

Newcrest broadens Paterson hunt



Antipa's ground in the Paterson Province

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Shares in Antipa jumped this morning after signing a A\$60 million farm-in with Newcrest Mining.

The farm-in covers the southern portion of Antipa's 100%-owned ground in Western Australia's Paterson Province, which will be known as the Wilki project.

Newcrest will spend an initial \$6 million within two years across the 2180sq.km tenement package.

It can spend \$10 million over a further five years to earn 51%, and a

further \$44 million within eight years to reach 75%.

As part of the agreement, Newcrest will also subscribe for \$3.9 million worth of Antipa shares at 1.7c, a 54.5% premium to the last close, giving it a 9.9% stake in the junior and a right to appoint a director.

Wilki surrounds Newcrest's depleting Telfer gold mine, with Antipa's ground as close as 3km to the mine.

Antipa's Chicken Ranch deposit, 15km northeast of Telfer, has an existing resource of 40,300 ounces of gold at 1.6 grams per tonne gold.

Tim's Dome, 12km from Telfer, has a resource of 63,200oz at 1.1gpt.

Both are included in the Newcrest farm-in.

Newcrest has stepped up work in the region to look for new ore sources to leverage off its significant existing infrastructure.

It has a US\$65 million farm-in with Greatland Gold over the Havieron discovery, 45km to the east of Telfer.

Newcrest is so encouraged by the "unique grades" at Havieron that **it is aiming to start building a decline by year-end.**

Antipa has **previously expressed interest in talking to Newcrest**, pointing out last year that gold mineralisation at Chicken Ranch and Tim's Dome started near surface, unlike Havieron, which sits under 400m of cover.

"This transaction demonstrates Newcrest's commitment to the region and its strong belief in the prospectivity of the Wilki Project, which is strategically located surrounding its long-running Telfer gold-copper operation and ore processing facility," Antipa executive chairman Stephen Power said.

Exploration at Wilki will begin in the next 4-6 weeks, including mapping, geophysics and electromagnetics.

Antipa retains 100% of 1700sq.km between Wilki and the Citadel project, a A\$60 million joint venture with Rio Tinto.

Rio recently earned 51% of Citadel by spending \$11 million and has committed to spend a further \$14 million.

Citadel is just 5km from its Winu discovery, where **it is planning to accelerate development.**

Antipa shares were trading at close to a one-year low of 1.1c yesterday but rose as high as 1.5c this morning. The stock last

traded 27% higher at 1.4c.

Newcrest fell 6% to \$26.86, the lowest since May.