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to: Company Announcements Office
from: Peter Larsen
date: 23 August 2010
subject: Lihir Shareholders Approve Merger with Newcrest

Please find attached Market Release for immediate release to the market.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Larsen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Larsen
Deputy Company Secretary

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Market Release

Newcrest Mining Limited

23 August 2010

LGL Shareholders Approve Merger with Newcrest

The merger of Newcrest Mining Limited (“Newcrest”) and Lihir Gold Limited (“LGL”) was approved by LGL shareholders today as they voted overwhelmingly in favour of the proposed combination.

At a meeting of LGL shareholders in Port Moresby to consider the proposed merger, 99.86% of shares voted were in favour of the Scheme of Arrangement.

Newcrest Chairman Don Mercer was pleased with the overwhelming response from LGL shareholders and said the merger would create one of the world’s great gold mining companies with an outstanding platform to deliver superior returns to shareholders.

“The combination of Newcrest and LGL will create a world class portfolio of high quality operating mines and growth opportunities capable of delivering long term, sustainable production growth within the lowest cost quartile of the global industry.”

The combined entity will be the fourth largest gold company in the world by market capitalisation, a top ten ASX listed company by market weighted capitalisation and the largest company listed on the Port Moresby Stock Exchange in PNG.

The second court hearing for approval of the Scheme of Arrangement by the PNG National Court is scheduled for Friday 27 August 2010.

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