

# Newcrest Mining Limited



**December 2006 Quarter Results**

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## Quarter Key Points

- Gold production increased to 384,285oz
- Copper production decreased to 22,023t
- Impact of power supply disruption at Telfer was 13,000-15,000oz Au and 500-850t Cu
- Group cash costs increased to A\$384/oz
- Telfer Ore Reserve reduction
- FY07 production guidance
  - increases at Kencana
  - decreases at Telfer

# Production Summary

## December 2006 Quarter

|                    | <b>Tonnes<br/>Milled<br/>(000's)</b> | <b>Gold<br/>Grade<br/>(g/t)</b> | <b>Copper<br/>Grade<br/>(%)</b> | <b>Gold<br/>Production<br/>(oz)</b> | <b>Copper<br/>Production<br/>(t)</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Cadia              | 4,162                                | 0.44                            | 0.14                            | 45,922                              | 5,103                                |
| Cracow (70%)       | 69                                   | 9.74                            | -                               | 19,590                              | -                                    |
| Toguraci           | 21                                   | 15.04                           | -                               | 9,401                               | -                                    |
| Kencana            | 67                                   | 37.14                           | -                               | 73,669                              | -                                    |
| Ridgeway           | 1,427                                | 1.85                            | 0.73                            | 73,352                              | 9,386                                |
| Telfer Open Pit    | 4,422                                | 1.16                            | 0.18                            | 120,899                             | 4,710                                |
| Telfer Underground | 657                                  | 1.84                            | 0.48                            | 32,313                              | 2,824                                |
| Telfer Dump Leach  | -                                    | -                               | -                               | 9,139                               | -                                    |
| Total Telfer       | 5,079                                | 1.25                            | 0.22                            | 162,351                             | 7,534                                |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>10,825</b>                        | <b>1.32</b>                     | <b>0.25</b>                     | <b>384,285</b>                      | <b>22,023</b>                        |
| <b>Q1</b>          | <b>11,132</b>                        | <b>1.24</b>                     | <b>0.26</b>                     | <b>379,701</b>                      | <b>23,101</b>                        |

## Unit Costs – December 2006

|              | Q2 FY07               | Q2 FY07                | Q1 FY07               | Q1 FY07                |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|              | Cash Cost<br>(A\$/oz) | Total Cost<br>(A\$/oz) | Cash Cost<br>(\$A/oz) | Total Cost<br>(\$A/oz) |
| Cadia Hill   | 517                   | 646                    | 168                   | 304                    |
| Cracow (70%) | 338                   | 477                    | 389                   | 520                    |
| Gosowong     | 243                   | 306                    | 242                   | 296                    |
| Ridgeway     | 37                    | 90                     | (227)                 | (64)                   |
| Telfer       | 590                   | 767                    | 481                   | 633                    |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>384</b>            | <b>507</b>             | <b>219</b>            | <b>348</b>             |

\* Costs are based on achieved copper prices

# Provisional Pricing on Copper/Gold Concentrate

- \$A spot copper price declined 22% during Q2
- Impact of provisional pricing on Q2 result
  - 100% Q2 production revalued
  - 57% Q1 production revalued

# Unit Cash Cost Analysis

| <b>\$/oz</b>                   | <b>Q1 FY07</b> | <b>Q2 FY07</b> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Site Operating Costs           | 454            | 471            |
| Off Site Costs                 | 171            | 164            |
| Operating Costs                | 625            | 635            |
| By Product Credits             | (406)          | (251)          |
| Cash Cost                      | 219            | 384            |
| Adjustment for price movements |                | 74             |
| Adjustment related to Q1       |                | 89             |

# Operations



# Cadia Valley Operations

## Cadia

- Gold recovery improved 4.2% Q1 to Q2
- Gold & copper grades set to increase in Q3 & Q4

## Ridgeway

- 2H07 gold & copper grades will be in line with 1H07

# Gosowong

## Toguraci

- Mining completed October 2006
- Produced over 500,000 gold ounces during life of mine

## Kencana

- 20% increase in gold output to 73,669oz (61,286oz)
- Mining from top 4 sub levels
- Gold grade mined consistent with reserve model
- Development of decline and sub level access continued
- Successful mining under paste fill

# Telfer Open Pit

- Gold grades improved 13% to 1.16g/t (1.03g/t)
- Material movement increased to 14.7Mt (12.5Mt) due to additional mobile fleet
  - existing fleet of 26 trucks has capacity to move 75Mtpa
  - milling rates above feasibility levels

# Telfer - Underground

- Sustainable cave profile established
- Undercut level development completed
- Mine production ramp-up continued according to plan
  - increase in ore mined 0.65Mt (0.30Mt)
  - 4Mtpa by March 2007 target confirmed

# Telfer - Processing

- Power supply disruption
  - estimate production short fall 13,000-15,000oz gold and 500-850t copper
- Concentrate arsenic levels improved
  - 80% A grade (low arsenic) (37% Q1)
  - 20% B grade

# Cracow

- Record mining and milling rates achieved
- Ore predominately sourced from Royal ore body
- Development of the Crown shoot commenced
- Grade improvement during quarter – 9.74g/t (8.82g/t) to continue in H2 FY07

# Development Assets



# Cadia Valley Projects

## Cadia East

- Good progress on decline 657m (365m)
- Updated resource model progressed for open pit
- Open Pit Pre-Feasibility study to be completed H2 FY07

## Ridgeway Deeps

- Feasibility study to be completed H2 FY07
- Total development metres increased

# Exploration



## Exploration – Brownfields

- Exploration and resource development continued at all 4 mine sites
- Drilling in Cadia province continued to show upside potential
- At Gosowong the Kencana system continued to evolve with more high grade drilling results from K2
- At Cracow definition drilling was ongoing at Kilkenny

## Exploration - Greenfields

- Discovery exploration programs ongoing in WA, QLD, NSW, Nevada (USA) and Gosowong (Indonesia)
- Extensions to known structures and potential new structures tested at Gosowong
- Drilling undertaken to test a Cu-Au target at Sullivan (Nevada)

# Telfer Reserves

# Possible Sources of Reserve to Production Reconciliation Difference

- Estimation of metal in concentrate
- Estimation of metal in tailings
- Estimation of mined and/or milled tonnages
- Estimation of feed grade

## Estimation of Metal in Concentrate

- Increased sample frequency by a factor of 4
- Increased assay mass consumed for each sample
- Changed from fire assay to screen fire assay to improve detection of coarse gold
- Improved survey control of stockpile tonnage reconciliations
- Conducted programme to cross check assays:
  - Bulk leach
  - Smelt to metal

Issue closed off

## Estimation of Metal in Tailings

- Increased sample frequency by a factor of 4
- Independent validation of sampling methodology
- Checked tails volume measurement system
- Introduced routine independent check assay analysis program
- Undertook 3 large bulk tails leach tests

Issue closed off

# Estimation of Mined/Milled Tonnages

- Ongoing survey of month end stockpiles and face positions supplemented by aerial surveys
- Truck weighing programs undertaken
- Independent re-calibrations of weightometers
- Independent review of mass balance methodology through the ore processing facility

Issue closed off

# Estimation of Grade

- Grade control changed from blast holes sampling to full RC drilling from Mar-06
  - 1st block of data lead to adoption of lowest feasibility case (P90) for supergene ore (July-06)
- Program undertaken to validate ore reserve fundamentals from mid 06
  - included interpretation, estimation approach, block sizes
- Systematic head grade sampling introduced on all mill feed streams during 2nd half of 2006
- 2nd block of RC data forms basis of further downgrade Jan-07
  - based on an independent model.

# Reserve vs Grade Control Model

- Analysis of detailed R.C. drilling data for the open pit area (supergene zone) mined in 1H FY07 indicates:
  - 12 % downgrade in Au metal between ore reserve and grade control
  - 11% downgrade in Cu metal between ore reserve and grade control
- Mining reality necessitates inclusion of lower grade material for practical mined shapes, resulting in:
  - a further reduction in Au head grade of 5%
  - no further impact on Cu grade (due to diluting material having a similar grade)

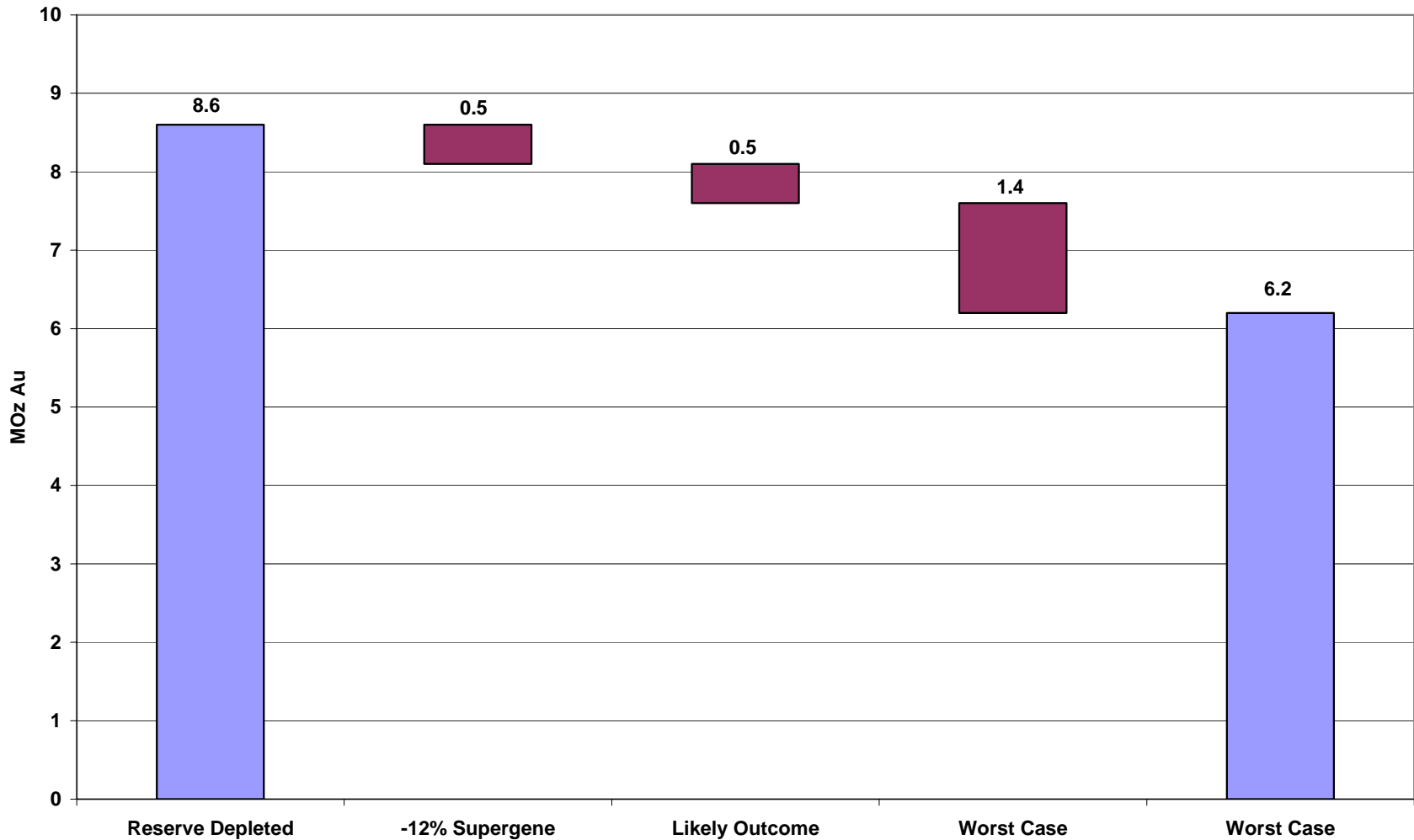
# Recommended Case for Telfer Reserves

| <b>Gold</b>             | <b>Jun-06</b> | <b>Depletion</b> | <b>Dec-06</b> | <b>Difference</b> | <b>Result</b> | <b>Comment</b>                |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Main Dome Monocline pit | 9.1           | - 0.5            | 8.6           | - 0.5             | 8.1           | Supergene stockwork -12% only |
| West Dome Feasibility   | 3.8           | -                | 3.8           | -                 | 3.8           | Unchanged                     |
| Telfer deeps SLC        | 3.7           | - 0.1            | 3.6           | -                 | 3.6           | Unchanged                     |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>16.6</b>   | <b>- 0.6</b>     | <b>16.0</b>   | <b>- 0.5</b>      | <b>15.5</b>   |                               |

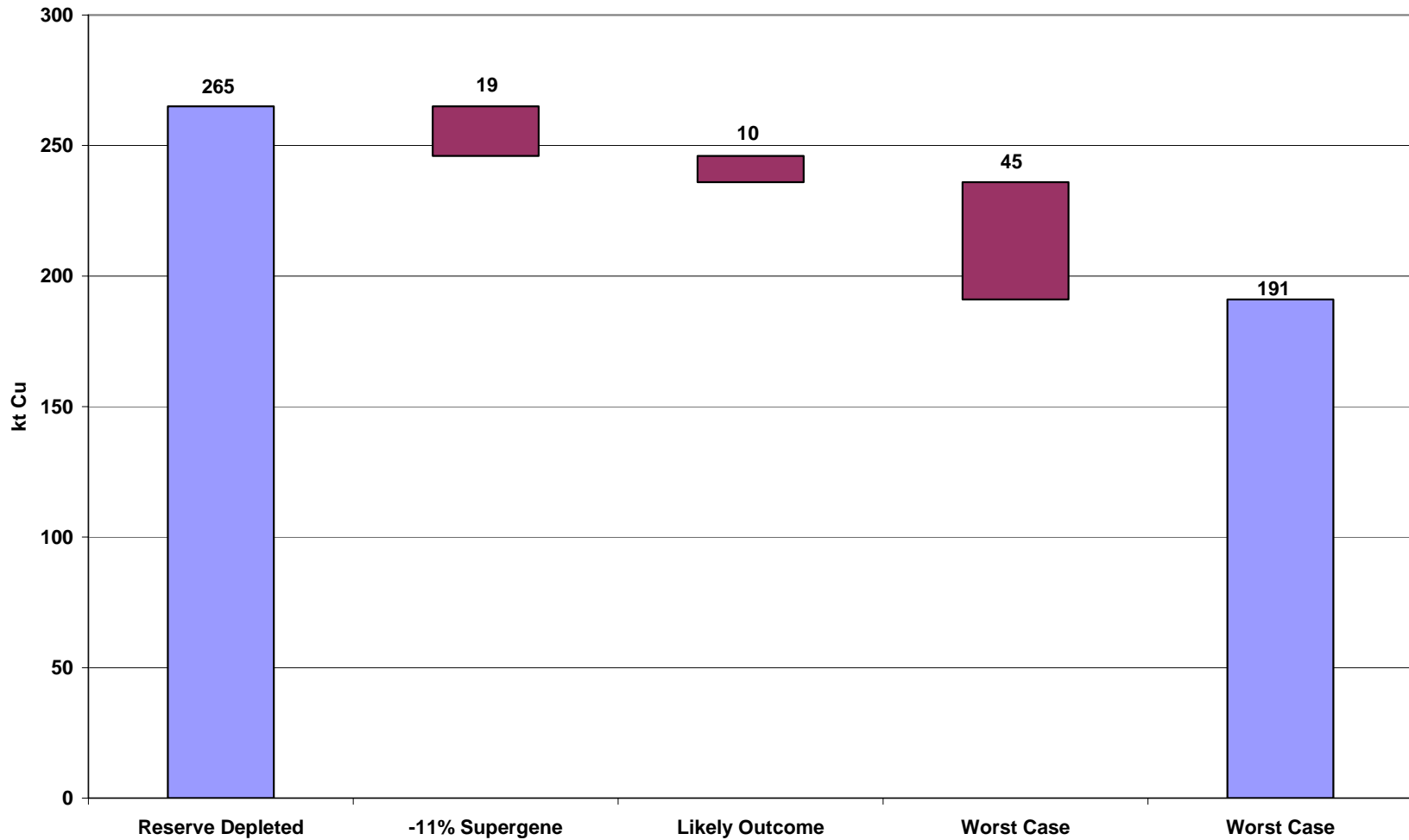
| <b>Copper</b>           | <b>Jun-06</b> | <b>Depletion</b> | <b>Dec-06</b> | <b>Difference</b> | <b>Result</b> | <b>Comment</b>                |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Main Dome Monocline pit | 284           | -19              | 265           | -19               | 246           | Supergene stockwork -11% only |
| West Dome Feasibility   | 86            | 0                | 86            | 0                 | 86            | Unchanged                     |
| Telfer deeps SLC        | 220           | -6               | 214           | 0                 | 214           | Unchanged                     |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>590</b>    | <b>-25</b>       | <b>565</b>    | <b>-19</b>        | <b>546</b>    |                               |

**Telfer Deeps – July 2007**  
**Primary Open Pit – July 2008**

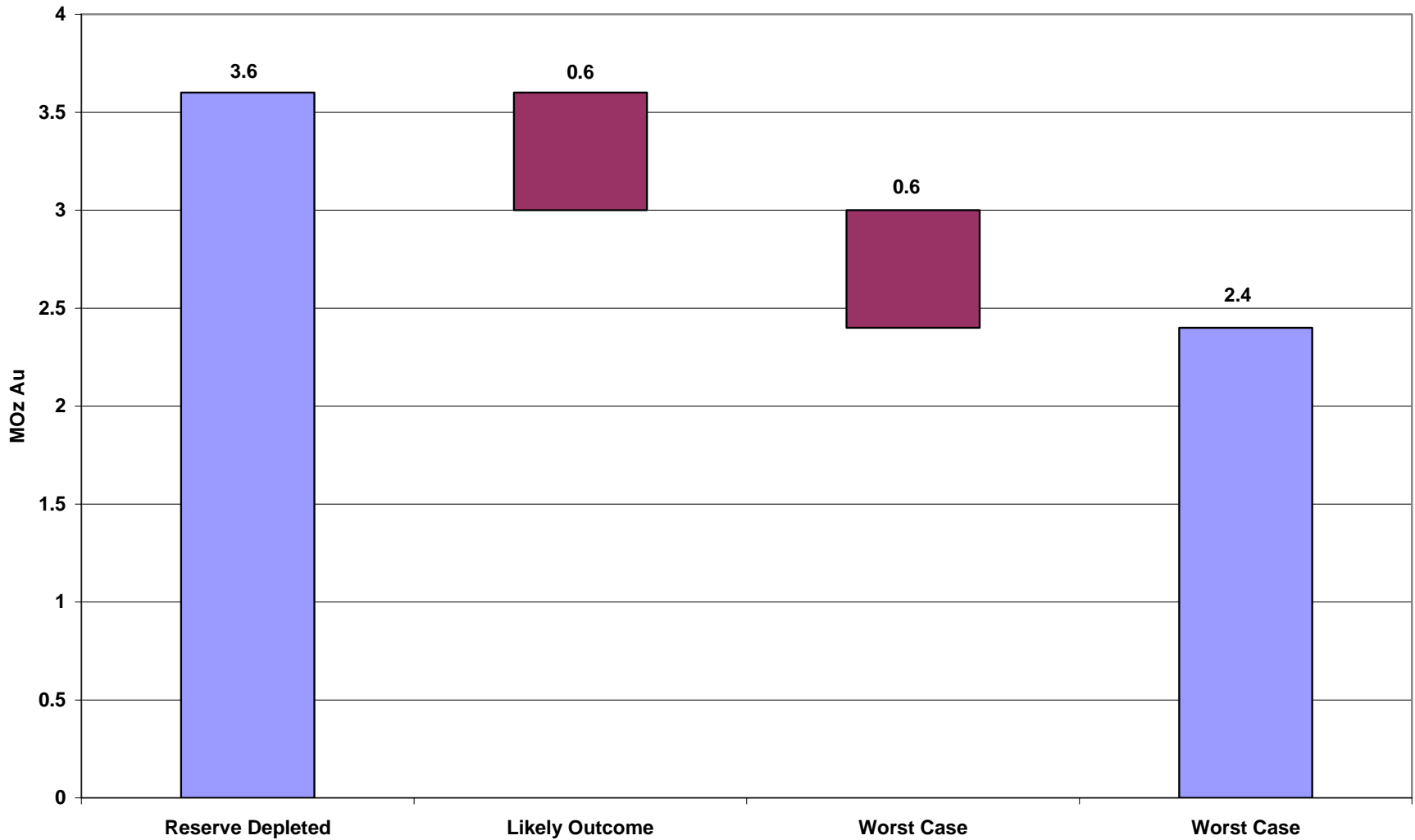
# Main Dome Open Pit Ore Reserve – Range of Outcomes (Au Moz)



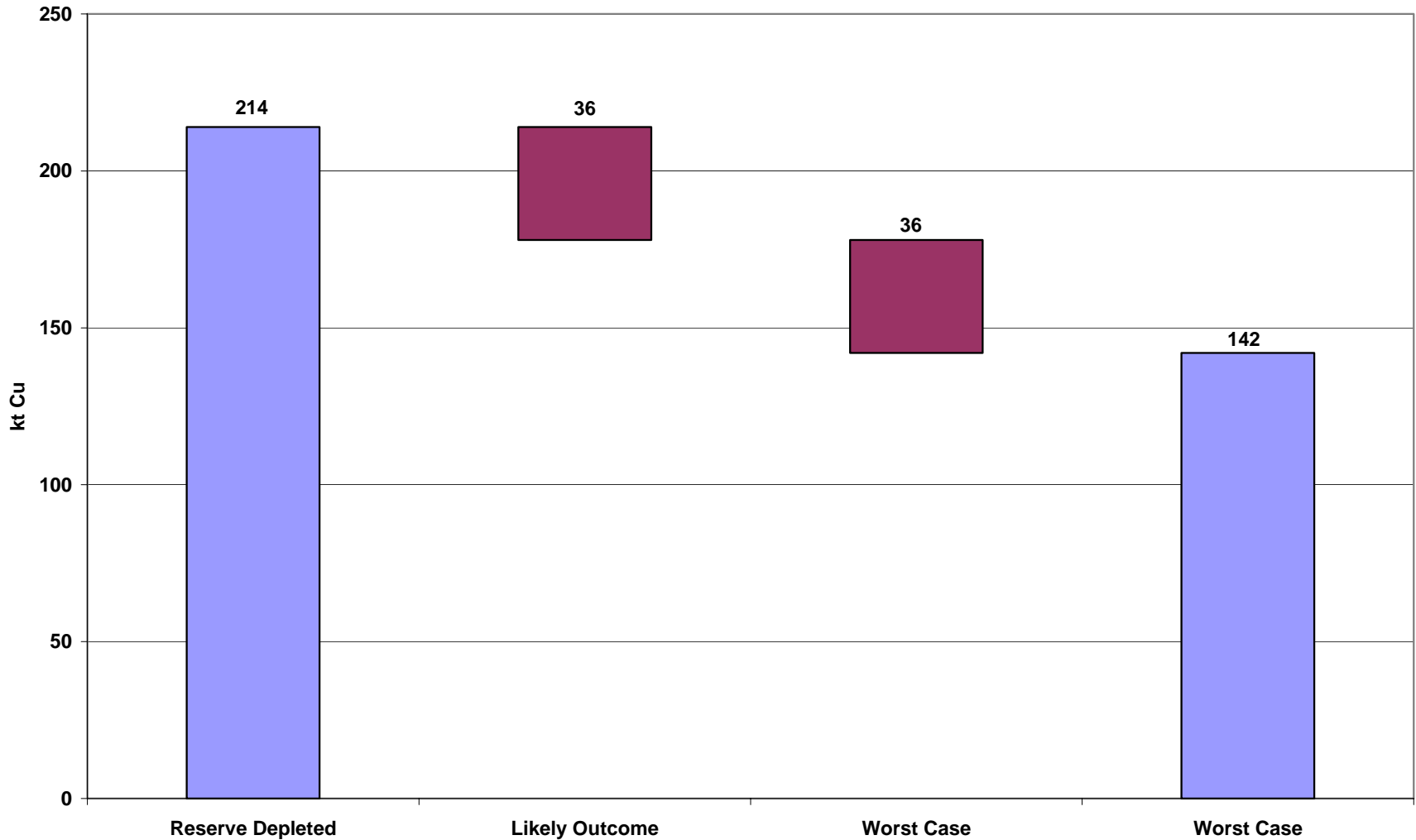
# Main Dome Open Pit Ore Reserve – Range of Outcomes (Cu kt)



# Telfer Deep's SLC Ore Reserve – Range of Outcomes (Au Moz)



# Telfer Deep's SLC Ore Reserve – Range of Outcomes (Cu kt)



# Estimated Potential Worst Case Scenario for Telfer Reserves

| <b>Gold</b>               | <b>Jun-06</b> | <b>Depletion</b> | <b>Dec-06</b> | <b>Difference</b> | <b>Result</b> | <b>Comment</b>         |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Main Dome Monocline Pit   | 9.1           | -0.5             | 8.6           | -2.4              | 6.2           | Remove upgrade factors |
| West Dome Feasibility Pit | 3.8           | 0.0              | 3.8           | 0.0               | 3.8           | Unchanged              |
| Telfer Deeps SLC          | 3.7           | -0.1             | 3.6           | -1.2              | 2.4           | Remove upgrade factors |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>16.6</b>   | <b>-0.6</b>      | <b>16.0</b>   | <b>-3.6</b>       | <b>12.4</b>   |                        |

| <b>Copper</b>             | <b>Jun-06</b> | <b>Depletion</b> | <b>39052.0</b> | <b>Difference</b> | <b>Result</b> | <b>Comment</b>         |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Main Dome Monocline Pit   | 284           | -19              | 265            | -74               | 191           | Remove upgrade factors |
| West Dome Feasibility Pit | 86            | 0                | 86             | 0                 | 86            | Unchanged              |
| Telfer Deeps SLC          | 220           | -6               | 214            | -72               | 142           | Remove upgrade factors |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>590</b>    | <b>-25</b>       | <b>565</b>     | <b>-146</b>       | <b>419</b>    |                        |

**Telfer Deeps – July 2007**  
**Primary Open Pit – July 2008**

# Reserve Opportunities

| <b>Opportunity</b>          | <b>Size<br/>(M oz)</b> | <b>Current<br/>Status</b>      |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Main Dome Monocline Pit     | 1.95                   | Inferred Resource              |
| Telfer Deeps NW High Grade  | 0.5-1.5                | Advanced<br>Exploration Target |
| Vertical Stockwork Corridor | 0.5-1.5                | Advanced<br>Exploration Target |

# FY2007 Guidance Update

## Cracow

- unchanged from August 06 guidance

## Ridgeway

- depreciation reduced from \$165/oz to \$115/oz

## Cadia

- unchanged from August 06 guidance

## Kencana

- annual gold production increased to approximately 330,000oz
- site costs unchanged from October 06 guidance

# Telfer Production Drivers

- Supergene reserve downgrade and dilution
- Mill throughput
- Stockpile tonnage (24% of feed at below reserve grade)
- Ore percentage to copper only float (50% of feed compared to 15%)

# FY2007 Guidance Update - Telfer

- Production target reduced to
  - 675,000-700,000oz gold
  - 31,000-33,000t copper
- Site costs – unchanged from August 06 guidance
- Deferrals – 50% higher than August 06 guidance of approximately \$55M
- Depreciation – 15% higher than August 06 guidance of approximately \$150/oz

# FY2008 Guidance Update - Telfer

## Initial Production Target

- 800,000oz gold +/- 5%
- 35,000t copper +/- 5%

# Summary

- Cash cost headline number impact by declining spot copper price and provisional pricing
- Telfer production impacted by power supply interruption
- Telfer production FY07 675,000-700,000oz gold and 31,000-33,000t copper
- Telfer supergene reserve downgrade
- Kencana strong production growth continues