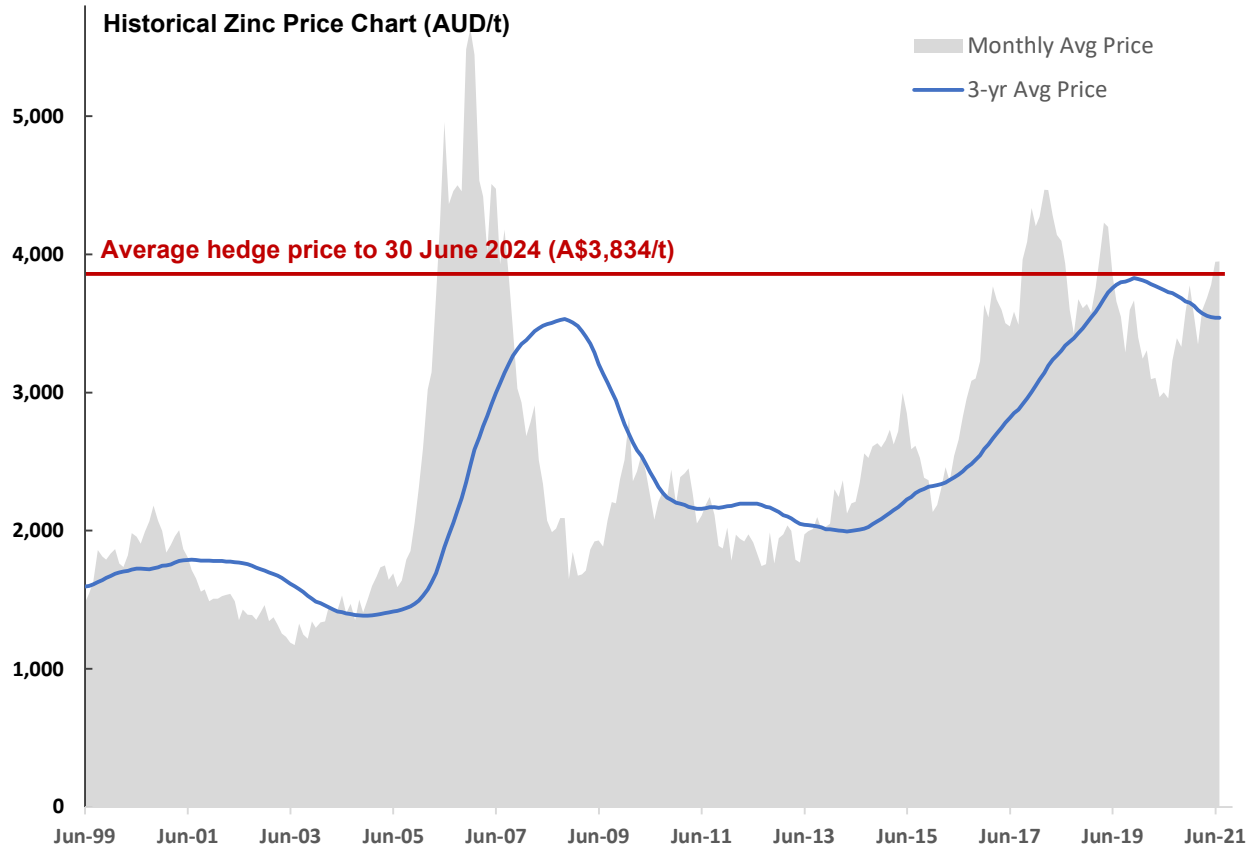


## New Century Executes Major Expansion of Zinc Hedging Program and Completes Key Condition Precedent for Transformational ESG Focused Growth Transaction

### Highlights

- **Major expansion of long-term zinc hedging for Century operations:**
  - Additional 90,000t payable zinc metal hedged from January 2022 to December 2023
  - Achieved price of A\$3,938/t for the additional hedging, compared to A\$3,717/t for the initial three-year hedging completed in June 2021
  - Total zinc hedging now stands at 170,000t (average price A\$3,834/t) to 30 June 2024
  - Total value of forward sold Century production now >A\$650 million
- **Hedging completion represents delivery of a key condition precedent for New Century's ESG focused transformational growth transaction**
- **Continued strong performance of Century operations, with October zinc recoveries maintained at 51% and anticipated to deliver record monthly EBITDA**



**New Century Resources Limited (New Century or the Company) (ASX:NCZ)** is pleased to announce the successful execution of a second major, long term zinc hedging transaction with Macquarie Bank Ltd.

The Company's second tranche of hedging consists of fixed price, Australian dollar swaps for a total of 90,000t of payable zinc metal, spread in equal monthly volumes of 3,750t over two years from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023. The weighted average price achieved, net of all fees and costs, is A\$3,938/t.

This second tranche compares favourably to the first tranche executed (see ASX announcement 15 June 2021) which remains at 80,000t of hedged payable zinc metal, spread in equal monthly volumes of 2,500t per month until 30 June 2024 at a weighted average price, net of all fees and costs, of A\$3,717/t.

Total hedging for Century operations to 30 June 2024 now consists of 170,000t at a weighted average price, net of all fees and costs, of A\$3,834/t.

There are no margin calls associated with any of the hedges currently place.

The total value of hedging represents more than A\$650 million in forecast future sales from the current Century Mine tailings operations.

The transactions will be settled against the monthly average of the daily LME Official Cash Price for Special High-Grade Zinc which matches the underlying terms of the Company's physical sales contracts. The settlement will be made in Australian dollars at the prevailing exchange rate.

As previously noted in the Company's ASX release on 27 October 2021, all hedging will be progressively transitioned to a shared security position.

The execution of New Century's second tranche of major zinc hedging marks the completion of a key condition precedent associated with the Company's recently announced ESG-focused transformational growth transaction, which includes:

- Executed binding term sheet for a two-year option to acquire the Mt Lyell Copper Mine in Tasmania;
- Strategic investment by Sibanye-Stillwater for a 19.99% fully escrowed position in New Century;
- Retirement of the existing senior secured debt with Värde Partners; and
- Replacement of the existing environmental bond at Century.

Full details of the transaction are available in New Century's Investor Presentation released to ASX on 27 October 2021 and the Prospectus released to ASX on 28 October 2021.

New Century is also pleased to advise that Century operations have continued their strong performance from the September quarter into the December quarter to date, with 51% average recoveries during the month of October. As a result, the Company anticipates a record monthly EBITDA performance in October.

**This announcement is approved for release by the Board of New Century Resources.**

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