

Sale of Hidden Valley interest

Newcrest has signed an agreement to sell Newcrest PNG 1 Ltd to a wholly owned subsidiary of Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (Harmony). Newcrest PNG 1 Ltd is a 100% owned subsidiary of Newcrest that holds its 50% interest in the Hidden Valley Joint Venture ('JV') including the Hidden Valley mine. Completion of this sale is conditional upon the receipt of any required South African regulatory approval.

Newcrest has also signed an agreement to sell its 50% interest in certain regional exploration tenements proximate to the Hidden Valley mine to Harmony.

The transactions will enable Newcrest to focus its attention on its other assets. The parties will remain joint venture partners in the Wafi-Golpu project.

Key Points

- Following completion, Harmony will become 100% owner of the Hidden Valley JV including the Hidden Valley mine.
- Following completion, Harmony will assume all liabilities and expenses related to the Hidden Valley Joint Venture and mine, including all closure, rehabilitation and remediation obligations with effect from 31 August 2016.
- At 30 June 2016 Newcrest had provisioned US\$35m on mine rehabilitation obligations which will now be reversed
- Newcrest expects to recognise a loss on sale of approximately US\$10m
- Newcrest and Harmony will remain 50 / 50 joint venture partners in the Wafi-Golpu project

As part of the transaction Newcrest has funded Newcrest PNG 1 Ltd with an amount of US\$22.5m. This represents Newcrest's one-off contribution towards future Hidden Valley closure liability partially offset by the option value of the possible future cash flows of the asset. Harmony has made commitments to Newcrest in relation to the standard of closure to be undertaken in respect of the mine.

Sandeep Biswas, Newcrest Managing Director and CEO said, "Having completed the strategic review of Hidden Valley, Newcrest determined that the best outcome was to exit the operation and focus our attention on safe, profitable growth at our other assets. We look forward to continuing to work with Harmony on the Wafi-Golpu project."

Updated guidance for Newcrest ^{1,2}

Subject to market and operating conditions and subject to Completion, Newcrest FY17 production and cost guidance has been adjusted to reflect the sale of Hidden Valley as at 31 August 2016.

Production guidance for the 12 months ended 30 June 2017

Cadia	- gold	Koz	730 – 820
	- copper	Kt	~65
Telfer	- gold	Koz	400 – 450
	- copper	Kt	~20
Lihir	- gold	Koz	880 – 980
Gosowong	- gold	Koz	220 – 270
Bonikro	- gold	Koz	120 – 145
Hidden Valley (50%)	- gold	Koz	~10
Group production	- gold	Moz	2.35 – 2.60
	- copper	Kt	80-90

Cost and Capital Guidance FY17 \$m	Cadia	Telfer	Lihir	Gosowong (100%)	Bonikro (100%)	Hidden Valley (50%)	Other	Group
All-In Sustaining Cost*	230-270	450-480	765-850	200-230	130-150	10-15	75-85	1,880-2,060
Capital expenditure								
- Production stripping	-	15-20	60-75	-	10-15	-	-	85-110
- Sustaining capital	70-80	55-65	105-125	30-45	10-15	~1	~15	295-335
- Major projects (non-sustaining)	85-105	20-30	30-35	-	-	-	20-30	165-200
Total Capital expenditure	155-185	90-115	195-235	30-45	20-30	~1	35-45	545-645
Exploration expenditure								60-80
Depreciation and amortisation (including production stripping)								675-735

*Production stripping and sustaining capital shown above are included in All-In Sustaining Cost

**The above updates to FY17 guidance are only to reflect the sale of Hidden Valley

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² The guidance stated assumes weighted average copper price of \$2.10 per pound, silver price of \$16.50 per ounce and AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.73 for FY17.