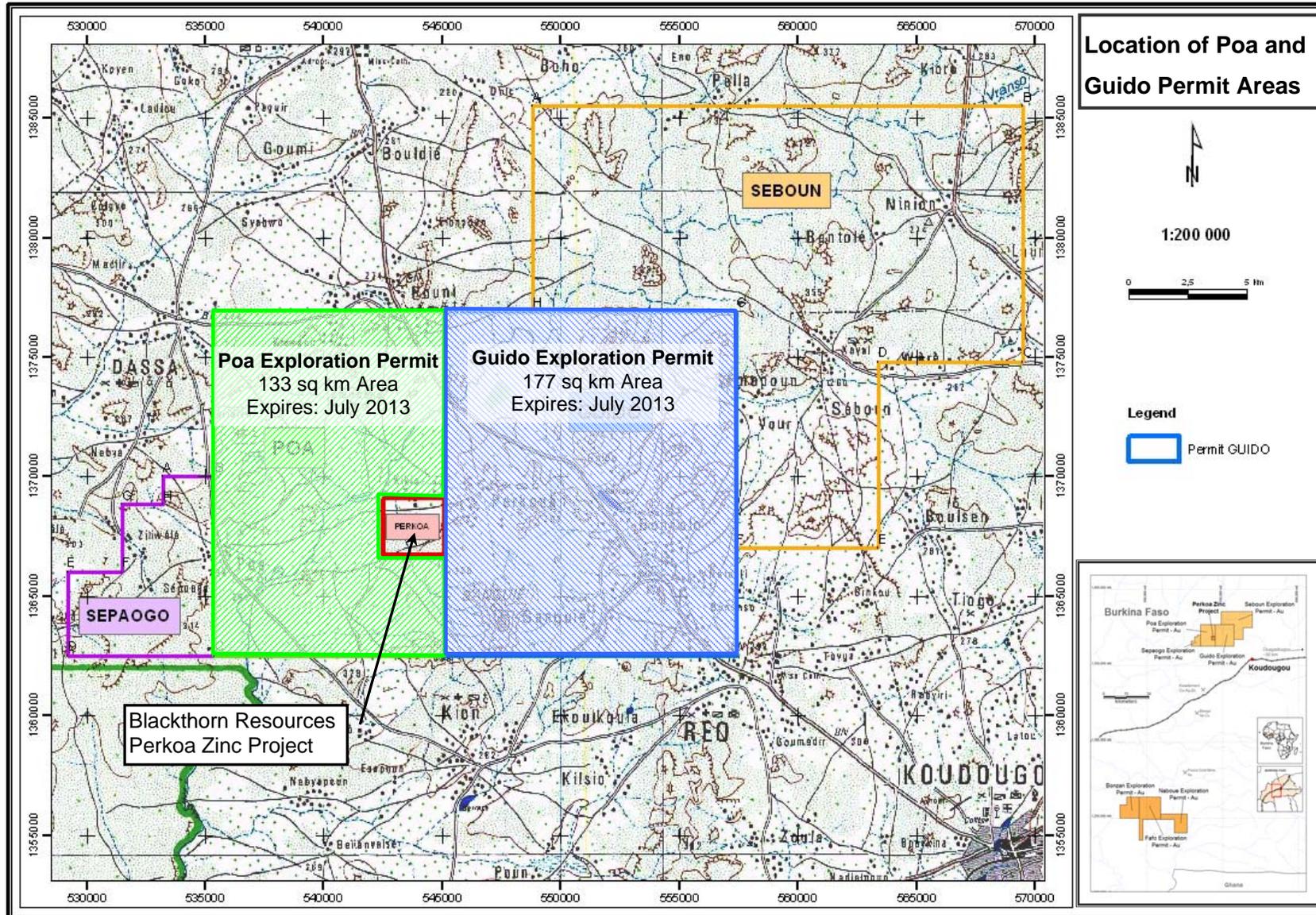
The information in this report that relates to exploration results is based on information that has been reviewed and approved for release by Mr Adama Barry, who is a member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Barry has 20 years experience in mineral exploration and is a full-time employee of Nantou Mining Limited BV, a subsidiary of Blackthorn Resources in Burkina Faso. Mr Barry has sufficient experience in relation to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration to qualify as a Competent Person as defined by the 2004 Edition of the ‘Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves’. Mr Barry consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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**FIGURE 1** – Exploration areas for the Poa and Guido Permits held by Blackthorn Resources in Burkina Faso.  
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