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**Exploration Update: First RC results from Moktedu Prospect
6m at 8.35g/t from Surface in RC Drilling at Moktedu**

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Significant gold intersections returned from shallow first pass reverse circulation (RC) drilling over southern 1km of 8km Moktedu Prospect
- ✓ Multiple gold intersections on the majority of first pass lines including:-
 - **6m at 8.35 g/t gold** including **1m at 42.96 g/t gold** from surface
 - **3m at 7.64 g/t gold** including **1m at 20.93 g/t gold** from 33m
 - **4m at 4.08 g/t gold** from 5m
 - **6m at 1.92 g/t gold** from 1m
 - **2m at 4.23 g/t gold** from 28m
- ✓ Assays received for first 23 holes.
- ✓ More than 120 RC holes and three diamond holes, from company-owned rigs, pending covering southern 3km of 8km mineralised trend at Moktedu
- ✓ Extensive RC and diamond drilling to continue with company rigs along strike at Moktedu through to July 2012
- ✓ Infill auger drilling at Sartenga Prospect complete, 1400 assays pending
- ✓ Detailed auger drilling underway on Sondo 1 Permit, immediately west and south of 3.5Moz Au Bombore Deposit
- ✓ RAB drilling in progress at Meguet Prospect, assays pending for 160 holes of 3,500m drilled to date
- ✓ 200,000m 2011-2012 field season drilling campaign underway, 20,000m completed
- ✓ Targeting maiden resource estimate in June 2012

West African Resources Limited (ASX: WAF) is pleased to announce it has received confirmation of high-grade results from RC drilling at the Moktedu Prospect, at our 100%-owned Boulsa Gold Project in Burkina Faso.

Results have been received for the first 23 RC holes drilled into the southern area of the Moktedu Prospect where significant results were previously returned in RAB drilling. Geological logging and assays have now confirmed that mineralisation at Moktedu dips to the northwest, which is in contrast to the interpretation following the initial RAB drilling.

No outcrop or artisanal mining is present in the Moktedu area, making the initial interpretation challenging, however significant results returned from KORC001 and KORC014 (**6m at 8.35 g/t gold from surface and 3m at 7.64 g/t gold from 33m**) confirm the northwest dip of mineralisation, which appears to flatten out further at depth. Mineralisation is associated with laminated quartz veining with intense-silica-carbonate-pyrite alteration.

Two further diamond holes have been drilled on this section using company-owned rigs, and a zone of intense quartz veining with-silica-carbonate-pyrite alteration was been intercepted between 67m and 81m in KODT001 (note: drilled oblique to mineralised zone), while KODT004 is still in progress with a proposed depth of 150m (**See Figure 1 and Photo 1**).

This updated interpretation indicates that the majority of the initial 23 RC holes into the Moktedu Prospect were drilled sub-parallel to the direction of mineralisation, meaning few of these early holes intersected the main mineralised zone. Results and drilling statistics are presented in Table 1. Following the initial RC holes reported in this release, infill drilling using company RC rigs has been completed at -60 degrees towards the southeast. Approximately 120 additional RC holes for 3,500m have been drilled along with three diamond core holes, assays are pending and will be reported as they are received.

Infill auger drilling has also been completed at the **Sartenga Prospect (ASX: 26/7/2011)**. In total 1,389 holes were drilled on a 50m by 200m grid for a total of 8,226m. All samples have been dispatched to the laboratory for analysis and results are pending. RC drilling is planned to begin at Sartenga in early 2012.

Infill auger drilling is also underway on the Sondo Permit, which is located immediately west and south of the 3.5Moz Au Bombore Deposit (**TSX: ORE**) (**ASX: 20/6/2011**). Sample dispatch from Sondo 1 will commence soon.

RAB drilling has also been on-going at the **Meguet Prospect** (**ASX: 23/8/2011**). In total some 160 holes have been drilled for a total of 3,500m since the resumption of field work following the wet season. All samples have been dispatched to the laboratory for analysis and results are also pending.

“All exploration programs are in full swing, with successful commissioning of our RC and diamond drill rigs completed, we look forward to rapidly and cost-effectively testing our targets, and updating the market on our progress as results are received.”

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Background Information on the Boulsa Gold Project

The Boulsa Gold Project in Burkina Faso covers 6,125km² and 185km of strike length of early Proterozoic Birimian greenstone belts which are highly prospective for gold mineralisation. Significant results have already been returned from the Project, which is located immediately along strike from the emergent 3.5Moz Au Bomboré Deposit.

Auger drilling completed by West African Resources has been completed on regional grid over granted permits. This work has targets totalling 40km of strike anomalies which are being rapidly advanced in 2011-12.

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Competent Person's Statement

Information in this announcement that relates to exploration results 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. 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 2004 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code). 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.

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Technical Terms

Au	Chemical symbol for gold.
Auger Drilling	A drilling method in which the sample is brought to the surface via a helical or spiral rods.
g/t	grams per tonne
ppb	parts per billion. E.g. 1000 ppb Au equals 1 ppm Au, or 1 g/t Au.
ppm	parts per million, equivalent to g/t.
RAB Drilling	Rotary Air Blast drilling. A drilling method in which the sample is brought to the surface outside of the drill rods using compressed air.
RC Drilling	Reverse Circulation drilling. A drilling method in which the sample is brought to the surface inside the drill rods using compressed air, reducing contamination

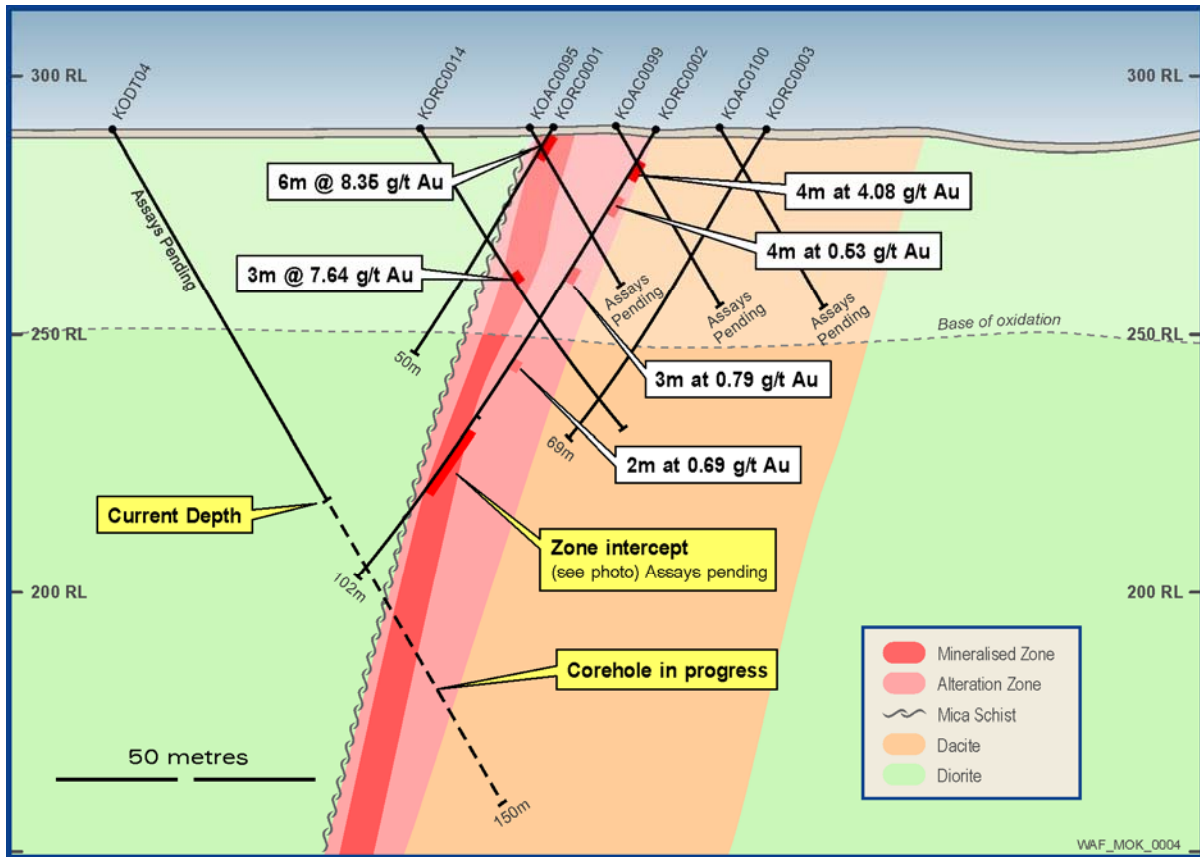


Figure 1: Cross-section through Moktedu Prospect showing RC and Diamond Drilling

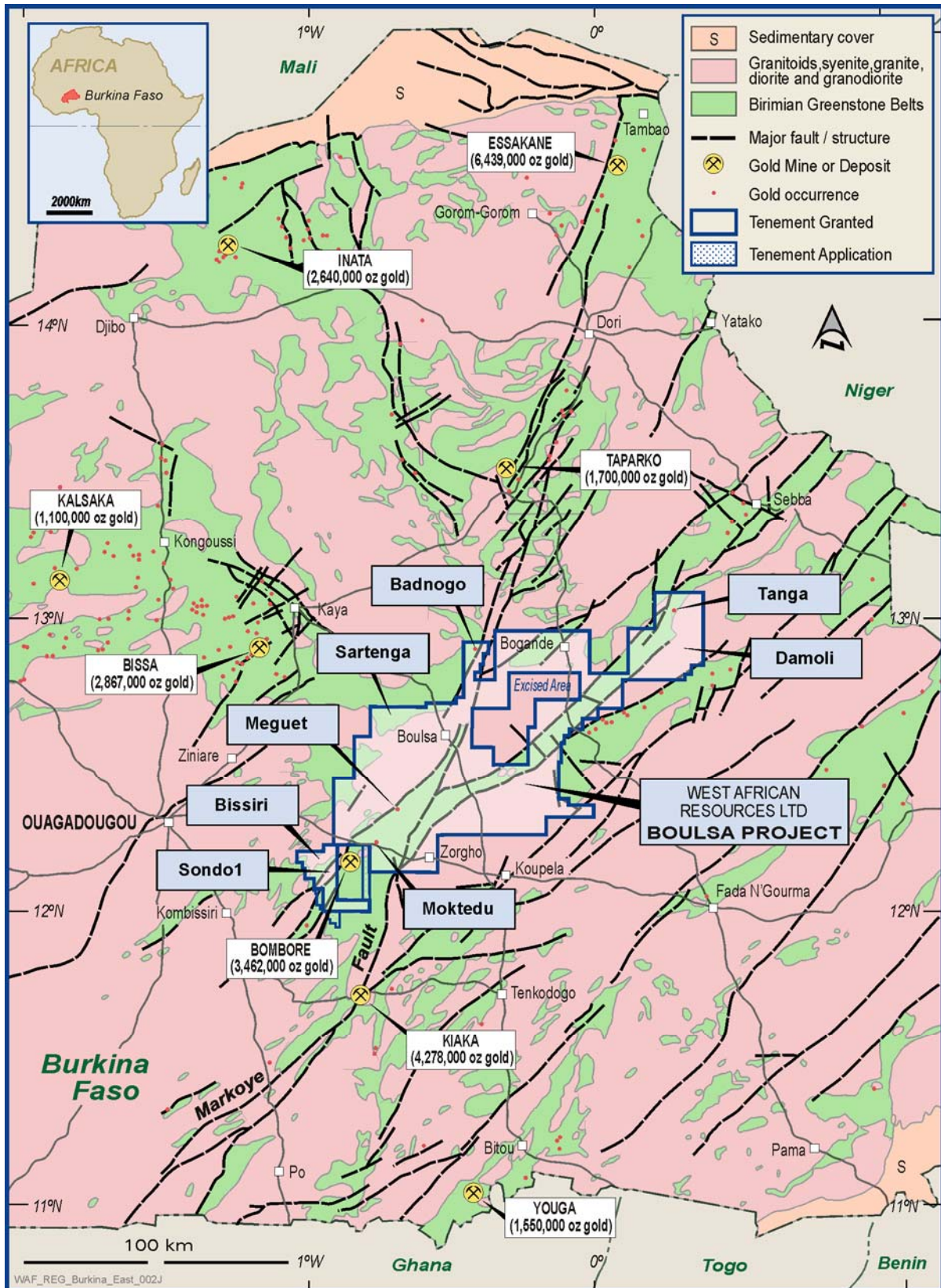


Figure 2: Boulsa Gold Project – Prospect Location Plan and Regional Geology and Deposits



Photo 1:- Core from KODT001 (extension of KORC002) 69.40 – 82.47m
Drill core exhibiting strong quartz veining-silica-carbonate-pyrite alteration – note assays pending

HOLE	NORTH (m)	EAST (m)	RL	AZI	DIP	TDEPTH (m)	FROM (m)	TO (m)	INTERVAL (m)	GOLD g/t	Prospect
KORC0001	1356851	737028	290	315	-60	50	0	6	6	8.35	Moktedu
KORC0002	1356838	737043	290	315	-60	59	5	9	4	4.08	Moktedu
KORC0002							13	17	4	0.53	
KORC0002							29	32	3	0.79	
KORC0002							50	52	2	0.69	
KORC0003	1356823	737058	290	315	-60	69				nsv	Moktedu
KORC0004	1356915	737108	289	315	-60	66				nsv	Moktedu
KORC0005	1356895	737125	289	315	-60	66				nsv	Moktedu
KORC0006	1356884	737139	289	315	-60	64				nsv	Moktedu
KORC0007	1356990	737173	286	315	-60	42	1	7	6	1.92	Moktedu
KORC0008	1356977	737187	286	315	-60	50				nsv	Moktedu
KORC0009	1356959	737201	286	315	-60	70				nsv	Moktedu
KORC0010	1356946	737215	287	315	-60	70	54	59	5	0.20	Moktedu
KORC0011	1357001	737158	287	135	-60	60	0	2	2	0.43	Moktedu
KORC0012	1357016	737146	286	135	-60	60				nsv	Moktedu
KORC0013	1356928	737093	289	135	-60	51				nsv	Moktedu
KORC0014	1356874	737016	290	135	-60	70	33	36	3	7.64	Moktedu
KORC0014							45	53	8	0.29	
KORC0014							58	63	5	0.20	
KORC0015	1357073	737384	286	135	-60	70	10	13	3	0.29	Moktedu
KORC0015							21	26	5	0.89	
KORC0016	1357036	737419	287	135	-60	69				nsv	Moktedu
KORC0017	1357182	737547	286	315	-60	70	6	9	3	0.31	Moktedu
KORC0018	737602	1357121	286	315	-60	60				nsv	
KORC0019	1357154	737576	287	135	-60	60	28	30	2	4.23	Moktedu
KORC0020	1357217	737513	285	135	-60	60	6	9	3	0.31	Moktedu
KORC0020							29	31	2	0.50	
KORC0020							47	49	2	0.36	
KORC0020							55	60	5	0.23	
KORC0021	1357041	737418	286	315	-60	60	2	4	2	0.36	Moktedu
KORC0022	1357974	737896	284	315	-60	60				nsv	Moktedu
KORC0023	1358004	737862	283	135	-60	60				nsv	Moktedu

Notes to Table 1:-

1. All holes drilled by Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling.
2. All drill results are for 4m composite intervals.
3. All sample results are reported from BIGS Laboratory in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso using industry standard Fire Assay 50g methods.
4. All results of QAQC samples are routinely monitored to be within acceptable limits for the type of assay method used.
5. All assays are quoted to two decimal places.
6. All collar positions have been surveyed using handheld GPS devices with accuracy of $\pm 5-10m$.
7. NSV no significant value.