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# Ore Purchase Agreement with Westgold Resources unlocks gold production from Crown Prince

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- New Murchison Gold (NMG) and Westgold Resources (Westgold) have entered into an Ore Purchase Agreement (OPA) which will underpin production from NMG's Crown Prince deposit near Meekatharra, Western Australia in 2025.
- Subject to final regulatory permitting, under the OPA, NMG will commence mining from a new open pit operation at Crown Prince with a targeted commencement date of mid-2025.
- Ore will be hauled 33km by road to the Bluebird Gold Processing Plant, part of Westgold's Murchison Gold Operations at Meekatharra.
- Ore will be sold to Westgold in several parcels (Ore Parcels) totalling 30-50kt per month with each
  Ore Parcel certified for grade, moisture and recovery from sampling at the Crown Prince site and a
  recovery factor agreed for each mining bench from test work replicating the Bluebird Mill circuit.
- The OPA has no fixed term although NMG envisages that most of Crown Prince ore is likely to be
  processed in an "Initial Period" which runs over the first 24 months of the agreement. Thereafter
  ore tonnages are to be agreed on a rolling three-month basis once production forecasts have been
  completed by NMG and Westgold has confirmed mill availability.
- Westgold will purchase ore from NMG based on contained gold in each Ore Parcel at the prevailing AUD gold price in the month the Ore Parcel is collected (minus processing costs and a capital recovery charge). Westgold must promptly collect Ore Parcels that are available for collection.
- The OPA is subject to shareholder approval (Listing Rule 10.1 requirement) at a general meeting of NMG shareholders to be held in late January or early February 2025.
- NMG and Westgold have also entered into an ancillary agreement (Licence and Access Water Discharge Deed) which facilitates NMG's potential dewatering requirements at Crown Prince.

**Alex Passmore, NMG's CEO commented**: "We are very pleased to announce the Ore Purchase Agreement with Westgold as it sees both companies working together to support the development of NMG's Crown Prince deposit in a capitally efficient manner.

We see this Agreement as beneficial to all shareholders with Westgold acquiring additional high grade oxide ore feed to supplement its Meekatharra operations and NMG transitioning to a producer for modest capital.

The Bluebird Processing Plant owned by Westgold is ideal for NMG due to its close proximity and well-matched metallurgical process. We believe the robust frameworks and protocols we have put in place in this Agreement aligns both operational teams to a common goal of maximizing operational efficiency.

We thank the Westgold team for the technical and commercial work that has led to this Agreement and look forward to working collaboratively in making the development of Crown Prince a success"



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Garden Gully Gold Project

Shares on Issue Share Price Market Cap 7,403m \$0.009 \$66.32m

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New Murchison Gold Limited (ASX: NMG) ("NMG" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has entered into a binding agreement with Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd (BBGO), a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Westgold Resources Limited (ASX: WGX, TSX: WGX, OTCQX: WGXRF) (Westgold) in relation to the purchase of gold ore from the Crown Prince deposit.

Crown Prince is located to the north of Meekatharra, around 33km via road to the Bluebird Gold Processing Plant (**Bluebird**) owned and operated by BBGO. Westgold and NMG have been working collaboratively on the OPA to manage technical risks and to share economic synergies which are available via the partnering of production from the Crown Prince deposit and milling at Bluebird.

Key Terms of the OPA are outlined in the Table below and will be explained fully in a Notice of Meeting to be sent to NMG shareholders in December. The NMG shareholder meeting is likely to be held in late January or early February 2025. As a result of Westgold's 18.7% ownership of NMG, it is deemed a related party under the ASX Listing Rules and so the OPA includes a condition precedent of NMG obtaining shareholder approval under Listing Rule 10.1.

BDO Corporate Finance Australia Pty Ltd (BDO) has been engaged to provide an opinion and Independent Expert's Report to accompany the Notice of Meeting to assist shareholders in their considerations of whether or not to approve the OPA moving into operation.

Should the conditions precedent be met (shareholder approval) the OPA will come into effect with NMG expecting mining approvals to be received in early April 2025. Once mining operations commence, and ore stockpiles are built up, it is anticipated that first Ore Parcel sales will occur in September 2025.

The company is working towards an ore reserve estimate to provide further detail on the economics of the project which is to be released shortly.

Key Term	Operation
	Westgold's significant shareholding in NMG means that shareholder approval is required prior to the OPA taking effect
	This is required by ASX Listing Rule 10.1
Conditions Precedent	NMG shareholder meeting likely to be held in late January or Early February
	Time allowed for satisfaction of Conditions Precedent is 4 months from date of signing of the OPA
Term of Agreement	Commencement Date when first ore is available and, in any event, not later than 12 months after CPs are satisfied
	No fixed term, Initial Period of 24 months has a defined tonnage range
	6-months Notice of Termination
	No Termination (unless a material breach has occurred) by either party in the first 12 months
	30,000t - 50,000t per month for the first 24 months
Ore Tonnages	After Initial Period production forecast and mill capacity to be confirmed by both parties





		Ore Parcel grades to meet minimum grade of 1.5 g/t Au, no upper limit
	Ore Specifications	Deleterious Elements to be kept below specified limits
		Recovery to be determined on a mining bench-by-bench basis with test work carried out routinely on grade control drill samples
		Payment = Aggregate Gold Payment – BBGO Costs – BBGO Margin – Relevant State Royalty
		The Aggregate Gold Payment means the aggregate of the Gold Payments due for each Certified Ore Parcel collected in the Relevant Month where, for each Parcel:
		• the Gold Payment means the Gold Purchased in that Parcel x Average Gold Price;
		<ul> <li>Gold Purchased means the (Certified Weight of that Parcel x Certified Grade of that Parcel)/31.1035) x Agreed Recovery);</li> </ul>
	Pricing / Revenue	<ul> <li>Certified Weight of a Parcel means for the weight of that Parcel in accordance with procedures set out in the OPA;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Certified Grade for a Parcel means for the gold grade of that Parcel in accordance with procedures set out in the OPA;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Agreed Recovery means the agreed gold recovery for the Parcel as determined in accordance in accordance with procedures set out in the OPA; and</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Average Gold Price means the average of the Gold Price during the Relevant Month calculated by determining the Gold Price on each LBMA trading day in the Relevant Month and dividing by the number of such trading days</li> </ul>
		BBGO Costs are calculated in accordance with the following formula: BBGO Costs = (Average Processing Cost x Aggregate Certified Weight) + (Capital Recovery Charge x Aggregate Certified Weight) + Monthly Haulage Charge. where:
	BBGO Costs and BBGO Margin	<ul> <li>Average Processing Cost means an amount per Dry Tonne calculated by dividing the total Processing Costs for the Plant in the Relevant Month by the total Dry Tonnes of material processed in the Plant in that Relevant Month (but at a minimum will be \$30/Dry Tonne and at a maximum of \$45/Dry Tonne);</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Processing Costs means all costs directly associated with the production of gold dore at the Plant and including, but is not limited to, electrical power, site administrative charges, salaries and wages, reagents and consumables, maintenance spare parts (once used) and laboratory services but it does not include the cost of capital works or the use of third-party consultants or external laboratories;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Capital Recovery Charge means the amount equal to 15% of the Average Processing Cost used for BBGO Costs calculation in the Relevant Month;</li> </ul>



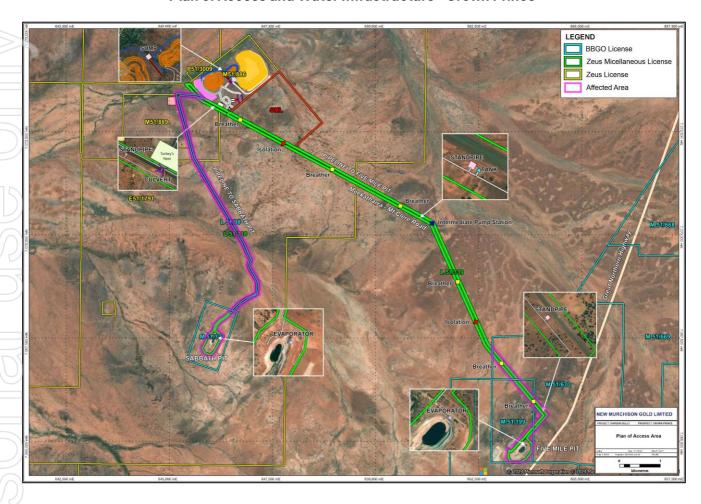


		<ul> <li>Aggregate Certified Weight means the aggregate of the Certified Weight for each Parcel collected in the Relevant Month; and</li> <li>Monthly Haulage Charge means the loading and haulage (including road maintenance of Mt Clere Road, if applicable) charges from the Haulage Contractor for the loading and haulage of the relevant Parcels from the Collection Point to the Delivery Point in the Relevant Month plus an administration fee of 10%.</li> <li>BBGO must provide supporting documentation confirming the</li> </ul>
		calculation of the Average Processing Costs and Monthly Haulage Charge.
<b>a</b> 5		BBGO Margin means:
		• First 3 months after the Commencement Date (Establishment Period), an amount equal to 8.5% of the Aggregate Gold Payment in the Relevant Month; and
		On and from completion of the Establishment Period, an amount equal to 17% of the Aggregate Gold Payment in the Relevant Month.
	Production and Short-Term Planning	Meetings to be held monthly with a rolling 3-month production forecast to be presented
	Payment	Monthly Payments based on Ore Parcels certified and collected during the prior month.
	Sampling, Weighing and Ore Parcel Certification	Robust regime in place for dispute resolution Umpire samples for gold grade





### Plan of Access and Water Infrastructure - Crown Prince



Authorised for release to ASX by the Board of New Murchison Gold Limited.

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#### **Competent Person Statements**

#### **Exploration Results**

The Competent Person for the announcement was Mr Costica Vieru. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the announcements and that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the announcements. Other information contained in this report that relates to Exploration Results, is based upon, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation compiled by Mr Costica Vieru, a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and a full-time employee of the Company. Mr Vieru has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style(s) of mineralisation and type(s) of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Vieru consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based upon his information in the form and context in which it appears.

#### Mineral Resources

The information contained in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is based upon, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation compiled by Mr Brian Fitzpatrick MAusIMM (CP). Mr Fitzpatrick is a Principal Geologist with Cube Consulting Pty Ltd and a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy with CP accreditation. The Competent Person has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style(s) of mineralisation and type(s) of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Fitzpatrick consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based upon their input into the information in the form and context in which it appears.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

This announcement contains forward-looking statements which are statements that may be identified by words such as "may", "will", "would", "should", "could", "believes", "estimates", "expects", "intends", "plans", "anticipates", "predicts", "outlook", "forecasts", "guidance" and other similar words that involve risks and uncertainties. These statements are based on, among other things, a number of best estimate assumptions regarding future events and actions that, at the date of this announcement, are expected to take place.

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#### **About New Murchison Gold**

New Murchison Gold Limited (ASX:NMG) is a mineral exploration and development company which holds a substantial package of tenements in the prolific Murchison goldfield near Meekatharra, Western Australia.

The Company is focused on the Garden Gully Gold Project which comprises a 677km<sup>2</sup> tenure package covering the Abbotts Greenstone Belt and other key regional structures. The project has multiple gold deposits along the belt with the most advanced being the Crown Prince Deposit.

Gold mineralisation in the belt is controlled by major north trending structures and contact zones between felsic and mafic metamorphosed rocks.

Crown Prince Deposit is located within a granted mining lease and is advancing towards development.

## New Murchison Gold's Garden Gully Project

