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#### Blanket Mine Q1 2024 Production

## Robust production and increased gold sales at Blanket Mine

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St Helier, April 10, 2024 - Caledonia Mining Corporation Plc ("Caledonia" or "the Company") announces gold production from the Blanket Mine in Zmbabwe ("Blanket") for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 ("Q1 2024" or "the Quarter"). All production numbers are expressed on a 100 per cent basis and are based on the final assay at the refiners. The increased Q1 2024 production was derived from 8 fewer production days (9.3% less) compared to quarter 1 in 2023 ("Q1 2023"). This was due to production cut-off for gold delivery set to March 21, 2024.

### **Production Summary**

- Q1 2024 gold production at Blanket was 17,050 ounces, a 6% increase on Q1 2023.
- In Q1 2024 Blanket sold 18,450 ounces. This represented a 17% increase from Q1 2023, when 15,797 ounces were sold.
- Ounces sold in Q1 2024 include 3,057 ounces of gold work in progress classified as inventory at the end of 2023 (Q1 2024: 1,657 ounces).
- Caledonia reiterates 2024 gold production guidance at Blanket of 74,000 to 78,000 ounces.<sup>1</sup>

# Mark Learmonth, Chief Executive Officer, said:

"I am pleased that 2024 production at Blanket has got off to a strong start with over 17,000 ounces produced in the Quarter which, considering we had 8 fewer production days compared to Q1 2023, is an excellent result. With the current high gold prices, it was good to see our gold sales ounces increase by 17% in Q1 2024 versus Q1 2023.

"Our significant investment in Blanket over the past seven years and completion of the Central Shaft has nearly doubled production, extended the mine life and allowed the restart of underground exploration in 2023. We continue to see Blanket as the solid foundation for growth as we pursue our strategy to become a multi-asset gold producer."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;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) on March 13, 2023.

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