-Record production in May with 1,765oz gold equivalent sales -Record daily and weekly production at 168oz Au/day and 595oz Au/week -Face samples average 26gpt Au over 3.5m width in Disco Level 1.

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - June 5, 2015) - <u>Banks Island Gold Ltd.</u> (TSX VENTURE:BOZ) (the "Company") reports an update of operations at the Company's 100% owned Yellow Giant Gold Project ("Yellow Giant"), located on Banks Island British Columbia.

Total gold sales in May 2015 was 1,765 oz of gold equivalent ("Aueq"). The Company achieved record production in May with a 21% increase in gold sales compared to April. Company crews broke Yellow Giant's daily production record with 168oz Aueq in concentrate produced. In May the company's weekly production record was also broken, with 595oz Aueq in concentrate over 7 continuous days.

Gold sales and production data for the 2015 calendar year to date are displayed in Table 1.

Table 1 - Gold Sales - 2015 Calendar Year

Month Avg ROM Feed			Recovery		Metal in Con		Payable Metal Sales	
2015	tpd Au (gp	t) Ag (gpt	) Au	Ag	Au (oz)	Ag (oz)	Au eq* (oz)	Au eq* oz/day)
Jan	357 5.6	25	81 %	66 %	1,610	5,998	1,532	49
Feb	230 6.4	35	83 %	75 %	1,100	5,018	1,059	38
Mar	114 13.4	52	90 %	76 %	1,375	4,838	1,304	42
Apr	157 11.3	46	90 %	78 %	1,540	5,382	1,461	49
May	208 10.0	17	92 %	74 %	1,909	3,410	1,765	57

<sup>\*</sup>Gold equivalent is calculated by converting silver to gold at a ratio of 65:1

At present, the Company is processing mineralization from the Tel Central and Main Zones. The Company processed Discovery Ore for several days in May to optimize processing parameters, which produced overall concentrate grades of approx. 125gpt Au with gold recovery of approx. 90%. The Company will continue processing mineralization from the Discovery Zone in June.

The Company completed development of the first level of mineralization at the Discovery Zone in May and will commence development of the second level. The Company has received partial assays from the 1st level which are displayed in Table 2.

Table 2 - Discovery Level 1 - Face Samples

Round #	Width (m)	Au (gpt)	Ag (gpt)	
1	1.4	0.4	4	
2	2.4	19.2	21	
3	3.0	1.0	4	
4	4.4	7.5	16	
5	3.7	23.6	40	
6	2.5	10.0	20	
7	3.0	No Sample		
8	3.0	7.9	24	
9	3.0	31.9	40	
10	4.1	26.1	51	
11	4.3	79.6	68	
12	4.9	28.1	25	
13	5.1	34.9	62	
14	4.4	30.2	31	
15	4.2	Assays or	utstanding	
16	4.5			
17	5.0			
18	5.0			
19	4.4			
20	1.9			
21	1.9			
22	1.8			

Company geologists are conducting detailed mapping in order to determine mineralization controls of the high grade shoot at

Discovery. The mine development crew is expected to reach diamond drillhole DIS-12-03 in late June. Drillhole DIS-12-03 assayed 135gpt Au over 3.7m. (See news release dated May 25th 2012).

The Company has not based its production decision on a feasibility study of mineral reserves with demonstrated economic and technical viability. <u>Banks Island Gold Ltd.</u> has decided to put the Property into production without first establishing mineral reserves supported by a NI43-101 compliant technical report and feasibility study. The Company cautions readers that such production may not be economically feasible and historically such projects have a much higher risk of economic or technical failure.

Benjamin Mossman, P.Eng. is the qualified person who reviewed and approved the contents of this news release.

Analytical work on concentrates was carried out by ALS Mineral Services in North Vancouver, British Columbia. Quality assurance and quality control programs include the use of analytical blanks, standards, and duplicates in addition to the lab's own internal quality assurance program. Samples are fire assayed with a gravimetric finish to determine gold and silver values.

Analytical work on face samples was carried out by Blue Coast Group in Parksville, British Columbia. Quality assurance and quality control programs include the use of analytical blanks, standards, and duplicates in addition to the lab's own internal quality assurance program. Samples are fire assayed with a gravimetric finish to determine gold and silver values.

The Company is a mining company focused on gold production, exploration, and development of economically viable mineral resources. The Company's mineral property is located in British Columbia. For more information, please refer to the Company's website at www.banksislandgold.com

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