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**QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 JULY 2015 (“3Q2015”)**

**Production:**

- Total mine production achieved for the quarter ended 31 July 2015 (“**3Q2015**”) is approximately 0.3 million tonnes (“**MT**”), which is approximately 85.7% higher compared to the quarter ended 31 July 2014 (“**3Q2014**”).

**Coal Trading:**

- Trading sales volume for 3Q2015 is approximately 1.0 MT, which is approximately 166.9% higher compared to 3Q2014

**Corporate:**

- On 31 March 2015, Blackgold and Matex International Limited (“**Matex**”), a company incorporated under the laws of Singapore and listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“**SGX-ST**”), signed a Sale and Purchase Agreement (“**SPA**”), where Matex will purchase the Company’s wholly owned subsidiary, Blackgold Holdings HongKong Limited together with its associate and subsidiary companies, for a total purchase price of SGD475 million (“**Proposed Acquisition**”), which is likely to constitute:

- In respect to Matex, a reserve takeover, under Chapter 10 of the SGX-ST listing manual and will be subject to, *inter alia*, the approval of Matex’s shareholders and SGX-ST; and
- In respect to Blackgold, a disposal of the Company’s major undertaking under ASX listing rule 11.2, which will be subject to, *inter alia*, the approval of the Company’s shareholders.

- Since 15 May 2015, Matex has commenced due diligence in relation to the Proposed Acquisition, including, *inter alia*, undertaking site visits and conducting legal, business, financial and technical due diligence on Blackgold. Matex is also concurrently preparing its circular to its shareholders to be circulated to the SGX for review.

- Further details of the Proposed Acquisition can be obtained from the Company’s announcement on ASX and Matex’s announcement on SGX-ST.

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## 1. Overview

Blackgold International Holdings Limited (“**Company** or **Blackgold**”) currently owns four existing underground thermal coal mines, the Caotang Mine and the Heiwan Mine in Fengjie County, Chongqing, the Baolong Mine in Wushan County, Chongqing, and the Changhong Mine in the area bordering Xishui County of Guizhou and Qijiang County of Chongqing, all in the People’s Republic of China (“**PRC**”).

Blackgold produced 265,140 tonnes, 193,866 tonnes and 296,004 tonnes of raw coal in 1Q2015, 2Q2015 and 3Q2015 respectively, primarily from the Caotang and Heiwan Mines. Total production in 3Q2015 is approximately 85.7% higher than the total production in 3Q2014.

Total production for the nine months ended 31 July 2015 is 755,010 tonnes, a decrease of 10.2% compared with the total production of the corresponding period for the nine months period ended 31 July 2014.

As announced on 24 April 2014, Blackgold’s four mines have a combined 2012 JORC Code compliant Proved and Probable Reserves of 100.7 million tonnes<sup>1</sup>. Whilst the coal quality on the Company Properties varies within each seam, the seams generally contain low sulphur (except Changhong Mine) and high heating value anthracite coal. The table below shows the average coal quality of the proved and probable reserves at each of Blackgold’s mines:

Average Raw Coal Quality of the Reserve						
Mine	Moisture (%) ad	Ash (%) ad	Volatile Matter (%) ad	FC (%) ad	Sulphur (%) ad	CV (kcal/kg) ar
Caotang	0.63	33.53	7.07	59.32	0.47	4,965
Heiwan	0.76	26.53	6.92	65.56	0.74	5,630
Baolong	0.58	28.39	6.87	62.39	0.57	5,494
Changhong	0.49	18.02	8.89	67.40	2.64	6,788

The data indicates that the majority of Blackgold’s coal is anthracite coal, with dry volatile matter contents ranging from 1% to 10%. The dry ash contents of certain raw coal quality indicates that beneficiation (coal washing) prior to utilization will be required in a number of instances.

A summary of each mines’ respective Reserves is detailed below. Reserves have been depleted through mining activities and as such, the tables below do not account for depletions after the effective date.

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to ASX Announcement dated 24 April 2014 for full details of the Reserve estimate. This information was prepared under the JORC Code 2012 Edition. The Company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included above and, in the case of estimates of mineral resources and ore reserves, confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed.



JORC CODE COMPLIANT DATA FOR BLACKGOLD COAL PROPERTIES AS OF 1 NOVEMBER 2013 <sup>1</sup>									
Mine	Reserve Category			Raw Coal Quality					
	Proved	Probable	Total	Moisture (%) ad	Ash (%) ad	Volatile Matter (%) ad	FC (%) ad	Sulphur (%) ad	CV (kcal/kg) ar
Caotang	19.9	3.4	23.3	0.63	33.53	7.07	59.32	0.47	4,965
Heiwan	1.9	0.5	2.4	0.76	26.53	6.92	65.56	0.74	5,630
Baolong	29.8	26.4	56.2	0.58	28.39	6.87	62.39	0.57	5,494
Changhong	12.0	6.7	18.7	0.49	18.02	8.89	67.40	2.64	6,788
<b>Total</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>100.7</b>						

*Note: These reserves are estimated in compliance with the JORC Code 2012 Edition. Since mining has occurred, the "Reserves and Resources Base" is being slowly depleted. The deliverable CV of these reserves is between 4,500-7,000kcal/kg*

The Company has also identified Inferred Resources of 42 MT (32 MT at Baolong Mine and 10 MT at Changhong Mine) which it intends to upgrade by future drilling in order to replace reserves depleted by mining activities <sup>1</sup>.

Total volume of coal sold is approximately 0.3 MT in 3Q2015, which is approximately 80.5% higher than the total volume of coal sold in 3Q2014.

In the nine months period ended 31 July 2015, total volume of coal sold is approximately 0.8 MT, a decrease of approximately 10.3% compared with the total volume of coal sold in the corresponding nine months period ended 31 July 2014.



## 2. Production Statistics

FY2015	Unit	Tonnes	Sales A\$ (Million)	Sales RMB (Million)
1st Quarter	Caotang	220,120	8.5	42.9
	Heiwan	45,020	4.3	21.5
	Changhong	-	-	-
	Group	265,140	12.8	64.4
2nd Quarter	Caotang	166,092	6.3	29.8
	Heiwan	27,774	2.3	12.1
	Changhong	-	-	-
	Group	193,866	8.6	41.9
3rd Quarter	Caotang	250,205	9.7	44.7
	Heiwan	45,799	4.3	19.7
	Changhong	-	-	-
	Group	296,004	14.0	64.4
Total for the 9 months	Caotang	636,417	24.5	117.4
	Heiwan	118,593	10.9	53.3
	Changhong	-	-	-
	Group	755,010	35.4	170.7

FY2014	Unit	Tonnes	Sales A\$ (Million)	Sales RMB (Million)
1st Quarter	Caotang	389,030	17.8	97.2
	Heiwan	100,601	10.0	54.6
	Changhong	71,791	5.5	29.8
	Group	561,422	33.3	181.6
2nd Quarter	Caotang	95,056	3.2	21.9
	Heiwan	12,542	1.0	4.6
	Changhong	12,536	0.5	3.3
	Group	120,134	4.7	29.8
3rd Quarter	Caotang	137,169	5.7	31.1
	Heiwan	16,183	0.6	5.8
	Changhong	6,081	0.3	2.3
	Group	159,433	6.6	39.2
4th Quarter	Caotang	136,257	4.6	24.7
	Heiwan	17,708	1.6	8.8
	Changhong	-	-	-
	Group	153,965	6.2	33.5
Total for the 12 months	Caotang	757,512	31.3	174.9
	Heiwan	147,034	13.2	73.8
	Changhong	90,408	6.3	35.4
	Group	994,954	50.8	284.1

\* The above production statistics table does not include any contribution from coal trading.



### **Caotang Mine (Wholly owned by BGG)**

Caotang Mine's main portal is at an elevation of 435m in the foothills of a mountainous countryside. It is located 14km north-northeast of Fengjie County town, in the PRC, approximately 33km by road from the town center and approximately 25km from the port on the Yangtze River. The site administration falls under the jurisdiction of Baidi and Fenhe Towns (both are equivalent to district level administration).

The Caotang Mine is characterised by two minable coal seams namely K1 and K2 of which K1 is the primary producing coal seam. The K1 coal seam at the Caotang Mine is the major economic seam while the K2 seam is the secondary producer.

The total thickness of the K1 seam ranges from 0.0m to 2.4m with an average of 1.2m; within the mine workings it is 1.96m thick.

The K2 coal seam is distributed throughout the permit area and is the secondary producer with the product commonly referred to as "fragrant coal." The coal seam thickness ranges from 0.0m to 1.5m, averaging 0.99m in the mine workings.

The Caotang Coal is classified as high ash, medium to high sulphur, medium to high phosphorous, and medium calorific value coal making it suitable for the thermal energy market.

Recent and historical assay data indicated that the air dried ("AD") basis raw coal has an average calorific value ("CV") of 5,800 kcal/kg with a 2.3% moisture content, 27.2% ash, 2.1% total sulphur and 0.06% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, as received. Future production is anticipated to be of similar quality.

Total production from the Caotang Mine is 250,205 tonnes in 3Q2015, which is approximately a 50.6% increase compared to the production achieved in 2Q2015.

In addition, as compared to the corresponding quarter 3Q2014, the Caotang Mine production increased by 82.4% in 3Q2015.

Please refer to Annexure A for details regarding the lateral development of this mine.

### **Heiwan Mine (Wholly owned by BGG)**

Heiwan Mine portal is at an elevation of 1,120m in a very mountainous countryside, located in the northeast portion of the Fengjie County and approximately 27km northeast of the Fengjie County, in the PRC. It is approximately 42km by road from the town center and approximately 35km from the port site on the Yangtze River.

The main coal seam mined at the Heiwan Mine is K3. The coal thickness ranges from 0.25m to 0.50m with an original quoted average of 0.40m, but recent underground exposures averaged 0.49m.

K1 seam, which is similar to K3 averaging 0.84m thickness, is also developed as a secondary production contributor.

Recent and historical assay data indicated that the AD basis raw coal has an average CV of 6,150 kcal/kg with a 2.2% moisture content, 24.8% ash, 0.9% total sulphur and 0.024 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Future production is anticipated to be of similar quality.



This classifies the coal as high ash, low sulphur, and medium calorific value coal suitable for the thermal energy market.

Total production from the Heiwan Mine is 45,799 tonnes in 3Q2015, which is approximately a 64.9% increase compared to the production achieved in 2Q2015.

In addition, as compared to the corresponding quarter 3Q2014, the Heiwan Mine production had increased by 183.0% in 3Q2015.

Please refer to Annexure A for details regarding the lateral development of this mine.

### **Changhong Mine (Wholly owned by BGG)**

Changhong Mine is located in the southern portion of the Chongqing Municipality and approximately 108km south of downtown Chongqing, in the PRC. The mine is located in the area bordering Xishui County of Guizhou and Qijiang District of Chongqing. It is approximately 62km southeast of Qijiang town center and 18km from the nearest railway station.

There are 6 main Upper Permian Longtan Formation coal seams in the district. The thicker M6 and M8 coal seams are originated from 3 small mines. Those mines were amalgamated in 2007. Production will continue in cleanup mode above the 1,093m level adit while the new 1,023m level adit is completed to access the deeper coal.

The typical historical analysis of the M6 AD basis raw coal seam is 2.24% moisture content, 33.24% ash, 10.30% volatiles, 56.46% fixed carbon, 5.75% total sulphur and CV of 5,168kcal/kg. The M8 AD basis raw coal seam's typical historical analysis is 2.28% moisture content, 13.32% ash, 9.04% volatiles, 77.64% fixed carbon, 1.84% total sulphur and CV of 7,144kcal/kg. Future production is anticipated to be of similar quality.

The coal is mainly used for power generation, domestic consumption, or steaming coal.

This mine only started production in January 2013. There is no production in this quarter as the Company is still conducting its first overall inspection and testing of mine equipment.

Blackgold is also evaluating the feasibility of starting a coal washing operation to reduce the sulphur content of the coal.

Please refer to Annexure A for details regarding the lateral development of this mine.

### **Baolong Mine (Wholly owned by BGG)**

Baolong Mine is located in the southeast of Wushan County and 17km from Baolong Town, in the PRC. The trucking distance from the mine site to the local Baolong dock site at Putaoba is 25km.

Blackgold has upgraded the mine development plan to achieve a higher future production. It is currently awaiting approval of its applications for the required safety production permit.



The average historical K1 seam raw coal has 6.5% moisture, 38.29% ash, 7.9% volatiles, 5.03% total Sulphur, CV of 4,420 kcal/kg (between 4,100 kcal/kg to 4,760 kcal/kg), and 0.004% phosphorus. The average historical K2 seam raw coal has 4.39% moisture, 25.2% ash, 8.55% volatiles, 1.82% total Sulphur, CV of 5,420 kcal/kg (between 4,200 kcal/kg to 6,620 kcal/kg), and 0.014% phosphorus. Future production is anticipated to be of similar quality.

Please refer to Annexure A for details regarding the lateral development of this mine.

### **3. Coal Trading**

Our trading arm sold approximately 1.0 MT in 3Q2015, which is approximately 166.9% higher compared to 3Q2014.

In addition, trading sales volume for the nine months ended 31 July 2015 is approximately 2.9 MT, which is approximately 12.6% higher compared to the same period last year, for the nine months ended 31 July 2014.

### **4. Chongqing Guoping Shipping Transportation Co., Ltd (“GPST”)**

GPST continues to operate with the current fleets.

### **5. Corporate**

#### **5.1 As previously announced.**

On 19 November 2014, the Company announced that it had entered into a binding term sheet with Vibrant Group Limited (SGX: VIGB) under which:

- Blackgold issues convertible bonds to Vibrant’s wholly owned subsidiary, LionHeart Holding Group Corp (“LHGC”), with a total face value of up to SGD25million;
- Blackgold grants LHGC the right to nominate a SGX-ST Mainboard listed entity (“**SGX Listco**”) to purchase Blackgold’s Hong Kong subsidiary (which holds the group’s Chinese operating assets) under a transaction that would see Blackgold’s assets listed on SGX Mainboard and, subject to applicable laws and required approvals, Blackgold’s shareholders holding shares traded on SGX-ST (“**RTO**”).

Subsequent updates on term sheet signed with Vibrant Group Limited:

- LHGC exercised its right to nominate the SGX Listco.
- On 30 December 2014, the Company entered into a HOA with Matex. The SPA between Blackgold and Matex was signed on 31 March 2015 subsequently.
- Matex will purchase the Company’s wholly owned subsidiary, BGG HK together with its associate and subsidiary companies, for a total purchase price of SGD475 million (“**Proposed Acquisition**”).



- The proposed acquisition is likely to constitute:
  - In respect to Matex, a reserve takeover, under Chapter 10 of the SGX-ST listing manual and will be subject to, *inter alia*, the approval of Matex's shareholders and SGX-ST; and
  - In respect to the Company, a disposal of the Company's major undertaking under ASX listing rule 11.2, which will be subject to, *inter alia*, the approval of the Company's shareholders.

### 5.2 Updates as announced by Matex

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### 5.3 Other matters

Mr It Phong Tin had joined Blackgold in July as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Mr Tin had many years of CFO experience including more recently in oil and gas, and coal trading companies. He was also previously the CFO of a PRC shipyard listed on the mainboard of the Singapore Stock Exchange. Mr Shaokui Chen will continue with Blackgold as the Financial Controller.

## **6. Occupational Health and Safety**

Blackgold is pleased to report that there were no incidents or accidents during 3Q2015.

Blackgold has maintained an excellent safety record over the past 15 years. Individual positioning devices had been adopted as standard equipment for all underground personnel.

Although both Caotang Mine and Heiwan Mine are classified as low gas mines, automatic gas detectors have been installed inside the mining areas and are remotely connected to the respective site offices with monitoring links to the Coal Safety Control Bureau of Fengjie County.

These gas detectors have also been installed at Changhong Mine and the Company intends to install them at Baolong Mine before production commences.

## **7. China Coal Industry**

China's coal industry has traditionally been fragmented among large state-owned coal mines, local state-mines are regarded as inefficient, with minimal capital, outdated equipment and poor safety records. During the past several years, China has closed down numerous small coal mines in an effort to consolidate the industry, increase efficiency and promote acceptable safety standards.





Blackgold is the largest non-state owned coal mining company in the Chongqing region and is ideally positioned to benefit from this consolidation process by acquiring additional mines and thereby growing its production and earnings.

Many of the local mines have existing infrastructure and produce coal that can be upgraded and quickly brought into larger scale production. It is Blackgold's aim to leverage its strategic position to make further acquisitions and build production and earnings through both internal growth and via new acquisitions.

## **8. Future Developments**

There is no exploration undertaken this quarter. However, Blackgold will continue to work with independent geologists to progress the exploration and evaluation activities and upgrade its existing reserves and resource base in the forthcoming quarters.

Blackgold enjoys excellent logistics infrastructure and its proximity to the Yangtze River allows it to transport coal to customers at low cost. Blackgold will continue to evaluate acquisition opportunities of mines with similar geographical advantages.

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## **About Blackgold**

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Blackgold currently operates four existing underground thermal coal mines, the Caotang Mine and the Heiwan Mine in Fengjie County, Chongqing in the PRC, the Baolong Mine in Wushan County, Chongqing in the PRC and the Changhong Mine in the area bordering Xishui County of Guizhou and Qijiang County of Chongqing in the PRC.



## ANNEXURE A – Lateral Development

Period	Mines	Caotang Mine	Heiwan Mine	Baolong Mine	Changhong Mine
	Adit inside Pit	Metres			
1Q2015	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	995	-	26	-
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	957	732	-	-
	Draw points construction	934	807	-	-
	Raise between levels (off seam)	-	-	-	-
	Decline on seam	-	-	-	-
	Raises on seam	-	1,156	-	-
2Q2015	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	290	60	25	1103
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	647	155	-	84
	Draw points construction	1457	369	-	-
	Raise between levels (off seam)	-	-	-	-
	Decline on seam	140	40	-	-
	Raises on seam	-	-	-	150
3Q2015	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	-	-	240	-
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	373	251	-	-
	Draw points construction	1118	537	-	-
	Raise between levels (off seam)	-	-	-	-
	Decline on seam	243	137	-	-
	Raises on seam	-	-	-	-



Period	Mines	Caotang Mine	Heiwan Mine	Baolong Mine	Changhong Mine		
		Adit inside Pit				Metres	
1Q2014	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	950	-	63	1,000		
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	703	604	-	370		
	Draw points construction	240	208	-	150		
	Raise between levels (off seam)	-	559	-	150		
	Decline on seam	-	-	-	-		
2Q2014	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	990	-	100	1,103		
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	300	300	-	84		
	Draw points construction	391	150	-	-		
	Raise between levels (off seam)	240	110	-	150		
	Decline on seam	-	150	-	-		
3Q2014	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	840	-	70	119		
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	862	377	-	-		
	Draw points construction	523	580	-	-		
	Raise between levels (off seam)	-	-	-	-		
	Decline on seam	-	-	-	-		
4Q2014	Primary lateral driving (Development off seam)	915	-	100	-		
	Primary lateral driving (Development on seam)	-	586	-	-		
	Draw points construction	844	460	-	-		
	Raise between levels (off seam)	-	-	-	-		
	Decline on seam	1,070	-	-	-		

Note: Lateral development of mines is planned according to the proposed production requirement, certain pits that are not further developed are indicated as such ("-").



## LOCATION OF BLACKGOLD'S MINES

