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LIHIR GOLD LIMITED - SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT WITH NEWCREST MINING LIMITED

Participating Organisations are advised that Lihir Gold Limited ("the Company" or "LGL") convened a meeting of shareholders on Monday, 23 August 2010 to consider the acquisition of the Company by Newcrest Mining Limited ("NCM") by way of scheme of arrangement (the "Scheme"), subject to court approval. The hearing for the Scheme is set for Friday, 27 August 2010.

Following the necessary approvals having been obtained, the Scheme will be implemented on Monday, 13 September 2010. Under the terms of the Scheme, Company shareholders will receive one NCM share for every 8.43 LGL shares they own plus \$0.225 cash per LGL share subject to a mix and match facility which is described in section 5.4 of the scheme booklet released to the market on Thursday, 22 July 2010 (the "Scheme Booklet").

On the basis that court approval for the Scheme is obtained, the following timetable is expected to apply:

Monday, 30 August 2010	Court Order to be lodged with ASIC and ASX. Effective Date of the Scheme. Last day for trading in LGL shares. LGL shares suspended from quotation from close of trading.
Monday, 6 September 2010	Record Date.
Monday, 13 September 2010	Implementation date.

For further information, please refer to the Scheme Booklet and other announcements made by the Company.