

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION



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Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of Castlemaine Goldfields Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Castlemaine Goldfields Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

Tim Goldsmith
Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Melbourne
12 March 2010