



# Westgold Lodges Bidder's Statement for Aragon as next step to Transform Westgold into an Emerging Gold Producer

## Deal will leave shares in combined group poised for re-rating, says Westgold Chairman

Westgold Resources (ASX:WGR) is pleased to advise that it has today lodged its Bidder's Statement in relation to its takeover offer for Aragon Resources in which it outlines its **goal to create a Top-10 ASX listed gold producer within five years** by combining the two companies.

In its Statement, Westgold says it believes both groups of shareholders will benefit from a share market re-rating should its offer be successful.

This re-rating will be underpinned by the sought after profile of a 3+ million ounce gold equivalent resource base, two substantial development projects and a potential production profile which will position it well against its industry peer group of "plus 200,000 ounce gold producers" and provides significant exploration growth potential.

The combined group will have a strengthened portfolio of gold resources, diversification of two development projects and commodities, increased share trading liquidity and greater options for attracting finance and increasing market relevance for investors.

Westgold believes the combined group's increase in market presence and institutional attraction, pipeline of developments and expertise will enhance the development of both Westgold's and Aragon's project portfolios.

Westgold is offering one of its shares for every one Aragon share in a deal that values the combined group at \$135 million at the time of the offer and represents a 35.4% premium to Aragon's closing price on February 4, 2011.

Upon success the larger combined company will have greater market relevance, with stronger gold inventory and an expanded future development profile creating a larger gold company with local and international market relevance from which shareholder wealth can more easily be created.

The development potential includes the "virgin" new discovery of the Rover-1 Gold-Copper Project in the Northern Territory, where a feasibility study is underway with a resource upgrade pending, and the re-opening of historical mines in the central Murchison region of WA, including the "world class" Big Bell underground mine.

Westgold is targeting future annual production for the combined group of 200,000oz gold-equivalent within five years.

Westgold Chairman Michael Atkins said; "The combination of the two companies is aimed at transforming Westgold into a substantial growth orientated gold group that will be an explorer, developer and producer".

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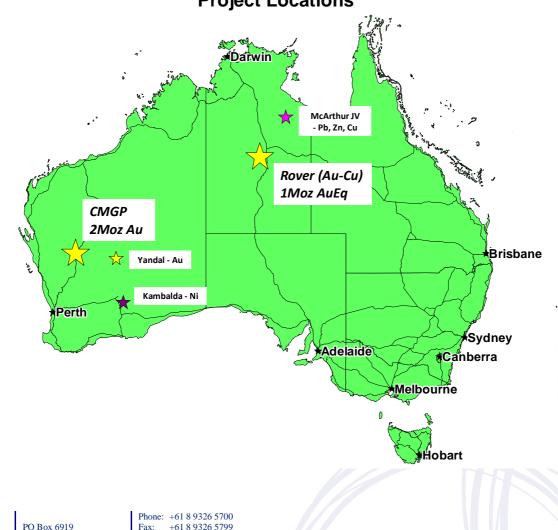
"The combined group will have total gold resources of 3M gold equivalent ounces including reserves of 0.6Moz gold, with potential for substantial increases over time," Mt Atkins said. "There is an outstanding opportunity to develop three major underground mines at Rover 1, Big Bell and Great Fingall/Golden Crown".

"These three developments are expected to provide the backbone to a solid future production profile with a goal to build production to a level of 200,000oz per annum within 5 years. All three projects remain open at depth, providing substantial potential to extend future mining and production well beyond initial assessments."

The combined group will also pursue an aggressive exploration campaign across its highly prospective acreage at Rover, near Tennant Creek, including at the nearby Explorer 142 copper gold project and untested anomalies, and at the Central Murchison Project where there is a clear opportunity to define additional shallow open pit resources to improve possible early development scenarios. Potential also exists for deeper high grade extensions to other existing historical pits and smaller underground mines, which may further improve overall mine life and economics.

Additional potential is also seen within the diversified mix of lead-zinc-silver resources at Explorer 108 in the Rover Project and McArthur Basin joint venture, nickel exploration project and a significant phosphate investment.

"For individual shareholders of both Aragon and Westgold, it is an opportunity for a significant re-rating of shares and wealth creation as the company looks to transition the combined company from explorer through to an industry relevant gold producer" Mr Atkins said.



**Project Locations** 

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### **Offer conditions**

The Offers are subject to a number of conditions including the following:

- Minimum acceptance of 90% for the Share Offer;
- The Option Offer is conditional upon the Share Offer being successful;
- No material adverse change and no prescribed occurrences; and
- No change of control rights.

Full details and definitions in regard to the terms and conditions of the Offers are available in Westgold's Bidder's Statement.

#### **Indicative timetable**

The indicative timetable to the offer is shown below:

Monday 21 February 2011	Westgold lodges Bidder's Statement with ASIC, ASX & Aragon
Monday 7 March 2011	Westgold despatches its Bidder's Statement to Aragon's shareholders
Monday 7 March 2011	Offer period opens
Monday 11 April 2011	Offer period closes (unless extended)

### **Advisers and contacts**

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**Production targets** are currently conceptual in nature and relate to future production goals based on the current resources. Detailed feasibility studies are currently underway to advance the economic evaluations of the various deposits. While the Resources are adequate to support these production targets, these Resources are not Reserves and therefore it is uncertain whether they can be mined in an economically viable manner in order to achieve those targets. There remains at present insufficient certainty with respect to whether economically mineable mineralisation exists to reliably estimate future production rates. These production targets are also subject to the completion of all necessary feasibility studies, environmental approvals, financing arrangements, execution of relevant agreements and timely project construction.



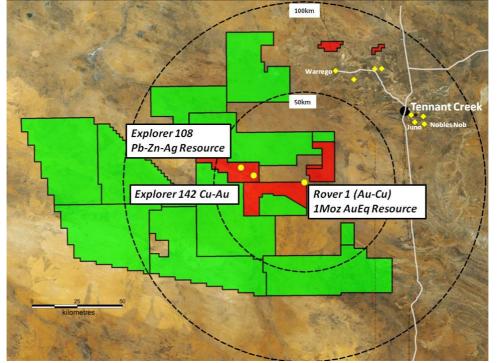
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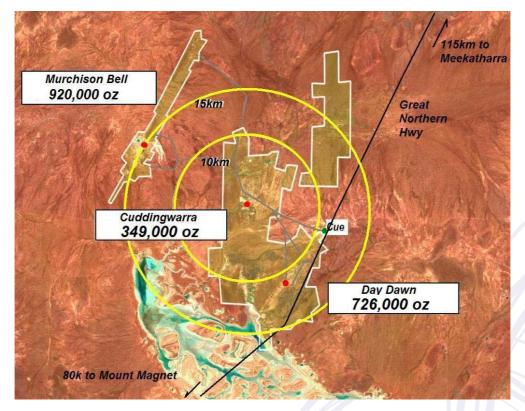


## **APPENDIX A – Combined Project Areas**

## Westgold's Rover Gold-Copper Project, highlighting current Identified Mineral Resources totalling 1.04Moz AuEq



## Aragon's Central Murchison Gold Project, highlighting current Identified Mineral Resources totalling 2.0Moz Au







## **APPENDIX B – Combined Resources and Reserves**

# **Central Murchison Gold Project Mining Reserve Table**

### **Probable Mining Reserve Estimates**

Deposit	Tonnes	Grade (g/t Au)	Ounces
Big Bell Underground	2,895,000	4.2	390,000
Golden Fingall Underground <sup>1</sup>	878,000	8	224,000
Total	3,773,000	5.1	614,000

#### Notes

Mining recoveries of 85% with 20% dilution has been applied at Big Bell

Mining recoveries of 80% with 10% dilution has been applied at Golden Fingall

<sup>1</sup> Great Fingall JV Claim - There is a 49% joint venture interest claim over the Great Fingall deeps from 500 metres below surface. The current total resource included in this area is approximately 927,000 tonnes@ 9.1g/t Au for 271,000 ounces.

## Central Murchison Gold Project Resource Table

		easur	ed	Indicated			Inferred			Total Resource		
Mining Centre/ Deposit	Tonnes	Au	Au	Tonnes	Au	Au	Tonnes	Au	Au	Tonnes	Au	Au
	('000s)	g/t	Oz	('000s)	g/t	Oz	('000s)	g/t	Oz	('000s)	g/t	Oz
Murchison Bell												
1600N/Shocker				415	2.5	33,000	359	3.2	37,000	774	2.8	70,000
Big Bell*				5,153	4.5	747,000	7	4.9	1,200	5,161	4.5	748,000
Fender				71	4.1	9,000				71	4.1	9,000
North Fender				385	1.7	21,000	578	1.6	30,000	963	1.7	51,000
Sub -total				6,024	4.2	810,000	944	2.2	68,200	6,969	3.9	878,000
Cuddingwarra												
Black Swan				222	3.5	25,000	1	1.3		223	3.5	25,000
Black Swan South				315	3.5	35,000	1,816	3.8	224,000	2,131	3.8	259,000
Chieftain				50	3.1	5,000	75	3.4	8,000	125	3.3	13,000
City of Chester				28	2.3	2,000	82	2.4	6,000	110	2.4	8,000
City of Sydney	4	1.6		62	2.1	4,000				65	2.0	4,000
Golden Gate				65	3.0	6,000	1	2.6		66	3.0	6,000
Rheingold							89	3.8	11,000	89	3.8	11,000
Rheingold South	23	3.3	3,000	82	3.6	10,000	96	3.4	11,000	202	3.5	23,000
Sub-total	27	3.0	3,000	824	3.3	87,000	2,160	3.7	260,000	3,011	3.6	349,000
Day Dawn												
3210				50	3.3	5,000				50	3.3	5,000
Golden Crown*				551	9.6	169,000	91	5.4	16,000	642	9.0	185,000
Great Fingall				349	1.9	21,000	1,500	1.4	67,000	1,849	1.5	88,000
Great Fingall*1				1,034	10.2	340,000	271	6.5	56,000	1,305	9.4	396,000
Kinsella	1	2.9		54	3.1	5,000				55	3.1	6,000
Mt Fingall							30	3.1	3,000	30	3.1	3,000
Rubicon	19	2.9	2,000	50	2.3	4,000	12	1.3		80	2.3	6,000
South Fingall				36	2.8	3,000	28	3.1	3,000	65	3.0	6,000
Try Again	1	1.8		12	3.2	1,000	178	3.1	17,000	192	3.1	19,000
Yellow Taxi				80	2.4	6,000	15	2.9	1,000	94	2.5	7,000
Yellow Taxi South							37	4.3	5,000	37	4.3	5,000
Sub-total	21	2.8	2,000	2,216	7.8	554,000	2,162	2.5	168,000	4,399	5.1	726,000
Sub Total In situ	47	3.3	5,000	9,064	4.98	1,451,000	5,266	2.9	496,200	14,379	4.23	1,953,000
Stockpiles												
Great Fingall				108	1.0	3,000				108	1.0	3,000
Fingall Sands				34	1.2	1,000				34	1.2	1,000
Stockpiles				142	0.9	4,000				142	0.9	4,000
TOTAL	47	3.3	5,000	9,206	4.9	1,455,000	5,266	2.9	496,200	14,521	4.2	1,957,000

(\* denotes underground resource)

The information relating to the above resource and reserve tables for the CMGP is based on Aragon's December 2010 "Quarterly Activities and Cashflow Reports" released by Aragon to the Australian Securities Exchange on the 28 January 2011.





## **Rover1 Resource Table**

The Rover 1 maiden JORC Mineral Resource estimate comprises **5.3Mt at 6.1g/t gold equivalent** for **1,037,600 gold equivalent ounces** and includes internal high-grade gold and copper zones totalling **2.4Mt at 9.3g/t gold equivalent for 728,700 gold equivalent ounces**.

#### Rover 1 – Total Mineral Resource Estimate (2.5g/t AuEq cut-off)

Classification	Tonnes	AuEq g/t	Au g/t	Ag g/t	Bi %	Co %	Cu %	AuEq Oz
Indicated	588,000	14.6	8.5	3.7	0.3	0.1	1.7	276,600
Inferred	4,742,000	5.0	1.3	2.0	0.1	0.1	1.0	761,000
Total	5,330,000	6.1	2.1	2.2	0.1	0.1	1.0	1,037,600

Rounding errors may occur

#### Rover 1 – Internal High-Grade Gold and Copper Zones (using 2.5g/t Au or 1% Cu cut-offs)

Classification	Tonnes	AuEq g/t	Au g/t	Ag g/t	Bi %	Co %	Cu %	AuEq Oz
Indicated	588,000	14.6	8.5	3.7	0.3	0.1	1.7	276,600
Inferred	1,862,000	7.6	2.5	2.1	0.2	0.1	1.5	452,100
Total	2,450,000	9.3	4.0	2.5	0.2	0.1	1.5	728,700

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#### Gold Equivalence

The Gold Equivalence calculation represents total metal value for each metal assuming 100% recovery, summed and expressed in equivalent gold grade or ounces. The prices used in the calculation being US\$1100/oz Au, US\$7000/t Cu, US\$21.0/lb Co, US\$7.5/lb Bi and US\$15.0/oz Ag and approximate metal prices as at 18 Feb 2010.

## **Explorer 108 Resource Estimate Statement**

#### Table 1 Total Inferred Resource Statement, at 2.5% Pb+Zn%

Class	Tonnes	Pb+Zn	Pb	Zn	Au	Ag	Cu	Pb Metal	Zn Metal	Au	Ag
	Т	%	%	%	g/t	g/t	%	Т	Т	Oz	Oz
Measure d	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indicated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inferred	8,733,000	5.6	2.0	3.7	0.3	20	0.1	170,900	319,900	70,900	5,587,300
Total	8,733,000	5.6	2.0	3.7	0.3	20	0.1	170,900	319,900	70,900	5,587,300

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#### Table 2 Total Inferred Resource Statement, at 5.0% Pb+Zn%

Class	Tonnes	Pb+Zn	Pb	Zn	Au	Ag	Cu	Pb Metal	Zn Metal	Au	Ag
	т	%	%	%	g/t	g/t	%	т	т	Oz	Oz
Measure d	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	·
Indicated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inferred	3,992,000	8.2	2.8	5.4	0.3	25	0.1	112,000	213,600	42,000	3,141,500
Total	3,992,000	8.2	2.8	5.4	0.3	25	0.1	112,000	213,600	42,000	3,141,500

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### **APPENDIX C – Competent person's statement**

#### Competent person's statement - Westgold

The information in this report that relates to exploration results, mineral resources or mineral reserves of Westgold is based on information compiled by Mr Andrew Beckwith (B AppSc) who is a full time employee of Westgold and a member of the AusIMM. Mr Beckwith has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposits under consideration and to the activity he is undertaking to qualify as a competent person as described by the 2004 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Beckwith consents to the inclusion in this report on the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.