Financial Results

Newcrest Mining Limited

Twelve months ending 30 June 2005

Overview

	2005 $M	2004 $M
Operating profit before interest, depreciation, significant items and tax	379.1	297.6
Operating profit before significant items and tax	222.5	174.6
Significant items	(17.3)	0.4
Operating profit before income tax	205.2	175.0
Net profit after tax and minority interest	136.1	122.9
Profit after tax but before significant items	148.2	122.6

Newcrest's net profit after tax was $136.1M ($122.9M). Profit after tax but before significant items increased 21% to $148.2M ($122.6M). The increase in operating earnings was based on:

- Group gold sales of 1,060,196oz (754,745oz).
- Copper sales of 87,539t (84,231t) and an achieved copper price of A$1.85/lb (A$1.44/lb) resulted in net by-product revenue increasing to $374.6M ($274.1M), which included silver of $8.7M and copper hedge losses of $29.4M.
- Closing inventory containing 77,519 oz gold and 8,166 t copper metal.

Other Key Points

- Sales revenue increased 39% to $985.5M ($711.4M) due to higher gold and copper sales.
- Gold hedging gains of $16.2M resulted in an achieved gold price for year of $576/oz (A$579/oz).
- Significant items in the current year of $17.3M related to provisions for previous hedge restructures.
- Cash flow from operations $259.0M ($266.8M) was slightly lower due mainly to increased gold and copper inventory and concentrate debtors.
- Capital, feasibility, development and exploration expenditure totalled $686.0M ($753.4M) relating mainly to development of the Telfer project.
- Dividend maintained at 5 cents per share and will be approximately 50% franked.

Other Matters

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Hotel Intercontinental, Sydney on 27 October 2005 at 10.00am.

(Numbers in brackets reflect the comparable figures for the 2004 financial results, unless negative values).

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Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Performance

12 Months Ending	30 June 2005 $M	30 June 2004 $M
Spot gold sales	594.7	412.0
Gold hedging	16.2	27.4
Currency hedging	-	(2.1)
By-Product sales	404.0	270.3
Copper hedging	(29.4)	3.8
Total Sales Revenue	985.5	711.4
Mine costs	(531.8)	(364.4)
Exploration expense	(39.2)	(32.1)
Administration costs	(37.6)	(19.5)
Other expenses	(11.8)	(8.6)
Other income	14.0	10.8
Operating EBITDA	379.1	297.6
Depreciation and amortisation	(126.3)	(110.9)
Borrowing costs	(30.3)	(12.1)
Operating profit before tax and significant items	222.5	174.6
Provision for surplus foreign currency contracts	-	10.2
Provision for hedging contract restructures	(17.3)	(9.8)
Net profit before income tax	205.2	175.0
Income tax expense	(62.4)	(51.1)
Net profit after tax	142.8	123.9
Outside equity interest in controlled entity	(6.7)	(1.0)
Net profit after tax attributable to members of the Company	136.1	122.9

Cash flow Statement

Cash flow from operating activities	30 June 2005 $M	30 June 2004 $M
Sales receipts	929.0	697.7
Payments to suppliers and employees	(644.6)	(419.7)
Interest received	5.3	2.5
Borrowing costs paid	(23.0)	(12.1)
Income taxes paid	(7.7)	(1.6)
	259.0	266.8

Cash flow from investing activities		
Exploration	(46.0)	(45.4)
Fixed assets, evaluation and mine development expenditure	(641.0)	(709.9)
Proceeds on sale of non-current assets	1.0	1.9
	(686.0)	(753.4)

Cash flow from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	970.0	639.9
Repayment of borrowings	(605.2)	(71.9)
Repayment of finance lease principal	(17.3)	(15.4)
Dividend paid	(19.0)	(13.4)
Proceeds from capital raising and share issues	8.4	4.2
	336.9	543.4
Effects of exchange rate changes to cash	(2.3)	(0.9)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash	(92.4)	55.9

Statement of Financial Position

	30 June 2005 $M	30 June 2004 $M
Current assets	358.3	338.7
Non-current assets	2,670.8	2,226.9
Total assets	3,029.1	2,565.6
Current borrowings	321.5	86.2
Other current liabilities	177.2	181.9
Total current liabilities	498.7	268.1
Non-current borrowings	1,118.8	1,027.6
Other non-current liabilities	279.5	270.1
Total non-current liabilities	1,398.3	1,297.7
Total liabilities	1,897.0	1,565.8
Net Assets	1,132.1	999.8
Contributed equity	802.4	791.5
Retained profits	319.9	200.3
Outside equity interest	9.8	8.0
Total equity	1,132.1	999.8

Financial Commentary

Profit After Tax

Net profit after tax was $136.1M ($122.9M) with profit after tax, but before significant items $148.2M (122.6M), an increase of $25.6M.

The increase in profit resulted from an increase in gold sales from the newly commissioned Telfer open pit, a full period of operations from Toguraci and continued low cash costs assisted by strong copper by-product revenue. Included in the result, as a significant item, is the provision of $17.3M relating to previous hedge book restructures.

Revenue

Sales revenue increased to $985.5M ($711.4M) due to increased sales from Telfer and Toguraci.

Gold hedging gains of $16.2M resulted in an achieved gold price of $576/oz ($579/oz). This compares to the average spot price received for the period of $561/oz and is after the hedgebook simplification.

Revenue and profit in the year were adversely impacted by the build-up in inventory. At year-end there was 77,519 ounces (12,010) of gold and 8,166 tonnes (1,122) of copper.

	2004/05		2003/04	
	Gold (oz)	Copper (t)	Gold (oz)	Copper (t)
Opening inventory	12,010	1,122	4,975	594
Production*	1,125,705	94,583	761,780	84,759
Sales*	1,060,196	87,539	754,745	84,231
Closing inventory	77,519	8,166	12,010	1,122

* Excludes commissioning production.

Copper revenue after hedging increased to $365.9M ($266.7M) as a result of increased copper sales of 87,539 (84,251) and a higher average spot price of A$2.00/lb (A$1.42l/b). Copper hedging resulted in a $29.4M loss with the achieved copper price of A$1.85/lb (A$1.44/lb) being lower than the spot price. Silver revenue was $8.7M ($7.4M).

Mine Costs

Gross mine costs (before copper by-product revenue) increased to $531.8M ($364.3M) due to increased production volumes.

Exploration

Total exploration expenditure for period was $46.0M ($45.4M) with $39.2M ($32.1M) being expensed. Exploration expenditure capitalised in the period related to Ridgeway Deeps and Kencana.

Other Expenses

Other expenses mainly comprised foreign exchange losses on concentrate debtors.

Other Income

Other income mainly comprised interest revenue and proceeds from asset disposals.

Depreciation and Amortisation

Depreciation and amortisation totalled $126.3M ($110.9M) equating to a rate of $119/oz ($147/oz) of gold sales.

Borrowing Costs

$30.3M ($12.1M) of borrowing costs were expensed with the increase incurred following commissioning of the Telfer project. Net borrowing costs of $37.0M ($36.5M) were capitalised to the Telfer project.

Administration Costs

Administration costs of $37.6M ($19.5M) increased due to an increase in the operations and development division's activities assisting the Group's expanded operating base and the development of new information technology infrastructure and systems to match the expanded base.

Hedge Contracts Restructure Provision

An expense of $17.3M for the year includes the ongoing accounting treatment for the hedge restructures which were previously advised.

Cash Flow – Operating Activities

Cash flow from operating activities of $259.0M ($266.8M) was impacted by the increase in debtors and a build up of inventory.

Cash Flow – Investing Activities

Cash used in investing activities amounted to a net $686.0M ($753.4M).

Major areas of expenditure were:

	$M
Telfer Project *	519.6
Cadia, Ridgeway, Cadia East	66.6
Exploration	46.0
Cracow	28.2
Indonesia	20.0
Other	5.6
Total	686.0

* Includes pre-commissioning and capitalised borrowing costs.

A breakdown of exploration expenditure was:

	$M
Greenfields	23.1
Brownfields	12.9
Project resource definition	
• Cracow	2.1
• Indonesia	3.6
• Cadia Valley	3.9
• Other	0.4
	46.0

Cash Flow – Financing Activities

Borrowings

Proceeds from the drawdown of borrowings relating to Telfer debt were:

	A$M
US$350M private placement notes	459.0
Net Bi-Lateral proceeds	333.7
Stand-by facilities	177.3
	970.0

Major debt repayments consisted of:

	A$M
Syndicated Telfer Debt	538.1
Gold loan	41.2
US$ borrowing	19.5
Finance leases	17.3
Other	6.4
	622.5

Dividend Payment

The Dividend Reinvestment Plan reduced the net dividend payment to $14.0M from $16.5M. In addition a $5.0M dividend was paid to the minority shareholder of our Indonesian operation.

Dividends

The Company has declared a dividend of 5c per share, which will be approximately 50% franked. The dividend is payable to shareholders on 14 October 2005. Shareholders registered as at the close of business on 23 September 2005 will be eligible for the dividend. The DRP remains in place and will be offered to shareholders at market price.

Transition to AIFRS

Newcrest will adopt Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards from 1 July 2005. AIFRS does not affect cash flows, capacity to pay dividends or management of the site operations. The potential impact to reported profit is not expected to be material and disclosures have been made in the ASX Appendix 4E Report and the full financial statements.

Hedging

The mark to market position at 30 June 2005 was:

	30 June 2005 $M	30 June 2004 $M
Gold	(426)	(358)
Currency	-	(51)
Copper	(118)	(43)
Gold lease rate swaps	7	-
Total	(537)	(452)

The mark to market of the gold loan swap contracts are as follows:

	30 June 2005 $M	30 June 2004 $M
Gold Loan Swap Contracts	(46)	(27)

Corporate Information

Board Members

Ian Johnson .... Non-executive Chairman
Tony Palmer .... Managing Director and CEO
Bryan Davis ....Non-Executive Director
Ron Milne ....Non-Executive Director
Mick O'Leary * ....Non-Executive Director
Ian Renard......................................Non-Executive Director
Nora Scheinkestel .... Non-Executive Director
Bernard Lavery ....Company Secretary

* As stated on 1 August 2005, Mr Johnson is on leave of absence due to ill health, and Mr O'Leary was appointed as Acting Chairman.

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Substantial Shareholder(s) at 22 August 2005

The Capital Group Companies, Inc	12.41%
Merrill Lynch Investment Manager Group	7.15%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	5.09%

Issued Share Capital

At 30 June 2005 issued capital was 330,575,078 ordinary shares.

Annual Share Price Activity

	High $	Low $	Last $
July 2004 -June 2005	18.86	13.20	17.38