

**Caledonia Mining Corporation Plc****Q1 Production Update****(NYSE AMERICAN, AIM and VFEX: CMCL)**

**St Helier, April 24, 2023** - Caledonia Mining Corporation Plc ("Caledonia" or the "Company") announces gold production from the Blanket Mine in Zimbabwe ("Blanket") and the Bilboes oxides project in Zimbabwe for the quarter ended 31 March 2023 ("Q1 2023" or the "Quarter"). All production numbers are expressed on a 100 per cent basis and are based on the final assay at the refiners.

Quarterly gold production at Blanket Mine was 16,036 ounces, 13 per cent lower than the 18,515 ounces produced in the first quarter of 2022. Production was lower than last year due to several individually insignificant mechanical breakdowns and logistical issues which have now been resolved and production in the early part of April 2023 has been better than expected.

Management re-iterates production guidance for Blanket for the year to December 31, 2023 of between 75,000 and 80,000 ounces of gold<sup>1</sup>.

Bilboes commenced production of gold from oxides derived from pre-stripping works in the last few days of the Quarter, producing 105 ounces of gold. Commencement of oxide production at Bilboes has been slower than anticipated, having been adversely affected by inconsistent grades, mechanical breakdowns and the poor availability of spare parts and alternative equipment.

As highlighted in the production guidance dated January 13, 2023, the on-mine cost/oz of Bilboes oxide production was anticipated to be \$1,200-1,320 and is hence a relatively low margin activity which is primarily justified by the parallel benefit of pre-stripping in anticipation of the development of the Bilboes sulphide project. The Company is reviewing the initial evidence of this activity given some of the initial challenges and relative to the larger sulphide project, for which a feasibility study is being updated. Accordingly, going forward, we will report actual production achieved each quarter at the oxides project as part of the pre-stripping activities and, accordingly, have withdrawn guidance on the low-margin oxide production.

**Commenting on the announcement, Mark Learmonth, Chief Executive Officer, said:**

*"Gold production at Blanket is usually lower in the first quarter of each year and increases in the following quarters. This trend is in evidence this year, albeit production in the first quarter of 2023 was below our target due to a series of issues including equipment failures and logistical issues. These issues have been resolved and production to date in April has been higher than expected."*

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to the technical report entitled "NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Blanket Gold Mine, Zimbabwe" with effective date September 1, 2022 prepared by Minxcon (Pty) Ltd filed by the Company on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)) on March 13, 2023

*“The small-scale low margin oxide operation at Bilboes is effectively a pre-stripping exercise for the larger sulphide project in respect of which we have commenced work on an updated feasibility study. The oxide project was adversely affected by the breakdown of contractor-provided drill-rigs which are used for evaluation drilling and the limited availability in Zimbabwe of spare parts or alternative equipment.*

*“In light of the foregoing, we reiterate production guidance for 2023 of between 75,000 and 80,000 ounces of gold from Blanket.*

*“We expect to publish further operating information and the financial results for the Quarter on or about May 15, 2023.”*

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