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Coordinator

Good morning and welcome to the Newmont Mining Corporation Conference Call. All participants will be able to listen only until the question and answer session of the call. At the request of Newmont Mining, this call is being recorded. If you have any objections, you may disconnect at this time.

I would now like to introduce your host for today, Miss Wendy Yang. You may begin.

W. Yang

Thank you, Operator. Good morning to North America. Thank you for joining us on our conference call today to review our superior offer to acquire the shares of Normandy and our vision of a new Newmont. This call is being Simulcast on our Web site and will be available for playback for a limited time.

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Today we will be discussing some forward-looking information, so you should be aware that there are risk factors unique to our industry, and these risks are described in detail in our filings with the SEC. The information that we are discussing today,

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December 10, 2001 in the United States and December 11th in Australia, are relevant for the current period. For the most up-to-date material disclosures, please refer to our main SEC filings and news....

Speaking today from Sydney are Wayne Murdy, President and CEO of Newmont and Pierre Lassonde, President and Co-CEO of Franco-Nevada. Wayne, please go ahead.

W. Murdy

Good day, ladies and gentlemen. Thanks for joining us today to hear more about our announcement of a revised offer that we believe to be a decisive step in realizing our collective vision of creating the world's greatest gold company, and the unique equity that we expect to be the new gold standard for the 21st century.

The revision means that now both the cash and the stock portions of the Newmont offer are indisputably and significantly superior to the

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competing elements of offer to acquire Normandy. We have taken this step without sacrificing the other significant economic and strategic advantages that the Newmont offer has enjoyed from the day it was launched. Both the immediate economic benefits and the long-term strategic benefits for Newmont and the industry that we told you about less than a month ago, not only remain intact and compelling under the revised offer, they fully justify the revision.

I'm in Australia today with Pierre Lassonde, who is the Co-CEO of Franco-Nevada, whose board, last month, unanimously recommended Newmont's offer of eight-tenths of a share of Newmont for each Franco-Nevada share. In addition, today, Normandy's Board of Directors, unanimously recommended Newmont's revised offer to Normandy shareholders and again advised against the Anglo Gold offer.

We're here to discuss and answer your questions about the news that Newmont, Normandy and Franco-Nevada announced, worldwide, about

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15 hours ago, our rationale and what it means for the shareholders of Normandy, Newmont and Franco.

I'll start by quickly reviewing the revised offer. As we announced, the revised Newmont offer values Normandy at Australian dollar-ninety per share. This is fully 15% more than the current value of Anglo Gold's revised offer announced on November 25th.

Under the revised Newmont offer, Normandy shareholders will receive a cash payment of forty cents Australian, double the twenty cents Australian offered by the Anglo Gold proposal. The cash payment is in addition to the exchange ratio, which we did not change, of .0385 shares of Newmont common stock for each Normandy share. As underscored in our press release, by accepting the Newmont offer, the Normandy shareholders receive shares in a North American company traded on the New York Stock Exchange and included in the S&P 500, which offers true liquidity.

As to timing, let me be clear that all of us here today are committed to completing the acquisition of both Normandy and Franco-Nevada by mid-February 2002. In all, we are offering the Normandy shareholders no less

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than the ability, through a simple off-market bid, to participate in the premiere gold company, the industry leader in terms of gold production, total reserves, EBIT DA generation, trading liquidity and leverage to gold.

What's more, this combined company will benefit from a strong balance sheet that provides the financial flexibility to capitalize on a truly outstanding pipeline of development projects. Investors around the world have told us that they share our view that this combination immediately makes Newmont one of the strongest, best capitalized companies in the industry.

Newmont's net debt to total capitalization ratio will fall to 23% and with strong free cash flows and the ability to add incremental cash from rationalization of assets, significant opportunities allow us to decrease our net debt to total capitalization, below 20% within a year. You should know that this compares with an indicated 33% net debt to total capitalization ratio for the company envisioned by Anglo Gold. The company Anglo seeks to create, also, would have significantly less flexibility to redistribute cash flow worldwide, due to the South

African Reserve Bank currency restrictions.

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Finally, over the past two years, Anglo Gold has had a cash flow deficit of approximately \$153 million, before financing activities, while paying out over \$580 million in dividends, quite apart from the long-term viability of such a policy. Bear in mind, that for non-South African holders, Anglo Gold's dividends can be expected to decline in real terms, should the recent decline in the rand continue.

As we promised you on November 29th, when Anglo Gold revised its offer, Newmont was very carefully considering this decision. Our commitment was to craft a winning bid, but not a winning bid at any cost. The revised offer gives Newmont clear decisive superiority over the Anglo Gold bid, and we have also achieved this without compromising the long-term advantages for value creation, integral to building the new Newmont.

So it is with pride that our management and our Board of Directors, working with our advisors, can tell you that the acquisition of Normandy, on the basis of this revised offer, will continue to be accretive to Newmont in terms of earnings, free cash flow and net asset value. The

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approximately \$370 million cost of the cash component will be financed with an existing, but untapped, \$600 million revolving credit facility.

However, as you'll recall from our announcement of the Franco portion of our acquisition plan last month, upon completion of this transaction, Newmont will have more than \$850 million in cash and liquid securities. In short, everything we have seen reinforced by the successful completion of the recent capital raising for Australian Magnesium Corporation, Ltd. makes us feel very comfortable about this increase.

We continue to believe in the opportunities to achieve the \$70 million to \$80 million in annual synergies from the acquisition of Normandy and Franco-Nevada. We see significant asset realization

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opportunities and opportunities for operational improvements. We will also capitalize on Normandy's growth prospects, building on the financial strength of Newmont to add significant value for all current and future Newmont shareholders.

Let me now ask Pierre to comment on the transaction and the opportunities afforded to us.

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P. Lassonde

Thanks, Wayne, and good morning, ladies and gentlemen. It's a pleasure to be here in Australia, even though it's a little bit early in the morning. We have had a great day here in Australia. In fact, we've had a great three weeks, Wayne and I, on the road. We've visited our shareholders all over North America and Europe. The response has been truly heartwarming and overwhelming, in view of the vision of the company that we're creating.

I think that everybody that we've talked to clearly sees that we are creating something very special. That not only this company will be a market leader, but also it will be clearly different than our three nearest competitors. Not only because we're not going to be a hedge company; I mean that is clearly one of our philosophical differences. But I think the makeup of the company is what makes it something very special.

The combination of the three companies with the Franco-Nevada royalty will create, basically, the cushion against low gold prices. The balance sheet will help, also, tremendously, in that regard. The Newmont assets in Nevada, in Peru and in Indonesia will form the core properties, including

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then those of Normandy, in Australia, to create a company that would be a market leader. Then from the 60 million acres of land, the largest industry land package, we will be able to develop attractive new projects, but also, we're going to be able to increase that royalty cash flow, increase that cushion.

One of the things that - the offer will, of course, use some of our cash. I want to point out that when we close this transaction, the combined company will

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have over \$750 billion in cash and a \$100 million in liquid investment, for a total of \$850 million. So yes, this revised offer is going to use some of that.

But I can assure you that our objective will be to very rapidly rationalize some of the assets that are in the companies, particularly in Normandy, as we had promised, to bring the debt ratio to the level that we had originally envisaged, which is 18%, as soon as possible. I can think that we can achieve that in a fairly rapid manner, as there are assets that are easily identifiable that the market could easily use, in the sense that we could create some synergies with either other companies in different forms.

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So we feel that the transaction is a winning transaction, that this bid is going to be a winning bid, that the market will see it this way, and that we're going to go on and complete the transaction and get on with creating and developing the very best gold company in the world.

I'll stop with that. I could continue and go on, because we've been on a roll. I think if you look at the Web site, there's some very interesting --. Australia is a very peculiar place; they love to personalize companies. But the fact is that we have had a great response here, and you can look at it and we think that we are on a roll. We'll be here, Wayne and I, for the next ten days, until we get this over with. Then we'll get on to building a great company.

So with that --. I might add that Robert was supposed to be here, I think he kind of missed his taxi to come over. Hopefully during the question period he'll come over and he'll be able to address the conference call as well.

I just want to remind you that this company will have the highest leverage to gold. It's one of the key attractions going forward, and we still believe

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that we're going to see a rise in the gold price in the next three years. We're very bullish. We've told you why we're very bullish; that hasn't changed. With that I will cut it off right here and leave you some time for questions. Wayne.

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W. Murdy At this point then, we would like to open it up to questions.

Coordinator Thank you. At this time we are ready to begin the formal question and answer session. Our first question comes from Victor Flores. Sir, you are connected.

V. Flores Thank you, very much. Good morning - a few questions of the miscellaneous variety. First of all, Anglo pointed out, when they revised their offer, that they had learned some things through the public domain. You've had access to full due diligence, but in the process of completing your transaction, have you found anything on the due diligence side that has led you to find additional value in Normandy?

W. Murdy I think, Victor, as we've gone through it again, we did have due diligence, and so we felt good about the package going in and had a range of values

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that we felt we could live with. There have been no significant individual items and we didn't feel the necessity to detail that out. Again, when we came in this, I think we indicated to the market that this was very accretive to us under the income free cash flow and net asset value test.

I guess the only thing I would comment on was the completion of the Australian Magnesium Corporation financing. That, in our mind, did relieve what could potentially have been a contingent liability. So that probably was one item that you could point to. But again, we're well within what we view as our value range.

V. Flores Great. Now secondly, you've changed some of the conditions of your takeover proposal. The most important is the fact that you no longer require 90% of the Normandy shareholders to tender. What is the new condition? Are you looking for 50.1% at this point in time?

W. Murdy Yes, we were always at 50.1, but we had the cash component in the original offer was subject to the 90% test and we have dropped that.

V. Flores Okay, so you're still at 50.1 for the full cash, plus stock.



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W. Murdy Yes.

V. Flores Then finally, if I could - I know this is perhaps a bit thorny, Wayne and Pierre. Could you comment on what you expect from the takeover's panel, with respect to Anglo Gold's challenge? You know their allegation that certain shareholders in Normandy are getting better treatment.

W. Murdy They have complained to the takeover's panel on many items so far, and they're 0 for 4.

V. Flores Any sense for when they rule on this one, which is perhaps the--?

W. Murdy The reality is that we're advised here that we're not supposed to be commenting on things that are before the panel. So I've been warned, many times, not to do it. Now I will note that somehow we're playing by different rules than our compadres, who have put out a lot of press releases. But we are extremely comfortable with all the legal contracts and arrangements that we've entered into. We've said that up front, and we have seen nothing to change our view of that.

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V. Flores Great. Thank you, very much. I appreciate it.

Coordinator Our next question comes from John Duty from Gold Stock Analysts.

J. Duty Good morning, gentlemen. I definitely like the raised price side of the deal. I wonder if you can comment on why you haven't dropped the contingency for the Franco and Newmont to go ahead and merge. It would certainly create a clearer path, right now, to Franco's cash, I would think, and make a lot of people more comfortable with the total deal.

W. Murdy Well, as we've said from day one, this is transaction that only makes sense on a three-way basis; that's the power and the vision here. The transaction is structured such that at the point we hit the 50.1% interest in Normandy, it triggers the full merger with Franco. So we're playing to win. It's a three-way deal. Again, despite some of the things you

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may read, we don't think it's highly conditional, at all.

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J. Duty But if Franco did get a higher offer from somebody that they felt they had to accept under some conditions for their total stockholders, that would sort of leave Newmont holding the bag, wouldn't it?

P. Lassonde The Normandy shares that we own have been pledged to Newmont. So I'm not too sure what you're referring to.

J. Duty Well, I'm just wondering if your fellow brothers in Toronto wanted to upset the apple cart or something.

P. Lassonde Well, all I can say is good luck to them.

J. Duty Okay, thanks. Good luck to your both.

P. Lassonde Yes, thank you.

Coordinator Our next question comes from John Tamaso.

J. Tamaso Good morning. Given the poor performance of the South African rand in the last several months, which is probably a reasonable barometer of that

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country's outlook and, of course, Anglo Gold's position of having a big ... assets in South Africa. I expected Newmont's bid to prevail even if it was 3% to 5% lower than Anglo Gold's. In fact Franco-Nevada and Bob Ducrepnie's commitment of their shares to Newmont seemed implicitly to acknowledge that.

Wayne, I'm very surprised that you're bidding a 15% premium to Anglo Gold, in view of the American currency and flag looking a little better to most foreign investors in South Africa. Could you explain how the premium was determined?

W. Murdy Yes, John. I think you point out a number of strengths that we have in this transaction and I agree with everything you say. The only card that Anglo had in this is that they do have time on their side. They were out first and their offer ends on the 27th of this month. We expect to close the middle of February, about 25% of the shares. We hear 25% to 30%

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of the shares are in the hands of the arbs. As we all know, they don't care about the company long-term; it's strictly the transaction. So we had to recognize that timing difference and we felt that this clearly accomplishes that.

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Again, I would point out that there is no change in the arrangement between Franco and ourselves. So the bump is going to just 80% of the shareholders.

J. Tamaso

Wayne, as we recall the Santa Fe battle with Home Stake, four or five years ago, there came a point where the more Home Stake sweetened their bid, the more their stock fell and Newmont prevailed. In that sense, Anglo Gold doesn't appear to be that much of a threat. Why did you go to \$1.90 rather than \$1.66 or \$1.64?

W. Murdy

Again, I think, John, it came back to timing, the fact that you have so much in the arbs hands.

J. Tamaso

Okay, thank you.

P. Lassonde

Yes, John, the arbitrators really don't care who wins. To them, it's so many percent per month. With the number of shares, we're told 25% plus or minus 5%, it's a big number. We just have to live with that reality.

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The other thing, which is very real as well, is the South African rand is the second worse performing currency in the world this year, after the Turkish lira. Now I haven't checked the Afganeeze currency, but certainly the ones that we do know. I mean the currency has fallen over 40% since April of a year ago.

But what's pernicious about this thing is that for the South African institutions who are trying to basically save some of their savings, the stocks that have revenues in U.S. dollars are the only way that they can do something. So the ironic effect is that the Anglo Gold stock has been going up on internal South African buying, is our view. But that's only

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going to last - that's a short-term phenomenon.

In the long run, we all know that when a currency goes south the way that this one has, it's big trouble. But we've got to deal with the next two weeks, and that's what's happening.

J. Tamaso

Thank you.

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Our next question comes from Terrence Orsland from TSO Associates.

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T. Orsland

Thanks. Good morning, guys. Wayne, have you mentioned that you've touched base with the rating agencies with respect to Newmont paper and the merging company paper, whether you got their blessing or not? Number two, I'm kind of mystified by the gold price reaction here with respect to what you guys want to do with the hedge book and all, and the gold price seems to be totally shrugging it off. Any comments, Pierre?

W. Murdy

I think first of all, yes, we made contact before with the rating agencies and we're scheduled to meet with them again this week. But again, we don't see that as a major issue because of the strong coverage ratios that the combined company has.

P. Lassonde

In terms of the gold market, Terry, I think that the market is probably looking at it as "the proof is in the pudding". You know, once Newmont has wrapped up this deal and instituted the policies, then I think you're going to see an effect. But until then, the market is going to look at it and just say, "Show me." So it's a question of time here; that's our view.

T. Orsland

Fair enough. Thanks.

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Our next question comes from Katherine Sterritt from Scotia Capital.

K. Sterritt

Good morning. I wondered if you could expand a little bit on the hurdles that you have to go through in order to complete your transaction mid-February? I have to admit that it sounds aggressive to me, just

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given the precedent of Varic Home Stake going through the SEC and the bottlenecks they encountered. I wondered how you thought your process would be faster?

W. Murdy

I guess I would, in commenting on that - the filings that we have to go through is basically the bitter statement here, which we expect to file within a week. Then the documentation and the court hearings for the Franco vote.

I think with respect to Newmont and the SEC, the SEC, about a year and half ago, had a major change in personnel in the mining section. The new personnel have been going through each company that has filed with them, with a, I will call it, fine toothed comb. The advantage we have is that we

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went through that earlier this year when we did the Battle Mountain transaction.

We had an extremely thorough review; it took many months longer than what we expected, but we went through that. We had no revisions to reserves. We made some minor changes in some of our accounting policies on revenue recognition. But since we've been through that process, that's why we feel highly confident that we won't have that kind of issue again.

K. Sterritt

Okay. So you're thinking that the delay was more of the microanalysis that was taking place on the major company, as opposed the Australian Gap issues on accounting for reserves?

W. Murdy

Yes. Well, it wasn't Australian issues on reserves, but they went through everything and they did that again on Varic Home Stake. I think if you talk to the people there, they'll tell you that there were a lot of issues in that, that they went through, and it just takes time. But we have been through that process.

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With respect to Normandy's reserves - reserves in Australia, the standards here on reserves are very tight. Our people were very comfortable with Normandy's reserves. The resources are a matter that, or the standards, we would say, are a little less

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stringent than what we require internally. But that you can't, with SEC filings, you can't disclose resources anyway, so we think that that will be a moot issue.

K. Sterritt

Okay. Thank you, very much.

Coordinator

Our next question comes from Tom Collar from Morgan Stanley.

T. Yanko

Yes, it's Tom Yanko at Morgan Stanley. It says that the transaction is conditioned upon there not being a material adverse change in Normandy. I believe that on the last conference call you said that the price of gold would not be considered for the purpose of deciding whether there's been a material adverse effect at Normandy. Is that the case in this bid as well?

W. Murdy

Yes, that's basic documentation that we had entered into with Normandy in the merger agreement.

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T. Yanko

Okay, will the bidder statement that comes out in a week or so, will that clearly outline that there is an exclusion of a drop in the price of gold?

W. Murdy

Yes. Or an increase.

T. Yanko

Okay. We're not so concerned about an increase. The other thing - just a point, if this issue about the timing of a mid-February closing becomes something that Anglo Gold debates. One thing that companies do is assume that risk and put in some sort of an interest rate factor if it goes beyond a targeted timing date. If that becomes an issue that's being debated in the market, that you could address that and take that risk and compensate the Normandy shareholders for any unexpected delay. Thank you, very much.

W. Murdy

Thank you.

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The next question comes from John Duty from Gold Stock Analysts.

J. Duty

Boy it seems like there aren't too many people on the call this morning and you guys are the ones up early or late, whatever the case is. I wonder,

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actually my question was answered. It had to do with the SEC clearance time, and it was certainly well answered. Thank you.

W. Murdy Thank you.

Coordinator Our next question comes from Kerry Smith of Heywood Securities.

K. Smith Good morning, Wayne - a quick question on the rationalization that Pierre talked about. Could you give us some idea as to the rationalization that you plan to complete post the merger, in terms of how much production you think would fall off the table through the rationalization process?

W. Murdy Yes. I think if you go to the material that's on the Web site, we talk about, on page five, our asset portfolio and we've tried to indicate which we consider core assets and which we consider strategic and then we've labeled others. In fact, within the Normandy group, if you eliminated all of the others, which is not necessarily what we would do, you're talking about less than 200,000 ounces.

K. Smith Okay. Thanks.

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Coordinator Our next question comes from Adam Dosavitch from Pollack Company.

M. Pollack Hi, there, it's actually Murray Pollack. Adam asked me to step in here for a moment. Question - assuming this transaction is completed, Newmont will have acquired, over the last several years, Santa Fe, Battle Mountain, Hemlow and now Normandy. A tremendous number of operating mines in total. Does management contemplate any streamlining once this acquisition is complete? Please comment.

W. Murdy Yes, absolutely. When we talk about rationalization, again, what we focus on in the company is being in relatively few areas that are substantial gold producing regions. So the focus of the company is then in Nevada, clearly the Yanna Coacha region in South America, in Peru and these assets in Australia. But there are a number of assets that we label as non-strategic or non-core and we would look at extracting value, utilizing the skill sets of the merchant banking group out of Franco to exit those over a period of time.

M. Pollack Thank you.

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P. Lassonde

Let me just add, Murray, you probably do not have the Grant Samuel report, but all of the Normandy shareholders would have that report. I just mention it because they did evaluation of all the Normandy assets for the board, to respond to the Anglo Gold original offer. If you look at the value that they put on that 10% of assets that Wayne was mentioning, you come up with a value in the range of U.S. \$650 million to \$850 million.

Certainly we would not dispute that. We have looked at that very carefully and I think that the role of the Merchant Banking Division at Franco will be to take some of these assets and create real value. We're looking forward to that challenge. I think it's going to be something where we can add a lot of value to Newmont.

M. Pollack

Thank you.

Coordinator

Our next question comes from John Bridges from JP Morgan.

J. Bridges

Hi, good morning, congratulations. I just wondered if you'd spoken about the rationalization and asset sales. I wonder if you can give us some

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indication as to the order of magnitude of what sort of amount you'd be looking for from those sales?

P. Lassonde

I think, John, I just mentioned what the Grant Samuel report had. I think we think it's a good start. We think that there are a couple of assets that we could, very quickly, in the space of a few months, get in the order of \$250 million to \$350 million. The goal here would be to get right back to where we were in terms of the debt ratio, 18%. Then over the next 18 months, to continue rationalization of the assets. A lot of the assets take people; they take management time and they will not be part of the long-term core assets.

So we're not going to fall in love with any assets. We're going to very objectively look at them, see how



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they fit in the corporate goals going forward and maximize the value for the Newmont shareholder.

J. Bridges

So some of these things offer a win/win.

P. Lassonde

I would think so. I think it's going to be not only a win for Newmont, but what we're really going to try to do is work with medium-sized,

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intermediate sized companies and create a win/win for both companies. Because there is, in our view, a need for some of these assets to get down, what we would call the "food chain". Some of the very good intermediate companies are in, I would say, need of good projects. There are a number of really good, decent projects in this asset rationalization program that would better fit somebody else. So you work with them and you can create a win/win situation.

J. Bridges

Okay great. Thank you.

Coordinator

Our last question comes from Adrian Day from Global Strategic Management.

A. Day

Yes, good morning and good afternoon. I have a question about the portfolio management aspect of this, going forward. I know for myself, these three companies, Franco, Newmont and Normandy happen to be three of my four largest gold holdings. So going forward, obviously, that presents a bit of a difficulty for me, and I'm sure I'm not alone. I'm wondering if you could comment on that and, in particular, if you've seen any indications, recently, that the generalists are buying gold?

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P. Lassonde

Adrian, I don't know. You've got to be one of the only ones that can pick three tremendous gold stocks like that.

W. Murdy

Clearly the discussions that we've been having and what we've seen are the generalist funds buying into the stock. We saw that, really, for the better part of this year. Substantial increased holdings by some of the major, major funds that have held us in the past. It's clearly coming from the generalist funds.

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I think on our road show we are talking to people, certainly we get the portfolio managers that deal with natural resources in a broader sense, but we're also seeing a broader spectrum of portfolio managers.

So there's a lot of interest out there. Again, I think it's portfolio diversification. The times have changed. The bull market of the last ten years is over and people are looking for real diversification in their portfolio and this stock clearly does that.

A. Day

Okay, great. Thanks.

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P. Lassonde

I think, Adrian, that problem would have been acute when the gold funds represented a major force in the business. But you know, in the last five years the assets of those funds have diminished quite a bit. So we find that there's not a tremendous amount of overlap and we don't see that as an issue, really.

A. Day

Okay. Thanks.

W. Yang

Thank you, very much, ladies and gentlemen. I just want to point out that the replay number for this call is 1-800-280-4691 in the U.S. and the international number for replay is 402-220-9723.

We also invite you to our Web site at [www.newmont.com](http://www.newmont.com) for a North America presentation that is up on the Web site. There is also an Australian presentation on the Web site, as well.

Thank you for joining us today.

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Thank you. That concludes today's conference call. All participants, you may disconnect at this time.