

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Westgold Resources Limited [**Westgold** or the **Company**] wishes to provide an update as to the impact of COVID-19 on its operations due to the increasing case numbers across Western Australia.

The December Quarterly report [ASX - 27 January 2022] detailed the growing impacts that COVID-19 was having on staff numbers and operating costs. During the March Quarter [Q3, FY22] the Company has seen many of these factors intensify with an increase of positive COVID-19 cases within our workforce. There is a multiplier effect due to the necessary quarantine of non-positive close contacts and this requirement has significantly depleted shift attendance across some operating sites and has affected production.

Chief Executive Officer, Debbie Fullarton commented:

“COVID-19 cases continue to increase across Western Australia and we are experiencing a similar trend across our operating sites.

We however continue to proactively manage the situation as the health of our workforce and the communities we work within is paramount. All our mines remain operational, but production is expected to be affected this quarter due to availability of front-line operating staff.

The Westgold workforce is resilient and though stretched, will continue to manage the ongoing challenges imposed directly or indirectly by COVID-19.”

Prior to the state borders opening, Westgold extended its COVID-19 Management System to include RAT testing of all personnel prior to departure from Perth to our regional sites and established PCR testing capability within our operations. Additional site-based protocols such as specialist cleaning, catering restrictions and strict recreation controls were also implemented. Isolating COVID-19 from our Murchison and Bryah communities has been a priority for the Company with non-essential site travel curtailed and head office staff encouraged to work from home.

Despite these controls, and in accordance with WA Government guidelines, we have recently been impacted by new cases of COVID-19 across all sites resulting in the necessity for an increasing number of personnel requiring isolation for 7 days within our camps. As a result, since late February the operations have lost approximately 3,860 hours related to positive test results and or precautionary isolation requirements— with most of this lost time attributed to the past 3 weeks.

The 3,860 hours represents 320 shifts lost of front-line operational workers within a period of approximately 30 days. Resultantly, we anticipate an impact on overall production this quarter of ≈3% to 4%.



Please see below table outlining the key statistics pertaining to the operations.

Manhours lost in past 30 days (since late February)	Bryah	Murchison	Total
Positive PCRs on site	336	1,764	2,100
Non-negative RATs on site	252	420	672
Additional Isolation Cases not included in above [onsite]	336	756	1,092
Front-Line Operating Personnel – manhours lost			3,864
Identified offsite cases / close contacts			1,464
Total Group manhours lost			5,328

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