

Measured and Indicated Resource of 4.2 million ounces gold and Inferred Resource of 0.8 million ounces gold

TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - Dec 2, 2015) - NewCastle Gold Ltd. ("NewCastle" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE:NCA)(OTCQX:CTMQF) is pleased to announce an updated mineral resource estimate (the "Updated Mineral Resource"), prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* ("NI 43-101") on the Company's 100% controlled and permitted Castle Mountain Gold Project (the "Project") located in San Bernardino County, California. The Updated Mineral Resource incorporates the bulk of the historical drilling on the Project of 361,487 metres of predominantly reverse circulation ("RC") drilling in 1,762 holes, 7,582 metres in 30 RC and core holes completed by the Company in 2013, and an additional 13,927 metres in 47 RC and core holes completed since the initial mineral resource estimate released by the Company in November 2013. The Updated Mineral Resource supersedes and replaces the technical report dated May 30, 2014 previously filed by the Company (the "2014 Technical Report").

The Updated Mineral Resource utilizes a 0.20 gram per tonne ("g/t") gold cut-off within an optimized pit shell calculated at a gold price of US\$1,100 per ounce. Highlights of the Updated Mineral Resource are as follows (see the table below for further details):

- Measured plus Indicated Mineral Resource of 219.9 million tonnes grading 0.59 g/t gold and containing 4.19 Million gold ounces. *This represents an increase in Measured and Indicated gold ounces of 33% compared to the prior mineral resource estimate, which applied a lower cut-off of 0.14 g/t gold.*
- New Measured Mineral Resources category of 17.4 million tonnes grading 0.86 g/t gold and containing 0.48 million gold ounces.
- Inferred Mineral Resources of 40.8 million tonnes grading 0.58 g/t gold and containing 0.76 million gold ounces. This represents a reduction in Inferred ounces of 28% compared to the prior mineral resource estimate.
- New Measured, increased Indicated and reduced Inferred Mineral Resources reflect the application of improved geological and structural deposit modeling and the inclusion of 47 RC and core holes (13,927 metres) completed since the 2013 mineral resource estimate.
- *Significantly lower strip ratio than in the prior mineral resource estimate. Strip ratio at 0.20 g/t cut off is 2.8:1 versus 3.4:1 (at 0.14 g/t cut-off) in the prior mineral resource estimate, notwithstanding the higher cut-off applied in the Updated Mineral Resource.*
- Validation of historical gold production on the property using the New Mineral Resource estimate parameters is within 4% of both mined grade and total ounces, and 7% of mined tonnes.
- Measured plus Indicated Resource grade of 0.59 g/t gold compared to 0.60 g/t gold in prior base case estimate. Slightly higher grade in Inferred Resource (0.58 g/t versus 0.57 g/t in the prior mineral resource estimate).
- Sensitivity table (below) shows the potential to retain considerable ounces at higher gold grades with increasing cut-off grade.

Complete sets of cross-sections and longitudinal sections through this Mineral Resource and modeled optimized pit shells compared to the former resource estimate are available on the Company website www.newcastlegold.ca.

Table 1 - Castle Mountain 2015 Mineral Resource Estimate
(Optimized at \$1,100/oz Au)

Cut-off (Au g/t)	Measured			Indicated		
	Tonnes (millions)	Au (g/t)	Au (millions)	Tonnes (millions)	Au (g/t)	Au (millions)
0.41	10.1	1.26	0.409	89.3	0.93	2.671
0.34	12.0	1.12	0.432	114.8	0.81	2.991
0.26	14.8	0.97	0.462	157.9	0.67	3.401
0.20	17.4	0.86	0.480	202.5	0.57	3.711
0.17	18.8	0.81	0.489	230.6	0.52	3.855
0.14	20.2	0.76	0.495	263.0	0.48	4.059
Cut-off (Au g/t)	Measured + Indicated			Inferred		
	Tonnes (millions)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (millions)	Tonnes (millions)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (millions)
0.41	99.4	0.96	3.080	16.8	1.01	0.545
0.34	126.8	0.84	3.423	20.9	0.89	0.599
0.26	172.7	0.70	3.863	29.7	0.71	0.678
0.20	219.9	0.59	4.191	40.8	0.58	0.760
0.17	249.4	0.54	4.344	48.5	0.52	0.811
0.14	283.2	0.50	4.554	57.9	0.46	0.856

Notes:

1. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
2. The Mineral Resources in this news release were estimated using current Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) standards, definitions and guidelines.

3. Numbers may not sum due to rounding.
4. Mineral Resources are stated at a cut-off of 0.20 g/t gold.
5. Mineral Resources are contained within an optimized pit shell generated at a gold price of US\$1,100 per ounce.
6. Capping of high grade as discussed below.
7. Mineral Resource estimate by James N. Gray P.Geo. of Advantage Geoservices Limited.

"The new resource, based on improved geological and structural modeling and additional drilling now contains over four million ounces of gold in the Measured and Indicated Resource categories which is relatively insensitive to increasing cut-off grade. The base case resource also shows significant reductions in strip ratio. Together, these create a solid foundation for further optimization studies to build upon. Castle Mountain represents one of the largest and highest grade permitted gold deposits of its class anywhere and still has room to grow" stated David Adamson, Chief Executive Officer.

About the Updated Mineral Resource

Site investigation, database validation and construction of the geological model was carried out by R. Bob Singh, P.Geo. of North Face Software Ltd. This geological and mineralization model formed the basis for grade estimation that was completed by James N. Gray, P. Geo. of Advantage Geoservices Limited (collectively termed, the "Consultants"). The Consultants are both independent Qualified Persons as defined by NI 43-101.

The Updated Mineral Resource is based on the results from 352,090 metres of drilling in 1,683 holes (1,637 RC and 46 core). Assays were reviewed statistically by interpreted geologic domain to establish appropriate grade capping levels. Capped grades were composited to a length of three metres within interpreted units. In addition to the capping of assay data, the impact of anomalously high gold values was further controlled by restricting their range of influence in the estimation process. Block grades were estimated by ordinary kriging. Blocks measure 10 x 10 x 10 metres. Tonnage estimates are based on 335 density measurements which were used to assign average values to lithologic units of the block model. Bulk density for the mineralized domains averages 2.20 tonnes per cubic metre.

Blocks classified as Measured Mineral Resources are within 20 metres of at least three holes and the closest is within 10 metres or within 30 metres of three holes and the closest is within 7.5 metres. Indicated blocks have a maximum average distance to three holes of 50 metres and the closest hole is within 10 metres or at least one hole in four octants of a 75 metre spherical search. Inferred Mineral Resource blocks require three holes within 180 metres.

In order to establish reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction in an open pit context, the mineral resources were defined within an optimized pit shell using a gold price of US\$1,100 per ounce, pit wall slopes of 48°, estimated gold recovery of 80%, mining costs estimated at US\$1.42/tonne, processing costs estimated at US\$4.79/tonne and general and administrative costs estimated at US\$0.73/tonne. The base case cut-off grade used is 0.20 g/t gold. The assumptions listed produced a strip ratio of 2.8:1. These assumptions are considered to be economically reasonable estimates by the Consultants.

The 2014 Technical Report, which included a summary of a preliminary economic assessment of the Project, is considered to be out of date such that it can no longer be relied upon. The Project is no longer considered an advanced property for the purposes of NI 43-101, as the potential economic viability of the Project is not currently supported by a preliminary economic assessment, pre-feasibility study or feasibility study.

The Consultants are preparing a technical report in accordance with NI 43-101 in respect of the Updated Mineral Resource discussed in this news release and this technical report will be filed on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on the Company's website at www.newcastlegold.ca within 45 days of the date of this news release.

Garth D. Kirkham, P.Geo. of Kirkham Geosystems Ltd., will perform a third-party peer review of the NI 43-101 technical report prior to filing.

Ian R. Cunningham-Dunlop, P. Eng., the Company's Vice President Exploration, and James N. Gray, P. Geo. of Advantage Geoservices Ltd. are the designated Qualified Persons for this news release within the meaning of NI 43-101. Both have reviewed and verified that the technical information contained in this release is accurate and approve of the written disclosure of same.

About NewCastle

NewCastle has 100% of the right, title and beneficial interest in and to the Castle Mountain Venture, a California general partnership, which owns the Castle Mountain property in San Bernardino County, California, (7,458 acres in total). The Castle Mountain heap leach gold mine produced over one million ounces of gold from 1992 to 2001, when mining was suspended due to low gold prices. The Mine and Reclamation Plan, under which the mine operated, was authorized by the County of San Bernardino as the Lead Agency and remains in effect. Water for the drill programs was accessed from existing patented wells on the Project.

The Project hosts a disseminated low sulphidation epithermal system. Gold mineralization is primarily hosted in a complex rhyolite suite and to a lesser extent, in an underlying andesite package and Pre-Cambrian basement rocks. Gold is associated with later rhyolite volcanic activity, zones of silicification and brecciation, and northeast-southwest trending/southeast dipping fault structures. Eleven gold domains are represented by both steep and shallow-dipping orientations.

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