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Newcrest Mining Appoints Papua New Guinea Country Manager

Newcrest Mining Limited today announced the appointment of a country manager to represent its interests in Papua New Guinea.

Prominent Papua New Guinean, Mr Peter Aitsi MBE, is to take up the newly created Country Manager role for Newcrest which will be based in Port Moresby.

The role has been established by Newcrest in recognition of the significance of Papua New Guinea to the company following the merger with Lihir Gold last year and the increased activity in the Morobe Province where Newcrest, in a joint venture with Harmony Gold, is operating the Hidden Valley gold mine and undertaking further studies associated with the Wafi Golpu project.

In announcing the appointment, Newcrest Chief Executive Officer, Greg Robinson, said Mr Aitsi would be responsible for the company's relationships with government, business and community leaders in PNG. He will also manage the Newcrest corporate office teams in Port Moresby and Kavieng.

"This is an important role to Newcrest and one which reflects our growing presence and confidence in Papua New Guinea," Mr Robinson said.

"We are very pleased that Mr Aitsi has agreed to join us. He is eminently qualified for the role bringing over 15 years of experience working at senior levels within the PNG private sector, extensive experience in community development, working with civil society and in communications, all of which are key aspects of the Newcrest Country Manager role," he said.

Mr Aitsi said he looked forward to developing the Newcrest presence in PNG and to working with Newcrest PNG Government Relations Manager, Borone Isana and the teams in both of Port Moresby and Kavieng.

Mr Aitsi takes up the role in early September.

Mr Aitsi's experience includes:

- Program Director – Stongim Pipol Stongim Nesen, an AusAID funded community development program
- Country Manager GHD, PNG
- General Manager PNGFM
- Former board member and chairman, Transparency International
- President of the Media Council of PNG for eight years to 2007
- Founding chair of the Digicel Foundation
- He is also currently on the board of directors of PNGFM, CPL Ltd, Coral Sea Group and is co-founder and director of Leadership PNG.



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