

## **BOARD CHANGES AT WESTGOLD**

- Company founder and Non-Executive Chair, Mr Peter Cook, retires from the Westgold Board
- Highly regarded company director, the Hon. Cheryl Edwardes AM, appointed as Independent Non-Executive Chair
- Highly experienced mining executive, Mr Julius Matthys appointed as an Independent Non-Executive
  Director
- Westgold Board now majority independent, non-executive and focused on the next exciting phase

Westgold Resources Limited [**Westgold** or the **Company**] is pleased to announce the following changes to the Board of Directors, effective Monday 28 March 2022.

## Mr Peter Cook retires as Non-Executive Chair

After agreeing to delay his retirement at the outset of the global pandemic, Peter Cook will now retire from the Board of Westgold. Mr Cook was founder of the group of companies from which the current Westgold was conceived in 2004 and over the past 7 years has been the driving force and strategist of the Westgold business. The Company owes large gratitude to Peter as one of the industry's most inspirational and fearless leaders and under his stewardship Westgold has flourished to become the sixth largest domestic gold producer in Australia.

## Hon. Cheryl Edwardes AM appointed as Independent Non-Executive Chair

Westgold is delighted to announce the appointment of the Hon. Cheryl Edwardes AM as Independent Non-Executive Chair, replacing Mr Cook.

Cheryl is a highly credentialled and experienced company director and Chair. A solicitor by profession and former Minister in the Court Government, Cheryl has extensive experience and knowledge of WA's legal and regulatory framework relating to mining projects, environmental, native title, heritage, and land access. During her political career, Cheryl held positions including WA Attorney General, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Labour Relations.

She currently serves as Deputy Chair of Flinders Mines Limited, Chair of Nuheara Limited and Vimy Resources Limited, from which she will step-down post completion of a strategic review process.

## Mr Julius Matthys appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director

Westgold is also pleased to announce the appointment of highly experienced mining executive, Mr Julius Matthys to the Board as an Independent Non-Executive Director. Julius has substantial corporate experience having spent 36 years in the resources sector in large corporate entities including senior executive roles as President of Worsley Alumina JV, Marketing Director at BHP Iron Ore, Alumina and Aluminium.

Julius was previously Chair of gold producer Doray Minerals Limited, managing its merger with Silver Lake Resources. He currently serves as a Non-Executive Director of Quintis and is Chair of Council at John XXIII College.



As a result of Ms Edwardes and Mr Matthys appointments, the Westgold Board will now be by majority independent, non-executive and meet diversity expectations.

Westgold Executive Director, Wayne Bramwell commented:

"Peter ('Cooky') Cook's vision created Westgold, and with his sharp commercial acumen and drive built the asset base we operate upon today. 'Cooky' has led the company with unique style and established the business to a point where he can now confidently pass the baton to Cheryl to drive the next stage of corporate development.

On behalf of the Westgold team, shareholders and stakeholders, I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Cooky, who is not lost to us but can now without corporate distraction, focus upon his passion of mentoring the next generation of mining professionals.

Looking forward, Cheryl and Julius are both high calibre appointments and I welcome them to the Board. They will bring new impetus and extensive corporate experience which will be invaluable to Westgold as we launch the next phase of our growth strategy."

Commenting on her appointment, Cheryl Edwardes said:

"I am honoured to have the opportunity to succeed one of the mining industry's most respected leaders as Chair of Westgold Resources and am excited as to the future ahead. I would like to acknowledge the incredible legacy that Peter Cook as founder and Chair of a significant mid-tier gold producer has created."

Retiring Chair Peter Cook said:

"When you build a company from the ashes of history you need to be hands-on and committed. You need committed backers who support your vision and great people who share your passion. Westgold has had both.

I realise my phase in the Westgold journey is now at an end and I'm pleased to be able to hand-over the reins to an exceptional person to oversee an experienced board and management team. I depart with the Company in good order with an outstanding future beckoning and I can sit back with pride and watch this wonderful Company and its amazing people blossom. Time for my next chapter in life!"

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