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The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results is compiled by Westgold technical employees and contractors under the supervision of Mr. Simon Rigby B.Sc. (Hons), who is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Rigby 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 Australiaan Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Rigby consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. Mr Rigby is eligible to participate in short- and long-term incentive plans of the company.

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### **Q2 FY24 Overview – Cash build continues**

Fourth consecutive quarter of cash build lifts treasury to \$238M

Closing Cash, Bullion & Liquids position (\$M)





- Safety performance continues to improve
- Gold produced 59,238oz
- All-In Sustaining Cost (AISC): \$2,245/oz
- Commenced two new mines
- After reset, Starlight outperforming
- Paddy's Flat underperforms now in transition to exploration phase
- Increasing drill activity 12 rigs spinning in Q3
- Established \$100M corporate facility
- Westgold remains debt free and fully leveraged to the gold price

#### **\$21M cash build achieved - despite lower Q on Q production**

6% reduction in gold production q on q

- Lower production at Paddy's Flat
- Lower grade at Bluebird
- Planned shut at Bluebird mill and unplanned downtime at Tuckabianna
- COVID-19

#### \$11M higher AISC compared to Q1

 Investment in improved employee remuneration and benefit programs





### Westgold remains on track for FY24 guidance



Having a portfolio of operating gold mines underpins our inherent operating flexibility.

OPERATION	FY24 Group Guidance	Q2 FY24	H1 FY24
Production (oz)	245,000 -265,000	59,238	122,343
AISC (\$/oz)	1,800-2,000	2,245	2,085
Growth Capital (\$M) <sup>1</sup>	130	35	58
Exploration (\$M) <sup>2</sup>	25	4	11

1. Growth Capital includes underground, camp and other growth-related project, property, plant and equipment costs

2. Exploration includes expenditure associated with all Murchison and Bryah tenure and includes FY23 Great Fingall and Causton's drilling

#### Paddy's Flat mining pause to be offset by commencement of stoping at Fender and sustained Starlight improvement

Production by ore source (oz)



#### Stronger H2 expected on top of further possible upside from Great Fingall

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### Safety metrics continue to improve





Westgold has improved its TRIFR by 46% since this time last year

TRI — LTIFR — TRIFR

### Hybrid Power Plants – all energised and delivering cost savings

**Commissioning status of hybrid power stations** 

Fully commissioned, these hybrid facilities are expected to:

Power Facility	Gas	Solar	Battery	Comments
Tuckabianna	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Operational since early Aug 2023
Fortnum	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	Operational since October 2023
Big Bell				Solar and battery commissioning to be completed in Q3 FY24
Bluebird		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Mine on 100% hybrid power, with processing to adopt in Q3 FY24

Reduce diesel consumption by 38 million litres per annum



Reduce emissions by 56%



Deliver ≈A\$60/oz in AISC savings<sup>1</sup>

### Investing in our people - to retain and attract talent



Leveraging changes to employee benefits in targeted recruitment campaigns







#### **Turnover has fallen by 10%**

### **BRYAH – Stellar performance from Starlight**



- Right sizing of Starlight in prior quarters has delivered a robust plan supported by the right level of drill data
- Starlight has produced > 250koz gold under Westgold management
- Nightfall continues to perform ahead of expectation
  - Potential new decline to lift mining rates in the coming quarters



Grab sample from Nightfall Lode (visible gold evident)



## **Encouraging drilling results from Nightfall continue**



#### Drilling supports the view that Nightfall could become a higher grade ore source

- Accelerated drilling strategy in place
- Multiple studies ongoing, investigating the optimal mining strategy for Nightfall and Starlight



### MURCHISON – Addressing lower production at Paddy's Flat







- Big Bell performed to plan continued mining in lower grade portions of the cave
- Bluebird delivered FCF but grade down due to dilution
- Paddy's Flat underperformed operational pause in Q3 with people and equipment to be redeployed to Bluebird
- Planned and unplanned downtime
  - 4 week planned shutdown at Bluebird mill for girth gear rotation reduced throughput
  - Unplanned downtime at Tuckabianna mill issues rectified

### **Two new mines commenced - Great Fingall and Fender**







...both with potential production upside in FY24

### **Big Bell Deeps - underway following FID in Q2**



- Decline development has progressed to 780mRL
- Procurement and construction of paste fill infrastructure commenced
- First long hole stoping ore expected early in FY25

## **Brownfields Exploration – Current focus at South Junction & Bluebird**



#### Five drills on site

- Continued exploration at Bluebird aiming to refine and extend Mineral Resources
- Substantial new Resource Definition program at South Junction
- Aim is to define further Mineral Resources in support of the expansion of Bluebird group production

#### A new decline into South Junction potentially increases Bluebird production rates



# **Greenfields Exploration – Extensive organic targets**





Substantial greenfields targeting works completed in the Peak Hill and Labouchere regions at Fortnum



Four Aboriginal heritage surveys completed across selected targets in the Bluebird region prior to commencement of drill testing



Substantial gravity geophysical surveys completed in the Norie and Day Dawn regions with exciting targets already being developed at Day Dawn



Drill testing of priority greenfields targets to commence during Q3



### **Analogous targets to Golden Crown and Great Fingall identified**





# AISC increase driven by investment in Remuneration & Benefits Strategy

#### AISC increased to \$133M Q on Q

- Remuneration & Benefits (majority non-cash) flowed through Mining, Processing and Admin salaries; and
- Key supply contracts eg: haulage cost increased;
- Mill shutdown/downtime costs;
- Timing of CET transition costs
  - offset by lower stockpile consumption (non-cash)
- Growth capital expenditure of \$35M this quarter (Q1: \$23M)
- Exploration investment with 9 rigs operating \$4M (Q1: \$8M)

### Rem & Ben improvements driving majority of mining, processing and admin increase (predominantly non-cash)

#### Change in AISC between Q1 and Q2 (\$M)



#### Westgold remains focussed on cost reduction and free cash flow

### Westgold – focussed on consistent delivery of free cash flow





- End end of Q2 treasury is \$238M
- Westgold remains debt free
- Q2 gold sales of **59,961oz** revenue of **\$182M**
- Operating cash costs including sustaining capital maintained
  Q2 \$130M (Q1: \$129M)
- Capital expenditure includes the Clean Energy Transition (CET) Project (\$4M)
- Exploration spend continues in line with Westgold's strategy to invest in its extensive tenement holdings
- \$100M Revolving Corporate Facility established with two Tier 1 lenders (underdrawn)

## Q2 – Westgold fully leveraged to gold price



#### 15,000oz of Zero Cost Collars remain at end of Q2

- Contingent deliveries of 2,500oz per month from July 2023 to June 2024, subject to the put and call being struck
  - Protects the downside of gold price volatility with the put option only being triggered if the gold price falls to A\$2,700/oz.
  - The upside on this small volume of production is correspondingly capped and again, only triggered if the gold price hits A\$3,340/oz



Q2 average realised gold price was \$3,045/oz, resulting in an AISC margin of \$796/oz

### **Dividend Policy for FY24 – based on FCF**





#### **FY24 Dividend Policy<sup>1</sup>**:

- pay a **minimum dividend of 1cps** (A\$0.01/share) **each financial year**
- up to a maximum of 30% of free cash flow

Following criteria apply:

- Westgold maintains a minimum net cash balance of A\$100M (after the payment of any dividend);
- Free cash flow is defined as net cash flows from operating and investing activities before debt/equity and dividends.

#### **Objective is sustainable and consistent returns to our shareholders**

1. Subject to the full discretion of the Board of Directors, taking into consideration Westgold's underlying financial performance and cash flow, commodity price expectations, balance sheet and treasury risk management, working capital needs and competing internal and external investment opportunities necessary for future growth, development and exploration and any other factors that the Board of Directors may consider relevant

### Westgold's FY24 strategic priorities





Continue to safely and efficiently optimise our assets



Invest in resource development, exploration and most importantly – <u>our people</u>



**Continue free cash flow generation** 



Sensibly invest in technology that drives cost reduction



Increase mine life of our existing mines



Assess growth opportunities aligned to our core capabilities





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