

RECORD OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

KEY POINTS

- ▶ **Record FY2013 production:**
 - 103,566oz mined, up 44% on FY12
 - 92,795oz sold, up 50% on FY12
 - 88,614oz recovered, up 32% on FY12
 - Revenue \$144.1M, up 45% on FY12
- ▶ **Excellent performance in the June Quarter:**
 - 28,681oz mined and 25,348oz recovered
 - 25,036oz sold at \$1,423/oz for \$35.6M revenue
 - First Voyager 1 extension zone stope ore processed in May, lifting mill grade to 8.1gpt for past two months
 - Processing recoveries 93.5%, up 5% from March quarter
- ▶ **FY13 after-tax profit expected to be a record of +\$27m versus \$22m in FY12**
- ▶ **Regional exploration and project development expenditure to be reduced; Ashburton Gold Project to be delayed**

Northern Star Resources Limited (Northern Star) (ASX: NST) advises that it has enjoyed a record 12 months on both the production and financial fronts, leaving the Company ideally placed to continue generating strong growth and robust Shareholder returns.

The outstanding results include record production of 88,614oz for the year to 30 June 2013, an increase of 32% on the previous corresponding period.

The Company expects to post a record unaudited after-tax profit of +\$27 million when it announces its full-year financial results in August. This compares with \$22 million in the previous year.

Northern Star's performance was underpinned by an average mill grade for the year of 7.3gpt. The grade for the last two months of the financial year averaged 8.1gpt as first stope ore from the Voyager 1 extension zone was introduced to the mill blend.

Gold mined in the year totalled 103,566oz, up 44% on the previous corresponding period.

The strong outcomes on these key benchmarks were crucial to offsetting the impact of lower gold prices in the second half of the year.

But despite these results, Northern Star is embarking on another round of cost-cutting to ensure that its margins and returns to Shareholders remain robust in the face of lower gold prices.

As part of this, Northern Star has reduced its regional exploration and project development expenditure. This will involve delaying its Ashburton Gold Project in WA until gold prices recover. However, minimum expenditure commitments will continue to be met to ensure the Company retains ownership of what it believes will be valuable assets in the future.

Costs have also been cut across Northern Star's administration and exploration office.

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Issued Capital

Shares 424M

Options 5M

Current Share Price \$0.60

Market Capitalisation
\$254 million

Cash/Bullion and Investments
31 Mar 13 - \$66.5 million

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Northern Star Managing Director Bill Beament said the Company's operational and financial results were outstanding.

"These record results reflect the stellar performance of our team at all levels of our business," Mr Beament said. "They have excelled at each point in the chain.

"The significant exploration results achieved during the year have substantially extended Paulsens' mine life, with more to come. Our key mining benchmarks have been excellent, as shown by the ounces mined and head grade, which have in turn underpinned our tight cost control and profit growth."

Mr Beament said it was essential that the Company continued to respond quickly to the changing financial environment.

"We have sought to strike the right balance between the need to ensure our business continues to generate satisfactory returns for Shareholders while retaining the assets needed to grow over the longer term," he said.

"This means reducing costs to enable us to keep our team of people and protect our margins.

"I am confident that this strategy will ensure Northern Star continues to be a tier-one company for investors and staff."

Yours faithfully



BILL BEAMENT
Managing Director
Northern Star Resources Limited

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