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# SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A\$100 MILLION PLACEMENT TO ACCELERATE GROWTH STRATEGY

# Highlights

- Completion of A\$100 million Placement to new and existing institutional and sophisticated investors
- Proceeds to accelerate Murchison and Bryah growth opportunities and fund pathway to targeted +400,000 ounces per annum from FY24

Westgold Resources Limited [ASX: WGX] ["**Westgold**" or the "**Company**"] is pleased to announce it has successfully completed a strongly supported placement to institutional and sophisticated investors to raise approximately A\$100 million before costs ["**Placement**"] through the placement of 48,000,000 new fully paid ordinary shares at an issue price of A\$2.10 per share ["**Placement Price**"]. The Placement Price represents a:

- 13.9% discount to the last traded price of A\$2.44 per share on 9 March 2022
- 11.7% discount to the 5-day volume weighted average price of A\$2.38 per share

The Placement shares will be issued within the Company's ASX Listing Rule 7.1 placement capacity. It is expected that the Placement shares will be allotted 18 March 2022. Canaccord Genuity (Australia) Limited acted as Lead Manager and Bookrunner to the Placement.

Funds raised in the Placement will be applied to accelerating Westgold's Murchison and Bryah growth strategy. This strategy focusses upon establishing a systematic pathway towards a +400,000 ounce per annum gold production rate from FY24 and incorporates:

## 1. Organic Growth – increasing gold production and margins in FY23 and FY24 by:

- Increasing existing Murchison mine production the Bluebird UG Expansion Project
  - Targeting ≈50% increase in annual production to ≈600,000 tonnes at ≈3g/t (≈50Koz Au)<sup>1</sup>
- Accelerating new Murchison mine production the Fender UG Development Project
  - Targeting 300,000 420,000 tonnes at ≈2.8g/t Au (26-36Koz Au) annual mine production<sup>2</sup>
- Advancing strategic development assets across the Murchison and Bryah including:
  - Tuckabianna Development Project the Causton's / Tuckabianna West opportunities
  - Day Dawn Development Project the iconic Great Fingall and Golden Crown mines
    - Current Mineral Resource of 1.9Mt at @ 8.5g/t Au for ~500,000 oz<sup>3</sup>
  - Tuckabianna and Fortnum mill expansions to expand group processing capacity above 4Mtpa
- 2. Inorganic Growth maintaining or extending optionality over stranded regional gold assets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer ASX Announcement of 7 July 2021 – Bluebird Underground Recommences

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refer ASX Announcement of 8 November 2021 – Fender, Westgold's Next Underground Mine

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Refer ASX Announcement of 29 September 2021 – Westgold Resource & Reserve Statement 2021



Commenting on the outcome of the Placement, Executive Director Wayne Bramwell said:

"The scale of market support of this placement strongly endorses Westgold's growth plans and speaks to the growing momentum and the evolution of our business.

Westgold will systematically deploy these funds to expand gold production in FY23 and FY24 from Bluebird, Fender and the Tuckabianna trend, underpinning the expansion of our processing hubs. Concurrently, and with a view to FY24 onwards we will rapidly advance the strategic and iconic high-grade Great Fingall and Golden Crown mines.

This placement heralds a new phase of corporate development at Westgold. Operationally we are sharply focussed on cost management and profitability of the business at its current scale and can now launch the next stage of growth for our shareholders from a position of increasing strength."



Figure 1 - Westgold Murchison Operations



Figure 2 - Westgold Bryah Operations

## **Placement Details**

Approximately 48 million new shares will be issued in accordance with the Company's 15% placement capacity pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1. Trading will resume today, Monday 14 March 2022 at market open. The Placement Shares are expected to settle on Thursday 17 March 2022 and commence trading on the ASX as per usual trading on Friday 18 March 2022. The Placement Shares will be fully paid ordinary shares and will rank equally with existing shares on issue. This Placement is not underwritten.

## **Placement Timetable<sup>4</sup>**

Event	Date
Settlement of Placement Shares	Thursday 17 March 2022
Allotment of Placement Shares	Friday 18 March 2022

## ENDS

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Dates are indicative and subject to change at the Company's discretion, subject to compliance with all relevant laws and the ASX Listing Rules. Any change will be disclosed accordingly.



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The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results and Mineral Resources 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 to 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 longterm incentive plans of the company.

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