



## Paulsens Refurbishment Off to a Strong Start

Black Cat Syndicate Limited (“**Black Cat**” or “**the Company**”) is pleased to provide an update on refurbishment works to the processing facility at the 100% owned Paulsens Gold Operation (“**Paulsens**”).

### HIGHLIGHTS

Black Cat has commenced refurbishment works on the Paulsens processing facility.

- Advancing procurement of long lead items: mill liners and lifters ordered; two new Knelson concentrators being ordered; steel for tank and structural modifications calculated and being ordered; and a new liquid oxygen tank secured.
- Refurbishment activities already completed include:
  - Proof running the crushing circuit, including startup of the primary jaw crusher, secondary and tertiary cone crushers, the triple deck screen and all associated conveyors.
  - The leach and CIL tank agitator motors and gearboxes have been successfully tested, with only one motor and one gearbox requiring replacement. Work on servicing/replacing these motors and gearboxes is planned in the March 2024 quarter.
  - All sump pumps within the gravity/leach areas have been tested and are operational. Pump servicing will continue during the March 2024 quarter. Additionally, the process water, cyclone feed and leach feed pumps have all been stripped ready for servicing.
- Additional work planned during the March 2024 quarter includes:
  - A team of contract maintenance personnel and a 40t crane will be mobilised to assist Black Cat employees to complete specific work packages.
  - Removal of the two existing Knelson concentrators to reduce installation time of replacement units.
  - Inspection and/or removal of rubber lined steel pipework within the grinding and gravity circuits.
  - Continued stripping and rebuilding/replacing of all pumps throughout the processing facility.
- The +128 person Paulsens village and camp remains well-utilised with ongoing rental to a number of third parties.



**Figure 1:** Black Cat maintenance team replacing primary crusher pan feeder motor.

Black Cat’s Managing Director, Gareth Solly, said: “Our team has been systematically working through the processing plant conducting maintenance work as well as setting detailed plans for future refurbishment works. Work to date has been extremely productive with significant upside identified, particularly in the crushing circuit.

Long lead items have been or are in the process of being ordered. We are also starting to engage with mining contractors and equipment suppliers. Activities will progressively step-up as our additional financing becomes available.”

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## SNAPSHOT – PAULSENS GOLD OPERATION

>1,250km<sup>2</sup> of Highly Prospective Ground, 100% Owned by Black Cat

### High-Grade 1,000oz per Vertical Metre Producer

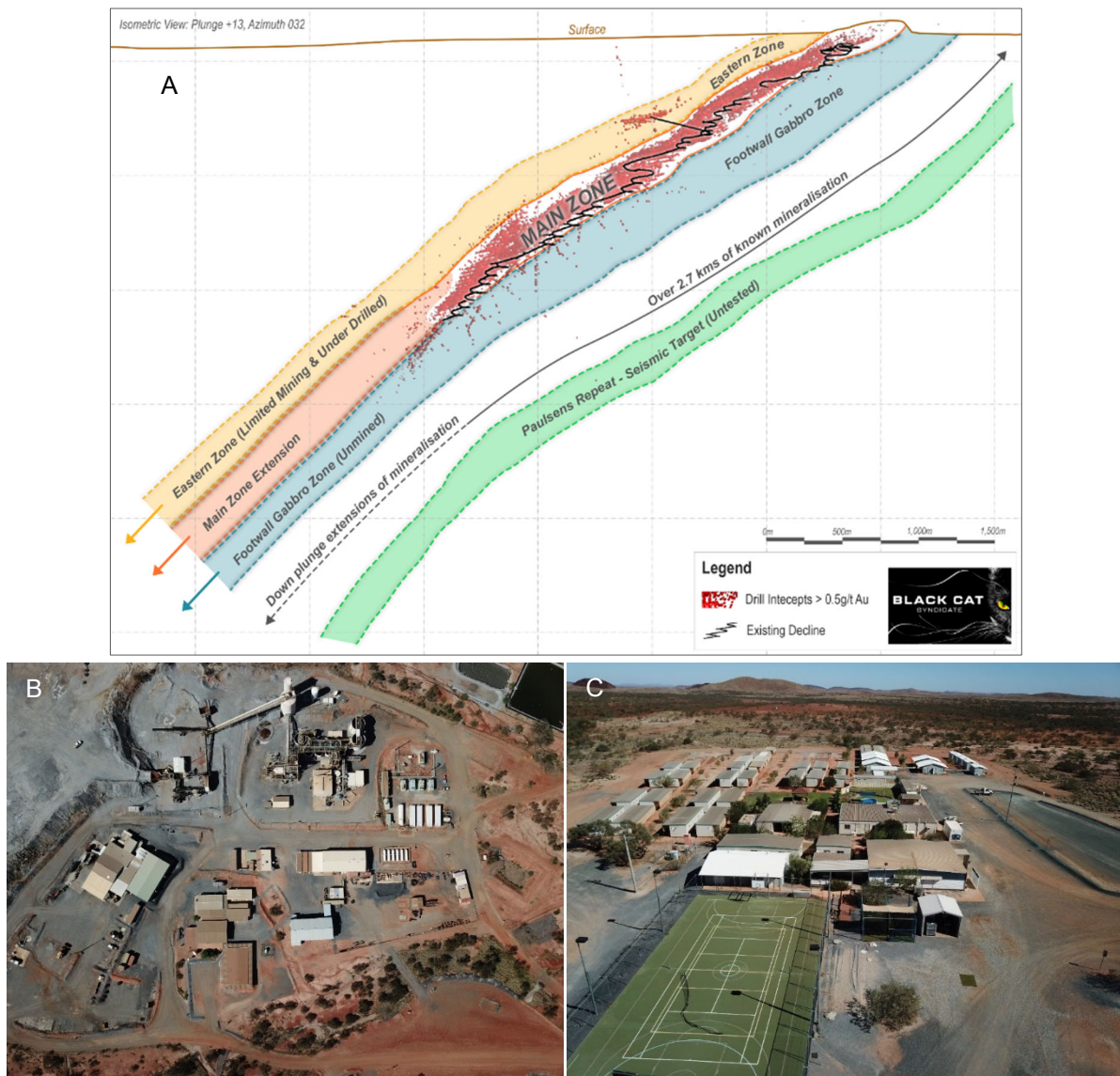
- Paulsens underground is comprised of >2.7km of known mineralisation: including the historically mined Main Zone; the under drilled Eastern Zone; an unmined Footwall Gabbro Zone and the Paulsens Repeat seismic target. Paulsens has produced ~1Moz (at 1,000oz per vertical metre) principally from the Main Zone. The recently discovered 175m plunge/100m vertical extension to the Main Zone has the potential to extend mine life.
- Paulsens underground is one of Australia's highest-grade gold deposits with a current Resource of 406koz @ 9.5g/t Au (76% Measured & Indicated).
- The November 2023 Restart Study<sup>1</sup> included planned production of 176.5koz Au over the first 4.2 years with an All-in Sustaining Cost ("AISC") of \$1,836/oz and Operating Cashflow (after all capital and before tax) of \$110.6m.

### Quality Infrastructure, Only Gold Plant in 400km Radius, Fully Approved

- Strategically important location being the only gold plant in a 400km radius.
- Well maintained, 450ktpa plant, on care and maintenance since 2018 and requiring minimal restart capital.
- +128-person camp and village substantially rented out to third parties.
- Mine and advanced Resources on Mining Licences, minimal barriers to restart.
- Underground mine fully dewatered and ventilated.
- Excellent access with sealed road and gas pipeline within 7km.
- Approvals in place.

### Significant Opportunities at All Stages – Multi-metal Potential

- Paulsens is an under-explored orogenic gold region with numerous gold and base metal anomalies.
- There is also significant open pit/underground potential at Belvedere, located only 5km from the plant. Belvedere is a Paulsens-style target with >2.5km of mineralised strike. To date, minimal drilling has identified a shallow Resource of 30koz @ 3.9g/t Au, part of which is in the November 2023 Restart Study.



**Figures 2: A.** Schematic isometric long-section looking towards the north showing >2.7km of known mineralisation comprised of: Main Zone (~1Moz mined @ 1,000oz per vertical metre), under-drilled Eastern Zone, unmined Footwall Gabbro Zone and the Paulsens Repeat seismic target; **B.** Aerial view of Paulsens processing plant and site offices; and **C.** Paulsens village and camp.

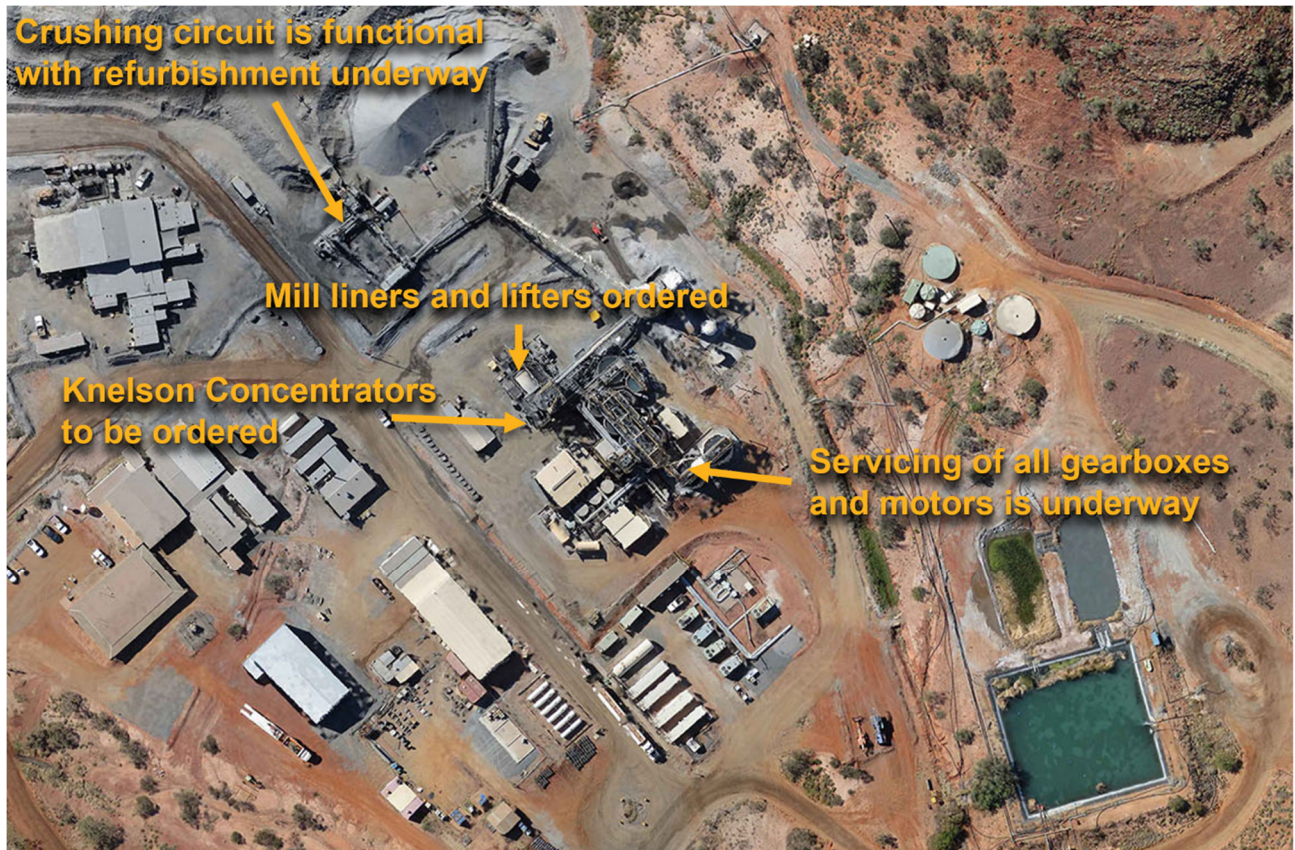
<sup>1</sup> ASX Announcement 21 November 2023



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### Present Activities

Refurbishment activities have commenced. To date, the main focus has been to proof run the crushing circuit, with startup of the primary jaw crusher and both the secondary and tertiary cone crushers as well as the triple deck screen. All the crushing circuit conveyors, CV01 through to CV11 have also been run (excluding CV09 – emergency feed conveyor).



*Figure 3: Refurbishment of the extensive installed infrastructure at Paulsens is underway.*

Photographs from January 2024 refurbishment activities:



*Figure 4: Black Cat maintenance team working on conveyor CV09 drive motor.*





*Figure 5: Black Cat maintenance team installing a replacement motor for primary crusher pan feeder.*



*Figure 6: Secondary (left) & tertiary (right) cone crushers are operable.*



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**Figure 7:** Paulsens ball mill has been regularly inched and lifters and liners have been ordered.



**Figure 8:** Existing Knelson gravity concentrators that will be removed, stripped for spares and replaced with new units, in the process of ordering.



**Figure 9:** CIL agitator motors and gearboxes to be stripped and serviced with only one motor and gearbox requiring replacement.





**Figure 10:** Cyclone feed pump that is stripped and ready for servicing. All sump pumps within the gravity/leach areas are operational. Servicing of pumps will continue during the March 2024 quarter.



**Figure 11:** Deep cleaning the crushing/screening circuit and cyclone tower will commence in February 2024. Pipework will be inspected and/or replaced.



*Figure 12: The +128 person Paulsens village and camp is being well-utilised with ongoing rental to third parties.*

### PLANNED ACTIVITIES

<b>13-15 Feb 2024:</b>	2024 RIU Explorers Conference, Fremantle
<b>Feb 2024:</b>	Regional RC drilling results - Paulsens
<b>28 Feb 2024:</b>	Mingjin/Southeast Mingqing funding package End Date
<b>Mar 2024:</b>	Half Year Financial Report
<b>Mar 2024:</b>	Funding Completion/Drawdown - \$60M funding package (remaining funds of \$51m available)
<b>Mar 2024:</b>	Update on restart activities at Paulsens
<b>Apr 2024:</b>	Quarterly Report

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



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## ABOUT BLACK CAT SYNDICATE (ASX: BC8)

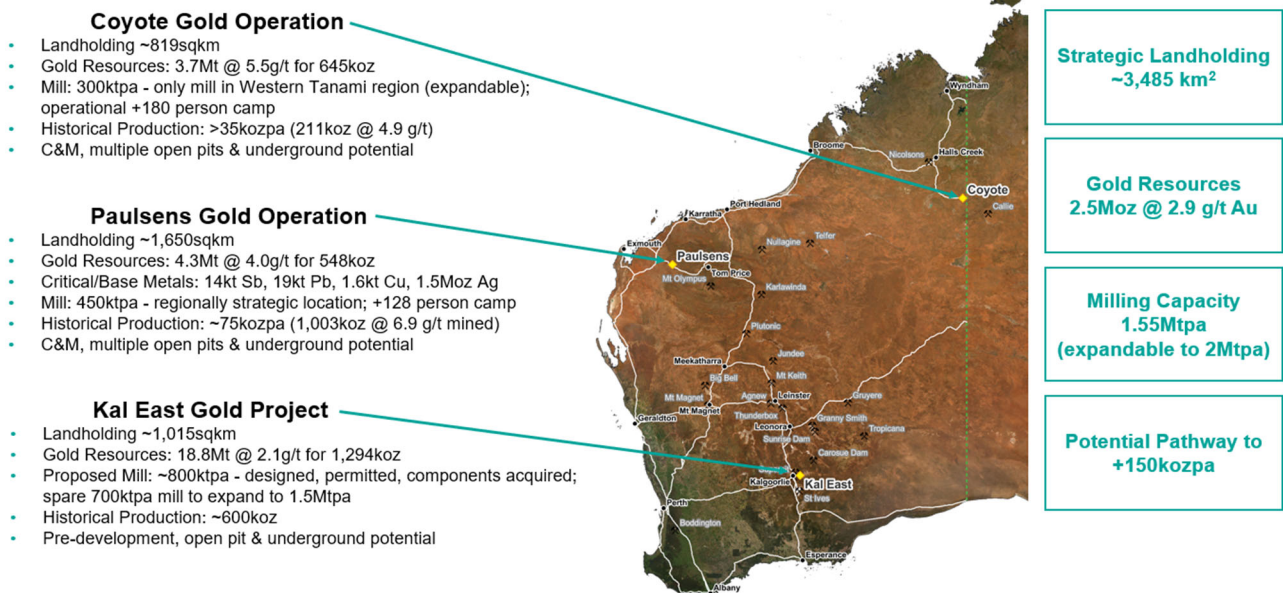
Key pillars are in place for Black Cat to become a multi operation gold producer at its three 100% owned operations. The three operations are:

**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 is currently on care and maintenance, has a Resource of 4.4Mt @ 3.9g/t Au for 549koz 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 ~1,015km<sup>2</sup> 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.

Black Cat plans to construct a central processing facility near the Majestic deposit, ~50km east of Kalgoorlie. The 800ktpa processing facility 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.



## Competent Persons Statements

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information in the original reports, and that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original reports.

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, are included in the original ASX announcement dated: 21 November 2023 continue to apply and have not materially changed.



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## APPENDIX 1 - 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)
<u>Kal East</u>													
Bulong	Open Pit	-	-	-	1,000	2.7	86	1,380	1.8	79	2,380	2.1	164
	Underground	-	-	-	230	4.6	34	937	3.5	107	1,167	3.8	141
	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
<b>Coyote Resource</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,818</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>3,664</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>645</b>

### 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
<b>Paulsens Resource</b>		<b>170</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>4,289</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>548</b>
<b>TOTAL Resource</b>		<b>183</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>12,442</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>14,164</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>26,789</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2,488</b>

#### Notes on Resources:

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- 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.
- Resources are reported inclusive of any Reserves.
- 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 – Black Cat ASX announcement on 9 October 2020 "Strong Resource Growth Continues including 53% Increase at Fingals Fortune"
- Trump – Black Cat ASX announcement on 9 October 2020 "Strong Resource Growth Continues including 53% Increase at Fingals Fortune"
- 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 – Black Cat ASX announcement on 11 March 2021 "1 Million Oz in Resource & New Gold Targets"
- 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 – Black Cat ASX announcement on 18 February 2019 "Robust Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate at Bulong"
- 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 – Black Cat ASX announcement on 10 July 2020 "JORC 2004 Resources Converted to JORC 2012 Resources"
- Rowe's Find – Black Cat ASX announcement on 10 July 2020 "JORC 2004 Resources Converted to JORC 2012 Resources"



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## 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 – Black Cat ASX announcement on 25 May 2022 "Coyote & Paulsens High-Grade JORC Resources Confirmed"
- Kookaburra OP – Black Cat ASX announcement on 25 May 2022 "Coyote & Paulsens High-Grade JORC Resources Confirmed"
- Pebbles OP – Black Cat ASX announcement on 25 May 2022 "Coyote & Paulsens High-Grade JORC Resources Confirmed"
- 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 – Black Cat ASX announcement on 25 May 2022 "Coyote & Paulsens High-Grade JORC Resources Confirmed"
- Electric Dingo – Black Cat ASX announcement on 25 May 2022 "Coyote & Paulsens High-Grade JORC Resources Confirmed"

## APPENDIX 2 - 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	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>415</b>	-	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>76.9</b>	-	<b>*</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1,026</b>	-
Central	Inferred	532	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>532</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>*</b>	-	-	-	-
Eastern	Inferred	794	-	-	1.7	17.0	2.4	*	-	13.2	434	18.7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>794</b>	-	-	<b>1.7</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>*</b>	-	<b>13.2</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>18.7</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,741</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>*</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>18.7</b>

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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 3 - 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

Open Pit	-	-	-	3,288	1.8	193	3,288	1.8	193
Underground	-	-	-	437	3.6	50	437	3.6	50
<b>Kal East Reserve</b>	-	-	-	<b>3,725</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>3,725</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>243</b>

### Paulsens Gold Operation

Underground	93	4.5	14	<b>537</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Paulsens Reserve</b>	93	4.5	14	<b>537</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>TOTAL Reserves</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4,262</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>4,356</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>330</b>

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4. Cut-off Grade:
  - o Open Pit - The Ore Reserves are based upon an internal cut-off grade greater than or equal to the break-even cut-off grade.
  - o 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"