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News Release

CRAIG OLIVER

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of everyone at Western Areas it is my very sad duty to inform you that our colleague and friend Craig Oliver has passed away. Craig was a passenger on the plane which was involved in an accident in the Congo on Saturday. The plane was chartered by iron ore company Sundance Resources Ltd and there were no survivors reported from the accident.

In addition to his role as Executive Finance Director and Chief Financial Officer with Western Areas, Craig was also a Non-Executive Director of Sundance Resources.

Craig was a dear friend to everyone at Western Areas and his death is a great loss to us all. He will be remembered for his cheerful nature and his boundless energy and enthusiasm for everything he was involved in. Craig really enjoyed being part of the excitement of a new exploration discovery, negotiating funding for a new mining project, seeing a new mine being developed and enthusiastically advancing the interests of the Company.

Craig was widely known and respected within mining and banking circles not only in Australia but also offshore in places like London, Toronto and New York. We have received many phone calls and condolences from people around the world who enjoyed working with Craig.

On behalf of the Board, staff and friends of Western Areas, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Craig's wife, Shanelle, their three daughters and immediate family. Our thoughts are with you at this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hanna', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Julian Hanna,
Managing Director

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