### WESTGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED [ ASX: WGX ]

# **DECEMBER QUARTERLY OVERVIEW**

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**27 January 2022** 

Wayne Bramwell – Executive Director Debbie Fullarton – Chief Executive Officer





#### **COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Exploration targets, exploration results the information in this report that relates to exploration targets and exploration results is compiled by Westgold technical employees and contractors under the supervision of Mr. Jake Russell B. Sc. (Hons), who is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Russell is a full time employee of the company, and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposit under consideration and to the activities which he is undertaking to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian code for reporting of exploration results, mineral resources and ore reserves. Mr Russell consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. Mr Russell is eligible to participate in short and long term incentive plans of the company.

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## **DECEMBER QUARTER - Highlights**

- December Quarter [Q2] Results
  - Despite COVID disruptions record quarterly gold production of 66,688oz
  - Cash cost of sales (C1) of A\$1,466/oz
  - All-In Sustaining Costs (AISC) of A\$1,714/oz
- Despite COVID cost pressures FYTD within FY22 guidance
  - FY22YTD 132,861oz @ C1 of \$1,396/oz and AISC A\$1,648/oz
- Closing cash, unsold bullion and liquid assets of A\$110M
- Risk mitigating COVID, supply chain and weather risks by:
  - Ore stock build building surface stocks at processing hubs
  - Inventory build of critical spares and consumables
- Major mines building momentum mining more than we can process on a monthly basis
  - Starlight UG 183Kt for Q2
  - Paddy's Flat UG 196Kt for Q2 and record monthly mine production in December of 73,000t
  - Bluebird UG 67Kt for Q2 [steady state declared]
  - Big Bell UG 220kt for Q2 [77kt in December]



Q2 FY22 - Scorecard





**Group Gold Production and A\$ Costs** 

## Q2 FY22 – Group Results



		GROUP Q1 FY22	GROUP Q2 FY22	GROUP FYTD
Physical Summary	Units			
ROM - UG Ore Mined	t	787,367	794,482	1,581,849
UG Grade Mined	g/t	2.7	2.6	2.6
OP Ore Mined	t	216,911	159,465	376,376
OP Grade Mined	g/t	1.6	1.3	1.5
Ore Processed	t	981,370	957,591	1,938,961
Head Grade	g/t	2.3	2.4	2.4
Recovery	%	90	89	90
Gold Produced	oz	66,173	66,688	132,861
Gold Sold	oz	50,163	81,754	131,917
Achieved Gold Price	A\$/oz	2,322	2,380	2,358
Cost Summary				
Mining	A\$/oz	1,016	1,102	1,059
Processing	A\$/oz	358	392	375
Admin	A\$/oz	74	82	78
Stockpile Movements	A\$/oz	(123)	(110)	(116)
C1 Cash Cost (produced oz)	A\$/oz	1,325	1,466	1,396
Royalties	A\$/oz	76	88	82
C2 Cash Cost (produced oz)		1,401	1,554	1,478
Corporate Costs / Reclaim etc	A\$/oz	13	13	13
Sustaining Capital	A\$/oz	168	147	157
All-in Sustaining Costs	A\$/oz	1,582	1,714	1,648
Notional Cashflow Summary				
Mine Operating Cashflow	A\$ m	43	38	81
Growth / Startup Capital	A\$ m	(32)	(29)	(61)
Plant & Equipment	A\$ m	(6)	(11)	(17)
Net Mine Cashflow	A\$ m	4	(2)	2
Exploration Summary				
Exploration Spend	A\$ m	(5)	(5)	(10)

Q2 versus Q1 comparison

- Total production 957,591t aligned
- Grade 2.4 g/t Au +4% (ability to prioritise HG ore)
- Achieved gold price A\$2,380/oz +2% (active gold sales policy)
- Mining cost +8% (impacted by labour, fuel & consumables)
- Processing cost +9% (impacted by fuel increases)
- Admin cost +11% (impacted by additional flights and fuel increases)
- Sustaining capital -12% (build in stockpiles)
- Mine Operating CF -12% (impact of higher C1 costs in Q2)
- Net Mine Cashflow aligned
- Exploration spend aligned

## **COVID-19 Impacts and Response**







**Mining Operations Salaries and Oncosts** 





Cost inputs up but Westgold has achieved another record quarter of gold production

## Q2 FY22 – Safety Statistics



### WGX Group Lost Time Injury Performance



### **BRYAH - Fortnum**







## MURCHISON – Meekatharra and Cue





### **Refer ASX – Paddy's Flat Operation Update 20 December 2021**

## MURCHISON – Big Bell





### **Big Bell Q2 Output**

- 219,698 t @ 2.5 g/t Au
- Higher % of lower grade upper level and peripheral ore blocks mined
- Q3 return to higher % of deeper cave production at/above reserve grade of 2.8g/t Au

## **Exploration & Growth**

Exploration and Growth Update - 18 November 2021

### New target pipeline identifies:

- 21 Priority 1
- 14 Priority 2 exploration targets
- Drilling to commence Q3



### **CORPORATE**



- No Corporate Debt
- Maiden Cash Dividend
  - maiden cash dividend of 2.0 cents [unfranked] per fully paid share

350

- A\$6.4M cash disbursement to shareholders
- Withdrawal of Offer for Gascoyne Resources Limited
- Gold Hedging
  - 140,000 hedged at an average 2,179/oz
  - Further 35,000oz hedged at average A\$2,534 post quarter end
  - Total hedge position 175,000oz at average price of A\$2,262/oz

### Cash and Bullion - Q2 Dec 2021 Movement



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