



Exploration update – Katanning Gold Project

Highlights:

- **Drilling programs at Katanning Gold Project resume this week**
 - **Results imminent from aircore and diamond drilling undertaken in December 2017 quarter**
 - **EM and gravity surveys to be completed on key project areas in coming weeks**
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Ausgold Limited (**ASX: AUC**) (“**Ausgold**” or “**the Company**”) is pleased to announce the resumption of exploration activity at its 100%-owned Katanning Gold Project (KGP) in Western Australia’s south-west as results are pending from drilling undertaken by the Company during the December 2017 quarter.

Following a short break over the Christmas period, the 10,000 metre aircore (AC) program testing targets along the Jackson-Lone Tree, White Dam-Fraser and Olympia-Jinkas mineralised trends at the KGP will recommence today. Diamond drilling at the Datatine prospect, which lies along strike to the north of the Jinkas deposit, will recommence later this week.

Ausgold completed 5,440 metres of the AC program as well as three of four diamond holes planned for Datatine in the December 2017 quarter. All samples from the AC drilling and core from two of the diamond holes have been submitted for assay and core from one drill hole is yet to be sampled.

Results from the AC program, which is focused within a 10km radius of the KGP resource area, will be critical in prioritising targets for follow-up reverse circulation (RC) drilling planned to begin in February 2018.

Following completion of a regional ground gravity survey over Ausgold’s entire 4,031km² tenement holding in the December 2017 quarter, a more detailed (200 x 400m) ground gravity survey over the KGP resource area will begin this week, as will a ground-based moving loop electro-magnetic (EM) survey targeting high grade gold-pyrrhotite association at the Jinkas, Jackson-Olympia and Lukin prospects.

About Ausgold Limited

Ausgold Limited is a gold exploration and development company based in Western Australia.

The Company's flagship project is the Katanning Gold Project, located 275km south-east of Perth and approximately 40km north-east of the wheatbelt town of Katanning. Ausgold holds a dominant ground position in this relatively underexplored greenstone belt, an area prospective for Archean gold deposits.

Ausgold's portfolio also includes the Doolgunna Station Cu-Au project and the Yamarna Ni-Cu-Co project in Western Australia and the Cracow Au Project in Queensland.

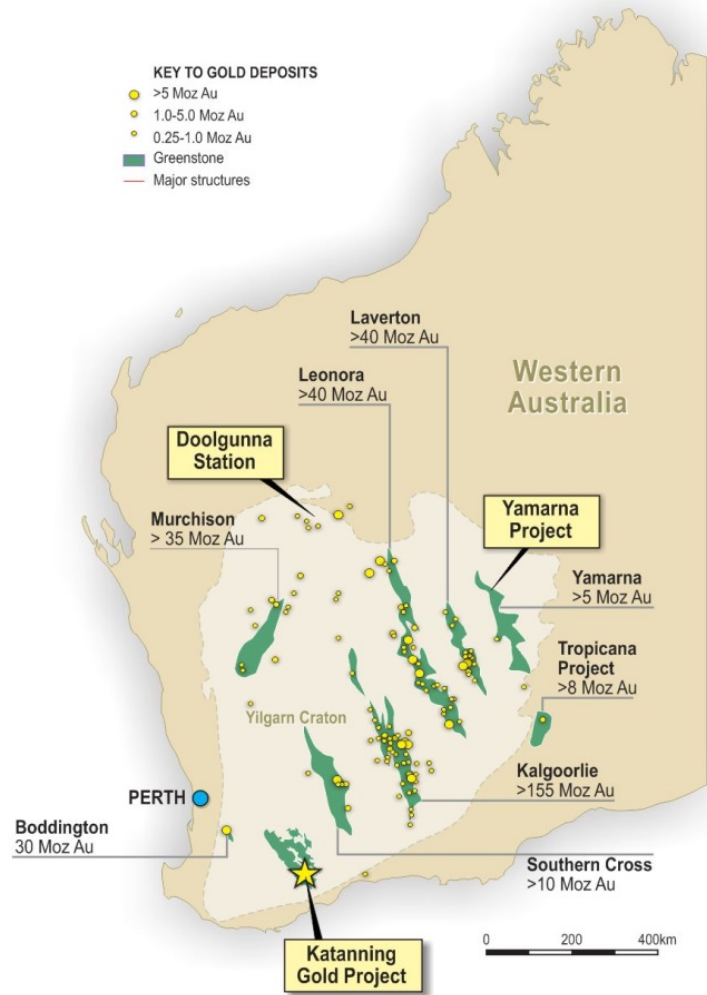


Figure 1: Regional map showing the KGP, other Ausgold Projects and mineralised greenstone belts

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Competent Person's Statements

The information in this Announcement that relates to exploration work and Dr Matthew Greentree takes responsibility for the integrity of the Exploration Results including sampling, assaying, and QA/QC, and the preparation of the geological interpretations. Dr Matthew Greentree is Chief Executive Officer and is a Share and Option holder in Ausgold Limited.

Dr Matthew Greentree is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity they are undertaking, to qualify as Competent Persons in terms of "The Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code, 2012 edition)". Dr Greentree as the Competent Person consents to the inclusion of such information in this Announcement in the form and context in which it appears.

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