

Press Release

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West African Achieves Permitting Milestone for Tanlouka Gold Project

Gold developer West African Resources Limited (ASX, TSXV: WAF) pleased to announce the Ministry of Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change has delivered a favourable opinion of the Company's Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) in relation to the mining permit application for its 100% owned Tanlouka Gold Project, Burkina Faso.

This is the penultimate part of the permitting process for the Tanlouka Gold Project. The final decision to grant the mining permit, made by the Council of Ministers and decreed by the Cabinet of the Government of Burkina Faso, is expected before the end of the year.

Managing Director Richard Hyde commented:

"We have completed the final step of the permitting process for the Tanlouka Gold Project. The process has been relatively smooth since submitting our application in October, 2015, and is a credit to our in-country team and consultants. We expect to receive the mining permit for the project before the end of the year.

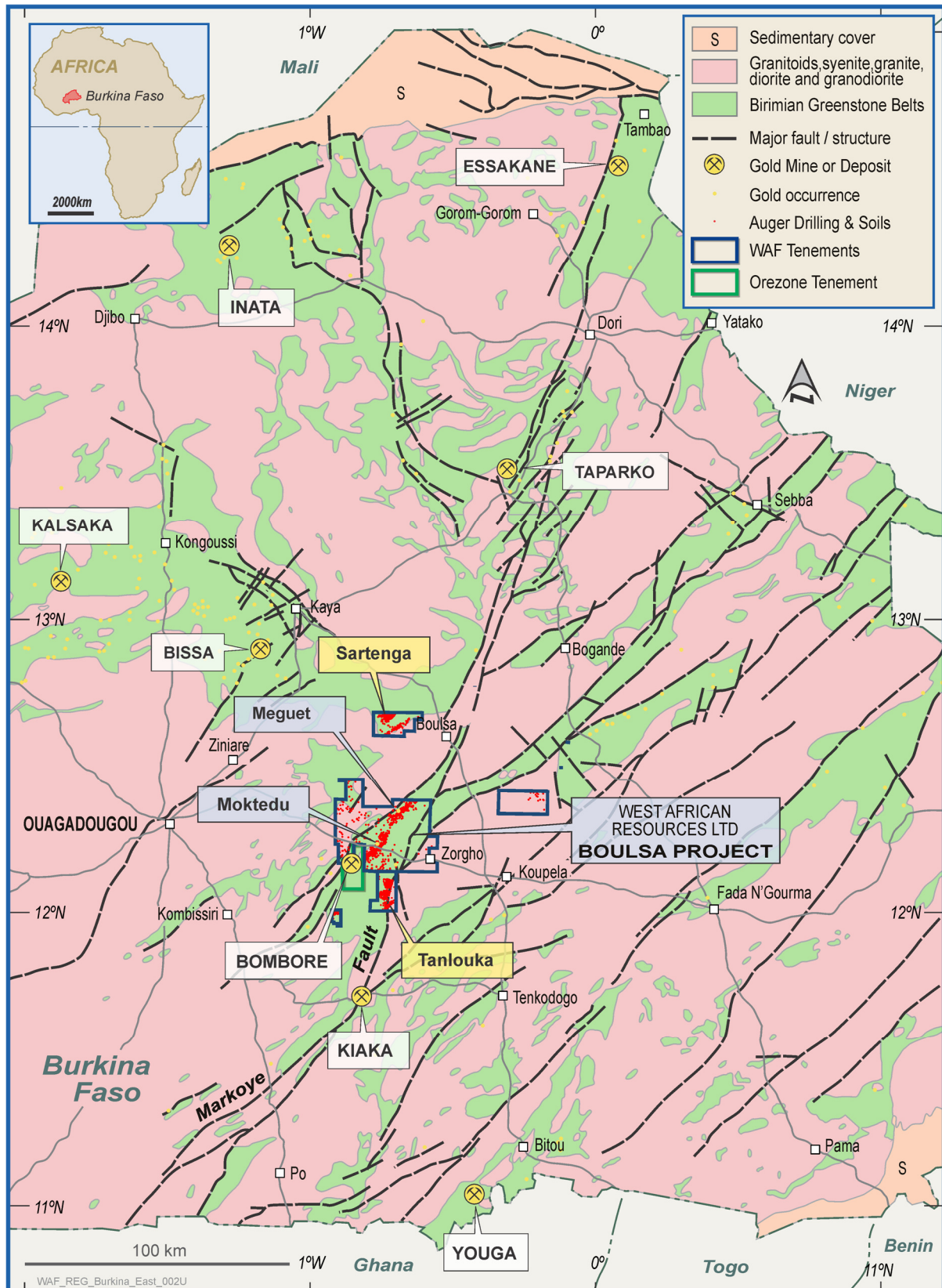


Figure 1: Tanlouka Gold Project Location

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