

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **OCEANAGOLD FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2013 PRODUCTION REPORT**

(All figures in US Dollars unless otherwise stated)

(MELBOURNE) OceanaGold Corporation (**ASX: OGC, TSX: OGC, NZX: OGC**) (the "Company") is pleased to release its fourth quarter report for the quarter ended 31 December 2013, in accordance with the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX") Listing Rule 5.1. Please note that the numbers contained in this document are unaudited and subject to finalisation. As a Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") issuer, the Company will release its complete full year 2013 audited financial and operational results on 20 February 2014. A conference call to discuss the results will take place on 21 February 2014 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time).

## **Key Highlights**

- Record full year gold production of 325,732 ounces in 2013, slightly ahead of guidance.
- Strong copper production with 23,059 tonnes produced for the year exceeding top end of 2013 copper production guidance.
- Cash costs net of copper by-products of \$426 per ounce for the full year, lower than the 2013 cash cost guidance.
- All-In Sustaining Costs ("AISC") of \$868 per ounce for the full year.
- Reduced debt by \$45 million during the quarter.

Mick Wilkes, Managing Director and CEO commented, "I am pleased to report a very strong finish to 2013 with record gold production for OceanaGold. The Company exceeded its 2013 gold and copper production guidance at lower than planned costs on the back of strong fourth quarter production from both our New Zealand and Philippine operations. We continue to drive down our cost profile while increasing cash margins." He went on to say, "Last year was a challenging year for the gold sector with a significant decrease in the gold price. Against that environment, we transformed the Company by successfully commissioning the high grade, low cost Didipio Mine in the Philippines, and reducing our cost base in New Zealand where we responded to the new economic realities in a decisive manner by optimising mine schedules and identifying operational efficiencies."

Mr Wilkes continued, "Looking ahead into 2014, we expect increasing free cash flow generation to be used to further strengthen our balance sheet and position the Company for greater shareholder value. We expect Didipio to continue to ramp-up well with increased production and mill throughput to achieve its 3.5 Mtpa planned capacity by the end of the year. We will also continue to work closely with all of our stakeholders to deliver positive results in a safe and sustainable manner."

## **Operations Overview**

#### - Table 1 -

Q4 & FY2013 Production and Cost Results Summary		Didipio	New Zealand	Group
Q4 2013 Results				
Gold Produced	ounces	27,713	87,506	115,219
Copper Produced	tonnes	7,536	-	7,536
Cash Costs	\$ per ounce	(1,081)	550	210
Full Year 2013 Results				
Gold Produced	ounces	66,277	259,455	325,732
Copper Produced	tonnes	23,059	-	23,059
Cash Costs	\$ per ounce	(1,078)	740	426
All-In Sustaining Costs	\$ per ounce	(688)	1,194	868

## Q4 & Full Year 2013 Production and Cost Results Summary

In the fourth quarter, strong performance across all operations resulted in a record 115,219 ounces of gold produced, a 54% increase from the previous quarter on account of processing higher grade ore across all operations. Fourth quarter copper production of 7,536 tonnes was 23% higher than in the previous quarter. For the full year 2013, the Company achieved record gold production of 325,732 ounces, slightly exceeding the Company's 2013 gold production guidance range of 285,000 to 325,000 ounces. The Company exceeded its 2013 copper production range of 18,000 to 20,000 tonnes with 23,059 tonnes produced.

In the Philippines, the Didipio Mine produced 27,713 ounces of gold and 7,536 tonnes of copper in the fourth quarter because of increased mill feed tonnage, higher gold and copper grades processed and better recoveries. For the full year, Didipio achieved its gold production guidance with 66,277 ounces of gold produced and exceeded its copper production guidance with 23,059 tonnes produced. In 2014, the operation is set to continue ramping up production and throughput rates to its 3.5 Mtpa planned capacity.

In New Zealand, strong performance at Macraes and Reefton resulted in a combined fourth quarter gold production of 87,506 ounces, a 54% increase from the previous quarter. This increase was attributable to processing higher grade ore at both operations. For the full year, New Zealand operations exceeded their gold production guidance with 259,455 ounces of gold produced.

Subsequent to the year end, the Company announced that in response to the continued lower gold price environment, it re-optimised the mine schedule at Macraes Open Pit and Frasers Underground. As a result, the Macraes Open Pit mine life is now the end of 2017 while the Frasers Underground is expected to end in mid-2015. Additionally, the Company partially hedged gold production at Macraes utilising a zero-cost collar hedge covering 208,000 ounces of gold over the next two years with put options at NZ\$1,500 per ounce and an equal number of call options at NZ\$1,600 per ounce.

The Company's full year preliminary unaudited cash costs net of copper by-product credits were \$426 per ounce, significantly lower than the Company's 2013 cash cost guidance range of \$550 to \$650 per ounce. This result is attributable to increased copper credits and cost reductions employed throughout the year. The full year preliminary unaudited AISC net of copper by-product credits was \$868 per ounce, which was slightly lower than forecasted. Didipio's 2013 net of copper by-product credits AISC was negative (\$688) per ounce, well below the Company's 2013 AISC forecast for the operation.

During the quarter, the Company reduced its core debt by \$45 million, at the end of the quarter the Company's convertible notes matured and were repaid in full and financed through cash and the term facility specifically provided for this repayment. Effective 20 December 2013, the Company had no convertible notes on its balance sheet.

Unaudited revenue for the fourth quarter was approximately \$170 million with approximately \$25 million cash at year end.

## **Operating Statistics**

- Table 2 - Didipio Operating Statistics					
Didipio Operating Statistics	Q4 Dec 31 2013	Q3 Sep 30 2013	Q2 Jun 30 2013	Year 2013	
Gold Produced (ounces)	27,713	18,011	13,676	66,277	
Copper Produced (tonnes)	7,536	6,150	5,710	23,059	
Gold Sold (ounces)	20,900	20,827	11,086	55,604	
Copper Sold (tonnes)	6,461	8,207	5,073	21,290	
Total Ore Mined (tonnes)	2,618,832	2,602,651	1,729,314	8,787,878	
Ore Mined Grade Gold (grams/tonne)	0.69	0.58	0.55	0.58	
Ore Mined Grade Copper (%)	0.53	0.55	0.64	0.58	
Total Waste Mined (tonnes) including pre-strip	3,473,327	3,832,560	4,342,999	14,398,928	
Mill Feed (dry milled tonnes)	729,121	672,921	727,550	2,578,295	
Mill Feed Grade Gold (grams/tonne)	1.33	0.97	0.75	0.94	
Mill Feed Grade Copper (%)	1.09	0.97	0.91	0.98	
Recovery Gold (%)	88.7	86.2	77.5	83.0	
Recovery Copper (%)	95.0	94.2	87.3	91.5	

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Combined New Zealand Operating Statistics						
Combined Operating Statistics for New Zealand Operations	Q4 Dec 31 2013	Q3 Sep 30 2013	Q4 Dec 31 2012	Year 2013	Year 2012	Year 2011
Gold Produced (ounces) Gold Sold (ounces)	87,506 79,510	56,686 54,762	76,844 69,761	259,455 252,477	232,909 230,119	252,499 249,261
Total Ore Mined (tonnes)	2,559,315	2,315,658	2,219,617	8,650,072	6,872,686	8,103,693
Ore Mined Grade (grams/tonne)	1.53	1.25	1.60	1.31	1.34	1.21
Total Waste Mined (tonnes) including pre-strip	12,436,112	13,900,056	14,059,837	56,544,293	54,580,473	59,176,017
Mill Feed (dry milled tonnes)	1,824,732	1,835,140	1,826,880	7,290,217	7,432,375	7,588,354
Mill Feed Grade (grams/tonne)	1.79	1.20	1.59	1.35	1.20	1.25
Recovery (%)	83.2	80.1	82.8	81.3	81.0	82.9

- Table 4 - Macraes and Reefton Operating Statistics						
Macraes Goldfield Operating Statistics	Q4 Dec 31 2013	Q3 Sep 30 2013	Q4 Dec 31 2012	Year 2013	Year 2012	Year 2011
Gold Produced (ounces)	68,419	42,199	58,872	198,820	169,609	174,851
Total Ore Mined (tonnes)	2,026,193	1,878,700	1,815,587	6,962,730	5,558,056	6,589,904
Ore Mined Grade (grams/tonne)	1.55	1.19	1.57	1.27	1.29	1.07
Total Waste Mined (tonnes) including pre-strip	7,838,100	9,061,894	9,496,424	38,725,444	36,363,043	44,407,352
Mill Feed (dry milled tonnes)	1,412,920	1,493,679	1,454,089	5,811,868	5,789,255	5,817,001
Mill Feed Grade (grams/tonne)	1.79	1.10	1.52	1.30	1.12	1.12
Recovery (%)	84.1	79.7	83.2	81.4	81.1	83.3
Reefton Goldfield Operating Statistics	Q4 Dec 31 2013	Q3 Sep 30 2013	Q4 Dec 31 2012	Year 2013	Year 2012	Year 2011
Gold Produced (ounces)	19,087	14,487	17,972	60,635	63,300	77,648
Total Ore Mined (tonnes)	533,122	436,958	404,030	1,687,342	1,314,630	1,513,789
Ore Mined Grade (grams/tonne)	1.45	1.51	1.71	1.47	1.56	1.80
Total Waste Mined (tonnes) including pre-strip	4,598,012	4,838,162	4,563,413	17,818,849	18,217,430	14,768,665
Mill Feed (dry milled tonnes)	411,812	341,461	372,791	1,478,349	1,643,120	1,771,353
Mill Feed Grade (grams/tonne)	1.79	1.61	1.84	1.57	1.48	1.67
Recovery (%)	80.3	81.8	81.1	81.1	80.6	81.4

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## Sustainability

In the fourth quarter, the Didipio Mine was awarded the "Most Environment Compliant" by the Environment Management Bureau, a supporting body of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("DENR") in the Philippines for demonstrating outstanding performance and safeguard of the environment. In the quarter, the Didipio Emergency Response Team ("ERT") worked closely with the Philippine Mine Safety and Environment Association ("PMSEA") and other international groups and played a critical role in the rescue and relief efforts in two major natural disasters that devastated the Visayas region in the Philippines: the earthquake on the island of Bohol and Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in Tacloban City.

In 2014, the Company will continue to advance its sustainability programs and its partnerships. Together with the International RiverFoundation ("IRF"), the Company will promote effective river basin management and educate communities on the adverse environmental impacts of small scale mining methods on local waterways. Through its long and successful track record of developing and operating gold mines in partnerships with local communities, the Company will seek to develop and invest in a number of community initiatives in El Salvador. The Company will engage key stakeholders in El Salvador to unlock the significant opportunity that exists at El Dorado for the Salvadoran people.

## Full Year 2014 Production Guidance

In 2014, the Company is planning to produce 275,000 to 305,000 ounces of gold at cash costs of \$400 to \$450 per ounce net of copper by-product credits and AISC of \$750 to \$850 per ounce net of copper by-product credits. Copper production from Didipio is expected to be between 21,000 to 24,000 tonnes of copper in concentrate.

2014 Company Guidance		Didipio	New Zealand	Group	
Gold Production	ounces	85,000 - 95,000	190,000 – 210,000	275,000 - 305,000	
Copper Production	tonnes	21,000 - 24,000		21,000 - 24,000	
Cash Costs	\$ per ounce	(\$725) – (\$650) <sup>1</sup>	\$840 – \$925 <sup>2</sup>	\$400 – \$450 <sup>1,2</sup>	
All-In Sustaining Costs <sup>3</sup>	\$ per ounce	(\$240) – (\$210) <sup>1</sup>	\$1,170 – \$1,290 <sup>2</sup>	\$750 - \$850 <sup>1,2</sup>	

- Table 5 -
2014 Production and Cost Guidance

1. Net of copper by-product credits at \$3.20/lb copper

2. NZD/USD \$0.80 exchange rate

3. Based on the World Gold Council methodology. Expansionary and growth capital expenditures are excluded from the AISC

## Full Year 2013 Results Release and Conference Call

The Company will release its full 2013 financial and operational results on Thursday 20 February 2014 and host a conference call / webcast to discuss the results at 8:30am on Friday 21 February 2014 (Melbourne, Australia time) / 4:30pm on Thursday 20 February 2014 (Toronto, Canada time).

## Webcast Participants

To register, please copy and paste the link below into your browser: http://event.on24.com/r.htm?e=742124&s=1&k=2C441BCEAD9FC313B78E477166E1F2FB

#### Teleconference Participants (required for those who wish to ask questions)

Local (toll free) dial in numbers are: Australia: 1 800 157 854 New Zealand: 0 800 441 025 Canada & North America: 1 888 390 0546 All other countries (toll): + 1 416 764 8688

## **Playback of Webcast**

If you are unable to attend the call, a recording will be available for viewing on the company's website from 11:30am on Friday 21 February (Melbourne, Australia time) / 7.30pm on Thursday 20 February (Toronto, Canada time).

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## About OceanaGold

OceanaGold Corporation is a significant multinational gold producer with mines located on the South Island of New Zealand and in the Philippines. The Company's assets encompass New Zealand's largest gold mining operation at the Macraes goldfield in Otago which is made up of the Macraes Open Pit and the Frasers Underground mines. Additionally, on the west coast of the South Island, the Company operates the Reefton Open Pit mine. OceanaGold's Didipio Mine in northern Luzon, Philippines commenced commercial production on 1 April 2013 and is expected to produce 100,000 ounces of gold and 14,000 tonnes of copper per year on average over the next 15 years. Late in 2013, the Company added the El Dorado gold-silver Project, in El Salvador to its portfolio of assets through the acquisition of Pacific Rim Mining Corp. In 2014, the Company expects to produce 275,000 to 305,000 ounces of gold from the combined New Zealand and Philippine operations and 21,000 to 24,000 tonnes of copper from the Philippine operations.

OceanaGold is listed on the Toronto, Australian and New Zealand stock exchanges under the symbol OGC.

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