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September 2020 - Quarterly Activities Report

COVID-19 Impacts

The Westgold Group ("Group") continues to operate with only minor commercial impacts from COVID-19 although, the continued hard borders are becoming an increasing problem to workplace health and manning.

Quarterly Outputs

- Group gold production and gold sales were within guidance at 60,797 oz and 60,030oz respectively (guidance 60,000 67,500oz).
- Cash cost of sales (C1) beat guidance expectations at A\$1,202/oz (guidance \$1,300 \$1,360/oz).
- All-in Sustaining Costs beat guidance at \$1,459/oz (guidance \$1,550 \$1,640/oz).
- Revenue from achieved sales of \$2,422/oz (incuding hedge deliveries) was \$145 million.
- Mine Operating Cash Flow of A\$59 million was generated for the quarter.
- Net Mine Cash Flow of \$22 million was generated for the quarter.
- Capital expenditure for gold operations for the quarter totalled \$46 million of which \$9 million was sustaining, \$32 million growth and \$5 million on plant and equipment
- Exploration expenditure was \$5 million.
- Cash at bank and bullion continued to build with quarterly closing cash of \$145 million.
- Westgold repaid its gold pre-pay debt in full in the previous quarter and its only debt is now mining equipment leases.
- The Group's hedge book reduced to 186,000oz at A\$2,083/oz and remains at approximately 7.5% of ore reserves. Deliveries will continue at approximately 25-30% of expected output for the year.

Mining Operations

- All mines performed in line with expectations during the quarter.
- The Big Bell ramp-up continued with the production run-rate now over 600,000 tpa level based on the September output and continues to rise.
- Outstanding exploration results received across the operations which will be reported in a later specific announcement with context.

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Preamble

The first quarter of the FY 2021 year was a solid one for the Group in what will be a transforming year for the Company.

The Group's gold operations performed as planned with only minor impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic which were largely associated with restricted travel arrangements for staff.

Resulting shortfalls in manning were attributed to the Bluebird underground mine, which was in an early development stage, thereby limiting impact on ore production and overall Group outputs.

We are pleased to report the achievement of output guidance and delivery of lower than expected unit cost outcomes.

It is also pleasing to see the Group's cash at bank continues to rise even after the significant growth capital expended with the ramp up of the Big Bell mine.

The Group's safety statistics reveal an improvement in outcomes over the previous quarter with key frequency rates stated below:

Site	LTI	LTIFR	TRIFR
Cue Gold Operations	1	6.75	143.53
Meekatharra Gold Operations	0	4.12	115.33
Fortnum Gold Operations	0	1.99	97.75
Minterra	0	7.53	169.42

There were no environmental breaches recorded against the Company during the quarter.

Group Operational Performance

Physical and financial outcomes for the Group's operations during the quarter are summarised in the table below.

Table 1: Group Operational Performance - Septemb
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		MGO Sep Qtr 2020	CGO Sep Qtr 2020	FGO Sep Qtr 2020	Group Total Sep Qtr 2020
Physical Summary	Units				
ROM - UG Ore Mined	t	245,347	181,055	166,830	593,233
UG Grade Mined (Inc. LG)	g/t	3.27	2.86	2.83	3.02
OP Ore Mined	t	52,807	77,945	0	130,752
OP Grade Mined	g/t	1.41	2.06	0.00	1.80
All Ores Processed	t	402,309	313,360	205,462	921,131
Head Grade	g/t	2.45	2.15	2.41	2.34
Recovery	%	82.1	89.8	96.2	87.9
Gold Produced	οz	26,034	19,412	15,351	60,797
Gold Sold	οz	25,614	18,983	15,433	60,030
Achieved Gold Price	\$/oz	2,386	2,448	2,449	2,422
Cost Summary	Units				
Mining	A\$/oz	800	715	712	751
Processing	A\$/oz	365	375	338	361
Admin	A\$/oz	70	74	70	72
Stockpile adjustments	A\$/oz	100	(52)	(31)	22
C1 Cash Cost (produced)	A\$/oz	1,335	1,112	1,089	1,202
Royalties	A\$/oz	133	58	66	92
C2 Cash Cost (produced)	A\$/oz	1,468	1,170	1,155	1,294
Corp.Costs/Reclaim. etc	A\$/oz	10	13	19	13
Sustaining Capital	A\$/oz	174	102	177	152
All-in Sustaining Costs	A\$/oz	1,652	1,285	1,351	1,459
Cash Flow Summary					
Mine Operating Cash Flow	A\$ m	20.98	20.78	16.87	58.63
Growth/Start-up Capital	A\$ m	(6.54)	(22.36)	(2.75)	(31.65)
Plant and Equipment	A\$ m	(2.70)	(2.07)	(0.56)	(5.33)
Net Mine Cash Flow	A\$ m	11.74	(3.65)	13.56	21.65
Exploration Summary					
Exploration Spend	A\$ m	(2.94)	(1.11)	(0.51)	(4.56)

Fortnum Gold Operation (FGO)

Gold production for the quarter was 15,351 oz (15,433 oz sold) at Cash cost of sales (C1) of \$1,089/oz and AISC's of \$1,351/oz. Generating a quarterly mine operating cash inflow of \$16.9 million and a net mine cash inflow of \$13.6 million.

The rolling 12-month output aggregated to production of 62,427 oz (63,399 oz sold) at a Cash cost of sales (C1) of \$1,067/oz and an AISC of \$1,309/oz.

FGO continues to deliver a consistent performance and this steady-state operation generated strong profits. FGO operates the Starlight underground mine with output topped up with low grade from the large existing stockpiles. Over the ensuing year, Westgold will replace the low-grade stock component with higher grade open pit ores from the procession of open pit feeds to blend ore over the ensuing 5-7 years.

Within the Starlight underground mine the footprint expanded to production from the Moonlight, Starlight and Trev's lodes.



FGO performance over 12-months is illustrated in the Figure below.

Figure 1: FGO Gold Production and Costs

Targeted long-term production for FGO is 65 – 75,000 oz per annum sourced from the aggregated historic mining centres the Group controls in the region. As per the Group's annual update of Mineral Resource and Ore Reserves estimates release to ASX on 13 August 2020 the total available mineral resource for FGO is 1.3 million ounces (21.3 mt @ 1.92 g/t), whilst the current ore reserves total 398 koz (6.5 mt @ 1.91 g/t).

Meekatharra Gold Operation (MGO)

Gold production for the quarter was 26,034 oz (25,614 oz sold) at Cash cost of sales (C1) of \$1,335/oz and AISC's of \$1,652/oz. Generating a mine operating cash inflow of \$21 million and a net mine cash inflow of \$11.7 million.

The rolling 12-month output aggregated to production of 98,163 oz (105,349 oz sold) at a Cash cost of sales (C1) of \$1,249/oz and an AISC of \$1,572/oz.

Underground mining output at Paddy's Flat and South Emu were steady during the quarter with costs in-line with expectations. Ore driving at Bluebird recommenced following interruptions relating to COVID-19 manning issues and development progressed well. The first stoping is expected to commence in the ensuing quarter with a trial stope to refine production methodology.

Development of Triton (immediately north of South Emu) progressed via a new decline with turnouts commencing for the first ore drives. It is expected that the initial ore development will commence next quarter.

Outputs at MGO were supplemented by open pit mining at the Five Mile Well open pit which will continue to provide blended ore feed with the underground sources over the ensuing year with development of the Maid Marion deposit.

The Bluebird Processing Plant performed to plan with throughput of 402,309 tonnes consistent with the annualised 1.6 million tonne per annum expected capacity. Unit costs were lower than expected and benefited from lower power prices. Plant recoveries were in-line with expected levels given the low-recovery rate of Prohibition and Mickey Doolan ore processed.



Quarterly performance over 12-months is illustrated in Figure 3 below:

Figure 3:

Targeted long-term production for MGO is 105 - 120,000 oz per annum sourced from the aggregated historic mining centres the Group controls in the region. As per the Group's annual update of Mineral Resource and Ore Reserves estimates release to ASX on 13 August 2020 the total available mineral resource for MGO is 3.2 million ounces (54.8 mt @ 1.86 g/t), whilst the current ore reserves total 435 koz (5 mt @ 2.72 g/t). It should be noted that CGO reserves are interchangeable with MGO.

MGO Gold Production and Costs

Cue Gold Operation (CGO)

Gold production for the quarter was 19,412 oz (18,983 oz sold) at Cash cost of sales (C1) of \$1,112/oz and AISC's of \$1,285/oz. Generating a mine operating cash inflow of \$20.8 million and a net mine cash outflow of \$3.65 million.

The rolling 12-month output aggregated to production of 70,893 oz (70,223 oz sold) at a Cash cost of sales (C1) of \$1,477/oz and an AISC of \$1,826/oz.

CGO output began to increase over the quarter more ore began to flow from the sub-level cave mining at Big Bell and open pits at Fender and 700N on the Big Bell line of lode. Underground mining also continued at the Comet mine with consistent output.

Big Bell output increased to a run-rate of 600,000 tpa based upon the September monthly output and continues to increase as more extraction points are opened. Old broken stock continued to be bogged with the newly fired ore as part of getting the cave moving. Reconciliations were good with ore grades for the new ore and the lower grade ore stocks reconciling as expected. The next quarter is expected to see the production run rate further improve with the mine remaining on-track to achieve its planned long-term output rate in early 2021. The new production fleet will be delivered systematically over the next quarter which will improve consistency of output as the re-hab fleet is replaced.



Quarterly performance over 12 months is illustrated in Figure 4 below:

Figure 4: CGO Gold Production and Cost of Sales

Targeted long-term production for the CGO is 100 - 110,000 oz per annum sourced from the aggregated historic mining centres the Group controls in the region. As per the Group's annual update of Mineral Resource and Ore Reserves estimates release to ASX on 13 August 2020 the total available mineral resource for CGO is 4.2 million ounces (51.5 mt @ 2.54 g/t), whilst the current ore reserves total 1.7 million ounces (20.6 mt @ 2.60 g/t).

Internal Mining Services Divisions

Westgold is unique in the WA Australian mining sector in that it is dominantly the owner-operator of its mines performing both open-pit and underground mining functions.

Both the open pit and underground services divisions performed solidly during the quarter with improvements in output, productivity and co-operation with the Group's gold operations.

Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve

Westgold released its annual update of mineral resources and ore reserves to the ASX on August 13, 2020 which can be referenced for further detail.

The total Mineral Resource inventory for the Group was 8.8 million ounces (127.63 million tonnes at 2.14 g/t). The total Ore Reserve was 2.6 million ounces (32.09 million tonnes at 2.48 g/t).

Importantly, the Group's ore reserve has remained consistent at approximately 2.5 million ounces for the last 5 years, despite depletion from mining 975,000 oz over this period. This reflects the progressive replacement of resource to reserve, keeping pace with depletion as mining advances.

Actual Output Versus Guidance

Westgold's output for the September Quarter (Q1) was within output guidance. Westgold came in well below expected Operating Cost and All-in Sustaining Costs (AISC) during the quarter. Reduced expenditure arising from being an owner-operator miner and lower fuel prices contributed to these results.

Future production continues to improve during the year consistent with increased output from Big Bell and the Triton and Bluebird underground mines which will come into production.

	Output	Cash Cost of Sales (C1)	AISC
Q1 Comparative			
Q1 - 2020 Guidance	60 - 67,500 oz	\$1,300 - \$1,360/oz	\$1,550 - \$1640/oz
Q1- 2020 Actuals	60,797 oz	\$1,202/oz	\$1,459/oz
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Forward Guidance			
Dec 2020 (Q2)	65 - 72,500 oz	\$1,240 - \$1,300/oz	\$1,500 - \$1,570/oz
Mar 2021 (Q3)	70 - 77,500 oz	\$1,180 - \$1,240/oz	\$1,440 - \$1,510/oz
Jun 2021 (Q4)	75 - 82,500 oz	\$1,140 - \$1,200/oz	\$1,400 - \$1,470/oz
FY 2021 Total	270 - 300,000 oz	\$1,200 - \$1300/oz	\$1,460 - \$1,560/oz

Corporate:

Westgold closed the quarter with the following capital structure:

Security Type	Issued
Fully Paid Ordinary Shares	420.23 million
Options at \$2.31 exp. 24/11/2020	3.625 million
Performance ZEPO's (unvested)	1,286 million

Cash, Bullion and Liquid Assets

Westgold's cash grew to \$144.2 million over the quarter. In addition, unsold bullion on account at the end of the quarter had a realisable value of approximately \$0.5 million.

Westgold provides the following waterfall chart summarising key cash movements during the quarter:



Debt

Westgold has no corporate debt. Westgold has equipment lease payments on purchased plant and equipment under normal commercial terms with expected repayments of approx. \$15 million in the current year.

Hedging

Westgold's hedge position stands at 7.5% of its overall reserve. Hedged ounces totalled 186,000 oz at an average receivable price of \$2,083/oz at the end of the quarter. Westgold is currently delivering 6,000 oz per month into its hedge book or approx. 25-30% of its expected output. The Company expects to maintain this level of delivery for the ensuing financial year. The counterparty to all of Westgold's hedging is Citibank.

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Compliance Statements

Exploration Targets, Exploration Results and Mineral Resources

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 long term incentive plans of the company.

Ore Reserves

The information in this report that relates to Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr. Anthony Buckingham B.Eng (Mining Engineering) MAusIMM. Mr. Buckingham has sufficient experience which is relevant to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposit under consideration and to the activities which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Editions of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Re-sources and Ore Reserves (JORC 2012)". Mr. Buckingham consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. Mr. Buckingham is a full time senior executive of the Company and is eligible to, and may participate in short-term and long-term incentive plans of the Company as disclosed in its annual reports and disclosure documents.

Exploration Results

The information is extracted from the report entitled 'Exploration Highlights - 30 September 2019 Quarter' created by Westgold on 14 October 2019 and available to view on Westgold's website (www.westgold.com.au) and the ASX (www.asx.com.au). The company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement. The company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements in this report relate to the future, including forward looking statements relating to Westgold's financial position and strategy. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors that could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Westgold to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such statements. Actual events or results may differ materially from the events or results expressed or implied in any forward-looking statement and deviations are both normal and to be expected. Other than required by law, neither Westgold, their officers nor any other person gives any representation, assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements.