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West African completes 100% ownership of Tanlouka Permit

West African Resources Limited (ASX, TSXV: WAF) ("West African" or the "Company") is pleased to announce it has completed the transaction announced to the market in March 2014, acquiring the remaining 10% of the Tanlouka Permit, part of the Boulsa Project, Burkina Faso. The acquisition takes West African to 100% ownership of the Tanlouka Permit.

Managing Director Richard Hyde commented: "Completing the Tanlouka Permit acquisition is a key milestone for the development and financing of the heap leach starter project. As reported earlier in the month we have been busy working on the feasibility study, and aim to expand the resource base from drilling programs currently underway at the M1 and M3 prospects."

The acquisition consideration comprised:

- US\$50,000, paid in March 2014 on execution of the agreement;
- Issue today of 2,500,000 ordinary shares in West African Resources Ltd, at a deemed issue price of 12 cents per share; and
- Payment today of US\$250,000.

The acquisition follows the completion of an updated Pre-Feasibility Study report for an oxide heap leach starter project on its Mankarga 5 Gold Project, Burkina Faso in May 2015 (ASX, TSXV: 15/5/15, 29/5/2015). It was prepared in accordance with the requirements of both the Australian 2012 JORC Code and Canadian NI 43-101. The report is filed on SEDAR and on the Company's website. A summary of the base case is stated below, assuming a 100% project at a gold price of \$1,300/oz, and in Table 1 at a range of gold prices. All amounts are in US dollars.

- Pre-production capital of \$46.6 million, including \$8.7 million working capital and contingency
- Production of 69,000oz pa for first 3 years, 49,000oz pa for life of mine, 7 year life of mine
- Cash costs \$428/oz for 3 years, \$635/oz life of mine
- All-in cash costs of \$538/oz for 3 years, \$749/oz life of mine
- Pre-tax IRR of 63% with 14-month payback, post-tax IRR of 50% with 16-month payback
- Pre-tax cash flow of \$146m, post-tax cash flow of \$118m after initial and sustaining capital costs
- Pre-tax NPV5% of \$117m, Post-tax NPV5% of \$86m
- Probable Ore reserve of 440,000oz, life of mine strip ratio 2:1
- Potential to upgrade in-pit Inferred Resources currently treated as waste in mining schedule
- Nearby drill ready oxide targets with potential to add to the base case

Table 1 - Economic Summary US\$										
Pre-Tax (100%)	\$1100/oz	\$1300/oz	\$1500/oz							
NPV ^{0%} (\$M)	\$79	\$146	\$208							
NPV ^{5%} (\$M)	\$60	\$117	\$169							
IRR %	39%	63%	81%							
Payback (Months)	pack (Months) 21		11							
After-Tax (90%*)	\$1100/oz	\$1300/oz	\$1500/oz							
NPV ^{0%} (\$M)	\$58	\$110	\$156							
NPV ^{5%} (\$M)	\$42	\$86	\$125							
IRR %	30%		66%							
Payback (Months)	26	16	13							

 ^{*} Allows for 10% free carried Government interest

Disclosure ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.3

West African Resources Limited (ASX: WAF) provides the following information in relation to the Appendix 3B lodgement, which will follow this announcement.

Valuation of the securities are based on a Directors' valuation, primarily on the basis that the issue price of \$0.12 was equal to the closing price of WAF ordinary shares on the date the agreement was negotiated, which was towards the middle of February 2014, giving rise to fair market valuation.

When determining fair valuation, the directors referred to Accounting Standard AASB 13 "Fair Value Measurement" and the convention of a transaction being between non related 3rd party counterparties and at arms-length. AASB13 notes that for financial assets that are actively traded in organised financial markets, fair value is determined by reference to Stock Exchange quoted market bid prices at the close of business on a reporting date.

Therefore the Directors are of the view that the \$0.12 issue price represents market and fair value for the acquisition of the remaining 10% of the Tanlouka SARL, the holder of the Tanlouka permit in Burkina Faso, along with the cash consideration of US\$300,000, US\$50,000 of which was paid in March 2014 with the balance of US\$250,000 paid today.

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Notes on Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves

Mankarga5 April 2015 Resource											
	Cut-off	Indica	ated Resour	ce	Inferred Resource						
	(Au g/t)	Tonnes	Grade	Au Oz	Tonnes	Grade	Au Oz				
			(Au g/t)			(Au g/t)					
Oxide	0.5	7,200,000	1.2	273,000	800,000	0.8	20,000				
	1	3,100,000	1.8	180,000	200,000	1.2	7,000				
Transitional	0.5	2,300,000	1.2	89,000	500,000	0.9	13,000				
	1	1,000,000	1.9	60,000	200,000	1.3	6,000				
Fresh	0.5	9,500,000	1.2	377,000	39,100,000	1.0	1,320,000				
	1	4,200,000	1.9	256,000	14,800,000	1.6	778,000				
Total	0.5	19,000,000	1.2	736,000	40,400,000	1.0	1,350,000				
	1	8,400,000	1.8	495,000	15,200,000	1.6	791,000				

Mankarga5 May 2015 Ore Reserve																
	Category	Strongly Oxidised		Moderately Oxidised		Transition		Fresh		Total						
		Mt	Au g/t	Au koz	Mt	Au g/t	Au koz	Mt	Au g/t	Au koz	Mt	Au g/t	Au koz	Mt	Au g/t	Au koz
ĺ	Probable	3.0	1.10	96	5.4	1.04	183	1.3	1.46	63	1.5	2.11	98	11.2	1.22	440

Cautionary Note:

Mineral Resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. Mineral resource estimates do not account for mineability, selectivity, mining loss and dilution. These mineral resource estimates include inferred mineral resources that are normally considered too speculative geologically to have economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves. There is also no certainty that these inferred mineral resources will be converted to measured and indicated categories through further drilling, or into mineral reserves, once economic considerations are applied.

Production targets for the proposed heap leach starter project referred to in this announcement were first released to the ASX and TSXV on 23 February 2015. They are preliminary and there is no certainty that the production targets, or the forecast financial information derived from the production targets, will be realised. All material assumptions underpinning production targets or forecast financial information derived from production targets continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Competent Person's Statement

Information in this announcement that relates to exploration results, exploration targets or mineral resources is based on information compiled by Mr Richard Hyde, a Director, who is a Member of The Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Hyde has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity 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 (the JORC Code) and a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101. Mr Hyde consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the statements based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

Forward Looking Information

This news release contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian and Australian securities legislation, including information relating to West African's future financial or operating performance may be deemed "forward looking". All statements in this news release, other than statements of historical fact, that address events or developments that West African expects to occur, are "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and are generally, but not always, identified by the words "expects", "does not expect", "plans", "anticipates", "does not anticipate", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "projects", "potential", "scheduled", "forecast", "budget" and similar expressions, or that events or conditions "will", "would", "may", "could", "should" or "might" occur. All such forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of the relevant management as of the date such statements are made and are subject to important risk factors and uncertainties, many of which are beyond West African's ability to control or predict. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based on estimates and assumptions that are inherently subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. In the case of West African, these facts include their anticipated operations in future periods, planned exploration and development of its properties, and plans related to its business and other matters that may occur in the future. This information relates to analyses and other information that is based on expectations of future performance and planned work programs. Statements concerning mineral resource estimates may also be deemed to constitute forward-looking information to the extent that they involve estimates of the mineralization that will be encountered if a mineral property is developed.

Forward-looking information is subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual events or results to differ from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking information, including, without limitation: exploration hazards and risks; risks related to exploration and development of natural resource properties; uncertainty in West African's ability to obtain funding; gold price fluctuations; recent market events and conditions; risks related to the uncertainty of mineral resource calculations and the inclusion of inferred mineral resources in economic estimation; risks related to governmental regulations; risks related to obtaining necessary licenses and permits; risks related to their business being subject to environmental laws and regulations; risks related to their mineral properties being subject to prior unregistered agreements, transfers, or claims and other defects in title; risks relating to competition from larger companies with greater financial and technical resources; risks relating to the inability to meet financial obligations under agreements to which they are a party; ability to recruit and retain qualified personnel; and risks related to their directors and officers becoming associated with other natural resource companies which may give rise to conflicts of interests. This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect West African's forward-looking information. Should one or more of these risks and uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in the forward-looking information.

West African's forward-looking information is based on the reasonable beliefs, expectations and opinions of their respective management on the date the statements are made and West African does not assume any obligation to update forward looking information if circumstances or management's beliefs, expectations or opinions change, except as required by law. For the reasons set forth above, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. For a complete discussion with respect to West African, please refer to West African's financial statements and related MD&A, all of which are filed on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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