



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### OCEANAGOLD DIDIPIO MINE UPDATE

(MELBOURNE) OceanaGold Corporation (**ASX: OGC, TSX: OGC, NZX: OGC**) (the “Company”) wishes to provide an update on its Didipio Mine located in Luzon, Philippines which is currently undergoing commissioning activities.

Ramp up of the process plant continues to track well. To date, approximately 2,500 tonnes of copper-gold concentrate has been delivered to port and in excess of an additional 2,500 tonnes has been produced and is awaiting transport from the minesite.

The Company wishes to advise that it is currently in discussions with various government departments over interpretations of tax exemptions pertaining to OceanaGold’s Financial and Technical Assistance Agreement (FTAA). Didipio is the first project to be built and commence operations in the Philippines under the FTAA structure. Due to these clarifications on tax exemptions being sought, some of the trucks used for transporting concentrate are being held by local government agencies and thus transportation of copper-gold concentrate has been temporarily suspended. While these discussions take place, mining and processing operations continue.

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### **About OceanaGold**

OceanaGold Corporation is a significant Asia Pacific gold producer with projects 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. The Company's Didipio Mine in northern Luzon, Philippines is in commissioning and is expected to produce 100,000 ounces of gold and 14,000 tonnes of copper per year on average over an estimated 16 year mine life. OceanaGold expects to produce 285,000 to 325,000 ounces of gold in FY2013 from the New Zealand and Philippine operations combined.

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

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