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Good progress being made to rescue employee at Gosowong

Newcrest Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Sandeep Biswas said today, “A second drill hole established yesterday, through approximately 95 meters of ground, is now serving as a dedicated communication link with Pak Mursalim Sahman, the employee trapped underground at the Kencana Underground Mine.”

“All efforts remain focused on the rescue operation. We now have two viable extraction options. The first of which is to bore a large diameter hole down into the chamber where Pak Mursalim is located. The pilot hole broke through at approximately midnight local time and we are now progressively expanding the size of the hole. The second option is being progressed in parallel with the first.”

“However it is a complex undertaking and rigorous geotechnical and risk assessments are being incorporated into all of our activities to ensure the safety of the rescue team and Pak Mursalim leading up to and during the actual extraction process.”

“We remain in regular contact with Pak Mursalim. He continues to be in good spirits and is providing us valuable information that will assist with his rescue and care. We are providing him with food and water through the first small diameter drill hole established on 10 February 2016. On-site health professionals are continuously monitoring his physical and mental health.”

“Pak Mursalim has exchanged letters and photos with his family who remain on site and continue to be supported by Gosowong management and local mine employees to ensure they are kept up-to-date and provided all necessary assistance.”

“I am not able to give a timeframe at this stage but we are working hard to move forward as safely and as quickly as possible.”

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Gosowong overview

Gosowong is owned and operated by PT Nusa Halmahera Minerals (PTNHM), an Indonesian company 75 per cent owned by Newcrest.

It is located on Halmahera Island, in the North Maluku Province of the Republic of Indonesia, approximately 2,450 kilometres north east of the national capital, Jakarta.

Gosowong currently encompasses the Kencana and Toguraci underground mines and produces gold and silver doré.

Gosowong has a current workforce of approximately 1,700 employees and contractors.

For the year ended June 2015, Gosowong produced 331,555 ounces of gold (100% basis).

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