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Yours sincerely

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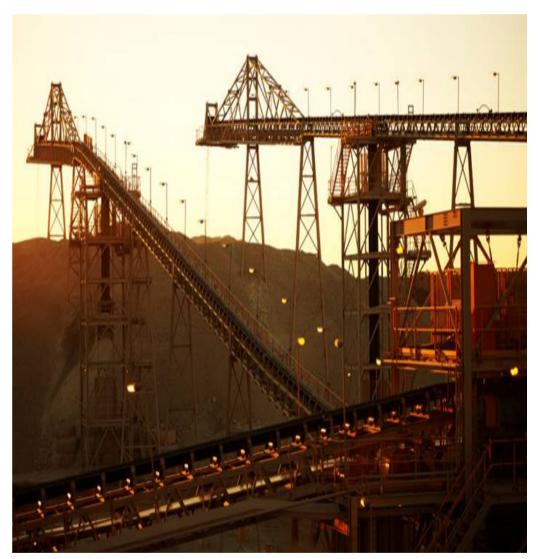
### Newcrest

Top 10 global gold producer

Top 20 ASX listed company (A\$16-17 Billion)

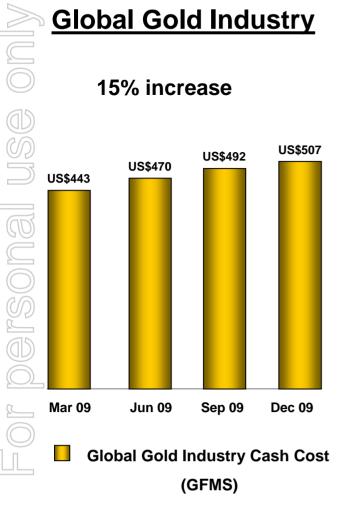
Proven ability to find, build and operate world class gold mines

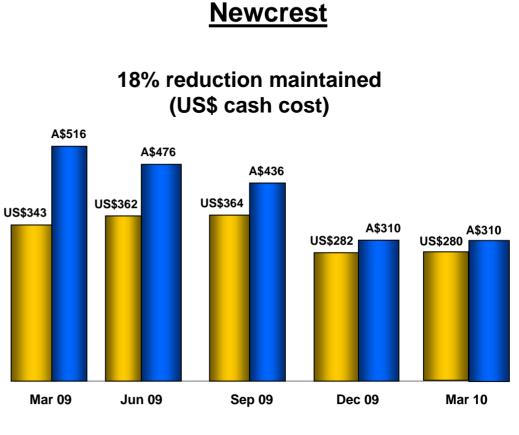
**Multiple growth options** 





# Cash Cost reducing against the trend



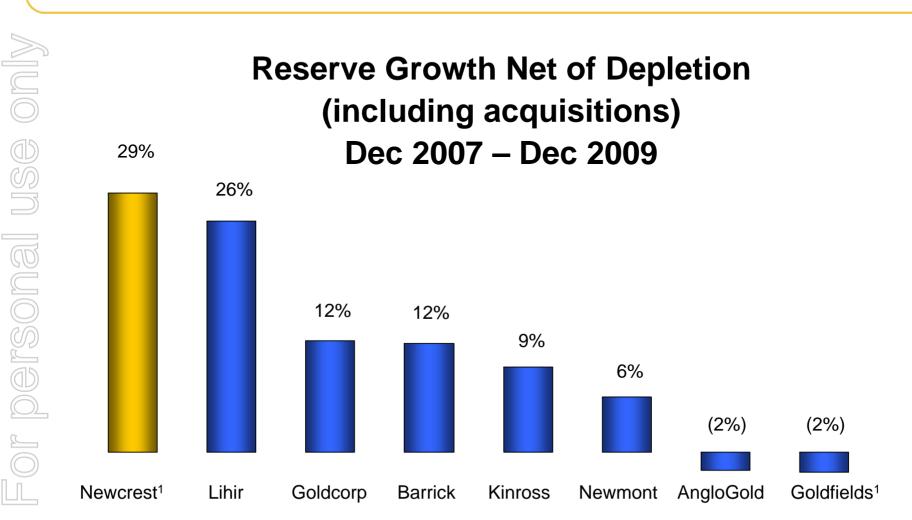


Cash Cost at period average exchange rates





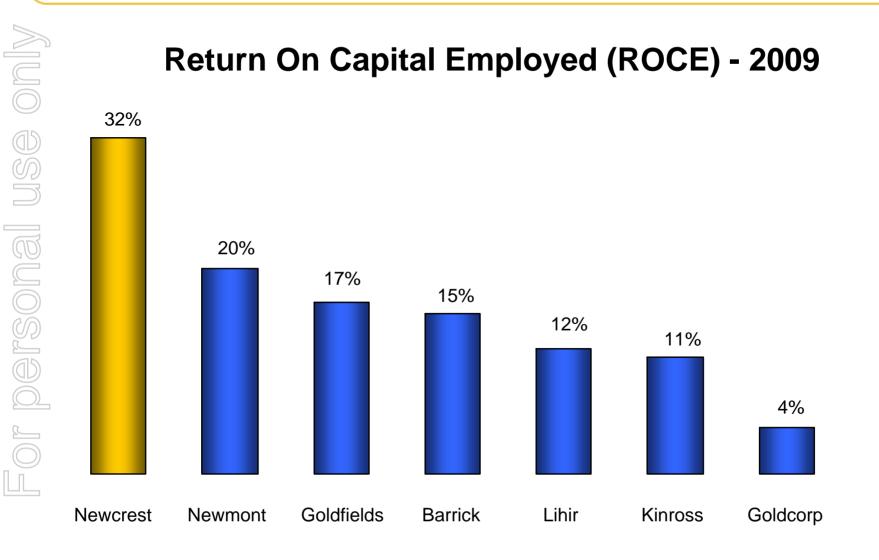
### **Growth in Gold Reserves**



<sup>1</sup> Newcrest & Goldfields growth for the period June 2007 – June 2009



### **Efficient Use of Capital**





### **Newcrest and LGL**





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# Asia Pacific's Leading Gold Producer

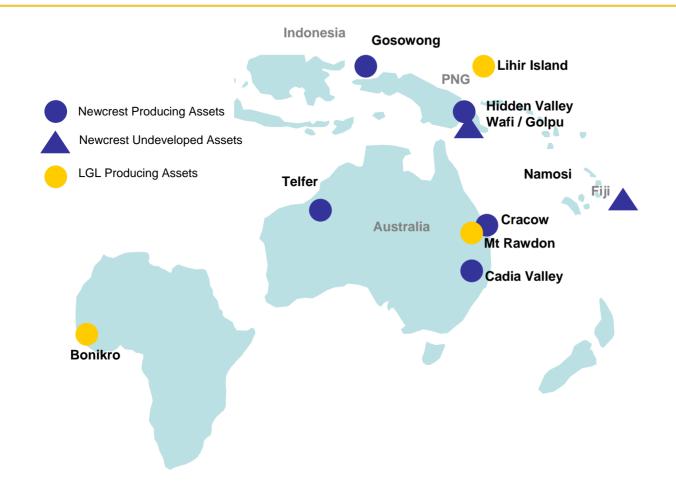
- Newcrest and LGL have entered into an agreement to combine the two companies to become the leading gold producer in the Asia Pacific
- Overwhelming stakeholder recognition of strategic logic of combination
- One Newcrest share for every 8.43 LGL shares, plus \$0.225 cash per LGL share (less any interim dividend declared or paid)
- Revised proposal unanimously recommended by LGL Directors, subject to no superior offer and independent expert's endorsement
- 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 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



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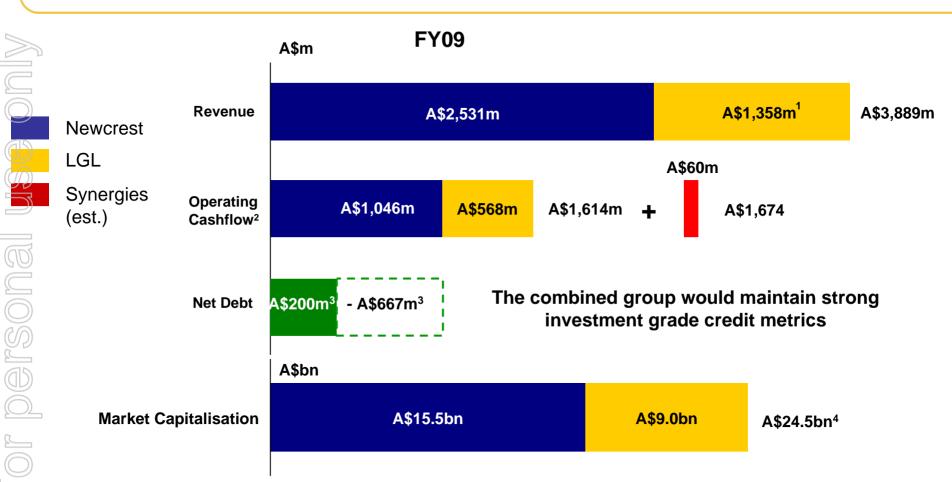
# Leading Gold Company in Asia Pacific



The combined group would operate in 5 countries with 10 mines



### **Financial Profile**



### **Strong Financial Position for Organic and Strategic Growth**

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

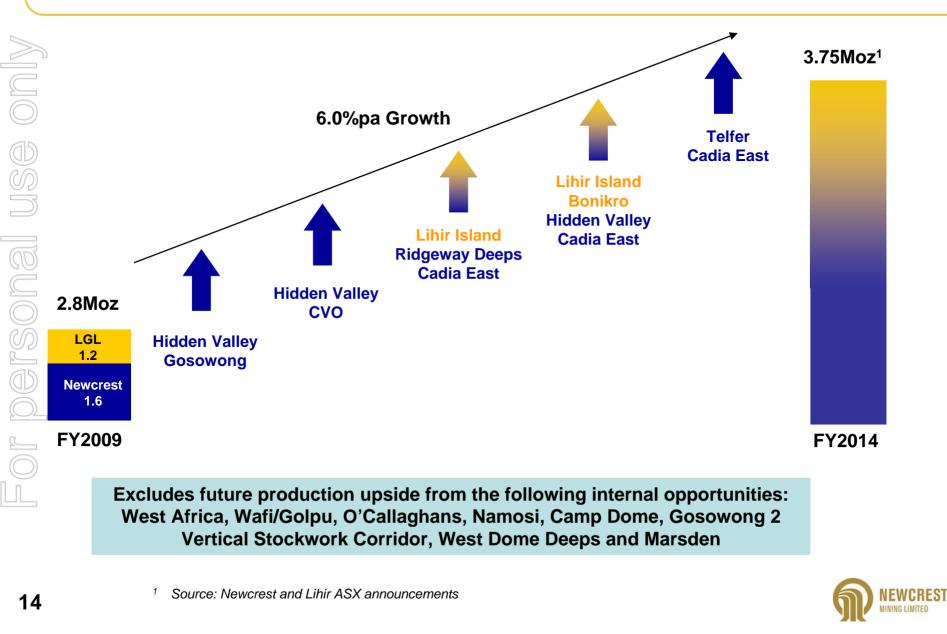
<sup>1</sup> Excludes hedging loss <sup>2</sup> Operating cashflow excludes net interest. Post tax synergies based on 30% tax rate.

<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

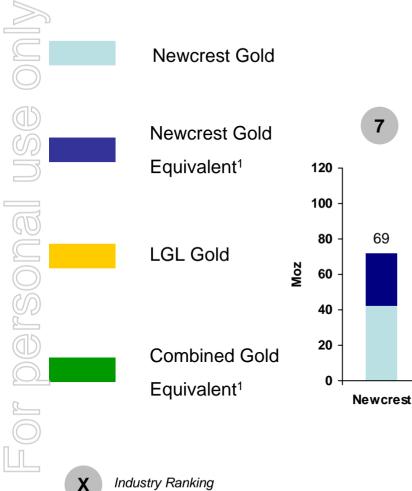
<sup>4</sup> Market capitalisations based on value of equity part of the proposal as at 3 May 2010

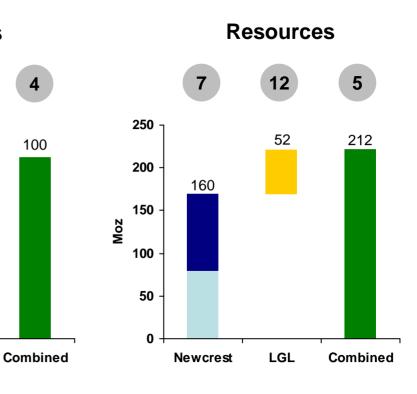


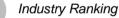
### **Production Growth**



### **Reserves & Resources**







<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

Reserves

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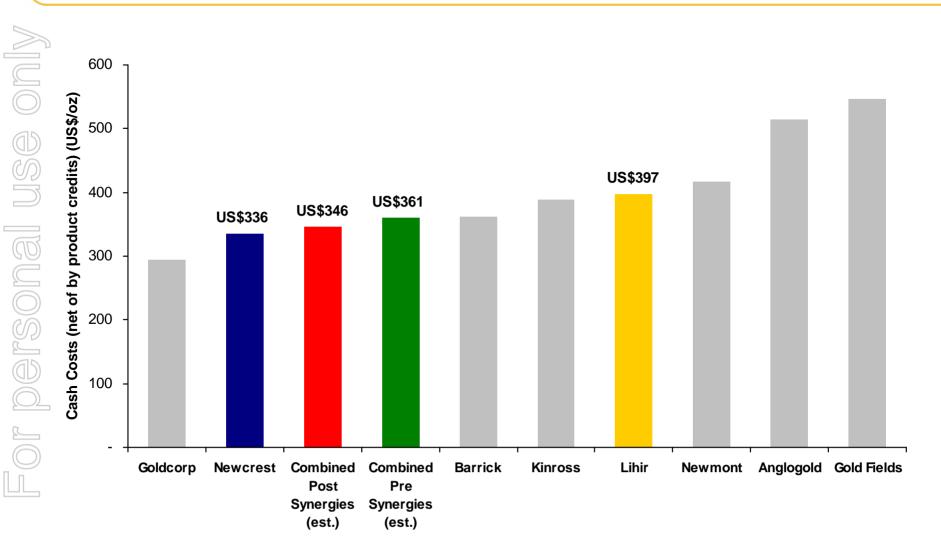
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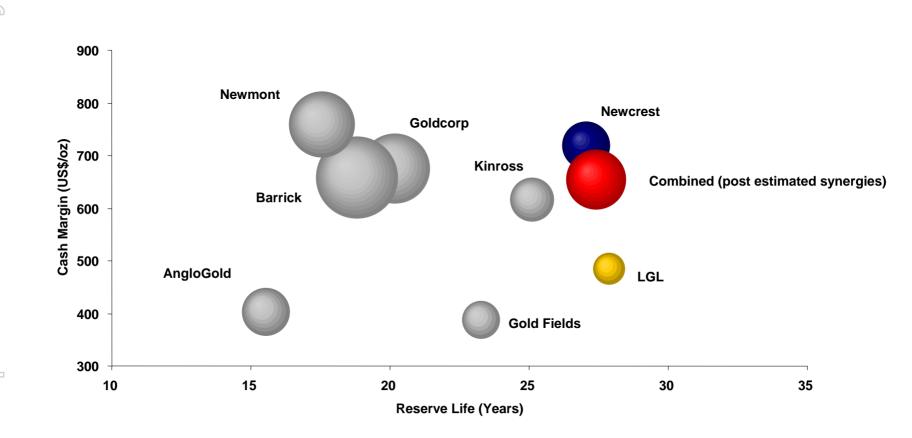


### **Low Cash Cost Producer**





### 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

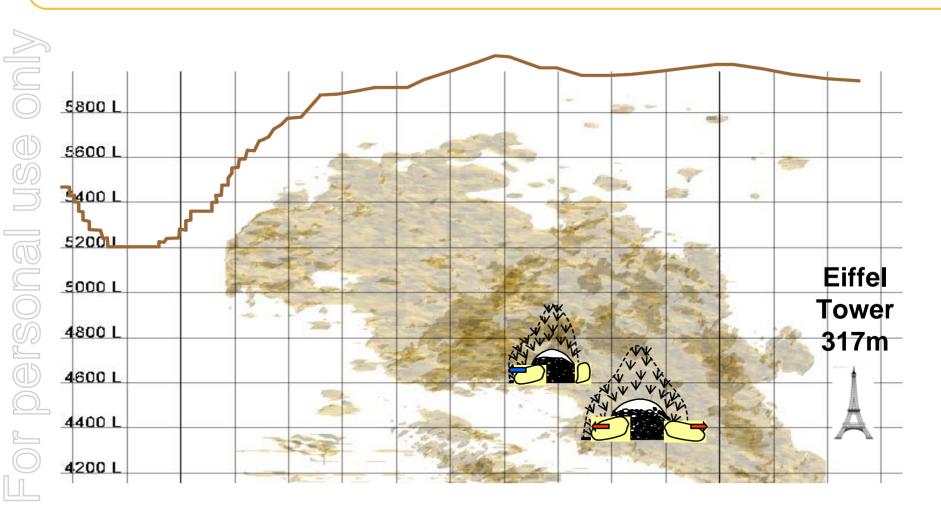


### Meanwhile....Newcrest's Exciting Profile Continues





### **Cadia East Panel cave**





### Cadia East Project – A Snapshot

	Current Mineral Resource	33.2 Moz Gold, 6.6 Mt Copper
Q	Current Ore Reserve	18.7 Moz Gold, 3.2 Mt Copper
	Mine Life	> 30 years
	Capital Expenditure	Project establishment capital A\$1.91 Billion.
	Production timeline	First production expected second half of CY2012 Commissioning & appreciable production CY2013
	Annual Production (first 10 years)	Cadia East gold grade > 1g/t during first 10 years CVO prod. 700 to 800 koz Au & 75 to > 100 kt Cu
	Cost profile for the first 10 years	Site costs< A\$20 per tonne

<sup>1</sup> Costs after by product credits, which assumes copper production of 75kt, copper price US\$2.00 / Ib and AUD1=USD0.75



# **Other Cadia Ore Sources**

#### Cadia East (CE) Lift 3

- >1g/t material below Lift 2
- Drilling required
- Sustain 500kozpa beyond 2020

#### Cadia East Copper (CE Cu)

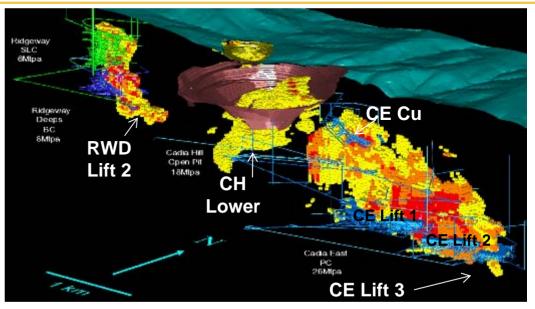
- Upper part of CE, Cu dominant
- Before Lift 1 finished,
- Shared CE access off pit & conveyor

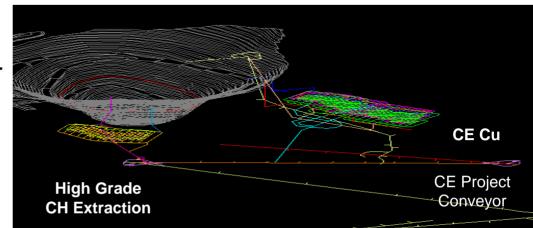
#### Cadia Hill (CH) Lower

- 10 -15Mt >1g/t residual below pit
- <500m from CE conveyor transfer</p>

### Ridgeway Deeps (RWD) Lift 2

- Extension of Ridgeway below a fault
- Thinner, patchy







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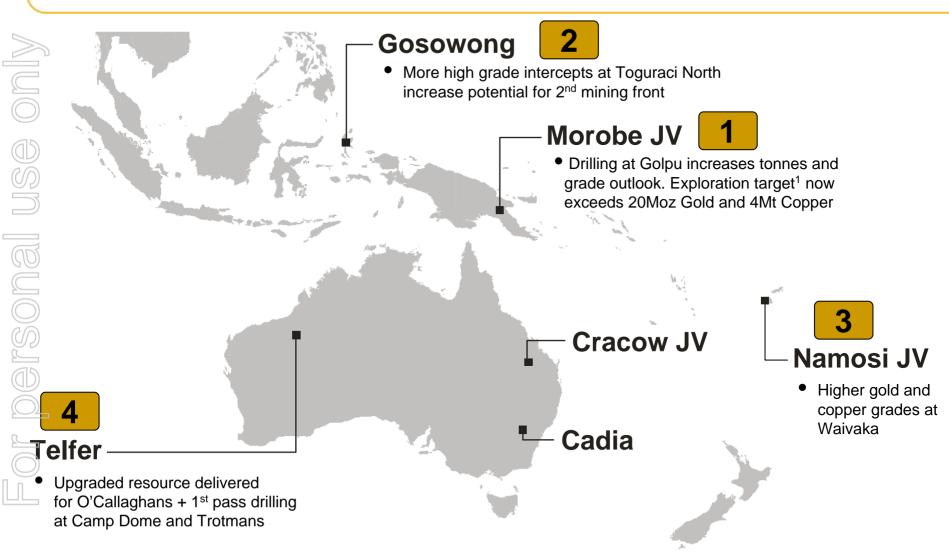
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### **Newcrest Exploration Update**





### **Exploration Progress**





# **Exploration Target for Wafi-Golpu**

The Wafi-Golpu project is located in the Morobe Province of PNG on EL440 approximately 60km southeast of the town of Lae. Wafi-Golpu is a major exploration project that forms part of the Morobe Mining Joint Venture (MMJV) which is a 50/50 joint venture between Newcrest and Harmony.

Recent work conducted by the MMJV has included a significant amount of additional drilling at Wafi-Golpu, ongoing regional exploration, and detailed concept studies on deposit knowledge and possible development scenarios. Results from this work, including but not limited to very strong gold and copper results from deep drilling at Golpu, support an Exploration Target for the Wafi-Golpu project area to in excess of 20 million ounces of gold and 4 million tonnes of copper based on a tonnage range between 600 and 1000 million tonnes. This includes growth of epithermal deposits to between 100 and 200 million tonnes at a grade range between 1.5 and 2.0 grams per tonne plus porphyry deposits to a range of 500 and 800 million tonnes at grades between 0.7 and 1.1% copper and 0.5 to 0.7g/t gold.

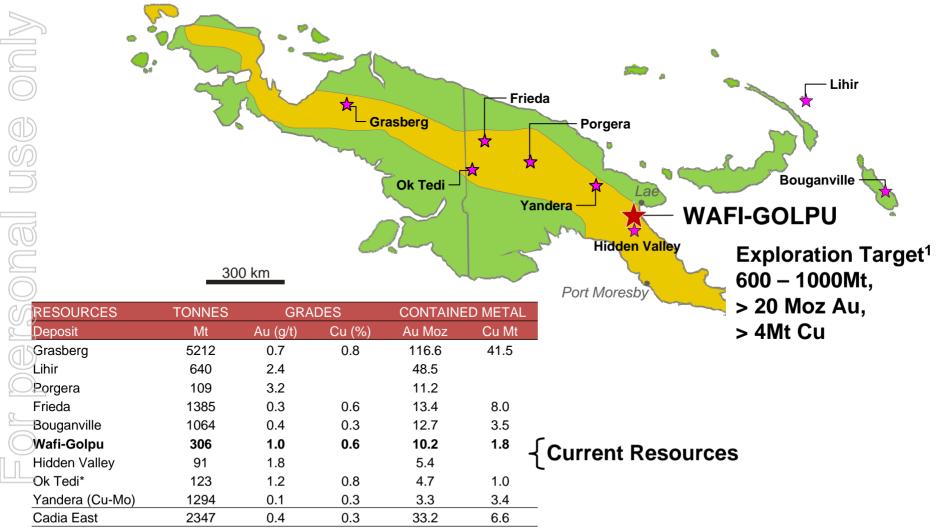
The currently reported Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources for Wafi Golpu total approximately 300 million tonnes containing 10 million ounces of gold and 1.8 million tonnes of copper. This comprises an extensive body of gold only epithermal style mineralisation (Wafi) located near surface and deeper porphyry related copper+gold mineralisation (Golpu and Nambonga). The Wafi epithermal mineralisation includes oxide, transitional and sulphide ore types with individual ore zones reported at relatively high cut-off grades. Studies show that the resource is quite sensitive to these cut-offs with only minor improvements in margin required to increase the inventory substantially. Exploration also demonstrates that these mineralised zones are spatially related to a central diatreme and that the <u>mineralised</u> zones remain open at depth.

Deep drilling undertaken and reported in recent quarters demonstrates that the Golpu porphyry deposit may be significantly larger than the reported resource. Results show strongly mineralised porphyry at depth and to the north with grades persisting well into metasediment wall-rocks. An updated Mineral Resource estimate for Golpu is expected to be completed in the June quarter 2010. Several other porphyry style targets in earlier stages of exploration with encouraging preliminary data also exist in the project area.

Refer 2009 Newcrest Annual Statement of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves located at <u>www.newcrest.com.au</u>



Wafi-Golpu, PNG 1



\* Reserves reported

Data source: Minerals Economic Group - Minesearch



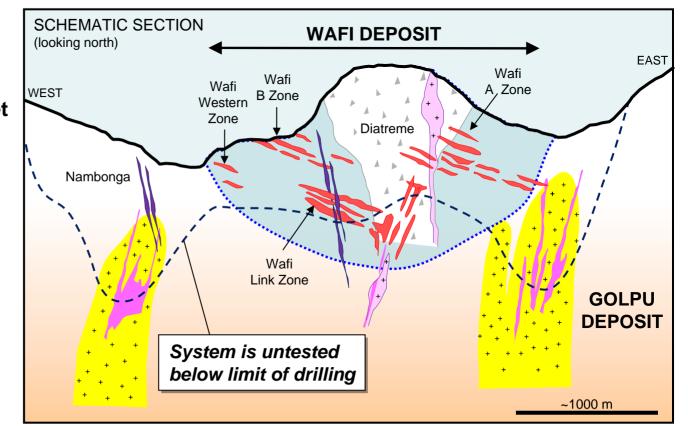
### Exploration target<sup>1</sup> > 20Moz Gold and > 4Mt Copper

Wafi:

An extensive blanket of gold mineralisation draped over large porphyry system

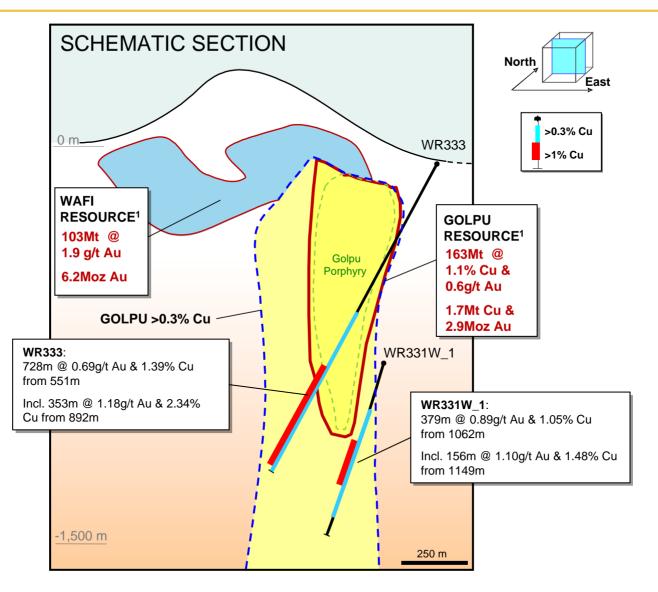
**Golpu:** 

Gold and copper mineralisation associated with porphyry intrusions





# Wafi-Golpu, PNG 1





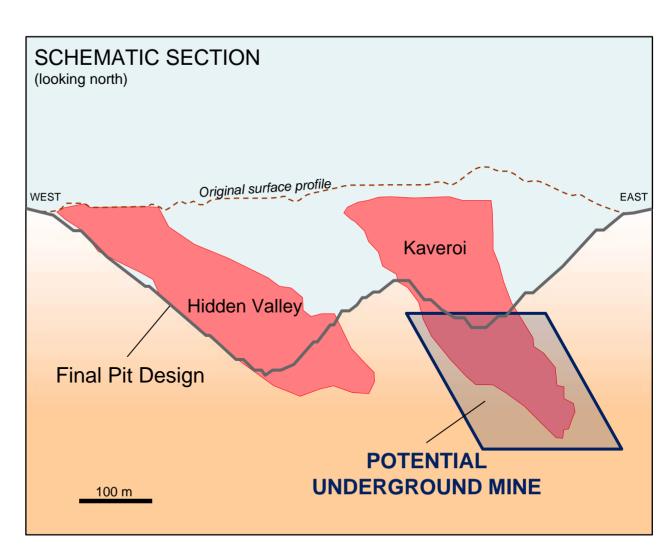
# Hidden Valley, PNG 1

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Concept of underground mine being evaluated

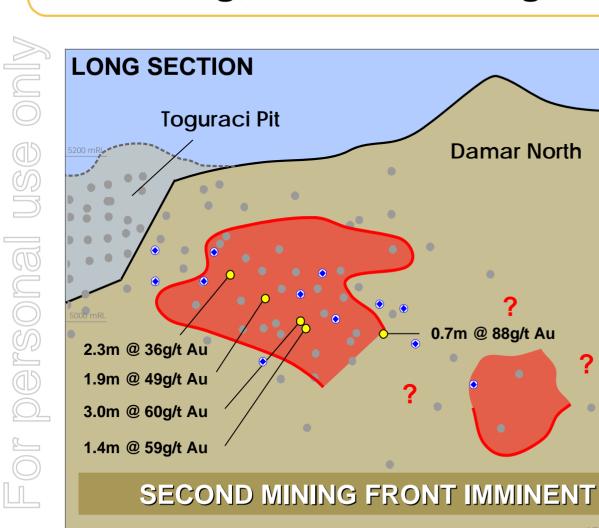
Potential to convert existing Resources of ~1.0Moz additional to Reserves

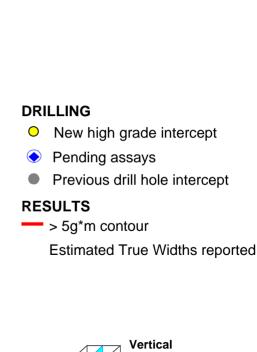
Resource definition drilling ongoing

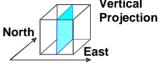




### Gosowong, Indonesia – Toguraci North 2



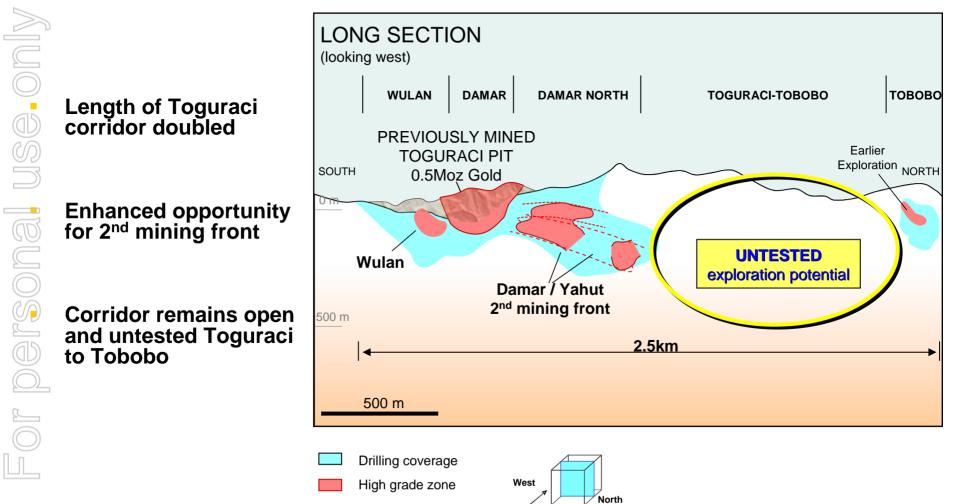




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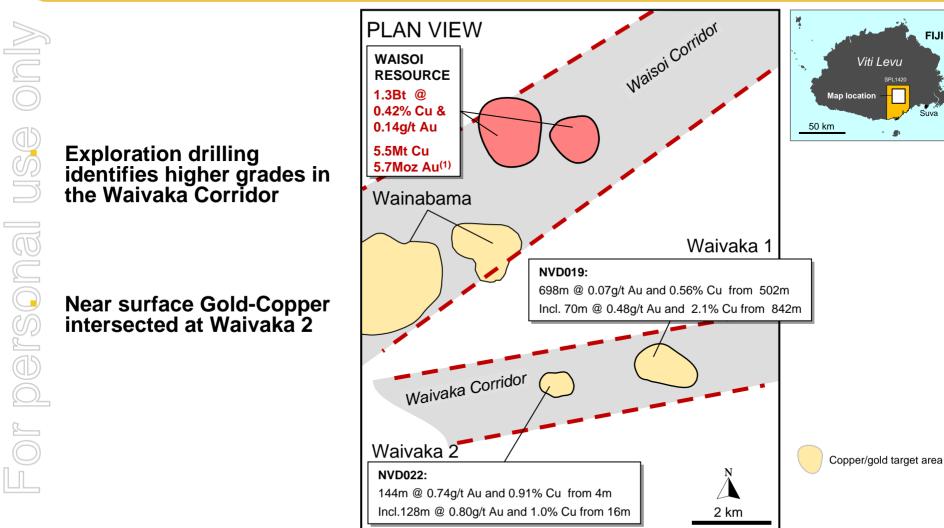


# Gosowong, Indonesia – Toguraci 2





#### Namosi, Fiji - Waivaka 3

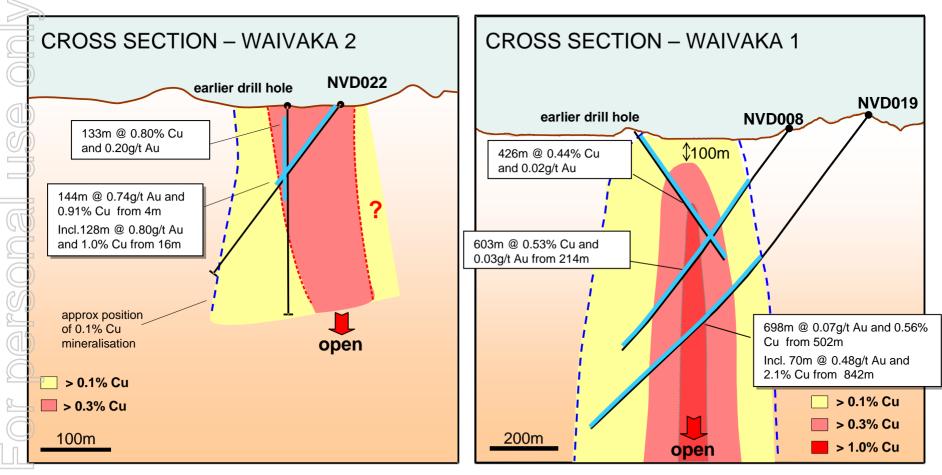


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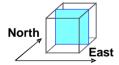
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### Namosi, Fiji - Waivaka



North

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# **Telfer – Vertical Stockwork Corridor**



### VSC Resource at June 2009

4Mt @ 1.4q/t Au & 0.5% Cu

### **3 rigs currently drilling**

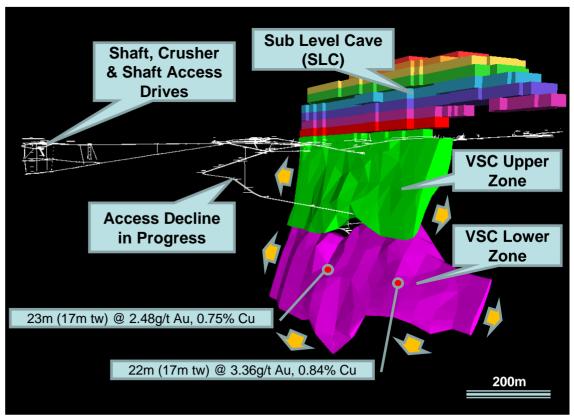
Exploration Target of :-20-30Mt @ 1.4 - 3.0g/t Au & 0.5-0.6% Cu for ~ 1.0 - 3.0 Moz Au & 120 -180kt Cu

### SLC Resource at June 2007

59Mt @ 1.8g/t Au & 0.38% Cu

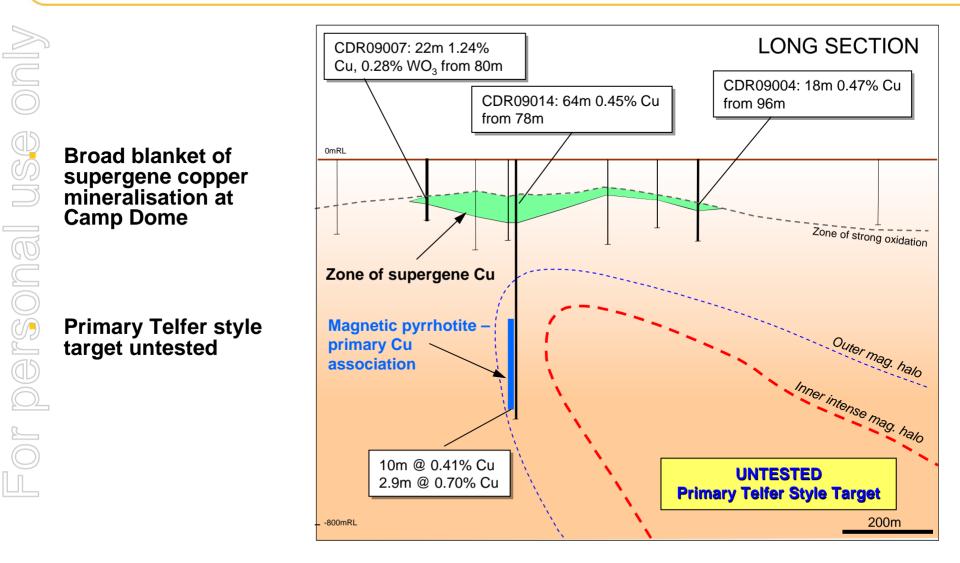
for 3.4 Moz Au & 230kt Cu (for reference only)

### **Oblique Section Looking NE**





### Telfer – Camp Dome 4





### **Proposed Australian "Resource Super Profits Tax"**





### **Proposed Australian "Resource Super Profits Tax"**

Proposed new tax on resource industry "super profits" Applicable to profits earned above a "normal return" "Super profits" defined as a return on capital > 10 yr bond rate (~6%) Accompanied by a reduction in company tax rate (from 30% to 28%)

### Key Elements of the Initial Concept (worst case) :-Proposed tax rate 40% of "super profits" Planned start date (if legislation passed), 1 July 2012 Applicable to existing and new Australian resource projects State royalties deductible RSPT deductible for corporate income tax purposes

Lack of consultation has resulted in a strident industry reaction



### What could this mean for Newcrest?

### Prime assumptions : -

- 1. the proposed tax is implemented without amendment
- 2. current proposal is viewed as worst case scenario
- 3. a 'normal' set of metal price predictions are applied

Under these assumptions the preliminary estimate suggests a negative impact on Newcrest value (NPV) of around 3 to 8 %.

These percentages are very sensitive to commodity price assumptions. (eg US\$100/oz ~ 1%)

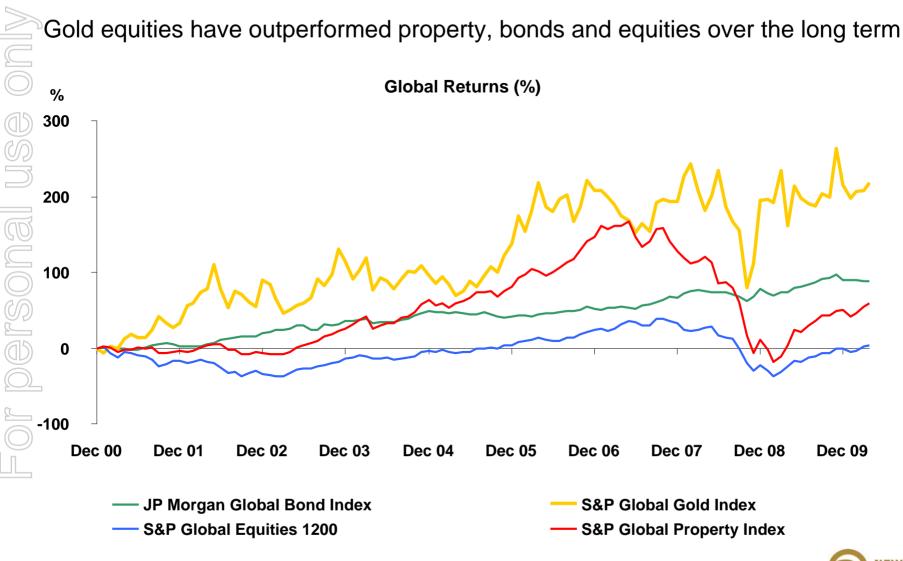


### Conclusions

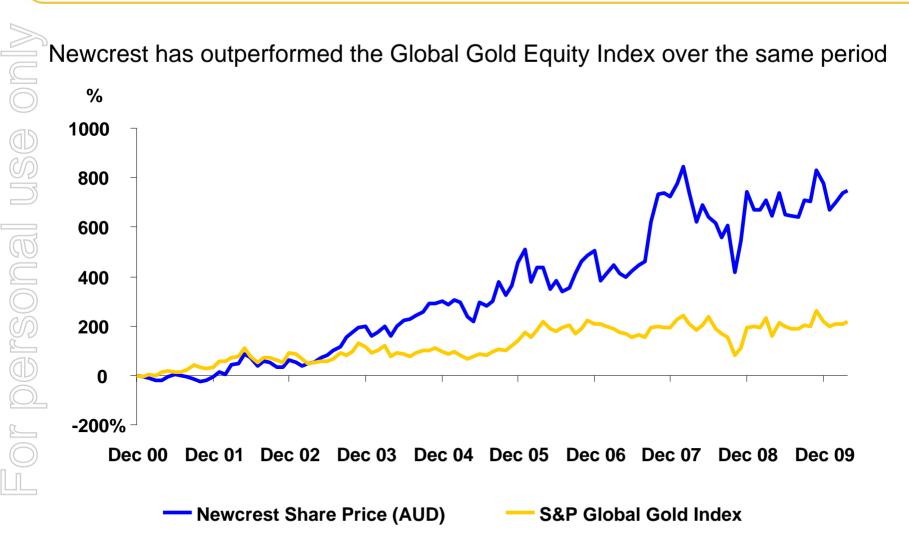




### **Gold Equities Outperform**



### **Newcrest Share Price V Gold Equities**





### Conclusions



- 2. Impressive growth profile
- **3.** Ongoing increases in Reserves

### **Continued Equity Performance**

