



## Ausgold Strengthens Senior Leadership Team with Appointment of CEO and GM Operations

**Ausgold Limited (ASX: AUC) (Ausgold or Company)** is pleased to announce the following additions to its senior leadership group as part of the ongoing buildup of Ausgold's team as the Company advances towards a final investment decision for its 100%-owned Katanning Gold Project (**KGP**) in Western Australia.

Experienced mining executive Ben Stockdale has been appointed Chief Executive Officer. Ben commenced as Chief Financial Officer of Ausgold in August 2024 and will transition into the CEO role with immediate effect. He has over 25 years of senior leadership experience in the resources industry across exploration, development and operational mining companies, including extensive experience in debt and equity financing of minerals projects in Australia and abroad.

John Doward will remain in the role of Executive Chairman to provide ongoing senior executive leadership and support and is expected to transition to a non-executive Chairman role towards the end of 2026.

Reece Olney has been appointed as General Manager Operations for the KGP. Reece is a highly experienced mining operations general manager with demonstrated capability in the resources industry across multiple commodities in both open cut and underground operations. He has a proven history in project development and operations, with over 30 years mining industry experience including GM Operations roles at several of Mt Gibson Iron's mines over the past decade.

Reece was most recently General Manager for the Weld Range Project at Fenix Resources. He will be focused on supporting the KGP development team through the construction phase and leading the operational readiness planning to ensure the project is well placed for the commencement of operations.

**Ausgold Executive Chairman, John Dorward, said:**

*"As we advance the Katanning Gold Project towards a Final Investment Decision, we are focused on building a high-quality team to lead the Company through the transition from project developer to gold producer. Ben has played an instrumental role in driving the successful progress of the business since joining Ausgold and is ideally placed to lead the Company through this next exciting phase of growth."*

*“On behalf of the board, I would like to congratulate Ben on this promotion. We are also delighted to welcome Reece to the Role of General Manager Operations for the KGP. As a seasoned campaigner in the resources sector, Reece will be pivotal in planning and executing the important transition of the KGP from construction to operations.”*

**The Board of Directors of Ausgold Limited approved this announcement for release to the ASX.**

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**Appendix**

**Mr Ben Stockdale - Material Terms of Employment**

Role	CEO
Fixed Remuneration	\$500,000 per annum salary inclusive of superannuation
Variable Remuneration (short- term incentive cash bonus and long-term incentive performance rights)	To be determined annually at the discretion of the Board of Directors
Termination Notice	6 months by either party

All other terms and conditions remain as per Mr Stockdale's existing employment contract and are typical for an appointment of this nature.

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