

Contact established with trapped employee at Gosowong

Newcrest Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Sandeep Biswas said today, "I am very pleased to confirm that at approximately 10am today local time we made verbal contact with Pak Mursalim Sahman who is trapped underground at the Kencana Underground Mine."

Contact was established via a small diameter hole drilled through 54 metres of ground to where Pak Mursalim is located.

"Kencana mine personnel were able to speak with Pak Mursalim and he confirmed that he is in good health and good spirits and that he has supplies of food and water. He only expressed concern about how his family had been faring."

"We are now preparing to send down additional water and food as well as a communication link."

"While this is a pleasing development, a lot of work remains to be done to get Pak Mursalim out safely. We are drawing upon expertise and assistance from other mining companies and specialist advisors who have led similar underground rescue efforts around the world. I am not able to give a timeframe at this stage on when we expect to extract him."

Pak Mursalim is from North Halmahera in North Maluku Province. His family are at site and are being supported by Gosowong management.

The cause of the incident will be the subject of a full and thorough investigation. The Indonesian Mines Inspectorate arrived at site today. All mining and processing operations remain suspended.

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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