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Gosowong employee rescue update

Newcrest Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Sandeep Biswas said today, “significant progress was made over the weekend to rescue Pak Mursalim Sahman, who is trapped in the Kencana Underground Mine.”

“Earlier this morning we broke through into the chamber where Pak Mursalim is located after completing the boring of a 70 centimetre diameter hole approximately 38 metres deep. This is a significant milestone in developing our primary rescue option. Before we attempt final extraction, we will need to line the bore hole so that we can safely bring Pak Mursalim up. It is expected that lining the hole will take several days.”

“A second extraction option, which is a new lateral development drive from the main decline to Pak Mursalim's location, is also progressing.”

“We continue our geotechnical monitoring to track ground conditions and assess the risks of every aspect of the rescue work.”

“I am also pleased to report that Pak Mursalim's health remains good and he has been speaking with his family using a newly installed telephone line.”

“I am not able to give a definitive timeframe at this stage but rescue work is taking place around the clock, drawing on support from many people across Newcrest and beyond.”

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Attached: Photo showing raise bore machine and crew creating the primary rescue option.

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Gosowong overview

Gosowong is owned and operated by PT Nusa Halmahera Minerals (PTNHM), an Indonesian company 75 per cent owned by Newcrest.

It is located on Halmahera Island, in the North Maluku Province of the Republic of Indonesia, approximately 2,450 kilometres north east of the national capital, Jakarta.

Gosowong currently encompasses the Kencana and Toguraci underground mines and produces gold and silver doré.

Gosowong has a current workforce of approximately 1,700 employees and contractors.

For the year ended June 2015, Gosowong produced 331,555 ounces of gold (100% basis).

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