



Media Release

11 December 2015



Newcrest and Martu sign Telfer Indigenous Land Use Agreement

Newcrest has signed an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Martu people who are the traditional owners of the land surrounding the Telfer gold mine in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

The agreement will provide \$18 million over five years for the benefit of Martu, followed by a revenue based payment from mining in the agreement area.

It commits Newcrest to providing practical support to improve the quality of life for Martu, including in the areas of training, employment and contracting, and logistical support. It also provides for ongoing heritage protection for areas of special significance.

This marks the conclusion of several years of negotiations and represents the most significant agreement with Martu in the 40 year history of the Telfer mine. Newcrest Managing Director and CEO, Sandeep Biswas, said:

"The signing of this agreement formalises the strong relationship between Newcrest and Martu and reflects our commitment to making a positive economic and social contribution to the communities in which we operate."

"For many years, Newcrest has been supporting Martu to gain better access to employment through job opportunities at the mine, and to live healthier lives through initiatives like the Desert Sport Development Program. We are pleased to be able to build on this commitment through this indigenous land use agreement."

The majority of the funds will be paid into a trust for Martu, overseen by an independent professional trustee. The remaining funds will be paid to the Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation to enable it to carry out its role as prescribed body corporate for the Martu.

The Martu agree to all mining tenements, titles and approvals for Newcrest to carry out its mining operations within a 60km radius project area, and to not make any objections under the *Native Title Act (1993)*, subject to compliance with an agreed heritage protocol.

The agreement has been submitted to the National Native Title Tribunal for registration.

For further information please contact:

Jason Mills, T: +61 3 9522 5690, E. Jason.Mills@newcrest.com.au

Anna Freeman, T: +61 3 9522 5548, E. Anna.Freeman@newcrest.com.au