

Telfer mine life further extended with West Dome Stage 8 approval

Newcrest Mining Limited (Newcrest) (ASX, TSX, PNGX: NCM) is pleased to announce that it is proceeding with the West Dome Stage 8 cutback at its Telfer operation, with the Newcrest Board approving a total investment of A\$214 million (~US\$150 million) inclusive of mine operating costs and A\$73 million (~US\$51 million) of capitalised production stripping. The cutback underpins continuity of operations at Telfer, with the mine now expected to extend operations into early FY25¹.

The cutback is located adjacent to the current West Dome Stage 2 and West Dome Stage 5 pits, and first ore production is expected in the December 2022 quarter¹.

Newcrest Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Sandeep Biswas, said “We are delighted to further extend the life of our Telfer operation, highlighting our ability to maximise the full potential of our assets through our strong technical expertise. Telfer is strategically positioned in the highly prospective Paterson Province and we are continuing to progress several potential options to expand the resource base in the open pits and underground to unlock additional value,” said Mr Biswas.

Telfer Hedging

As at 30 June 2022 the total outstanding volume and prices of gold hedged for Telfer, and in total for Newcrest, were:

Financial Year Ending	Gold Ounces Hedged	Average Price \$A/oz
30 June 2023	137,919	1,942

Telfer is a large scale, low grade mine and its profitability and cash flow are both very sensitive to the realised Australian Dollar gold price. Following the approval of West Dome Stage 8 cutback, Newcrest has completed further hedging of a portion of Telfer’s future planned production for FY23 and FY24 to secure margins and support investment in cutbacks and mine development.

A further 432,479 ounces of planned gold sales have been hedged in the form of Australian dollar gold zero cost collars. The total volume and prices of new hedges implemented for Telfer are as follows:

Financial Year Ending	Gold Ounces Hedged	Floor Price \$A/oz	Cap Price \$A/oz
30 June 2023	123,723	\$2,450	\$2,773
30 June 2024	308,756	\$2,500	\$2,886

Telfer guidance for FY23 remains unchanged, including gold production (355-405koz), sustaining production stripping (US\$55-75 million) and sustaining capital expenditure (US\$35-55 million)².

Havieron Project Update

As highlighted in the September 2022 quarterly report, the Havieron Feasibility Study has been extended beyond the December 2022 quarter to allow further time to maximise value and de-risk the project. An update on timing expectations for the study will be provided as value enhancing options are assessed.

Authorised by the Newcrest Disclosure Committee

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Endnotes

¹ Subject to market and operating conditions and no unforeseen delays (including any delays due to COVID-19 impacts).

² Subject to market and operating conditions