



# Media Release

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## Trapped Gosowong miner safely rescued

Newcrest Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Sandeep Biswas said today, “It is with tremendous relief that I can advise Pak Mursalim Sahman has been safely rescued after 8 nights trapped 300 metres underground at the Kencana mine at Gosowong in Indonesia.”

Pak Mursalim emerged at 10.30am (local time) from a 38 metre bore hole that had been drilled down to his location from an existing tunnel above. He is being taken to the Gosowong medical centre where he will be reunited with his wife and children.

“I offer my heartfelt thanks to the onsite rescue teams who have worked tirelessly 24 hours a day since the geotechnical event on 8 February 2016 that blocked the development drive behind where Pak Mursalim was drilling blast holes,” Sandeep said.

“Pak Mursalim showed great courage in the face of extreme adversity. He stayed positive and contributed invaluable information about his immediate environment that assisted with the rescue effort.”

Two small diameter ‘life support’ drill holes that provided a means to supply water, food and a communication link for Pak Mursalim to converse with the rescue team and his family, are credited with helping to keep him in good spirits throughout the ordeal.

The ‘raise bore shaft’ through which Pak Mursalim’s freedom was gained, was but one of several extraction options carefully assessed and progressed by the rescue team.

“The rescue effort was a truly collaborative undertaking supported by numerous internal and external stakeholders including specialist advisors, other mining companies with experience in similar situations, transport operators, the Indonesian and Australian Governments and many others. I thank them all for pulling together to bring Pak Musalim to safety.”

Pak Mursalim, who has worked at Gosowong since 2009, is from North Halmahera in North Maluku Province. His family have been cared for at site since 9 February 2016 by Gosowong management, employees and health professionals.

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The cause of the incident will be the subject of a full and thorough internal investigation. Members of the Indonesian Mines Inspectorate have been on site since 10 February 2016 observing the rescue operation.

All mining and processing operations remain suspended.

Ends.

### 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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