



Board changes as cashed-up Crescent progresses towards start-up

Crescent Gold Mining Limited has topped up its cash reserves and re-structured its Board as the gold explorer moves closer to a decision on a one or two million tonnes per year throughput for its Laverton gold mill in Western Australia.

Crescent recently announced that:

- It has successfully completed its 1-for-5 non-renounceable rights issue at \$A0.135, raising A\$2.95 million, with strong support from North American investors. Working capital now totals nearly A\$4million, with total cash and bonds of A\$6.5 million;
- Founding Directors, Brisbane's Alan Phillips and Sydney's Dean Gallegos, have retired from the Board to pursue other professional commitments;
- The company's Executive Director,

Andrew Haythorpe, has formally moved to the position of Managing Director and reinforced that move by increasing his personal holding in Crescent Gold above 14 per cent from seven per cent previously; and

- Crescent has promoted its current Company Secretary, Carol New, to the Board as Chief Financial Officer.

Mr Haythorpe has acquired the shareholding held by outgoing Director, Mr Gallegos – comprising 50,000 subordinated convertible notes and 12.1 million ordinary shares – to lift his holding above 14 per cent. He is now Crescent's largest shareholder.

Ms New has more than 25 years of accounting experience in national retail and mineral exploration companies, including Coles Myer, Barrack House

Group Limited and Central Kalgoorlie Gold Mines NL.

Neil O'Loughlin is also an Executive Director.

United States' private and institutional investors have been strong backers of the Australian gold explorer, injecting A\$945,000 in a private placement in January to support an extended drilling program at Sickle. This followed a significant contribution to the A\$2.5 million cash boost to the company last year, which helped fund the bankable feasibility study for the Laverton mill.

"We are moving into an important and exciting phase in the development of the company. The structural and financial enhancements announced today mark another step towards that development," Mr Haythorpe said.

"The recent issues have secured the company's financial future through the remainder of 2005, including extensional drilling of our flagship Sickle gold project to establish sufficient reserves for processing.

"Crescent now has a stronger balance sheet, with more cash in the bank than at any time since the company floated two years ago.

"We are looking to further expand the Board, possibly including an appointee with specific experience in mining production," he added.

The study endorsed a start-up of the company's wholly-owned Laverton gold plant, 250km north of Kalgoorlie, using Sickle ore as feedstock – with the plant commercial at either one or two million tonne per annum throughput rates. ■