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Newcrest Mining Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Newcrest Mining Limited (the "Company") will be placed in pre-open at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Wednesday, 25 August 2010 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: NCM

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By email

Dear Darren

Request for Trading Halt

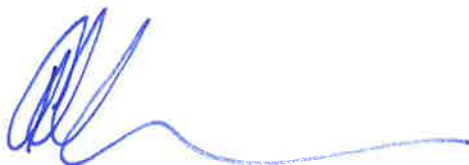
As you are aware, it is proposed that Newcrest Mining Limited (**Newcrest**) acquires Lihir Gold Limited (**Lihir**) by way of a scheme of arrangement between Lihir and its shareholders (**Scheme**). The meeting of Lihir shareholders to consider the Scheme (**Scheme Meeting**) is scheduled to take place today at 11.00am in Port Moresby in PNG.

I request a trading halt in the ordinary shares of Newcrest from the commencement of trading pending the announcement of the results of the Scheme Meeting by Lihir.

Newcrest requests that the trading halt remain in place until the results of the Scheme Meeting are announced by Lihir which is expected to occur later today. In any event, the trading halt will not last longer than the commencement of trading on 24 August 2010.

Newcrest is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Company Secretary

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