# JUNE QUARTERLY OVERVIEW

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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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# Westgold's Management Team

### **Q4 FY22 Results**

- Record Q4 gold production of 72,597oz at an All-In Sustaining Cost (AISC) of \$1,843/oz
- Record full year gold production of 270,884oz Au at AISC of \$1,725/oz
- Q4 mine operating cashflow of \$46M (Q3: \$41M, Q2: \$38M, Q1: \$49M)
- At quarter end, Westgold is debt free and with closing cash and liquid assets of \$190M
- Big Bell mine production record 272,124t @ 2.6 g/t Au for the quarter
- New high grade exploration discovery at Sovereign Reef
- Production milestone at Fortnum with 1000<sup>th</sup> bar poured
- New management appointments Wayne Bramwell appointed as Managing Director and Phillip Wilding as Acting Chief Operating Officer
- New long-term power and gas contracts executed post-quarter, which will deliver cost savings onwards of ≈\$100/oz at the current diesel price
- New Fender underground mine commenced post-quarter





#### FY22 – Guidance Delivered



Production (oz), Achieved Gold Price & AISC (\$/oz)

Managing Director Wayne Bramwell commented:

"Westgold delivering its FY22 production guidance within 1.5% of cost guidance is a remarkable achievement in the current inflationary and COVID environment. Our team has pragmatically navigated every challenge of FY22, and their collective efforts see us close the financial year safe, debt free and with a healthy balance sheet.

Our business is rapidly evolving. Our larger mines are operating at, or above steady state and operational delivery is becoming more consistent. Our exploration team has had early success at Sovereign and the company is now focused upon improving productivity and driving cost efficiencies.

In FY23, Westgold strategy is to maximise the profitability of every ounce of gold we produce to deliver safe and sustainable growth. With a strengthening balance sheet, an operational base that can be leveraged and a refreshed leadership team, Westgold is extremely well positioned to successfully navigate the inflationary environment that may persist in the current fiscal year."



## **Q4 Safety and Environmental Performance**





- Specific focus on high-level, pre-task risk assessments and regular EH&S information sharing across our regions.
- 6.05% decrease in Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR)
  - Q4 22.91, Q3 24.39
- 29.15% decrease in Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR)
  - Q4 1.41, Q3 1.99
- Significant Environmental Incident Frequency Rate (SEIFR) remained at 0.00 for this quarter.
- Environmental Incident Frequency Rate (EIFR) increased slightly, moving from 12.12 to 12.19 for the quarter.

## ESG – Big Bell Variable Speed Fan Trial

- Big Bell mine has now completed trials of ventilation on-demand systems, where secondary fans have been operating with variable speed drives and automation.
- Every underground machine has a unique identifier and when a unit of mobile equipment travels past a fan sensor, the fan in that drive will switch on the required airflow required for that vehicle.
- When leaving that drive, the sensor will switch the fan off.
- For the 6-month trial undertaken there has been realised energy savings of ≈52.9% or just over 1,500 Mwh, equivalent to ≈400,000 litres of diesel saved and ≈1,070 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emission avoided.
- This cost saving and emission reduction innovation is now being reviewed across the rest of the operations and will be phased in across other mines.



## ESG – New Electricity and LNG Supply Agreements





- On 11 July 2022 Westgold announced it had executed a new Electricity Purchase Agreement with independent power provider Pacific Energy and a new LNG Supply Agreement with Clean Energy Fuels Australia (CEFA).
- These agreements will deliver substantial operating cost savings to Westgold in financial year 2023-2024 (FY24) onwards of ≈\$100/oz at the current diesel price and supports our commitment to environmental, social and governance (ESG) initiatives that will reduce the Company's long term greenhouse gas emissions.
- Critically for Westgold, this transition to a mixed generation platform includes renewables and gas and is expected to reduce carbon emissions from diesel powered generators by over 57%, due to the higher integration of renewables (34% solar) and cleaner fuel (gas versus diesel).



### **Q4 Key Metrics**

- Guidance achieved with a record full year gold production of 270,884oz at an AISC of \$1,725/oz
- Record Q4 gold production of 72,597oz at an All-In Sustaining Cost (AISC) of \$1,843/oz resulting in a mine operating cash flow of \$46m
- Operating cost pressures continues in Q4 with significant increases in diesel fuel price and key consumables coupled with persistent labour cost inflation
- Continuing reduction of capital expenditure as Big Bell and Bluebird transitioning to commercial production moving from a growth phase to sustaining operation
- Exploration spend remains consistent and in-line with prior quarters at approximately \$5M as Westgold continues to work to expand known gold deposits and discover new gold deposits within its extensive tenement holdings.

		MURCHISON JUN QTR FY22	BRYAH JUN QTR FY22	GROUP JUN QTR FY22	GROUP YTD FY22
Physical Summary	Units				
ROM - UG Ore Mined	t	640,856	177,777	818,633	3,139,459
UG Grade Mined	g/t	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.8
OP Ore Mined	t	104,270	-	104,270	669,454
OP Grade Mined	g/t	1.9	-	1.9	1.6
Ore Processed	t	687,957	214,794	902,751	3,697,924
Head Grade	g/t	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.5
Recovery	%	90	95	91	90
Gold Produced	OZ	54,808	17,789	72,597	270,884
Gold Sold	OZ	63,630	18,669	82,299	269,705
Achieved Gold Price	A\$/oz	2,480	2,485	2,481	2,401
Cost Summary					
Mining	A\$/oz	1,178	765	1,076	1,076
Processing	A\$/oz	409	379	402	397
Admin	A\$/oz	106	93	103	84
Stockpile Movements	A\$/oz	(136)	154	(65)	(119)
C1 Cash Cost (produced oz)	A\$/oz	1,557	1,391	1,516	1,438
Royalties	A\$/oz	105	65	95	87
C2 Cash Cost (produced oz)		1,662	1,456	1,611	1,525
Corporate Costs / Reclaim etc	A\$/oz	20	36	24	24
Sustaining Capital	A\$/oz	214	191	208	176
All-in Sustaining Costs	A\$/oz	1,896	1,683	1,843	1,725
Notional Cashflow Summary					
Notional Revenue (produced oz)	A\$ m	136	44	180	650
All-in Sustaining Costs	A\$ m	(104)	(30)	(134)	(467)
Mine Operating Cashflow	A\$ m	32	14	46	183
Growth Capital	A\$ m	(14)	(3)	(17)	(103)
Plant & Equipment	A\$ m	(6)	(1)	(7)	(33)
Exploration Spend	A\$ m	(4)	(1)	(5)	(18)
Net Mine Cashflow	A\$ m	9	9	18	29

### **Q4 Cash Flow Movement**



Cash and Bullion – Q4 June 2022



- Record Q4 production resulting in revenue of \$204M at an achieved gold price of \$2,481/oz
- Operating cost pressures \$134M (Q3: \$115M) on fuel price and key consumables coupled with persistent labour cost inflation.
  - This is mitigated by ceasing owner-operator open pit mining in the Murchison region and reduction in stockpiles inventory build
- Capital expenditure steadily declining as key assets such as Big Bell and Bluebird enter steady state operations with less requirements on growth development capital
- Exploration spend remains consistent and in-line with prior quarters at approximately \$5M as Westgold continues to work to expand known gold deposits and discover new gold deposits within its extensive tenement holdings
- Cash, Bullion and Liquid Investments maintained at \$190M (Q3: \$189M)
- Growth funds net proceeds of \$96M from the placement for growth projects completed in Q3 has not been drawn down in Q4.

## **Q4 Hedge Book – 148,000oz**



#### Hedge book reduced during Q4 to 148,000oz at an average \$2,396/oz

- Provides approximately ≈6 months production cover at 270,000oz pa run rate
- Mitigates any significant downward pressure on the gold price yet allowing headroom for upward movements in the gold price
- Hedging position reviewed monthly





## **Operational Summary - Bryah**

- Continued steady production from Starlight UG
- 1000<sup>th</sup> gold bar poured @ Fortnum processing hub
- New pebble crusher ordered to increase throughput
- Definition drilling @ Starlight exposes 2.34m at 43.88g/t Au
- Continued exposure of new lodes within the Starlight system continue to perform well
  - 5.05m at 18.75g/t Au in Galaxy and
  - 2.0m at 45.19g/t Au in Nightfall
- Positive drill results in Labouchere
  - 14m at 4.29g/t Au from 30m in 21LABRC040 and
  - 2.0m at 20.55g/t Au from 45m in 21LABRC053



#### **Operational Summary - Murchison**





- Production of 54,808oz reflecting the high grade UG feed
- Record production at Tuckabianna Mill of 24,798oz
- Record quarter from Big Bell 272kt @2.6g/t Au
- Big Bell UG achieving above planned run rate with more exposure in the virgin cave levels
- Paddy's Flat UG continuing exposure to below the Consol's/Fenian's workings and stopes performing well
- Bluebird UG commenced exposing Northern lodes for future expansion, investigating Southern opportunities
- As part of the simplification plan, the isolated South Emu-Triton mine to move to care and maintenance soon until drilling defines optimal mine plan
- Fender mine commencement simple mining method and can leverage Big Bell infrastructure and team

### **Exploration Success at Sovereign**





- The initial diamond drilling (DD) program at the Sovereign Target (Day Dawn) was completed in April with highly encouraging assay results returned.
- Sovereign is located ≈300m into the hanging wall of the historic Great Fingall mine and approximately the same distance into the footwall of the Golden Crown mine.
- These two operations collectively produced >1.5M oz of gold from high-grade quartz reef systems hosted within the highly prospective Great Fingall Dolerite.
- Two of the three holes drilled to test the Sovereign target intersected significant gold mineralisation (refer ASX Release of 20 June 2022).
- Drilling has recommenced in July

### Q1, FY23 Outlook

#### Build blocks to improving profitability

- Business Improvement Programme
  - Productivity gains
- Operational efficiencies
  - Diesel consumption reductions
  - Rationalisation of surplus fleet
- Commercial opportunities
  - Review all major supply contracts

#### Growth

- Fender underground mining commenced
- Sovereign drilling underway
- Bluebird expansion underway
- Caustons drilling to begin
- Great Fingall drilling to begin







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