

## NEW CENTURY SECURES A\$40M DEBT FACILITY WITH NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK

### Highlights

- A\$40 million debt facility with NAB at an interest rate of 5.25% per annum
- NAB team has completed full technical due diligence and obtained formal credit approval, with the facility now subject to completion of legal documentation only
- Facility provides New Century with opportunity to fast track the planned Century expansion process to full production

New Century Resources Limited (ASX:NCZ) is pleased to announce the entry into a legally binding term sheet for a A\$40 million senior secured debt and bank guarantee facility with National Australia Bank (ASX:NAB) on the terms outlined below.

Provision of this facility follows an extensive process of technical, commercial and legal due diligence by NAB and has received formal credit approval. Both New Century and NAB are now completing customary legal documentation prior to financial close.

The facility is believed to represent the first project debt financing package provided for a mine rehabilitation and tailings reprocessing operation by a 'Big 4' Australian bank, further demonstrating the robust economic value proposition associated with the operations at Century.

NAB Debt Facility Terms Summary	
<b>Total Facility Limit</b>	<i>A\$40,000,000</i>
<b>Facility Options</b>	<i>Debt and Bank Guarantees</i>
<b>Term</b>	<i>2 years</i>
<b>Interest Rate*</b>	<i>est. 5.25% per annum</i>
<b>Security &amp; Ranking</b>	<i>First ranking senior secured</i>
<b>Establishment Fee</b>	<i>2.00%</i>
<b>Amortisation or Hedging Requirement</b>	<i>None</i>

*\*Interest Rate is calculated based on a rate of 3.75% pa for the first A\$10M drawn bank guarantees & 3.75% pa + BBSY (BBSY is a variable market rate, currently 2.00% pa) for any further debt drawings up to the total A\$40M.*

Commenting on the debt facility, New Century Managing Director Patrick Walta stated:

*"It is fantastic to partner with NAB in the execution of New Century's strategy to capitalise on the strong value proposition presented by the Century assets. The facility provides a great opportunity to grow our business and ultimately maximise value creation for shareholders."*

New Century plans to utilise the facility to expedite plans for expansion to full production rate. As outlined in the Restart Feasibility Study (see ASX announcement 28 November 2017), New Century's strategy for the ramp up of operations consists of two phases:

- Phase 1: Initial refurbishment of the southern train of the Processing Plant and supporting infrastructure to bring operations to a capacity of 8Mtpa. The works budget for Phase 1 was A\$50M, which has been completed and is now in operation; and
- Phase 2: Refurbishment of the northern train of the Processing Plant and further supporting infrastructure to bring operations to a full capacity of 15Mtpa. The additional works budget associated with Phase 2 is A\$63M, which is scheduled to be completed in Q4 2019.

In association with the Phase 2 works, New Century has identified opportunities to fast track the ramp up timeline via earlier financial commitment to northern train float cell refurbishment and ordering of long lead items. The debt facility from NAB will allow the ability to commit to these items without delaying for sufficient cashflow from current operations.

The debt facility with NAB remains subject to completion of legal documentation, which is anticipated to be finalised over the next few weeks. The Company will advise the market of further material developments associated with the NAB debt facility as they arise.

### **About New Century Resources**

New Century Resources Limited (ASX:NCZ) is an Australian base metal company, with its operation at the Century Mine in Queensland ramping up to become one of the world's top 10 zinc producers.

As part of the Century operations, the Company is upgrading the Mine's existing world-class infrastructure including a large scale multi train flotation plant, 700-person camp, private airport, grid power connection, 304km slurry pipeline, port facility and concentrate transshipment vessel.

New Century is initially focused the existing Proved Ore Reserves at Century to produce zinc in the lowest cost quartile globally. Substantial Mineral Resources also exist on the mining leases, which provide a significant opportunity for mine life extension and metal production increase.

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