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Saracen Minerals and Northern Star in \$16b merger: sources

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Australian mid tier gold companies Saracen Mineral Holdings and Northern Star Resources have agreed a merger that would value the combined group at more than \$16 billion, sources told Street Talk on Tuesday.

It is understood the pair, who each acquired 50 per cent of the massive Super Pit gold mine last year, have formalised terms and are expected to announce the tie up as early as Tuesday.

The combined company would create a new Australian gold player of global significance, and combine ownership of the Super Pit into one entity.



The Kalgoorlie Super Pit is jointly owned by Australia's Northern Star Resources and Saracen Mineral Holdings. **Ryan Stuart**

It would also become Australia's second biggest gold miner by market value behind Newcrest Mining, which is worth \$25.4 billion.

The mooted transaction is expected to be subject to shareholder and other approvals.

It would be done via a scheme of arrangement where Northern Star would acquire 100 per cent of the shares in Saracen, sources said.

Sternship and Ashurst advised Northern Star, while Macquarie Capital and DLA Piper advised Saracen.

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