

# K92 Mining Announces Q3 Production Results - Record Quarterly Production of 44,304 oz AuEq, Significantly Exceeding Budget

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- Record quarterly production of 44,304 ounces gold equivalent ("AuEq")<sup>(1)</sup> or 41,702 oz gold, 1,278,492 lbs copper and 37,613 oz silver, and record quarterly sales of 45,248 oz gold, 1,615,185 lbs copper and 46,062 oz silver. With over 80% of AuEq production for the lower end of annual guidance delivered in the first 9 months of the year, the Company is well positioned to meet its 2024 operational guidance.
- Record metallurgical recoveries in Q3 of 95.3% for gold and near-record recoveries of 95.1% for copper, with September achieving record monthly gold recoveries of 96.5% and copper recoveries of 95.9%, both exceeding the recovery parameters from the Integrated Development Plan, of 93.0% and 95.0%, respectively (January 2022 effective date)<sup>(2)</sup>.
- Quarterly ore processed of 104,992 tonnes with a head grade of 13.8 grams per tonne ("g/t") AuEq, or 13.0 g/t gold, 0.58% copper and 13.0 g/t silver. AuEq head grade in Q3 was the highest since Q4 2020 and above budget, benefiting from higher grade stopes in Q2 reporting to Q3, in addition to a moderate positive gold grade reconciliation versus the latest Independent Mineral Resource (effective date of September 12, 2023 for Kora and Judd) for both gold and copper. Throughput was deliberately reduced to maximize recoveries at the higher feed grade.
- Ore mined of 112,333 tonnes, with long hole open stoping performing to design, and total mine development of 2,190 metres. Development rates are planned to notably increase over the next three quarters driven by the completion of multiple infrastructure projects, a major increase to available headings from the opening of two new mining fronts, the progressive introduction of additional equipment already on site as available headings increase, and the execution of various identified productivity initiatives.
- During the quarter, the 221.4-metre-long raise bore for the interim ventilation upgrade was completed from the twin incline to the main mine, plus multiple smaller raises. To date, both raise bore piloting and reaming advance rates have notably exceeded budget.

*Note (1): Gold equivalent for Q3 2024 is calculated based on: gold \$2,474 per ounce; silver \$29.43 per ounce; and copper \$4.17 per pound.*

*Note (2): Refer to Integrated Development Plan (IDP) DFS Case and PEA Case. IDP effective date is January 1, 2022. IDP has not been updated to reflect the updated Kora and Judd resource (effective date September 12, 2023); however, the Company does not expect the design parameters and conclusions to materially change. The Company expects the potential mine life to be extended for both cases.*

John Lewins, K92 Chief Executive Officer and Director, stated, "As we guided to at the beginning of the year, 2H was expected to be the strongest, and it has certainly delivered thus far, with record ounces produced and sold, and record recoveries while benefiting from record gold prices in Q3. Importantly, the results have well positioned the Company to meet its 2024 Operational Guidance, while also delivering a notable strengthening to the Company's financial position during the Stage 3 Expansion construction, which is very encouraging."

*In less than 9 months from now, the new Stage 3 Expansion Standalone Plant is scheduled to commence commissioning, marking a major milestone for K92 that has taken multiple years to reach, and it effectively represents the beginning of the Company becoming a Tier 1 Mid-Tier Producer. We are also excited to host an analyst and investor tour later this month, highlighting our progress across multiple areas, including current operations, the Stage 3 and 4 Expansions and exploration, while also showcasing the advantages of operating in the mining friendly jurisdiction of Papua New Guinea."*

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Oct. 09, 2024 -- [K92 Mining Inc.](#) ("K92" or the "Company") (TSX: KNT;

OTCQX: KNTNF) is pleased to announce record quarterly production results for the third quarter ("Q3") of 2024 at its Kainantu Gold Mine in Papua New Guinea, of 44,304 ounces AuEq or 41,702 oz gold, 1,278,492 lbs copper and 37,613 oz silver. Sales during the quarter were 45,248 oz gold, 1,615,185 lbs copper and 46,062 oz silver. With over 80% of AuEq production for the lower end of annual guidance delivered in the first 9 months of the year, the Company is well positioned to meet its guidance for 2024 of 120,000-140,000 ounces AuEq.

During the third quarter, the process plant processed 104,992 tonnes, with a head grade averaging 13.8 g/t AuEq or 13.0 g/t gold, 0.58% copper and 13.0 g/t silver. Gold equivalent head grade was the highest since Q4 2020. Gold grades were above budget driven by higher grade stopes previously scheduled for Q2 being mined in Q3, in addition to a moderate positive gold grade reconciliation when compared with the Independent Mineral Resource Model for both gold and copper. Throughput was deliberately reduced to maximize recoveries at the higher feed grade.

Strong metallurgical recoveries were also achieved, with record recoveries for gold, averaging 95.3%, and near-record recoveries of 95.1% for copper during the quarter, and a record monthly gold recovery of 96.5% and copper recovery of 95.9% in September, exceeding the recovery parameters stated in the Integrated Development Plan of 93.0% and 95.0% for gold and copper, respectively (January 2022 effective date)<sup>(2)</sup>.

In the third quarter, the mine delivered 112,333 tonnes of ore mined, with 9 levels mined, including the 1225, 1285, 1305, 1325, and 1345 levels at Kora, and the twin incline level, 950, 1170, 1185, 1205, and 1305 levels at Judd. Long hole open stoping performed to design. Overall mine development achieved a total of 2,190 metres. Development rates are expected to significantly increase near-term driven by: the sequential completion of multiple infrastructure projects over the next 3 quarters (interim ventilation upgrade operational - Q4 2024, Puma ventilation drive for life of mine with two x 2 MW fans operational - Q2 2025, first ore pass/waste pass - early 2025); significant increase to available headings and advance productivities as two mining fronts are opened up (twin incline and front below the main mine); progressive introduction of multiple jumbos and equipment that are already on site as available headings increase, and; the execution of various identified productivity initiatives.

During the quarter, the 5-metre diameter, 221.4-metre-long raise bore for the interim ventilation upgrade was completed. Multiple smaller raises were also completed. Raise bore piloting and reaming advance rates have notably exceeded budget to date.

See Figure 1: Quarterly Production, Cash Cost and AISC Chart

See Figure 2: Gold and Copper Recoveries Chart

Table 1 - 2024 & 2023 Annual Production Data

	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024
Tonnes Processed	T 121,201	151,908	503,484	130,632	95,582	104,992
Feed Grade Au	g/t 6.2	7.4	6.8	6.4	7.5	13.0
Feed Grade Cu	% 0.72%	0.87%	0.75%	0.55%	0.62%	0.58%
Recovery (%) Au	% 92.0%	91.7%	91.5%	90.7%	93.7%	95.3%
Recovery (%) Cu	% 93.0%	93.6%	92.8%	91.9%	95.3%	95.1%
Metal in Conc & Doré Prod Au oz	22,227	33,309	100,533	24,389	21,661	41,702
Metal in Conc Prod Cu	T 809	1,238	3,488	655	565	580
Metal in Conc & Doré Prod Ag oz	40,233	56,502	160,628	35,650	26,754	37,613
Gold Equivalent Production	oz 26,225	39,101	117,607	27,462	24,347	44,304

Notes - Gold equivalent for Q3 2024 is calculated based on:

gold \$2,474 per ounce; silver \$29.43 per ounce; and copper \$4.17 per pound.

Gold equivalent for Q2 2024 is calculated based on:

gold \$2,338 per ounce; silver \$28.84 per ounce; and copper \$4.42 per pound.

Gold equivalent for Q1 2024 is calculated based on:

gold \$2,070 per ounce; silver \$23.34 per ounce; and copper \$3.83 per pound.

*Gold equivalent for Q4 2023 is calculated based on:  
gold \$1,974 per ounce; silver \$23.20 per ounce; and copper \$3.71 per pound.*

*Gold equivalent for Q3 2023 is calculated based on:  
gold \$1,928 per ounce; silver \$23.57 per ounce; and copper \$3.79 per pound.*

#### **Qualified Person**

K92 Mine Geology Manager and Mine Exploration Manager, Andrew Kohler, PGeo, a qualified person under the meaning of Canadian National Instrument 43-101 - *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*, has reviewed and is responsible for the technical content of this news release. Data verification by Mr. Kohler includes significant time onsite reviewing drill core, face sampling, underground workings, and discussing work programs and results with geology and mining personnel.

#### **Technical Report**

The Integrated Development Plan ("IDP") for the Kainantu Gold Mine Project in Papua New Guinea that contains information on the Definitive Feasibility Study and Preliminary Economic Assessment is included in a technical report, titled, "Independent Technical Report, Kainantu Gold Mine Integrated Development Plan, Kainantu Project, Papua New Guinea" dated October 26, 2022, with an effective date of January 1, 2022.

#### **About K92**

K92 Mining Inc. is engaged in the production of gold, copper and silver at the Kainantu Gold Mine in the Eastern Highlands province of Papua New Guinea, as well as exploration and development of mineral deposits in the immediate vicinity of the mine. The Company declared commercial production from Kainantu in February 2018 and is in a strong financial position. A maiden resource estimate on the Blue Lake copper-gold porphyry project was completed in August 2022. K92 is operated by a team of mining company professionals with extensive international mine-building and operational experience.

On Behalf of the Company,

John Lewins, Chief Executive Officer and Director

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION:** *This news release includes certain "forward-looking statements" under applicable Canadian securities legislation. Such forward-looking statements include, without limitation: (i) the results of the Kainantu Mine Definitive Feasibility Study, and the Kainantu 2022 Preliminary Economic Assessment, including the Stage 3 Expansion, a new standalone 1.2 mtpa process plant and supporting infrastructure; (ii) statements regarding the expansion of the mine and development of any of the deposits; (iii) the Kainantu Stage 4 Expansion, operating two standalone process plants, larger surface infrastructure and mining throughputs; and (iv) the potential extended life of the Kainantu Mine.*

*All statements in this news release that address events or developments that we expect to occur in the future are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and are generally, although not always, identified by words such as "expect", "plan", "anticipate", "project", "target", "potential", "schedule", "forecast", "budget", "estimate", "intend" or "believe" and similar expressions or their negative connotations, or that events or conditions "will", "would", "may", "could", "should" or "might" occur. All such forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management as of the date such statements are made. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based on estimates and assumptions that are inherently subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many*

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Estimates of mineral resources are also forward-looking statements because they constitute projections, based on certain estimates and assumptions, regarding the amount of minerals that may be encountered in the future and/or the anticipated economics of production. The estimation of mineral resources and mineral reserves is inherently uncertain and involves subjective judgments about many relevant factors. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. The accuracy of any such estimates is a function of the quantity and quality of available data, and of the assumptions made and judgments used in engineering and geological interpretation. Forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of future performance, and actual results and future events could materially differ from those anticipated in such statements. Although we have attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actual results to differ materially from those that are anticipated, estimated, or intended. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

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