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**to:** Company Announcements Office  
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Newcrest and Lihir Merger**

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Please find attached for immediate release to the market a presentation in relation to the Newcrest and Lihir Merger.

Yours sincerely

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Stephen Creese  
Company Secretary

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# **Newcrest and LGL Enter into Merger Implementation Agreement**



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Canadian Investors – for further information in relation to the calculation of reserves and resources with respect to LGL's operations, please refer to the Lihir Gold Limited (TSX:LGG) NI 43-101 Technical Reports available on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).

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## LGL Competent Person Statement.

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources at Lihir, Côte d'Ivoire, and Mt Rawdon is based on information compiled by Mr Roy Kidd. Mr Kidd is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and is a full time employee of Lihir Services Australia Pty Ltd (LSA) in the role of Principal Geologist. LSA provides services to LGL pursuant to a Managed Services Agreement. Roy Kidd has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and the type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Roy Kidd consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. The information in this report that relates to Ore Reserves at Lihir Island is based on information compiled by Mr David Grigg. David Grigg is employed by Lihir Gold Limited in the role of Superintendent Strategic Planning for the company. David Grigg has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and the type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". David Grigg consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.

# Asia Pacific's Leading Gold Producer

- Newcrest and LGL have entered into an agreement to combine the two companies to become the leading gold producer in the Asia Pacific
- Overwhelming stakeholder recognition of strategic logic of combination
- 6.4% improvement on Newcrest's 29<sup>th</sup> March proposal represents an attractive premium for LGL shareholders
- One Newcrest share for every 8.43 LGL shares, plus \$0.225 cash per LGL share (less any interim dividend declared or paid)
- "Mix and Match" structure available
- Revised proposal unanimously recommended by LGL Directors, subject to no superior offer and independent expert's endorsement
- LGL shareholders vote anticipated to be held in July 2010
- Newcrest to undertake confirmatory due diligence

# Substantial Premium Price



<sup>1</sup> Based on Newcrest's closing price of A\$32.06 on 3 May 2010

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# Achieves Strategic Goals, provides certainty

- LGL unanimously recommend the Scheme in the absence of a superior proposal and subject to an independent expert's opinion
- Board solely focused on maximising value for shareholders
- Newcrest merger immediately delivers certain strong returns
- Merger creates attractive, diverse portfolio of mines
- Impressive pipeline of growth projects
- Lowest quartile of the global cash cost curve
- Merger preserves gold premium of combined company

# Achieves Strategic Goals, provides certainty

- Provides LGL employees with increased career opportunities
- Newcrest has an impressive track record as a highly regarded employer - best practice in safety and corporate governance
- Newcrest is committed to continuing LGL's exemplary approach to community, environment and relations with Government

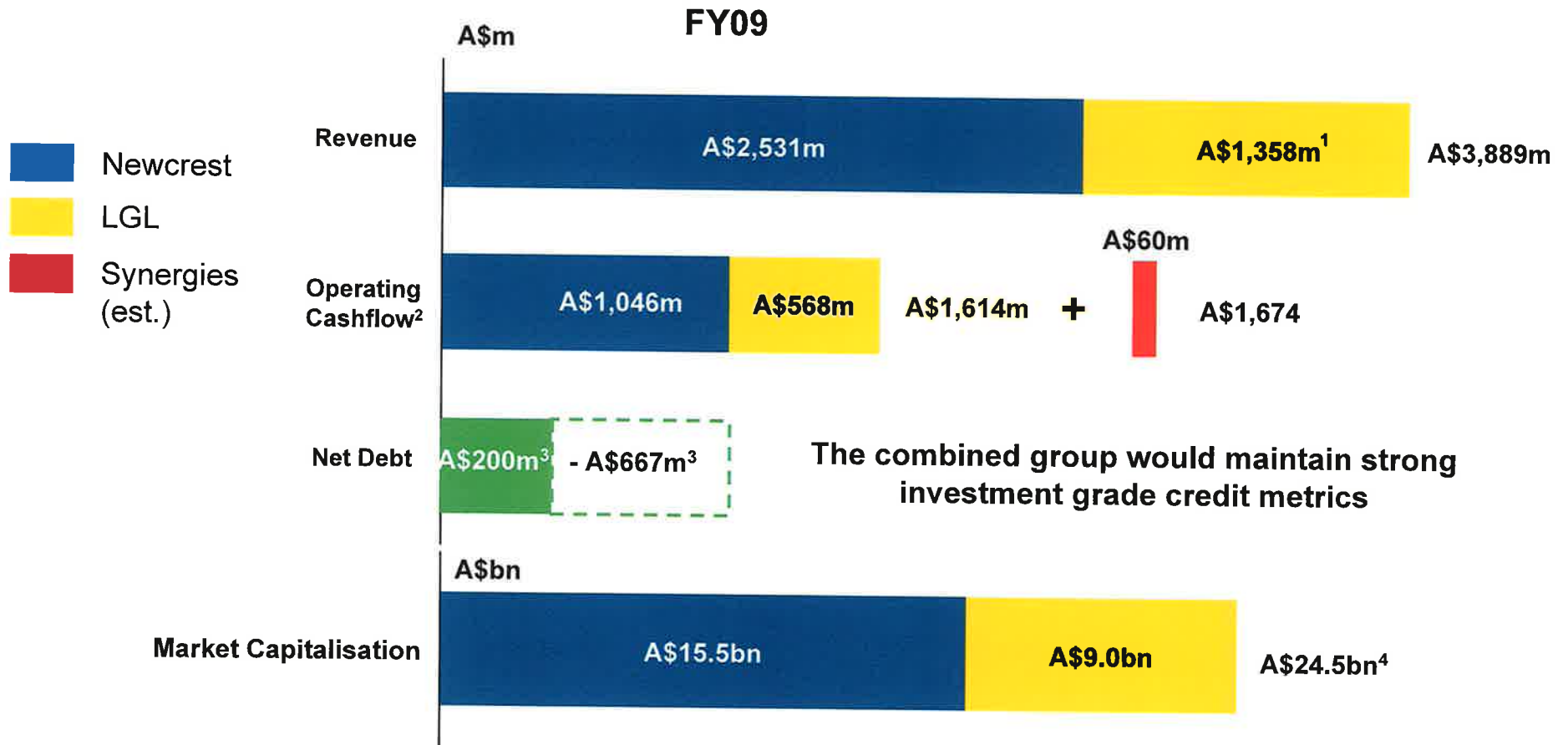
# Leading Gold Company in Asia Pacific



The combined group would operate in 5 countries with 10 mines

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# Financial Profile



## Strong Financial Position for Organic and Strategic Growth

Source: Company Annual and Half-Yearly Reports, USD / AUD 0.75 (FY09 average)

<sup>1</sup> Excludes hedging loss <sup>2</sup> Operating cashflow excludes net interest. Post tax synergies based on 30% tax rate.

<sup>3</sup> Net cash as at 31 December 2009 less A\$533m – A\$1,000m cash component of the proposal, USD / AUD 0.90

<sup>4</sup> Market capitalisations based on value of equity part of the proposal as at 3 May 2010

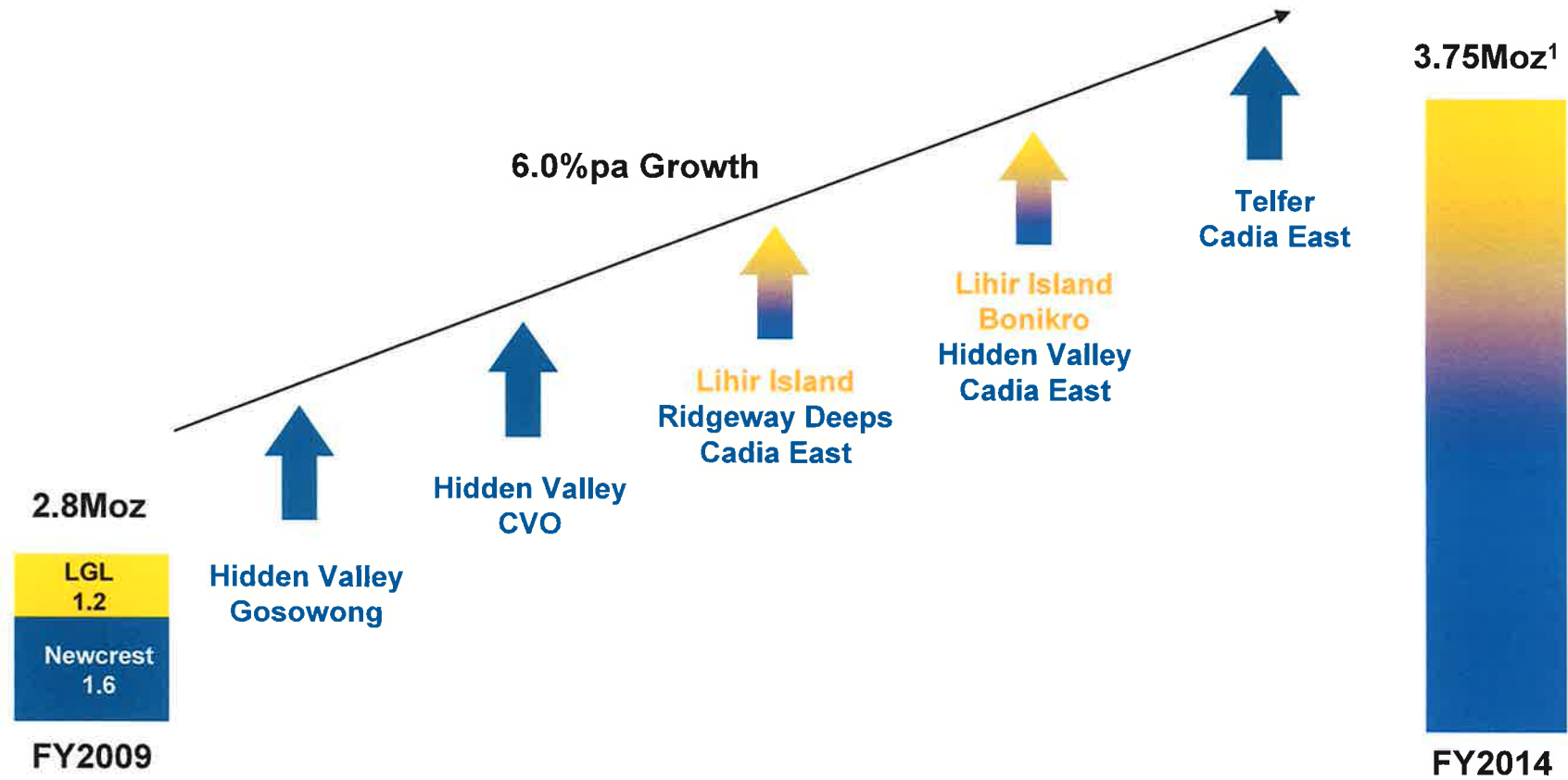


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# Combination Logic

- Creates a world-class portfolio of long life, high margin gold assets
- Increased geographical and asset diversification
- Low cash cost position and improved financial strength
- Enhanced and diversified organic growth portfolio
- Potential short term synergies estimated at A\$85m pa (pre-tax)
- Highly complementary skills for continued long term optimization

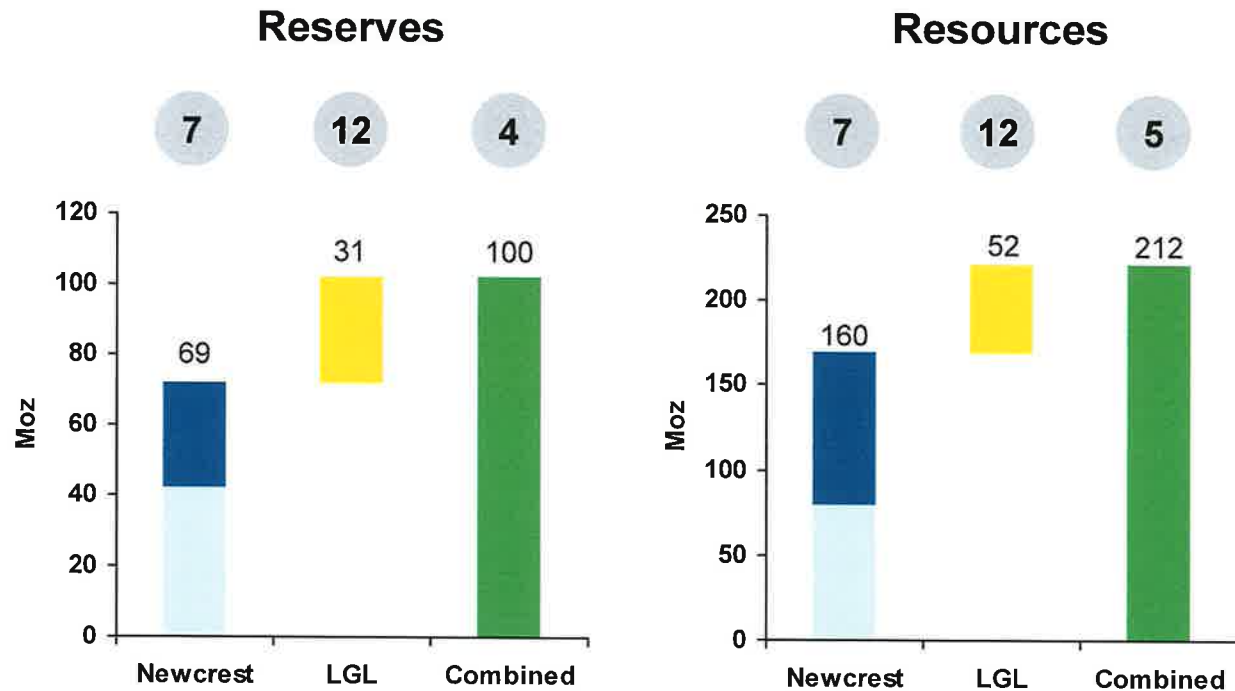
# Growth Pipeline



Excludes future production upside from the following internal opportunities:  
 West Africa, Wafi/Golpu, O'Callaghans, Namosi, Camp Dome, Gosowong 2  
 Vertical Stockwork Corridor, West Dome Deeps and Marsden

<sup>1</sup> Source: Newcrest and Lihir ASX announcements

# Reserves & Resources

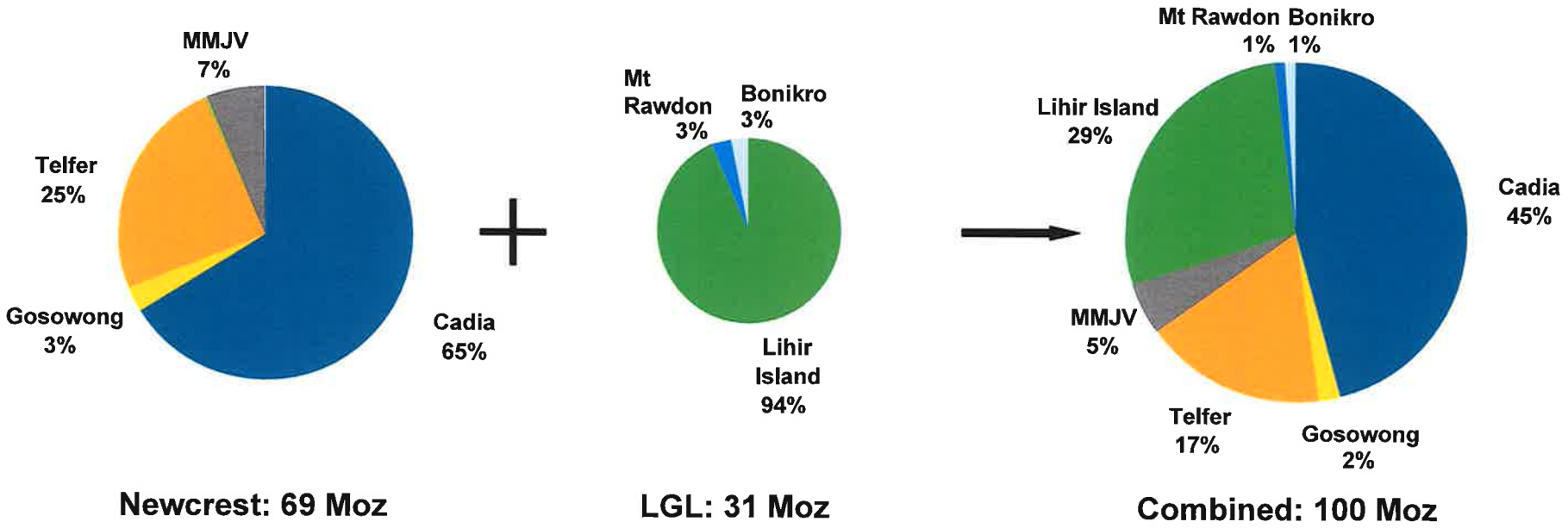


**X** Industry Ranking

<sup>1</sup> Gold equivalent calculated using US\$800/oz gold, US\$12.50/oz silver and US\$2/lb copper  
 Source: Company Annual Reports / Reserve & Resources Statements

# Reserve Diversity

## Reserves by Asset (eAu)



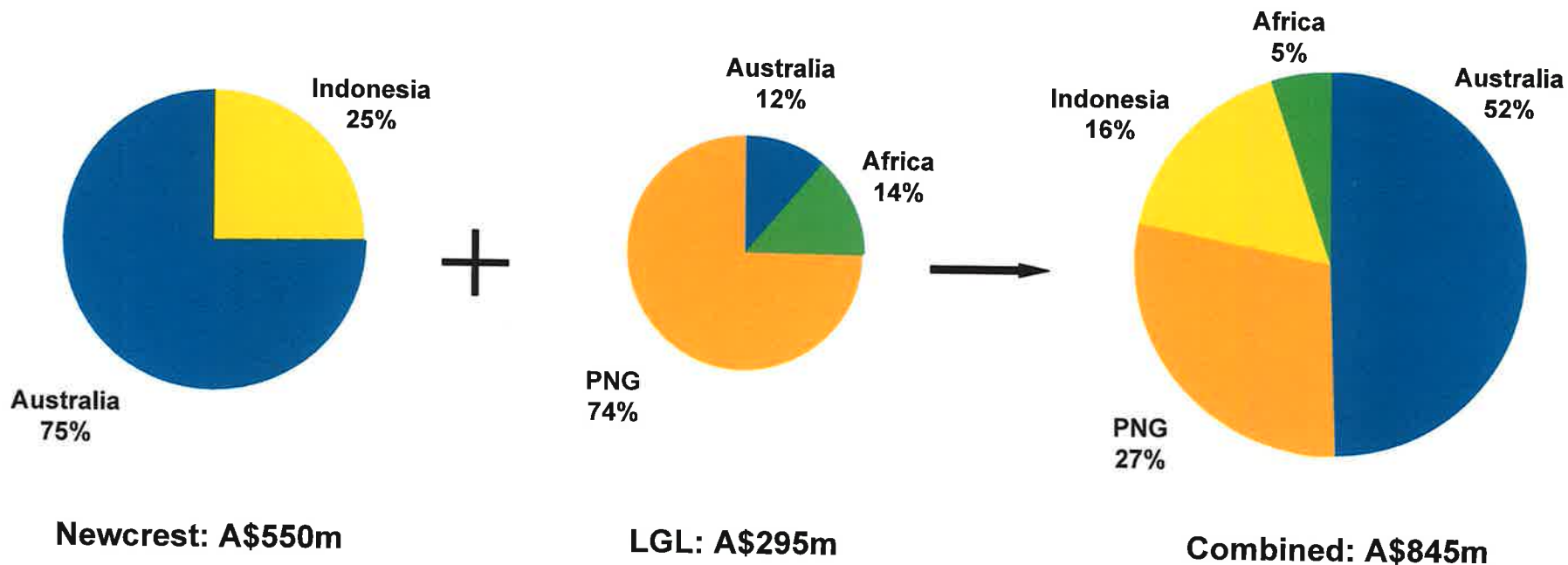
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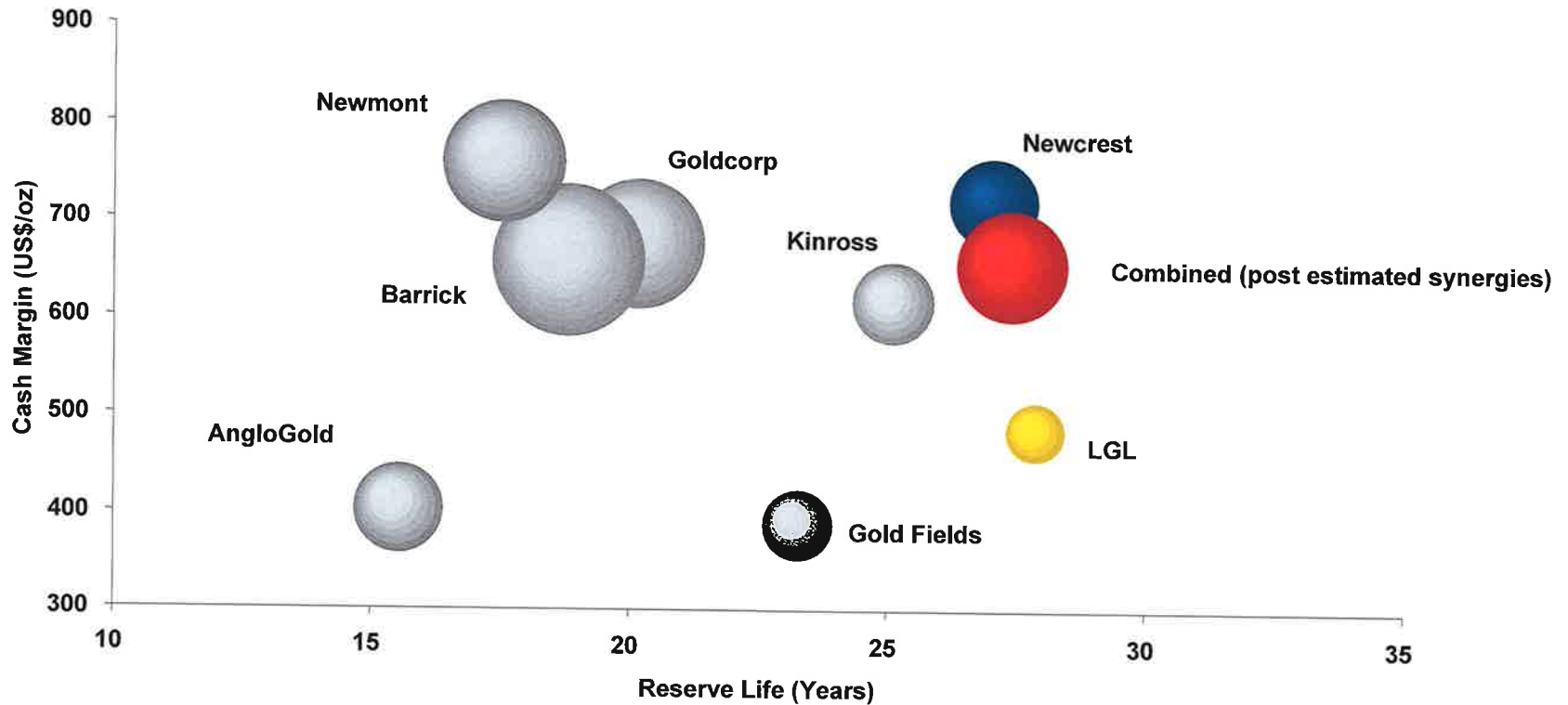
# Earnings Diversity

EBITDA by Country, 6 months ended 31 December 2009<sup>1</sup>



- Source: Company Annual and Half-Yearly Reports  
 - USD / AUD 0.87  
<sup>1</sup> Excludes hedging loss

# Long Life & High Margin Assets



- Circle diameter represents relative market capitalisation (as at 30 April 2010)
- Cash margin equals US\$1,000/oz less latest quarterly cash costs (March quarter 2010 for Newcrest, Goldcorp, Barrick, Newmont and LGL, December quarter 2009 for Kinross, AngloGold, and Gold Fields)
- Reserve life equals current gold ore reserves / CY09 gold production
- Source: Company Annual Reports and Quarterly Reports

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# The Path Forward

- Newcrest to complete confirmatory due diligence by 8 June 2010
- LGL able to provide further due diligence information to parties who have already commenced such investigations until 8 June 2010
- LGL to commission Independent Expert's Report
- LGL shareholders expected to receive Scheme documents late June 2010
- LGL shareholders expected to vote on the Scheme late July 2010
- Expected transaction completion date August 2010