



**ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE: 11 SEPTEMBER 2009**

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**UPDATE ON NORWEST CLAIM**

Newport Mining Limited ("**Newport**" or "**Company**") advises that the trial in relation to the claim made against it by Norwest Holding Pte Ltd was heard from 5 to 7 August 2009 in the Singapore High Court ("**Court**"). Written closing submissions were filed in Court on 13 August 2009 and the oral hearing for delivery of the closing submissions is currently scheduled for 23 September 2009.

The Court's final judgment in relation to this matter will be handed down at the Judge's discretion at or sometime after the hearing scheduled for 23 September 2009. The Company will make further announcements as the claim progresses.

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