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## FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR SIX MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2018

Strong performance at Australian mines generate solid profit result despite heavy investment in growth. Interim dividend up 33% to 6¢ fully-franked

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenue of A\$633.5M, up 43% from previous corresponding period (pcp)
- Interim dividend increased 33% to A6¢, fully-franked and in line with capital management policy of paying out 6% of revenue
- Underlying net profit after tax up 11% to A\$89.1M
- Statutory net profit after tax up 4% to A\$82.1M
- Cash flow from operating activities of A\$169.1M, up 33% on pcp
- Earnings per share of A13¢, underlying EPS up 6% to A14.1¢, excluding acquisition and integration costs
- EBITDA up 10% to A\$221.8M
- Solid financial performance comes despite record investment of A\$83M in exploration and expansionary capital, including A\$10M investment in Pogo
- Strong result at Australian operations:
  - EBITDA of A\$240M, up 13% from pcp
  - EBITDA margin of 45%
  - Cashflow from operating activities of A\$203M
- Investment in Pogo generating outstanding results which will underpin growth in mine life, production and cashflow (see ASX release dated 12 February 2019)
- Industry-leading financial returns sustained: Return on Equity of 20% on an annualised basis excluding Pogo acquisition
- 423,243oz gold sold\* at an average price of A\$1,700/oz
- On track to meet FY2019 guidance of 850,000-900,000oz at AISC of A\$1,125-A\$1,225/oz
- A\$292M in cash, bullion and investments on hand at 31 December despite outlaying A\$196M on acquisitions during the half; Company has no debt
- Northern Star will be hosting an interim results conference call today at 7:30am AWST (10:30am AEDT). The call can be accessed at  
<https://webcasting.boardroom.media/broadcast/5c51152ba5daa339d94c6c72>

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Northern Star Resources (ASX: NST) is pleased to report its financial results for the six months to December 31, 2018. The results reflect a combination of the strong performance at Northern Star's Australian mines and the significant investment the Company made in its next round of growth, particularly at the Pogo gold mine in Alaska.

The Pogo acquisition, which was included in Northern Star's accounts from September 28, 2018, helped underpin a 43 per cent increase in revenue from the previous corresponding period to A\$633.5 million.

This led to a 33 per cent increase in the interim dividend to A6¢, fully-franked, which is in keeping with the Company's policy of paying dividends equal to 6 per cent of revenue.

Underlying net profit was up 11 per cent from the same time last year at A\$89.1 million and statutory net profit was 4 per cent higher at A\$82.1 million.

Northern Star Executive Chairman Bill Beament said it was a solid result which was driven by the strong performance of the Australian operations and the upfront investment made in Pogo.

"We generated an industry-leading return on equity of 20 per cent excluding the Pogo acquisition, which is particularly exceptional when compared with the Van Eck GDX index 5-year average of negative 2.9 per cent," Mr Beament said.

"At the same time, we invested a record A\$83 million in exploration and expansionary capital, A\$10 million of which was at Pogo.

"As yesterday's announcement demonstrated, the exploration results we are generating at Pogo are world-class and will help us achieve our objective of growing mine life, production and cashflow there.

"But those sorts of results don't come for free. We need to invest in Pogo in the same way as we have invested in our other Tier-1 operations.

"And based on what we are seeing, I have no doubt we will reap significant returns from that investment at Pogo in the same way, or better, than we have done at Kalgoorlie and Jundee."

The interim fully franked dividend record date is the 14 March 2019 with the payment date 4 April 2019.

Yours faithfully



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<sup>1</sup> All currency conversions have been converted at a currency of AUD/USD conversion rate of A\$0.7286.

\* Gold sold and AISC are inclusive of Pogo operations for September 18 and December 18 quarters.