

Caledonia Mining Corporation Plc Completion of Shaft Sinking at Blanket Mine

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ST HELIER, July 24, 2019 - [Caledonia Mining Corporation plc](#) (NYSE AMERICAN: CMCL; AIM: CMCL; TSX: CAL) (“Caledonia” or the “Company”) announces that the shaft sinking at the new Central Shaft at Blanket Mine has been completed. The Central Shaft project has been in progress since early 2015 and the Company has spent approximately \$44 million sinking a new shaft from surface to a depth of over 1,200 meters (approximately 4,000 feet).

The project now moves to the equipping phase prior to commissioning which is expected during the third quarter in 2020. Production from Blanket mine is then expected to progressively increase to the target of 80,000 ounces of gold per year from 2022 onwards.

The Company expects the increased production, combined with economies of scale and lower future capital investment, will result in significant increases in Caledonia’s profit and distributable cash.

Commenting on completion of the shaft sinking, Steve Curtis, Caledonia’s Chief Executive Officer, said:

“Completion of the shaft sinking is an important milestone in Caledonia’s investment plan. I would like to recognise the outstanding contribution of Caledonia’s technical staff, led by Dana Roets, Caledonia’s Chief Operating Officer, who have worked hard over the last five years to ensure that we have reached this point.

“We now commence the equipping phase, which will take approximately 12 months, after which we can commence the production ramp-up towards our target of 80,000 ounces of gold in 2022.”

About Caledonia Mining

Caledonia’s primary asset is a 49% interest in an operating gold mine in Zimbabwe (“Blanket Mine”). In November 2018, Caledonia announced that it had signed a legally binding sale agreement to increase its holding in Blanket Mine to 64%, subject to receipt of, amongst other things, regulatory approvals. Caledonia’s shares are listed on the NYSE American (symbol: CMCL) and on the Toronto Stock Exchange (symbol: CAL) and depositary interests representing the shares are traded on London’s AIM (symbol: CMCL).

As at March 31, 2019, Caledonia had cash of approximately US\$9.7m. Blanket Mine plans to increase production from 54,511 ounces of gold in 2018 to approximately 75,000 ounces in 2021 and approximately 80,000 ounces in 2022; Blanket Mine’s target production for 2019 is between 53,000 and 56,000 ounces. Caledonia expects to publish its results for the quarter to June 30, 2019 on or around August 13, 2019.

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