



**ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE: 2 DECEMBER 2009**

**NORWEST APPEAL JUDGMENT**

Newport Mining Limited (“**Newport**” or “**Company**”) advises that Norwest Holding Pte Ltd (“**Norwest**”) has filed an appeal to the decision of the Singapore High Court (“**Court**”) which, as announced to the market on 5 November 2009, dismissed Norwest’s claim and found in favour of Newport.

The Company will make further announcements to the market as the appeal progresses.

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