



Operations to Resume at Big Bell

Westgold Resources Limited (**ASX: WGX**) (**Westgold** or the **Company**) provides the following update in response to Tuesday's serious incident at the Company's Big Bell underground mine, which claimed the life of our colleague Paige Counsell. Paige was a valued member of our wholly owned mining services subsidiary, Minterra Pty Ltd.

The Company again expresses its deepest sympathy to Paige's family, friends and colleagues. Westgold is engaged with Paige's family to ensure they are supported throughout this difficult time.

Following the completion of preliminary investigations, inspectors from WA Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (**DMIRS**) has cleared the site to resume operations. Westgold is continuing to work closely with DMIRS in order to finalise the investigation into the incident, the resolution of which may take some time.

In recognition of the distress caused by the incident on our tight-knit workforce at Big Bell, Westgold and Minterra have elected to gradually return to regular operational activities. This will allow time for all of our employees and contractors at site to receive counselling and feel comfortable returning to work. As such it is expected that operations will progressively return to normal over the coming weeks.

The safety and wellbeing of our workforce is always Westgold's first priority. The Company affirms its commitment to ensuring that risks are identified and managed in order to provide a safe working environment.

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