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Manganese Sulphate Testwork Achieves Greater than 99% Purity

- Highly encouraging results from initial sighter test work on Flanagan Bore manganese oxide samples confirm the potential to produce High Purity Manganese Sulphate Monohydrate (HPMSM) suitable for the battery manufacturing industry
- Initial leach tests yielded a 91% extraction rate from which high-grade Manganese Sulphate crystals containing 32.3% Mn were produced, equivalent to greater than 99% Manganese Sulphate purity
- The sighter result successfully demonstrate the suitability of manganese oxide ores to generate downstream manganese products potentially suitable for battery related cathode active materials and agricultural applications
- The Company is advancing Scoping Level leaching, purification and crystallising testwork programs as part of the overall strategy to add value through the potential production of **HPMSM** as a precursor material for cathodes used in the growing electric vehicle battery market
- Black Canyon has established a large Mineral Resource base to potentially develop a multidecade mining operation that could supply manganese oxide concentrates used as alloys in the steel industry and downstream production of HPMSM

Black Canyon Executive Director, Brendan Cummins, said: "This initial sighter testwork has confirmed the leachability of manganese oxide ores from which we can crystallise a high-grade manganese sulphate product. By demonstrating the ability to produce manganese sulphate with a 32.3% Mn content, which is highly comparable to the typical 32.2% Mn content of HPMSM, represents a significant achievement for this initial phase of testwork."

"The results establish a solid foundation for Black Canyon's next round of more detailed manganese sulphate testwork which involves optimising the leaching and crystallisation process and will also include a critical purification phase required to remove other elemental impurities as required by the cathode active material (CAM) end users."

"Black Canyon is rapidly developing a business case for both manganese concentrate that can be sold in the steel industry and manganese sulphate suitable for the growing electric vehicle battery market that is underpinned by a significant Mineral Resource with the potential for a multi-decade mining operation at Flanagan Bore."

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Australian manganese explorer, Black Canyon Limited (Black Canyon or the Company) (ASX:BCA), is pleased to announce initial manganese sulphate crystallisation testwork has delivered highly promising results, producing manganese sulphate with 32.3% Mn content which is equivalent to greater than 99% Mn purity. The success of the crystallisation continues from the leaching testwork which demonstrated up to 91% extraction from manganese oxide ores from the Flanagan Bore project (refer to ASX announcement 11 October 2022 - Successful manganese extraction from initial leaching tests).

The manganese sulphate results bolsters the Company's strategy to produce HPMSM, commencing with this initial leach and crystallisation testwork which are complementary to the co-development of manganese concentrates for the alloying and steel manufacturing industry. The HPMSM strategy will now be further advanced with more detailed Scoping Level leaching, purification and crystallisation testwork to produce potential battery grade manganese sulphate over the coming months.

Flanagan Bore is part of the Company's Carawine JV and is subject to a farm-in and joint venture agreement with Carawine Resources Ltd (ASX:CWX). Having earned a 51% interest, Black Canyon is now earning up to 75% in the Carawine Project tenements by sole-funding an additional \$2.5m of exploration expenditure. The Flanagan Bore Project is located approximately 400 km southeast of Port Hedland in the east Pilbara region of Western Australia.

Leaching and Crystallisation Testwork Objective

The objective of the initial testwork was to establish the leaching amenability of manganese oxide ores using industry standard chemical and physical parameters to determine extraction kinetics based on feedstock particle size, slurry density and SO₂ concentration. The manganese-rich solution was then crvstallised and analvsed and has demonstrated that a high-grade manganese sulphate product can be produced. The testwork has also assisted the Company's understanding of potential elemental impurities such as iron. aluminium, calcium, potassium and base metals which will be removed as part of a purification phase.

The learnings from the initial leach and crystallisation tests can now be applied to further ongoing detailed leaching, purification and crystallisation testwork to support the HPMSM Scoping Study. The Company is advancing this second stage of a hydrometallurgical testwork program with the

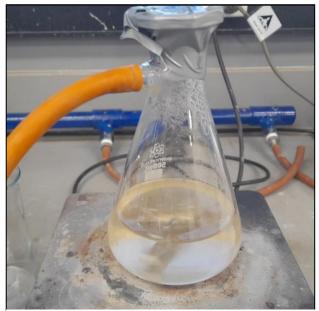


Figure 1. Mn leachate from the initial testwork completed using manganese oxide ore

preparation of additional manganese oxide materials from the LR1 and FB3 deposits at Flanagan Bore.



Manganese Sulphate Crystallisation Testwork

A global manganese oxide composite was tested from across the LR1 and FB3 deposits from the Flanagan Bore Project.

The initial leach tests were undertaken on fines of manganese concentrate composites produced from previous beneficiation testwork.

A concentrated pregnant leachate solution (PLS) derived from the fore mentioned leaching testwork was neutralised, filtered and treated to remove excess calcium. The resulting manganese enriched filtrate was evaporated and the crystals recovered, dried and analysed. Chemical analysis of the recovered manganese sulphate crystals reported a Mn grade at 32.3% which is equivalent to a manganese sulphate purity of >99%.

A second stage testwork program is well advanced and will investigate additional manganese sulphate solution purification to remove other impurities and production options to support the HPMSM Scoping Study currently underway.



Figure 2. Manganese Sulphate from Flanagan Bore containing 32.3% Mn

HPMSM Strategy Rationale

Whilst manganese is primarily used in the steelmaking industry, a significant growth market is emerging in the electric vehicle (EV) sector. In an increasing number of EV battery compositions, manganese is used in the cathode and makes up a significant proportion of the battery volume. The introduction of the manganese into LFP batteries, which is the fastest growing segment of the EV battery market, will likely see further demand for HPMSM.

Currently, China dominates the High Purity Manganese market, with over 90% of global production. Similar to other cathode precursor materials the requirement for security and diversification of supply will become a significant factor inducing the establishment of additional supply outside of China primarily for the American and European car manufacturing industries. The US Government has a critical mineral list that the Biden Administration identified as critical for domestic energy, electronics and defence which includes manganese. The Inflation Reduction Act recently approved by the US Government and the Free Trade Agreement between the US and Australia enables direct US investment into Australian critical mineral projects and will substantially incentivise electric vehicle and clean energy industries to establish operations in the US. This has continued to positively impact US and European investment in the development of new cathode or battery pack production capacity in parallel with joint ventures between automakers and battery manufacturers to meet growing EV demand. The potential benefit to Black Canyon is the rapid expansion of the manganese sulphate market beyond China and an interest in gaining access to physical long term physical supplies of manganese from a Tier 1 location like Australia.

In addition, HPMSM pricing is significantly higher than producing a manganese oxide concentrate product with prices up to US\$1,500 (A\$2,360) per tonne FOB considered to be achievable.

The Company believes that the pursuit of HPMSM production has the potential to materially improve the already positive economics of our project portfolio and be a key contributor to emissions reduction through the transition to EVs.



This announcement has been approved by the Board of Black Canyon Limited.

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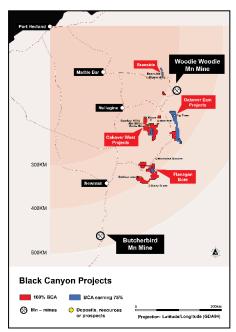
About Black Canyon

Black Canyon has entered into a farm-in and joint venture with ASX listed Carawine Resources Limited (ASX:CWX) to acquire a majority interest in the Carawine JV Project in Western Australia. The Carawine Project covers approximately 800km² of tenure located south of the operating Woodie-Woodie manganese mine, providing a large footprint in a proven and producing manganese belt. Black Canyon has also been granted or acquired other exploration licenses adjacent to the Carawine Project that increase the total land holdings to over 2,400 km². In addition to manganese, the Carawine Project also hosts multiple copper occurrences including the Western Star prospect which comprises a large zone of surface copper enrichment.

Manganese and copper continue to have attractive fundamentals with growing utilisation in the battery mineral sector and challenging supply conditions.

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Compliance Statements

Reporting of Exploration Results and Previously Reported Information

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation reviewed by Mr Brendan Cummins, Executive Director of Black Canyon Limited. Mr Cummins is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists, and he has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity which has been undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Cummins consents to the inclusion in this release of the matters based on the information in the form and context in which they appear. Mr Cummins is a shareholder of Black Canyon Limited.

The information in this report that relates to metallurgical testwork results is based on information reviewed by Mr David Pass, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Pass is an employee of BatteryLimits and consultant to Black Canyon Limited. Mr Pass has sufficient experience relevant to the mineralogy and type of deposit under consideration and the typical beneficiation thereof to qualify as a Competent Person as defined by the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code, 2012 Edition). Mr Pass consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on the reviewed information in the form and context in which it appears



For further information, please refer to ASX announcements dated 17 May 2021, 10 June 2021, 7 July 2021, 5 October 2021, 4 January 2022, 8 February 2022, 21 February 2022, 2 March 2022, 23 March 2022,13 April 2022, 9 June 2022, 7 September 2022, 15 September 2022, 11 October, 21 November and 24 November which are available from the ASX Announcement web page on the Company's website. The Company confirms that there is no new information or data that materially affects the information presented in this release that relate to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources in the original market announcements.



Appendix 1. Flanagan Bore diamond drill core collar information from the LR1 and FB3 deposits used in the leaching testwork

Hole ID	Deposit	East (GDA94)	North (GDA94)	RI	Survey Method	EOH (m)	Dip	Azimuth
DDLR101	LR1	274351	7456998	504	GPS	42.4	-90	360
DDFB301	FB3	278482.18	7458151.95	533.91	DGPS	54.6	-90	360

Appendix 2. JORC 2012 Table 1

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	 Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling. Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used. Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information. 	 The samples were collected using industry standard PQ diamond core drill methods . Drilling was completed by Topdrive who completed the entire DD drill program – 13 PQ holes for 477m There was limited water encountered during the drill program The drilling and sample techniques are considered appropriate for the style of mineralisation The target sample weight per metre was approximately 9kg
Drilling techniques	 Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face- sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc). 	 The drill type is diamond core (DD) drilling using vertical holes The drill diameter us 80mm using a PQ core drill bit
Drill sample recovery	 Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed. Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples. Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material. 	 Sample recovery was calculated measuring the core retrieved from each core run which was estimated by the driller and confirmed by the geologist on the rig and secondly by assessing the weight of the representative samples delivered to laboratory The drill recoveries were deemed acceptable using triple tube No significant sample bias due to sample loss is evident from the observed sample recoveries
Logging	Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.	 Drillhole logging was completed on site recording lithology, texture, grain size and colour. The core was also photographed and used to further detailed logging post the drill program



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	 Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography. The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged. 	 The logging was considered appropriate for exploration Every 1m interval was logged – 477m
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	 If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken. If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry. For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique. Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples. Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling. Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled. 	 The diamond core was not cut for assay. The entire cored material was used for test work. The diamond holes were however twinned with RC drill holes which has been previously been reported
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	 The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total. For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc. Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established. 	 The diamond core was not cut for assay. The entire cored material was used for test work. The diamond holes were however twinned with RC drill holes which has been previously been reported Twinning holes is an acceptable proxy for assaying the diamond core
Verification of sampling and assaying	 The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel. The use of twinned holes. Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols. 	 The diamond core was not cut for assay. The entire cored material was used for test work. The diamond holes were however twinned with RC drill holes which has been previously been reported
Location of data points	 Discuss any adjustment to assay data. Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down- hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation. Specification of the grid system used. Quality and adequacy of topographic control. 	 Once a drill hole was completed the drill collar was located using a GARMIN handheld GPS with an accuracy of +/- 5m At LR1 and FB3 a the drill collars were also picked with a DGPS The grid system is UTM zone 51, GDA94 datum The topography is quite flat reflecting the underlying stratigraphy. The holes are shallow and downhole deviation is not considered material in the context of these results
Data spacing and distribution	 Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results. Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied. 	 The drill spacing for the DD core program is irregular but is considered representative of the geology and grade of a potential life of mine sample The drill hole spacing is considered appropriate for this stage of advanced exploration with a high level of geological and mineralisation confidence



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	Whether sample compositing has been applied.	
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	 Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type. If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material. 	 The LR1 deposit is flat and gently plunging. Drill logs and assay data have identified cross cutting dolerite dykes that may have intruded into zones of structural weakness which does appear at this early stage to terminate the prospective horizon to the south The FB3 deposit is gently folded and plunging shallowly to the south west. It is generally flat lying and openly folded. The drill hole orientation otherwise is suitable for this style of mineralisation and considered appropriate and unlikely to introduce sample bias
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	 The drill core samples were stored on site and then transported to the laboratory for further processing. The core trays were inspected and audited by the laboratory who did not report any suspicious or tampered samples
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	 Other than internal review by Company staff no audits have been completed. The CP was on site for parts of the DD drill program and considers drilling and sampling techniques to be equal to industry standard and appropriate for the style of mineralisation and the results being reported.



Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

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Mineral tenement and land tenure status	 Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings. The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area. 	 The drilling was undertaken on granted tenement E46/1301 Black Canyon has a farm-in and joint venture agreement with Carawine Resources Ltd (ASX:CWX), Black Canyon has earnt an initial 51% interest and is now earning up to 75% in the Carawine Projects that includes E46/1301 The tenement has a native title Heritage Protection Agreement with the Karlka Nyiyaparli People that required a Heritage Survey to be undertaken prior to ground disturbing activities. To this end an Ethnographic and Archeologic survey was completed prior to commencement of site activities There are no other known impediments to exploring E46/1301
Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	 to exploring E46/1301 Previous work on the tenure Includes exploration by Sentinel Mining Company carried out in 1968 in the general area of Balfour Downs. The exploration work included rock chip sampling from the southern edge of E46/784 which returned three samples with manganese values of 21.6 %, 25.7% and 11.4% Mn within manganese surface enrichment of Balfour Shales. Consolidated Global investment Pty Limited ('CGI') owned tenement E46/784 between 2010 and 2015 and carried out exploration work. Early reconnaissance work completed by CGI delineated many occurrences of manganese enriched outcroppings of the Balfour Formation. These north south striking outcrops were continuous over a distance of 1 km with widths of 50 m to 90 m in the LR1 Prospect area. Further exploration work completed by CGI included identification of prospective area using google images and remote sensing, a heritage survey and clearance for drilling using local Martu consultants. CGI completed a reverse circulation drilling programme of 22 holes in July 2012 on E46/784.
Geology	 Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation. 	 The Flanagan Bore tenement is located within the Oakover Basin, the edges of which are defined by the Neoarchaean Fortescue Group. Most of the tenement is covered by quaternary alluvium, sheetwash and outcrop only exists within the southern part and consists of rocks of the Manganese Group, mainly the Encheddong Dolomite and Balfour Formation. The tenement contains widespread manganese scree associated with manganese enriched Balfour Formation shales The prospects can be separated into three primary units, the upper unmineralised Balfour shale, the mineralised Balfour shale and the lower basal shale unit. The upper unmineralised shale is brown grey in



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		 colour and occurs from surface up to 10 m in depth intermittently across the project area. The manganiferous shale unit contains a supergene enriched manganiferous horizon which exhibits thickness range between 15 m to 37 m depth gently dipping to the south, progressively thickening to the east-south-east. The manganese layers are confined to distinct banding within the Balfour and there are also minor occurrences of interbedded red/brown shales intermixed within saprolitic clay bands.
Drill hole Information	 A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes: easting and northing of the drill hole collar elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar dip and azimuth of the hole down hole length and interception depth hole length. If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case. 	 Refer to Appendix 1 for a listing of the DD drill holes used for the leaching testwork.
Data aggregation methods	 In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated. Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail. The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated. 	No exploration results are reported
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	 These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported. If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known'). 	 The deposit is mostly flat lying exhibiting a gentle dip of mineralisation to the south, south-west therefore 90 degree angled (vertical) drill holes considered appropriate. The mineralisation of the LR1 prospect is primarily strata bound striking approximately 80 to 90 degrees, gently dipping to the south The core drill holes are interpreted to represent close to true widths of the mineralisation
Diagrams	 Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views. 	 No maps or sections are relevant to the reporting of the leaching results
Balanced reporting	Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable,	 Information considered material to the reader's understanding of the leaching



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	representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	has been reported in the body of the text
Other substantive exploration data	 Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances. 	 All information considered material to the reader's understanding and context of the leaching have been reported.
Further work	 The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale stepout drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive. 	 Further work is planned that includes: detailed metallurgical test work on additional diamond drill core, environmental and hydrogeological investigations