



## Press Release

30<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### MARCH 2016 QUARTERLY REPORT

West African Resources Limited (ASX: WAF) is pleased to report activities on its 100%-owned gold and copper-gold projects in Burkina Faso, West Africa, for the quarter ending 31 March 2016.

#### Highlights

##### **Tanlouka Gold Project**

###### *M1 South Prospect*

- ✓ Drilling completed over 350m of strike, open to the north west and at depth
- ✓ Ultra-high grade results from M1 South included:
  - 4m at 86.96g/t Au from 93m including **1m at 343.59g/t gold**
  - 11m at 43.44g/t Au from 76m including **1m at 349.15g/t Au, 1m at 113.98g/t Au**
  - 12m at 53.11g/t Au, including **1m at 534.45g/t Au**
- ✓ Follow-up RC and diamond core drilling underway at M1 South, further results pending
- ✓ Review of feasibility and development options due to extremely high-grade results from M1 South
- ✓ Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) commenced based on larger-scale carbon-in-leach (CIL) development

###### *M1 North Prospect*

- ✓ Drilling completed over 300m of strike, open to the north west and at depth
- ✓ Results included:
  - 17m at 4.28g/t Au from 93m, including 2m at 14.5g/t Au and 1m at 28.3g/t Au
  - 20m at 5.78g/t Au from 68m, including 1m at 96.25g/t Au
  - 12m at 5.02g/t Au from 104m, including 6m at 8.21g/t Au

###### *M3 Prospect*

- ✓ Drilling extended mineralisation at the eastern zone to 300m
- ✓ Results included:
  - 16m at 2.3g/t Au including 8m at 4.0 g/t Au, from surface

##### **Corporate**

- ✓ Heavily oversubscribed placement completed subsequent to quarter end to raise up to \$12.5 million from international and domestic institutional and sophisticated investors, including \$4 million from a leading North American institutional precious metals fund
- ✓ Placement to be completed in 2 tranches, tranche 1 completed raising \$3.75m, tranche 2 expected to be completed in late May, raising a further \$8.75m
- ✓ Proceeds to fund aggressive exploration drilling and resource drill out of M1 discovery and a Tanlouka Project DFS

### **March 2016 Quarter Summary**

- ✓ 9,756m drilled
- ✓ \$0.9m Exploration and Development Expenditure
- ✓ \$0.4m Administration Costs
- ✓ \$1.4m cash at bank at 31 March 2016
- ✓ \$12.5m capital raising complete post quarter end

### **June 2016 Quarter Plans**

- ✓ Step out and deeper RC and diamond drilling at M1 North and South
- ✓ Resource definition drilling at M5 deposit
- ✓ Maiden M1 and M3 Mineral Resource estimates
- ✓ Commencement of DFS

## **Tanlouka Gold Project - Exploration**

### *M1 South Prospect*

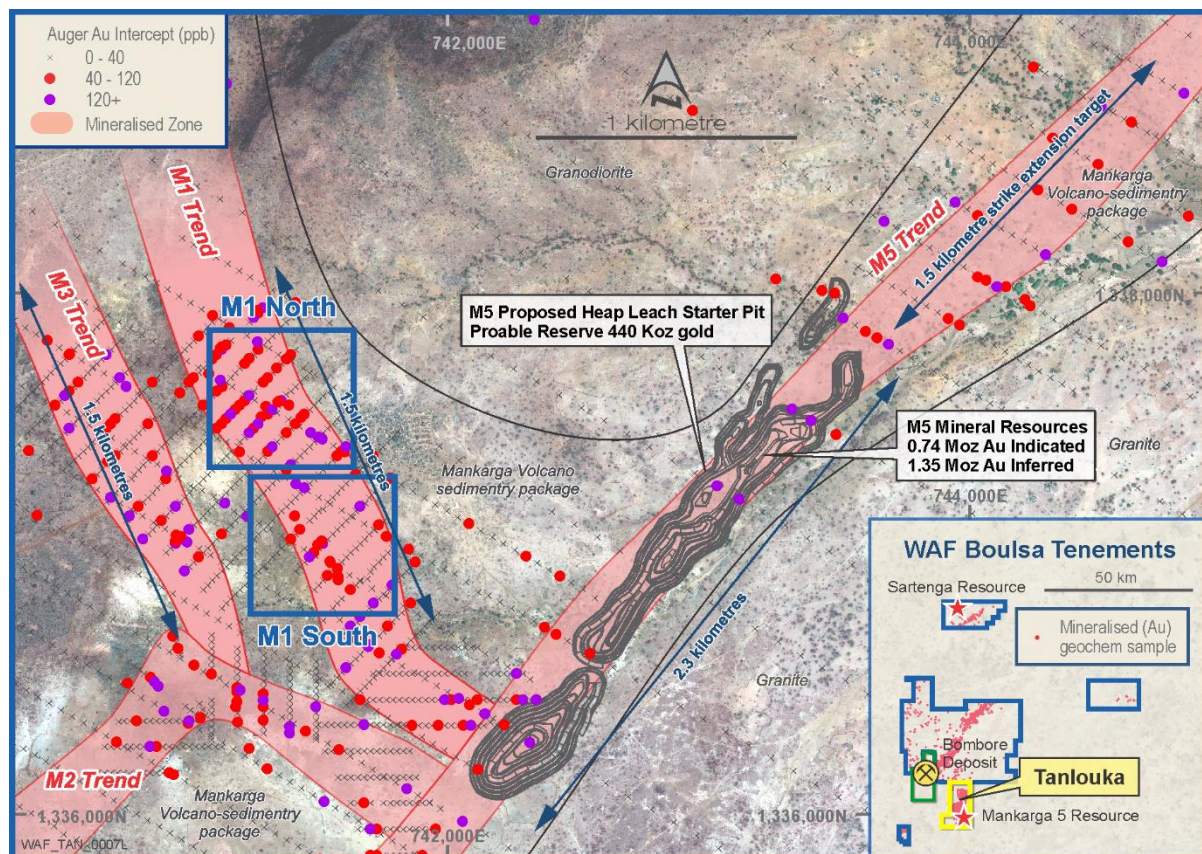
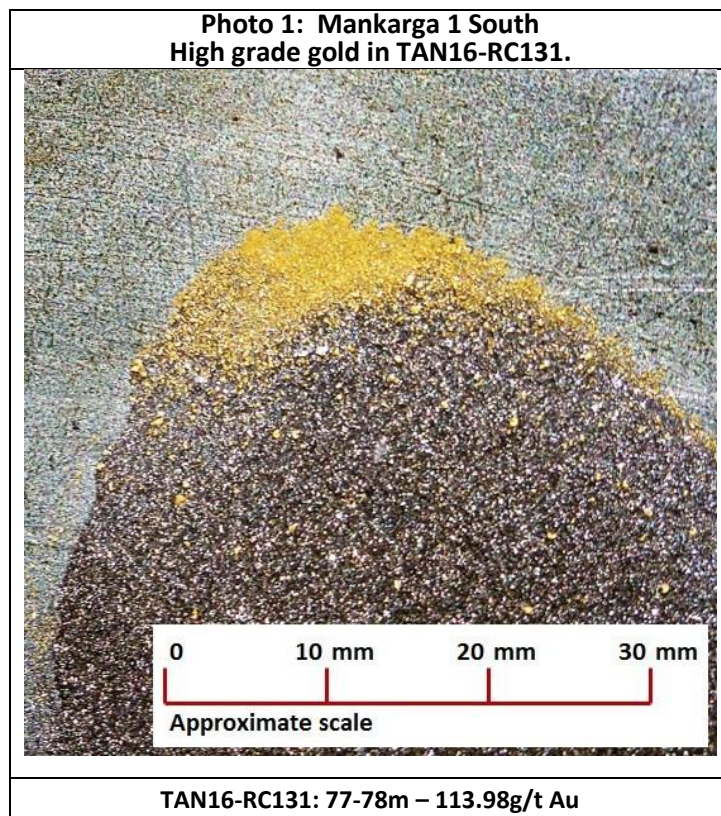
During the quarter drilling was completed over 300m of strike at M1 South, mostly on 50m spaced sections to an average depth of 80 vertical metres. Mineralisation generally shows relatively good continuity, however a series of late cross-cutting faults causes some complexity with geological interpretation (see Figure 4). Mineralisation is hosted in sheared and altered metasediments, with felsic and mafic intrusives. Gold is associated with strongly sheared quartz veins with silica and albite alteration, and minor sulphides. A unique feature of M1 South mineralisation is the presence of significant amounts of disseminated gold and a low sulphide content (Photo 1), which is currently interpreted to be due to reactivation of mineralised structures during late deformation events. The lithological package hosting gold mineralisation at M1 (North and South) is similar to that of M5.

Significant results reported during the quarter included:

- TAN16-DD033: 4m at 86.96g/t Au from 93m including **1m at 343.59g/t gold**
- TAN16-RC131: 11m at 43.44g/t Au from 76m including **1m at 349.15g/t Au, 1m at 113.98g/t Au**
- TAN16-RC122: 12m at 53.11g/t Au, including **1m at 534.45g/t Au**
- TAN16-RC129: 4m at 42.09g/t Au, from 104m including **1m at 165.36g/t Au**
- TAN16-RC130: 6m at 10.05g/t Au, from 46m including **1m at 43.5g/t Au**
- TAN16-RC131: 5m at 18.89g/t Au, from 124m including **1m at 78.95g/t Au**

A follow-up RC and diamond core program has commenced at M1 South. Drilling will initially be completed on 25m sections throughout the prospect targeting gold mineralisation in the footwall and hanging-wall zones in the top 100m, before moving on to deeper drilling. By the end of the June quarter the southern zone will have been drilled to approximately 200 vertical metres. Once this drilling has been completed an interim Mineral Resource estimate will be completed.

A summary of the drilling program to date at the M1 South prospect, including interaction with historic workings is presented below in Table 1. A cross-section through section SE150, long-section through the M1 South mineralised zone and summary plan are presented below as Figures 1 – 4. Full results are presented in Table 2.



**Figure 1: Tanlouka Gold Project – Mineralised Trends and Prospect Locations**



Figure 2: M1 South Cross section – SE0150

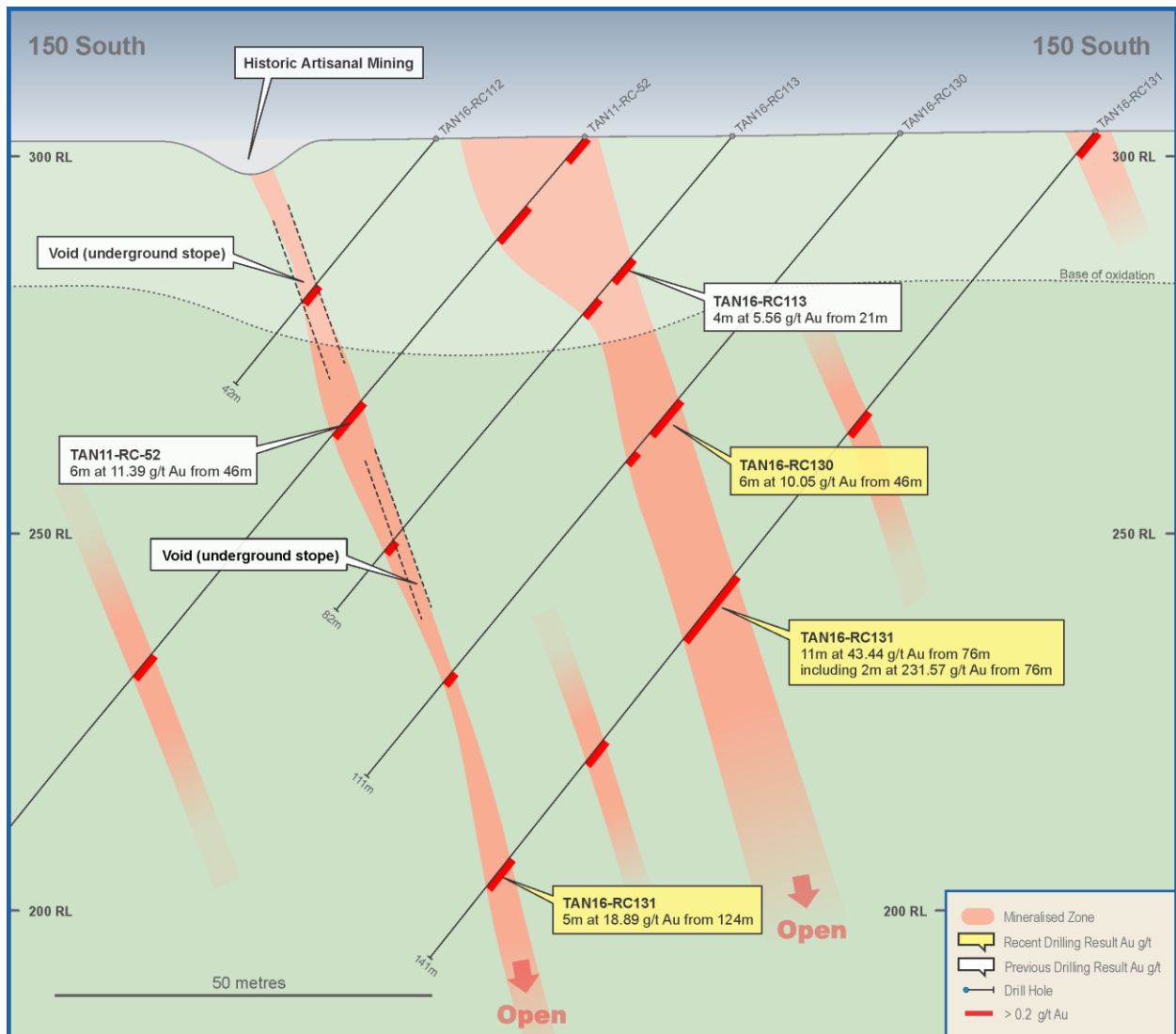
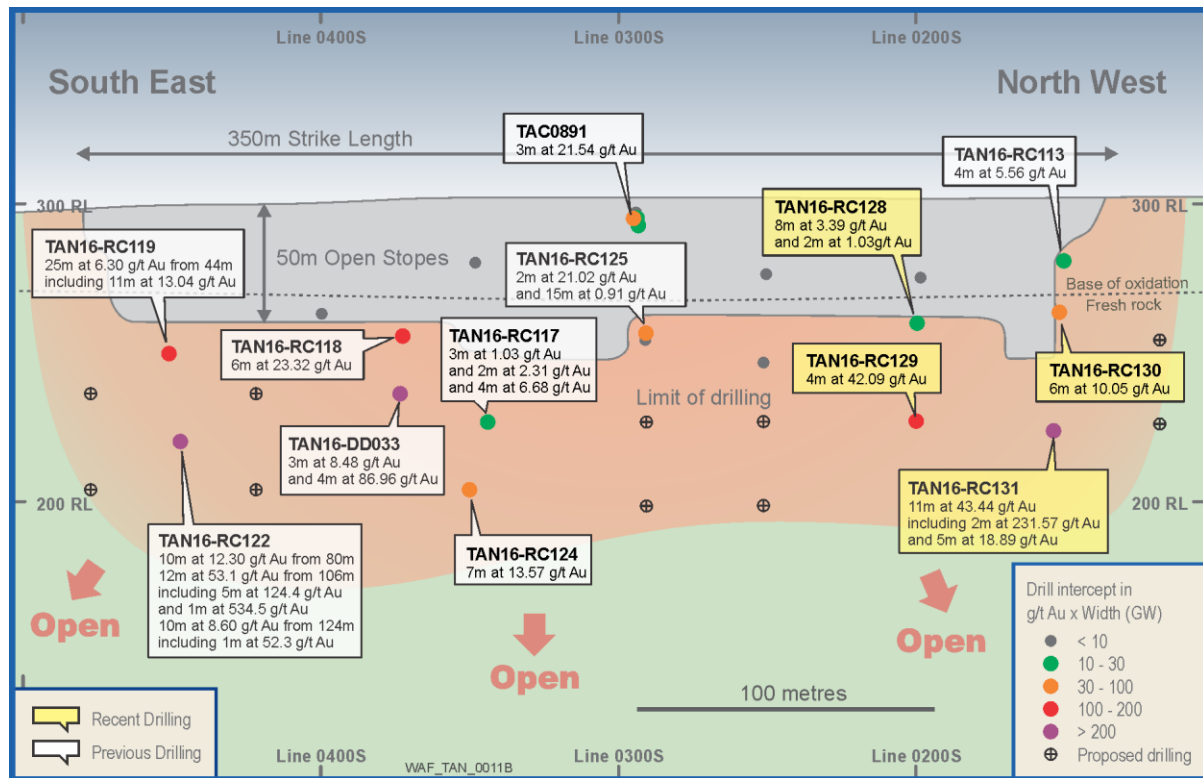


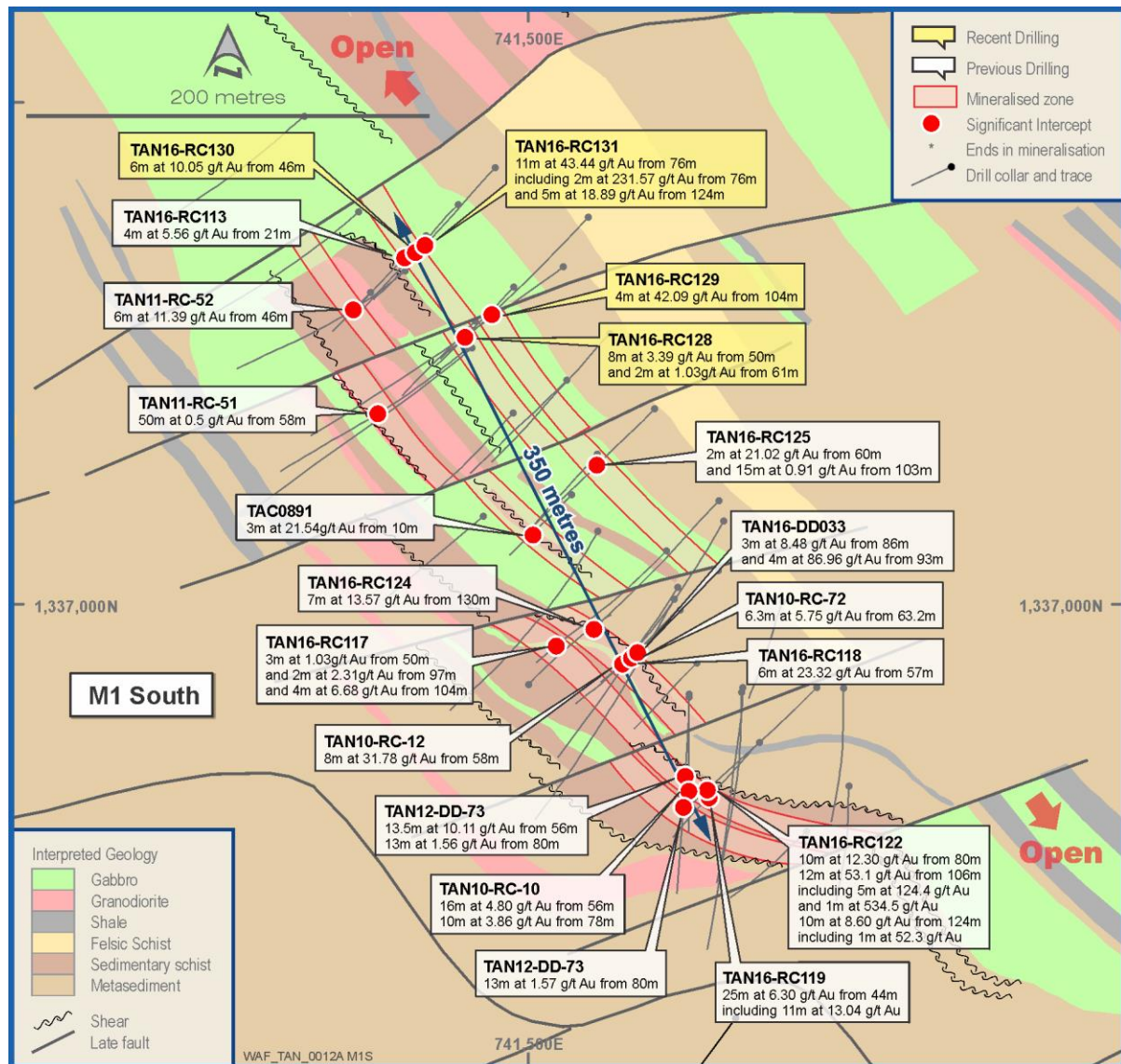
Figure 3: M1 South Long-section



**Table 1: M1 South**  
**Summary of results from 50m spaced drill sections**

Section	Result	Down hole depth (m)	Comment
<b>SE000</b>	No drilling	-	No drilling
<b>SE100</b>	No drilling	-	No drilling
<b>SE150</b>	TAN16-RC113: 4m @ 5.6g/t Au	21	Open stope intercepted 68-70m
<b>SE150</b>	TAN16-RC112: Open stope	25	Open stope intercepted 25-28m
<b>SE150</b>	<b>TAN16-130: 6m at 10.05g/t Au</b>	46	<b>Includes 1m at 43.5g/t Au</b>
<b>SE150</b>	<b>TAN16-131: 11m @ 43.44g/t</b>	76	<b>Includes 1m at 349.15g/t Au, &amp; 1m at 113.98g/t Au</b>
<b>SE150</b>	<b>TAN16-131: 5m @ 18.89g/t Au</b>	124	<b>Includes 1m at 78.95g/t Au</b>
<b>SE200</b>	TAN16-RC114: 10m @ 0.5g/t Au	28	Open stope intercepted at 43-45m
<b>SE200</b>	TAN128: 8m @ 3.39g/t Au	50	
<b>SE200</b>	<b>TAN129: 4m @ 42.09g/t Au</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>Including 1m at 165.36g/t Au</b>
<b>SE250</b>	TAN16-RC115: 10m @ 0.4g/t Au	37	Open stope intercepted at 32-34m
<b>SE250</b>	TAN126: 12m @ 0.78g/t Au	26	
<b>SE250</b>	TAN127: 2m @ 1.64g/t Au	72	
<b>SE300</b>	TAN16-RC116: 11m @ 1.2g/t Au	4	Open stope intercepted 18-19m
<b>SE300</b>	<b>TAC0891: 3m @ 21.5g/t Au</b>	10	
<b>SE300</b>	<b>TAN16-RC125: 2m @ 21g/t Au</b>	60	
<b>SE350</b>	TAN16-RC121: 5m @ 1.1g/t Au	32	Open stope intercepted at 21m
<b>SE350</b>	TAN16-RC117: 4m @ 6.5g/t Au	104	Open stope intercepted at 68m
<b>SE350</b>	<b>TAN16-RC124: 7m @ 13.6g/t Au</b>	130	
<b>SE380</b>	<b>TAN16-RC118: 6m @ 23.3g/t Au</b>	57	
<b>SE380</b>	TAN16-DD033: 3m @ 8.5g/t Au	86	
<b>SE380</b>	<b>TAN16-DD033: 4m @ 87g/t Au</b>	93	<b>1m @ 343.59g/t Au</b>
<b>SE400</b>	TAN16-RC123: 2m @ 1.1g/t Au	48	Late faulting, 1 RC hole on section, no drilling >70m
<b>SE450</b>	<b>TAN16-RC119: 25m @ 6.3g/t Au</b>	44	
<b>SE450</b>	<b>TAN16-RC122: 5m @ 31.2g/t Au</b>	86	
<b>SE450</b>	<b>TAN16-RC122: 12m @ 53.1g/t Au</b>	106	<b>1m @ 534.45g/t Au</b>
<b>SE450</b>	<b>TAN16-RC122: 11m @ 7.9g/t Au</b>	123	
<b>SE500</b>	NSV	-	Shallow aircore, no RC or Diamond drilling

Figure 4: M1 Summary Plan (Inset)



### M1 North Prospect

During the quarter the Company completed drilling over 300m of strike at M1 North, on 25m spaced sections down to approximately 80m vertical. Many of the earlier holes (TAN16-RC93-111) returned lower than expected results due to holes intercepting open stopes and backfill material. Follow-up drilling targeted mineralisation beneath the historic workings and delivered higher grade results including:

- TAN16-RC132: 5m at 6.2g/t Au from 60m, including 1m at 25.88g/t Au
- TAN16-RC133: 8m at 0.5g/t Au from 61m and 2m at 1.97g/t Au from 100m
- TAN16-RC134: **17m at 4.28g/t Au from 93m, including 2m at 14.5g/t Au and 1m at 28.3g/t Au**
- TAN16-RC135: hole collapsed - redrill in progress
- TAN16-RC136: **20m at 5.78g/t Au from 68m, including 1m at 96.25g/t Au**
- TAN16-RC137: **12m at 5.02g/t Au from 104m, including 6m at 8.21g/t Au**

Mineralisation is much more predictable in the northern zone at M1, although the grades are generally lower than that of M1 South. Similar lithologies and alteration have also been intercepted. Mineralisation is open along strike and at depth. A follow-up RC and diamond core program has been planned for M1 North. Drilling will initially be completed on 25m sections throughout the prospect targeting gold mineralisation in the footwall and hanging-wall zones between 80m and 160m vertical. This drilling will be completed by the end of the June. Once this drilling has been completed an interim Mineral Resource estimate will be completed.

A cross-section through section NW225, long-section through the M1 North mineralised zone and summary plan are presented below as Figures 5 – 7.

**Figure 5: M1 North Cross section – NW0225**

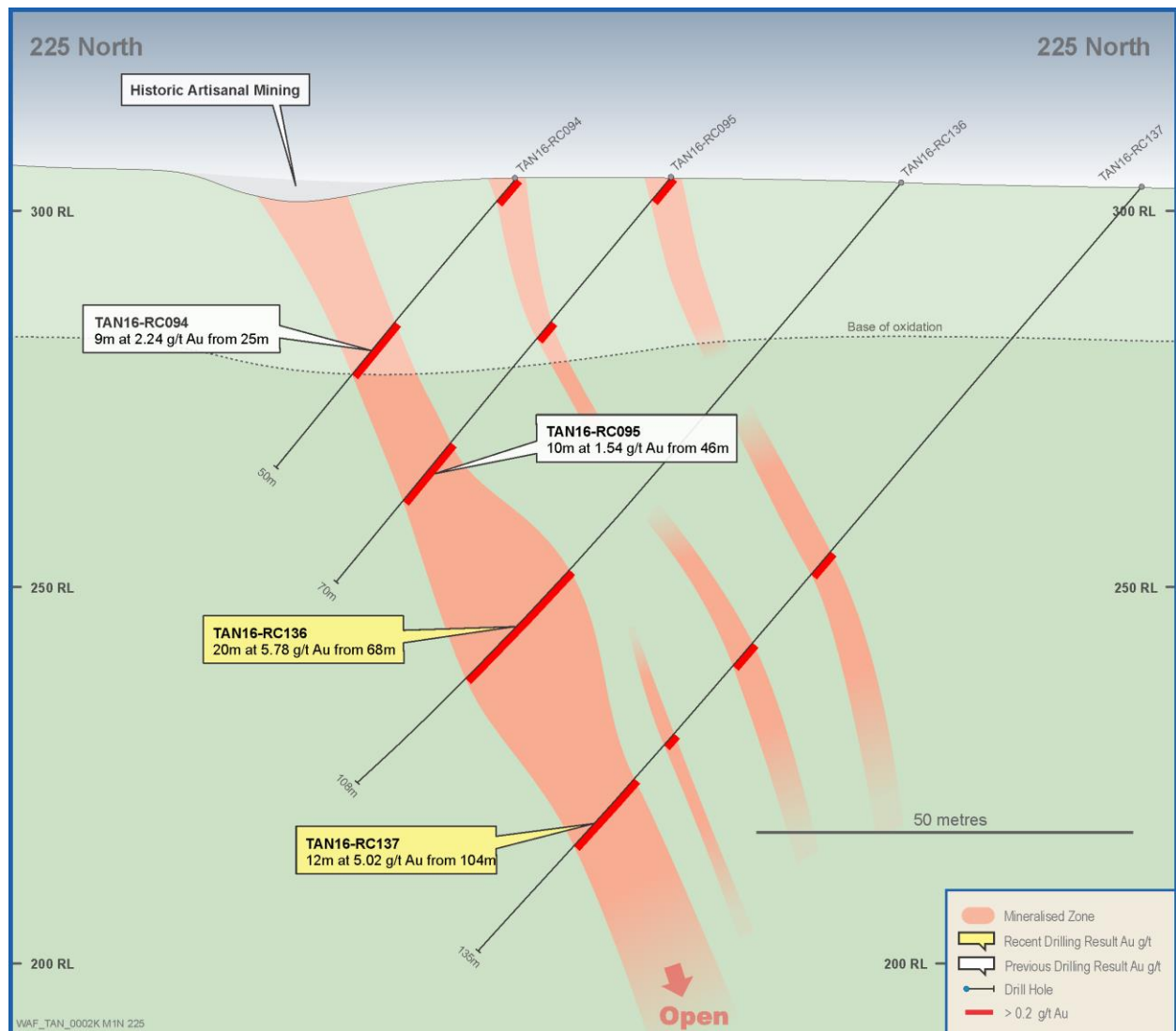


Figure 6: M1 North Long-section

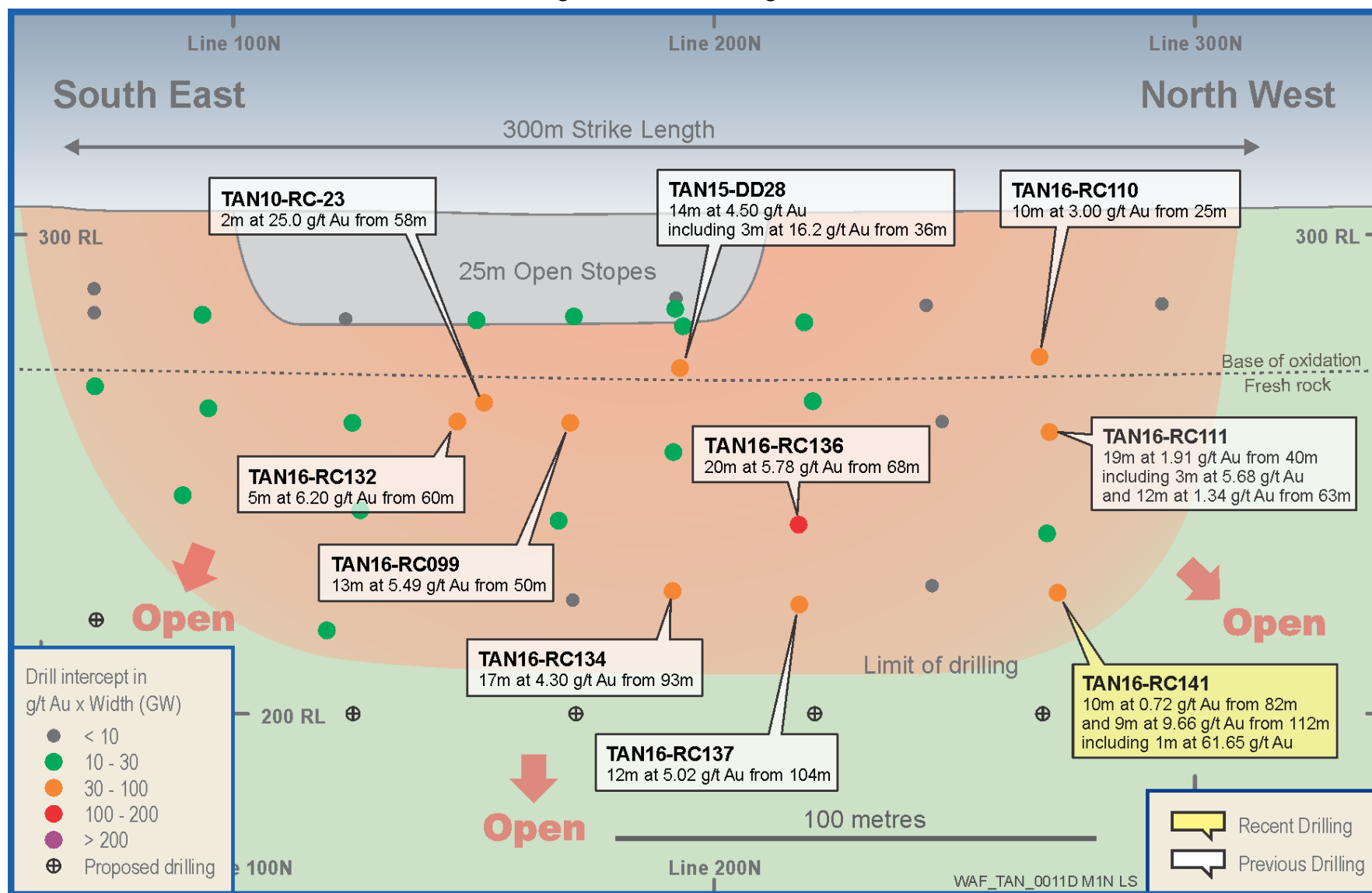
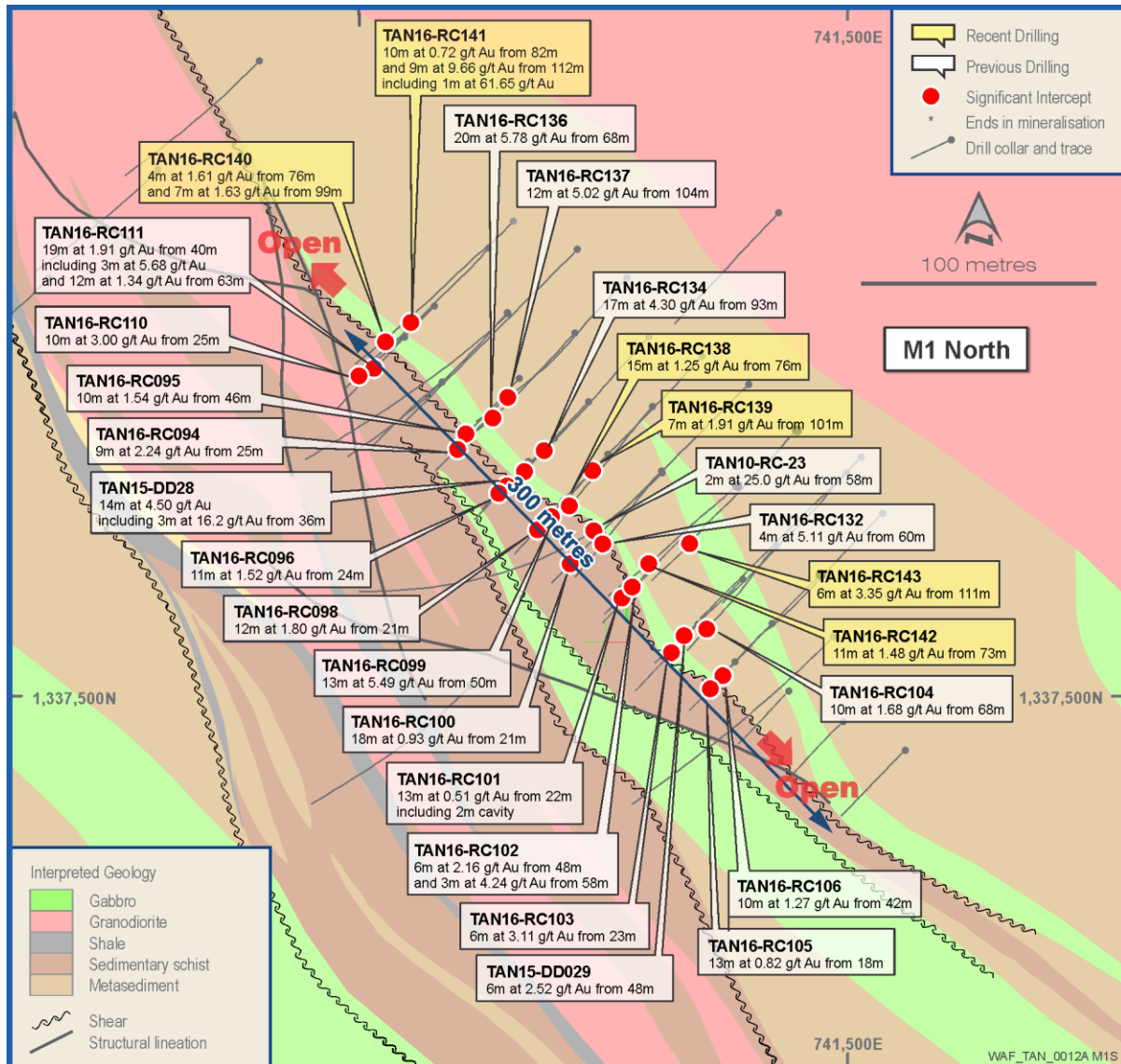




Figure 7: M1 North Summary Plan (Inset)



### *M3 Prospect*

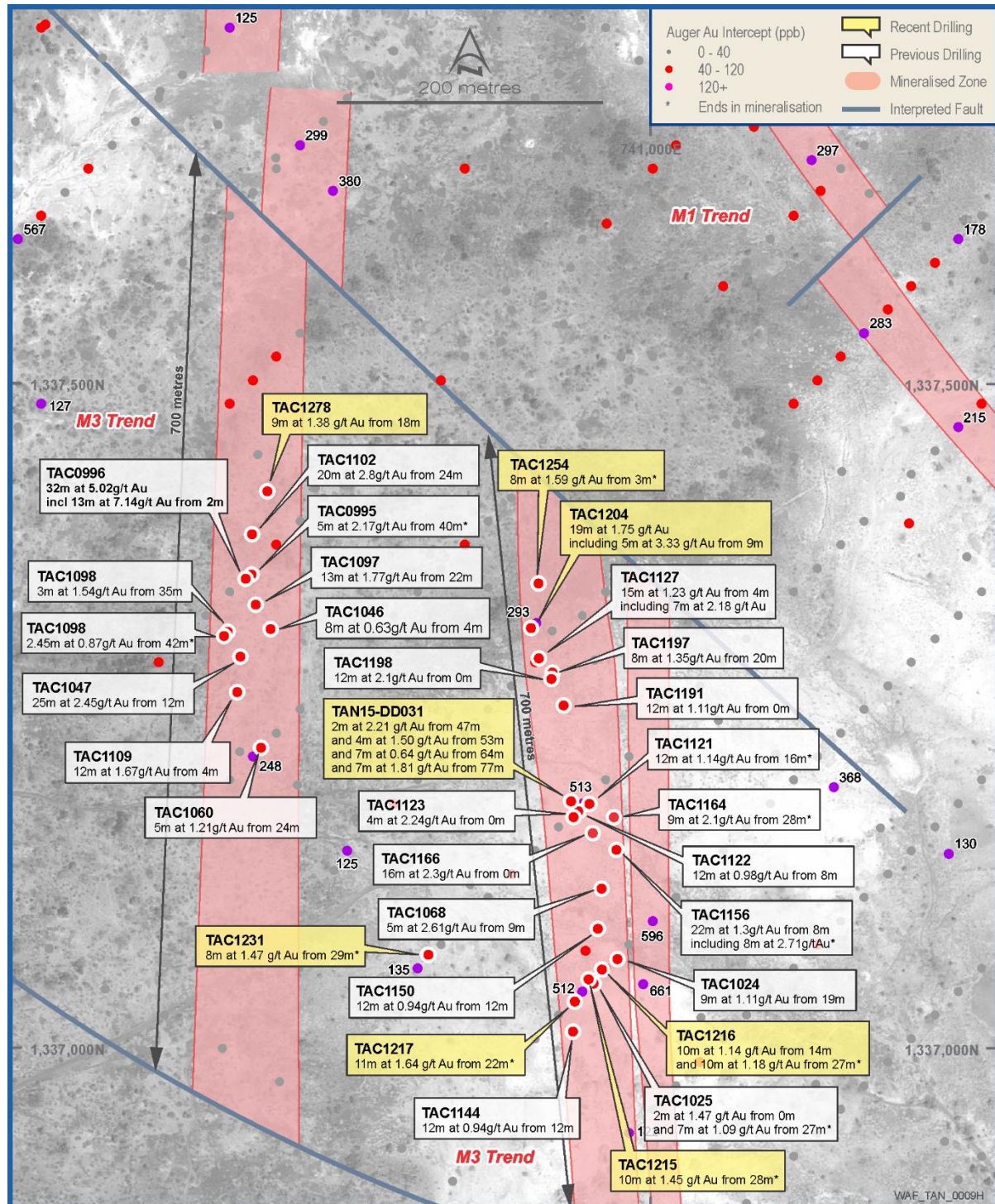
M3 returned some solid results early in the quarter, however follow-up drilling didn't take place due to the high grade discovery at M1 South, and consistent results from M1 North. Drilling during the quarter extended shallow oxide gold mineralisation at the M3 eastern zone. Follow-up drilling confirmed continuity of gold mineralisation in this area (Figure 8) with TAC1204 returning a result of 19m at 1.75g/t Au from 9m at the northern end of the M3 eastern mineralised zone. Mineralisation at M3 can now be traced over 300m at both the eastern and western zones.

Significant results from M3 reported during the quarter included:

- TAC1164: 9m at 2.1g/t Au from 28m ending in mineralisation
- TAC1166: 16m at 2.3g/t Au including 8m at 4.0 g/t Au, from surface
- TAC1191: 12m at 1.11g/t Au from surface
- TAC1197: 8m at 1.35g/t Au from 20m
- TAC1198: 12m at 2.1g/t Au from surface
- TAC1204: 19m at 1.75g/t Au from 9m
- TAC1215: 10m at 1.45g/t Au from 28m, ending in mineralisation
- TAC1216: 2m at 0.66g/t Au from surface and;
  - 3m at 2.05g/t Au from 6m;
  - 10m at 1.15g/t Au from 14m; and
  - 10m at 1.18g/t Au from 27m ending in mineralisation
- TAC1217: 11m at 1.64g/t Au from 22m ending in mineralisation
- TAC1231: 8m at 1.47g/t Au from 29m, ending in mineralisation
- TAC1254: 8m at 1.59g/t Au from 3m, ending in mineralisation
- TAC1278: 9m at 1.38g/t Au from 18m
- TAN15-DD031: 2m at 2.21g/t Au from 47m;
  - 4m at 1.5g/t Au from 53m
  - 7m at 0.64g/t Au from 64m
  - 7m at 1.81g/t Au from 77m

The gold mineralisation discovered at the M3 prospect is yet to be included in the project resource inventory, but is expected to be incorporated in a resource update at the end of June 2016.

Figure 8: M3 Summary Plan



## **Corporate**

Subsequent to the quarter's end, West African announced it had received commitments to raise up to \$12.5 million through a placement of up to 100 million shares at a price of \$0.125 per share ("Placement").

The Company received overwhelming demand from international and domestic institutional investors, as well as strong support from existing shareholders. A leading North American institution with a strong position in the precious metals sector, which has committed to subscribe \$4 million in the Placement, is among new institutional investors. This investment, subject to shareholder approval, will result in an ultimate shareholding of approximately 7.8% upon completion of the Placement in late May.

The funds raised will be applied towards an aggressive drilling programme at the M1 prospect. Activities will include exploration drilling as well as resource definition drilling to establish a maiden resource at M1.

In parallel with the drilling programme, planned to continue throughout 2016, the Company will be undertaking a Definitive Feasibility Study based on a larger-scale CIL development scenario at the Tanlouka Gold Project.

## **Other Projects**

No work was completed during the quarter in the Company's other projects.

Further information is available at [www.westafricanresources.com](http://www.westafricanresources.com)

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## Summary of Tenements in Burkina Faso at 31 March 2016

Tenement Name	Registered Holder	% Held	Tenement Number	Grant Date	Expiry Date	Tenement Type	Tenement Area km2	Geographical Location
<b>Damongto</b>	West African Resources Ltd SARL	100%	No 2015 000-192/MME/SG/DGCM	3/07/15	01/03/18	EL	36	Namentenga Province
<b>Gorin</b>	Wura Resources Pty Ltd SARL	100%	No 2014 00 48/MME/SG/DGMG	7/03/14	10/07/16	EL	183	Ganzourgou Province
<b>Goudré</b>	West African Resources Ltd SARL	100%	No 2015 000-193/MME/SG/DGCM	3/07/15	23/03/18	EL	250	Zounweogo Province
<b>Sartenga</b>	West African Resources Development SARL	100%	No 2015 000074/MME/SG/DGMG	15/10/14	4/08/17	EL	130.7	Namentenga Province
<b>Sondo Sud</b>	West African Resources Development SARL	100%	No 2015 000-154/MME/SG/DGCM	5/06/15	01/12/18	EL	18.3	Gnagna, Kouritenga Provinces
<b>Toghin <sup>(1)</sup></b>	Wura Resources Pty Ltd SARL	100%	No 2011 11-162/MCE/SG/DGMGC	18/07/11	17/07/14	EL	222	Ganzourgou, Oubritenga Provinces
<b>Vedaga <sup>(1)</sup></b>	West African Resources Exploration SARL	100%	No 2011 11-165/MCE/SG/DGMGC	18/07/11	17/07/14	EL	207.7	Gourma, Kouritenga Provinces
<b>Zam <sup>(3)</sup></b>	Wura Resources Pty Ltd SARL	100%	No 2012 12-205/MCE/SG/DGMGC	27/09/12	30/12/14	EL	247.7	Zounweogo Province
<b>Zam Sud</b>	West African Resources Ltd SARL	100%	No 2015 000194/MCE/SG/DGMGC	1/03/15	1/03/18	EL	23.46	Ganzourgou Province
<b>Tanlouka</b>	Tanlouka SARL	100%	No 2013 000128/MME/SG/DGMG	24/06/13	27/01/16	EL	115.8	Ganzourgou Province
<b>Sanbrado <sup>(2)</sup></b>	SOMISA S.A.	90%	No 2015-118/REG/OCT/PEI/DGCM			MLA	26	Ganzourgou Province

<sup>(1)</sup> The company has lodged a renewal application for this permit.

<sup>(2)</sup> The company has lodged a mining license application for this permit.

<sup>(3)</sup> Application under review by MoM

**Qualified/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.

Information in this announcement relating to the Pre-Feasibility Study has been prepared by and compiled under the supervision of Dr Leon Lorenzen, an Independent Consultant and Director of Mintrex Pty Ltd, who is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (CP) and Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia. Dr Lorenzen has sufficient experience which is relevant to and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person (or "CP") 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 Canadian National Instrument 43-101. Dr Lorenzen has reviewed the contents of this news release and consents to the inclusion in this announcement of all technical statements based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

Information in this announcement that relates to exploration results and mineral resources is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr Brian Wolfe, an independent consultant specialising in mineral resource estimation, evaluation and exploration. Mr Wolfe is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Wolfe 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 (or "CP") 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 Canadian National Instrument 43-101. Mr Wolfe has reviewed the contents of this news release and consents to the inclusion in this announcement of all technical statements based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

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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: gold price volatility, investor interest in financing of junior resource issuers, exploration hazards and risks; risks related to exploration and development of natural resource properties; uncertainty in West African's ability to obtain funding on reasonable terms or any terms at all; financial market 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.

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