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To: LGL Suppliers

Dear Sir/Madam

**Advice to LGL Suppliers on the merger between LGL and Newcrest**

On 4 May 2010, Lihir Gold Limited (“**LGL**”) and Newcrest Mining Limited (“**Newcrest**”) announced a proposed merger under which Newcrest is to acquire LGL pursuant to a scheme of arrangement under the *Companies Act 1997* (PNG) (the “**Scheme**”). On 23 August 2010 LGL Shareholders approved the merger at the Scheme meeting in Port Moresby. The Scheme has received final approval of the National Court of Papua New Guinea, today, 27 August 2010 and has an implementation date of 13 September 2010.

Under the Scheme, all of LGL’s issued shares will be transferred to Newcrest, with LGL and the LGL Group of companies consequently becoming subsidiaries of Newcrest.

Following implementation of the Scheme, it is important to note that whilst the combined entity will retain the name Newcrest Mining Limited and ownership of LGL will pass to Newcrest, LGL and the LGL Group of companies will otherwise remain the same corporate entities. Accordingly, there will be no requirement for any contracts with LGL’s suppliers to be assigned from the relevant LGL company to a Newcrest company as a consequence of the merger.

Planning for the integration of the LGL and Newcrest groups of companies is already well advanced. Your key contacts at the LGL operations sites with whom you have arrangements will not initially be changing as a result of the merger, but there will be some integration between LGL’s and Newcrest’s corporate office supply departments. We will advise you of any changes relevant to your company’s dealings with LGL personnel following the implementation date.

We thank you for your support and service.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Operating Officer