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TR-1 Notification

Bluebird Merchant Ventures Ltd, a gold company primarily focused on bringing historic mines back into production, has received a TR-1 Notification relating to a sale of shares that took place this week. The TR-1 Notification is set out below.

The Company wishes to remind shareholders that it is a non-UK issuer for the purposes of the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules. As such, a person must notify the issuer of the percentage of its voting rights he holds as a shareholder if the percentage of voting rights reaches, exceeds, or falls below 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, 30%, 50% and 75%.

TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

1a. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached[ii]:	Bluebird Merchant Ventures PLC
1b. Please indicate if the issuer is a non-UK issuer (please mark with an "X" if appropriate)	
Non-UK issuer	
2. Reason for the notification (please mark the appropriate box or boxes with an "X")	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	
An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments	X
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights	
Other (please specify)[iii]: Warrant exercise	
3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation[iv]	
Name	Catalyse Capital Ltd & related parties RS & CA Jennings
City and country of registered office (if applicable)	York, United Kingdom
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.)[v]	
Name	
City and country of registered office (if applicable)	
5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reached[vi]:	29 August 2022
6. Date on which issuer notified (DD/MM/YYYY):	29 August 2023
7. Total positions of person(s) subject to the notification obligation	

	% of voting rights attached to shares (total of 8. A)	% of voting rights through financial instruments (total of 8.B 1 + 8.B 2)	Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B)	Total number of voting rights of issuer[vii]
Resulting situation on the date on which threshold was crossed or reached	7.10%	3.62%	10.72%	689,865,042
Position of previous notification (if applicable)				

8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reached[viii]

A: Voting rights attached to shares

Class/type of shares ISIN code (if possible)	**Number of voting rights**[ix]		**% of voting rights**	
	Direct (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1)	**Indirect** (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1)	**Direct** (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1)	**Indirect** (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1)
	48,915,000	N/A	7.10%	N/A
SUBTOTAL 8. A	48,915,000		7.10%	

B 1: Financial Instruments according to Art. 13(1)(a) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (a))

Type of financial instrument	**Expiration date**[x]	**Exercise/ Conversion Period**[xi]	**Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted.**	**% of voting rights**
Spreadbet	N/A		25,000,000	3.62%
		SUBTOTAL 8. B 1		

B 2: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to Art. 13(1)(b) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (b))

Type of financial instrument	**Expiration date**[x]	**Exercise/ Conversion Period** [xi]	**Physical or cash settlement**[xii]	**Number of voting rights**	**% of voting rights**
			SUBTOTAL 8.B.2		

9. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation (please mark the applicable box with an "X")

Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled by any natural person or legal entity and does not control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuer[xiii]	

Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity[xiv] (please add additional rows as necessary)			
Name[xv]	**% of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold**	**% of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold**	**Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold**
N/A			

10. In case of proxy voting, please identify:	
Name of the proxy holder	n/a
The number and % of voting rights held	n/a
The date until which the voting rights will be held	n/a

11. Additional information[xvi]	
n/a	
Place of completion	N/A
Date of completion	N/A

This announcement contains inside information for the purposes of article 7 of the market abuse regulation EU 596/2014 ("MAR").

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About Bluebird

Bluebird Merchant Ventures Ltd (BMV.L) is a London listed South Korea-focused resources company centred on bringing historically producing gold mines back into production. The Company, led by a team of proven mine rehabilitation experts, currently has two 100% owned licensed high grade narrow vein mining projects, the Kochang Gold and Silver Project ('Kochang') and the Gubong Gold Project ('Gubong'), which each have a defined route to low cost/ low capex production with a cumulative target of producing 100,000 oz + Au per annum.

The management team has invested cUS$2 million personally into the Company and believe, following analysis of historic production and exploration data, as well as extensive sampling, geological, geophysical, and engineering studies, there is potential for in excess of 1.5 million oz of mineable gold in its Korean projects alone.

Kochang is an epithermal vein deposit with parallel vertical ore bodies covering 8.3 sq km that reportedly produced 110,000 oz of gold and 5.9 million oz of silver between 1961 and 1975. Consisting of a gold and silver mine, there are currently four main veins and a number of parallel subsidiary veins vein which have been identified, as well as a newly identified cross-cutting vein. Historic drilling indicates the veins continue to depth

below the current 150m mine and mapping shows the veins on surface providing potential above and below the old workings. The veins extend to the NE providing a strike length of 2.5km with 600m between the two mines not exploited. There is potential to expand operations to the southwest/northeast and to depth, as well as exploit the already mined areas. The total resource potential is between 550,000 and 700,000 tonnes, with a range of grades between 5.2 g/t to 6.6 g/t gold, and 27.3 g/t to 34.8 g/t silver. Following the granting of a Mountain Use permit, there is an estimated 6-to-9-month development time to trial mining.

Gubong, which was historically the second largest gold mine in South Korea has 9 granted tenements covering c.25 sq km. Gubong is moderately dipping with 9 veins extending 500m below surface and known to extend at least a further 250m. However, the production opportunity for Bluebird prior to looking at deepening the mine is the 25 levels already developed with all the remnants and unmined areas left by the original miners. The 25 levels extend over 120km in total length which indicates the size of the opportunity. The Korea Resources Corporation ('KORES') estimated 2.34M tonnes at some 7.3g/t Au garnered from 57 drill holes over 17,715.3 metres. With additional sampling, mapping, pit modelling and grade analysis, plus the fact that Gubong is an orogenic deposit, which typically have a depth of 2km compared to the current depth of 500m, the Board believe it has a geological potential of 1 million + oz Au in-situ, plus an estimated additional 300,000 oz Au from satellite ore bodies.

Additionally, the Company has the highly prospective Batangas Gold Exploration Project in the Philippines, where it has an agreement with a Philippine company, whose owners have decades of experience in mining, to develop the Project. The JV covers the entire Batangas Project area, which has a current JORC compliant resource of 440,000 ounces, including a maiden ore reserve of 128,000 ounces (including silver credits). Exploration expenditure to the tune of c.$20m has already been invested. Work is focused on completing Exploration and Environmental Work Programmes initially targeting the high-grade Lobo area, although there is excellent exploration potential across the licence with high-grade targets already identified and 14km of identified mineralised structures. The staged agreement is based on the JV partner achieving defined development goals and provides Bluebird with a free carry on the development of Batangas with a view to advancing to construction.

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