

ASX Announcement

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FINANCIAL RESULTS

HALF YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Record Cash Earnings and record interim dividend; strong cash generation

- Sold 781koz gold at AISC of A\$1,878/oz and AIC of A\$2,653/oz; remain on track to meet FY24 guidance
- Cash Earnings¹ of A\$702 million, up 50% pcpc
- Underlying EBITDA of A\$889 million, up 41% pcpc, driven by higher realised prices
- Strong balance sheet with net cash² of A\$229 million; cash and bullion of A\$1,089 million
- Record interim dividend of A15 cents per share (unfranked), up 36% pcpc; represents 25% payout of Cash Earnings vs 20-30% dividend policy
- A\$300 million on-market share buy-back program 56% (A\$169 million) progressed

Northern Star Resources Ltd (ASX: NST) (Northern Star) is pleased to report its financial results for the half year ended 31 December 2023.

Commenting on the results, Northern Star Managing Director Stuart Tonkin said:

"We are incredibly proud of our team, who have delivered this record half year result. Consistent operational delivery combined with record cash generation are a testament to the simplicity and scale of our business – three production centres in two tier-1 jurisdictions (Western Australia and Alaska) producing one commodity, gold. This has enabled the Board to declare a record interim dividend of 15 cents per share, complementing a A\$300 million share buy-back program that remains open, to confirm our focus on delivering superior shareholder returns."

"This interim result is a glimpse of the cash-generating potential that our business is positioned for on a sustainable basis as we reach the halfway mark of our low-risk, five-year profitable growth strategy. In addition to record half year Cash Earnings of A\$702 million, +50% higher period-on-period, Northern Star also posted half year underlying free cash flow of A\$131 million, notwithstanding significant growth capital investment. The highlight of our strong half was the performance of the Kalgoorlie Production Centre, which contributed more than half of the Group's EBITDA and record EBITDA margins of 44% as our largest asset - KCGM - began a new era of mining high-grade Golden Pike North material."

"Cost pressures remain prevalent across our industry - including higher gold royalties and fuel costs and a weaker Australian dollar - and continue to be a key focus for our teams as we work towards delivering our FY24 guidance, which remains 2H weighted."

Investor conference call

Northern Star will host an investor conference call to cover the half year results today at 9:00am AEDT (6:00am AWST). The call can be accessed at: <https://loghic.eventsair.com/nsthy24/register220224/Site/Register>

¹ Cash Earnings defined as Underlying EBITDA less net interest; tax paid and sustaining capital.

² Net cash is defined as cash and bullion (A\$1,089 million) less corporate bank debt (A\$0 million) less bond issue (A\$860 million = US\$600 million at AUD:USD rate of 0.68, less capitalised transaction costs).

Half year financial result overview

Revenue of A\$2,248 million increased 15% from the prior half year, primarily due to a higher average gold price being realised (1H FY24: A\$2,873 per ounce, 1H FY23: A\$2,513 per ounce). The volume of gold sold was consistent period-on-period at 780,785 ounces compared with 773,243 ounces for the period ended 31 December 2022.

Cost of sales were higher than the comparative period. Generally, the increase arose from higher average cash operating costs per ounce (1H FY24: A\$1,588/oz vs 1H FY23: A\$1,475/oz) resulting from higher mining costs across both underground and open pit and higher processing costs associated with commissioning the Thunderbox mill. This increase in cash costs is offset by a reduction in non-cash inventory costs (1H FY24: A\$74 per ounce vs 1H FY23: A\$145 per ounce) when compared to the prior period.

Operating cash flows for the period, following landholder duty payments, were A\$840 million, an increase of 79% driven primarily by the higher realised gold price achieved. Total capital expenditure including exploration was 23% higher (1H FY24: A\$673 million vs 1H FY23: A\$549 million). Investing cashflows also included total payments of A\$48 million for the acquisitions of the Millrose Gold Project from Strickland Metals Limited and other smaller tenement acquisitions. Financing cash flows for the period resulted in a net outflow of A\$297 million (1H FY23: outflow of A\$89 million) an increase on the prior period which included net drawdowns of A\$250 million corporate bank debt.

In December 2023, Northern Star refinanced its corporate bank facilities with maturity dates of December 2027 and December 2028 across two equal tranches totalling A\$1.5 billion. At the end of the reporting period, the Group had A\$1.5 billion undrawn on these facilities.

A record interim dividend of A15 cents per share was declared. The dividend is unfranked. The record date is 7 March 2024, with the payment date 28 March 2024.

Post the payment of its FY24 interim dividend, Northern Star will have a franking credit balance of A\$3.9 million. The Board anticipates any future potential dividends to be unfranked for at least 12 months, due to remnant tax synergies arising from the 2021 merger with Saracen.

FY24 Group guidance

Northern Star maintains its FY24 guidance, which remains 2H weighted.

Cost pressures remain prevalent across the industry - including higher gold royalties and fuel costs and a weaker Australian dollar – and continue to be a key focus for Northern Star across its three production centres. The Company acknowledges these challenges in delivering to its FY24 cost guidance.

FY24 GUIDANCE	UNITS	KALGOORLIE	YANDAL	POGO	TOTAL*
Gold Sold	koz	820-900	520-570	260-280	1,600-1,750
AISC	A\$/oz	1,730-1,780	1,655-1,700	1,900-2,015 (US\$1,270-1,350)	1,730-1,790
Growth Capital Expenditure	A\$M	890-960 Includes \$525M KCGM Mill Expansion	205-225	52-60 (US\$35-40)	1,150-1,250
Exploration	A\$M				150

*Includes A\$3-5M of corporate investment.

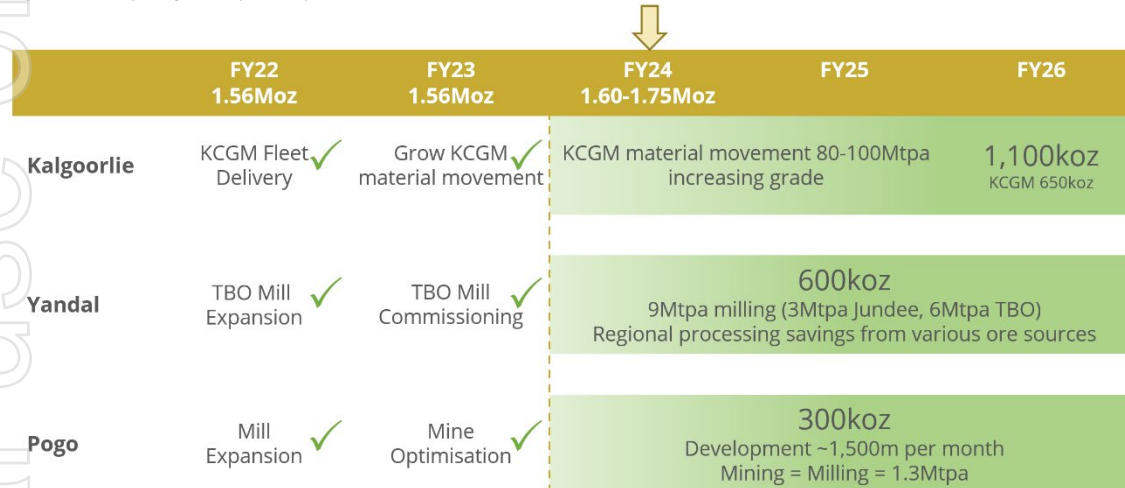
AISC and Capital Expenditure converted at a currency using AUD:USD = 0.67.

Multiple growth projects to deliver five-year growth strategy

In the half-year under review, Northern Star advanced key components of its low-risk, five-year profitable growth pathway:

- Kalgoorlie: KCGM successfully commenced mining in Golden Pike North ahead of schedule
- Yandal: Thunderbox optimisation continues with commencement of the Wonder underground mine
- Pogo: Achieved record mining and mill performance at 1.4Mtpa rate during the second quarter to provide scope for grade optimisation

Figure 1: Five-year growth pathway



About Us

Northern Star is a global gold mining company. Our purpose is to generate superior returns for our shareholders while providing positive benefits for our stakeholders through operational effectiveness, exploration and active portfolio management.

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Financial Notes

Cash Earnings, EBITDA, Underlying EBITDA and Underlying NPAT are non-GAAP measures and reconciliations between statutory Net Profit After Tax and these non-GAAP measures have been disclosed in the Half Year Report for the Period Ended 31 December 2023.

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