

## Newcrest provides 2015 outlook and confirms 2014 guidance

## Newcrest 2015 financial year outlook

The Newcrest Board today considered the proposed 2015 financial year budget. The budget has not yet been approved by the Board and remains work in progress, however, the Company wishes to update the market in relation to likely outcomes.

The Company expects to be free cash flow positive<sup>1,2</sup> in the 2015 financial year, subject to market and operating conditions, with the key drivers as follows:

- Group gold production is expected to be in the range of 2.2 to 2.4 million ounces, with indicative production by site as follows:
  - o Cadia Valley 500,000 to 540,000 ounces
  - o Lihir 700,000 to 740,000 ounces
  - o Telfer 470,000 to 520,000 ounces
  - o Gosowong 300,000 to 360,000 ounces
  - o Hidden Valley (Newcrest 50% share) 100,000 to 120,000 ounces
  - o Bonikro 100,000 to 120,000 ounces
- Group copper production is expected to be in the range of 75,000 to 85,000 tonnes and silver production in the range of 2.2 to 2.4 million ounces.
- Group All-in Sustaining Costs are expected to be in the range of A\$2,300 to A\$2,600<sup>3</sup> million with the key components as follows:
  - Cash costs (post by-product credits) A\$1,800 to A\$2,000 million
  - Production stripping A\$100 to A\$120 million
  - Sustaining capital A\$260 to A\$300 million
  - On-site exploration A\$20 to A\$30 million
  - Corporate, rehabilitation and other A\$120 to A\$150 million
- Total capital expenditure (including project and development capital, production stripping and sustaining capital) is likely to be in the range A\$620 to A\$720 million, including approximately A\$240 to A\$280 million relating to the development of Cadia East Panel Cave 2.
- Total exploration expenditure (including on-site exploration) is expected to be in the range A\$60 to A\$70 million.

Depreciation and amortisation of mine site assets (including production stripping) is expected to be in the range A\$750 to A\$820 million<sup>4</sup>. Newcrest adopted International Financial Reporting Interpretation Committee (IFRIC) Interpretation - 20 "Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine" (IFRIC 20) as of 1 July 2013, which requires capitalised production stripping costs to be depreciated. Expected production in the 2015 financial year from new ore sources at Telfer and Lihir following recent production stripping programs, together with expected higher production from Cadia East, are the primary drivers of the higher 2015 depreciation charge.

The Company refers to its announcement of 23 April 2014 in which it advised Cadia Valley production in the 2015 financial year was likely to be below that of the 2014 financial year principally due to lower gold and copper grades at Ridgeway, subject also to Cadia East Panel Cave 2 development rates. Overall, Cadia Valley gold production is expected to be around 700,000 ounces in the 2016 financial year with a further increase in production expected in the 2017 financial year<sup>1</sup>.

The 2015 financial year outlook will be further detailed in August 2014 with the release of the Company's 2014 financial year results.

## Newcrest 2014 guidance

Newcrest confirms previous guidance commentary relating to the 2014 financial year.

The Company expects to generate free cash flow of around A\$100 million for the 2014 financial year, subject to the timing of gold and copper shipments scheduled for June 2014, and operating and market conditions<sup>1</sup>.

- <sup>1</sup> refer to the Company's forward looking statements disclaimer below
- 2 assumes weighted average gold price of U\$\$1,250 per ounce, copper price of U\$\$3.00/lb, silver price of U\$\$20 per ounce and AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.93
- 3 assumes copper price of US\$3.00/lb, silver price of US\$20 per ounce and AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.93
- subject to completion of an assessment of asset carrying values as part of 2014 financial year reporting

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