

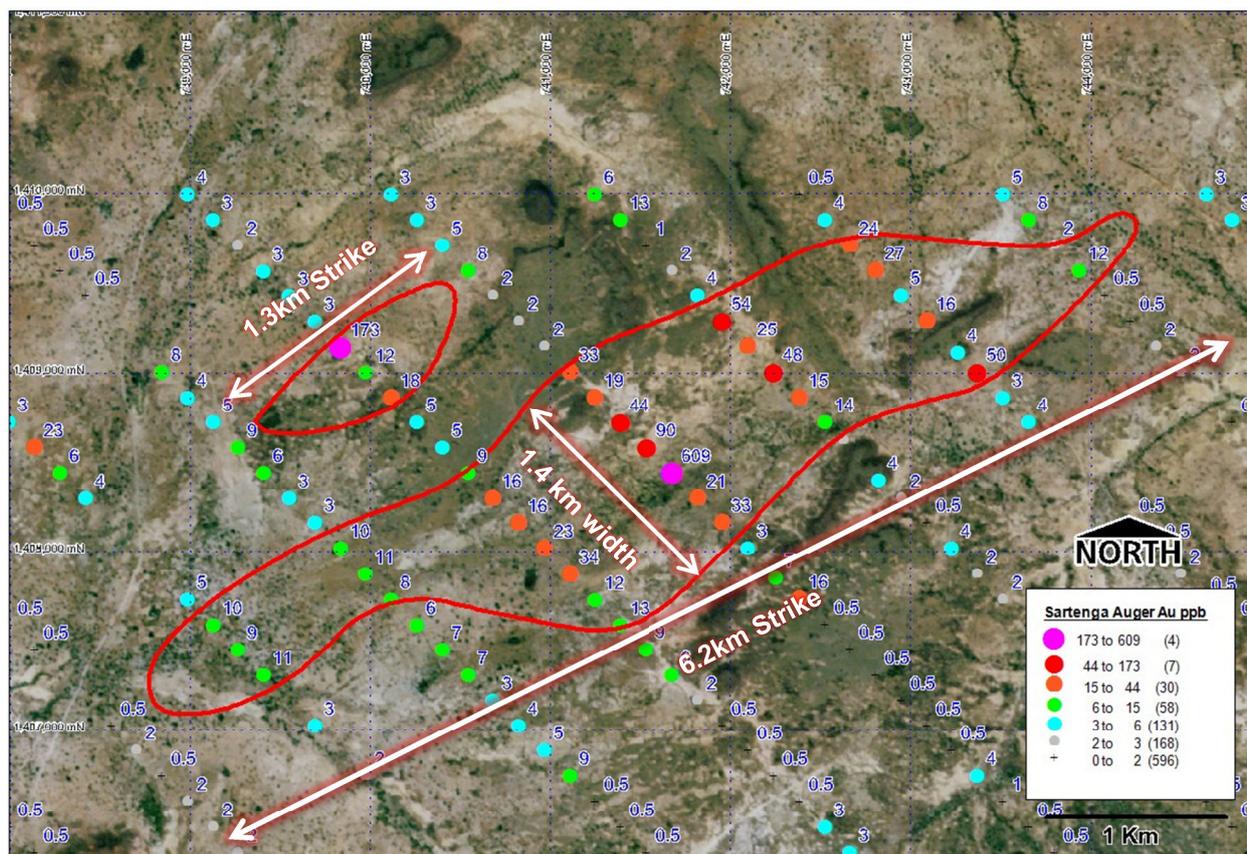
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**New 6km Gold Discovery at Sartenga Prospect**

**Highlights**

- ✓ Massive 6.2 km x 1.4 km footprint, peak result of 3m at 0.61 g/t Au in first-pass wide-spaced regional auger drilling
- ✓ No outcrop or artisanal mining activity
- ✓ Second discovery from first principles by West African in past 12 months
- ✓ Infill auger drilling and RAB drilling planned to commence in October following wet season
- ✓ West African fully funded for three years of intensive exploration including up to 200,000m of drilling per annum



**Figure 1: New Sartenga Discovery: First pass regional auger drilling over 5m Rapid Eye Satellite Data  
6.2km x 1.4km footprint peak result of 3m at 0.609 g/t Au**

West African Resources Ltd (West African) is pleased to announce a new gold discovery at the Sartenga Prospect, on the Company's 100%-owned Boulsa Gold Project in Burkina Faso, West Africa.

First pass regional auger drilling has defined a large anomaly some **6.2km in strike length** by **up to 1.4km width** at a 10ppb Au contour in the northwest region of the Sartenga Prospect (**Figure 1**).

The anomaly is very coherent and robust, with the central portion of the anomaly up to seven samples wide (200m spacing) and across four consecutive 800m spaced lines at +20ppb Au, with a peak result of **3m at 609ppb Au** (0.61 g/t Au). The central portion of the anomaly is overlain by transported material, sheetwash and colluvium, indicating that discovery through convention soil sampling would not have been possible, validating West African's systematic auger drilling exploration strategy (**Figure 2**).

The anomaly is situated between two eroding laterite ridges, indicating preferential erosion of a deformed and altered zone. Geological logging of peak result **3m at 609ppb Au** noted a high percentage of quartz fragments with highly oxidised red saprolite, which was also noted in surrounding samples. Away from the main area of the anomaly, outcrops of strongly deformed and folded highly weathered sediments exhibiting quartz veining were located by West African geologists.

The anomaly is situated on the intersection of northwest and east-west trending structures interpreted from regional aeromagnetic data (**Figure 3**). Regional anomalism was also discovered in the southwest portion of the prospect with a peak anomaly of 210ppb Au (**Figure 4**).

Mineralisation at Sartenga has been discovered by West African through first principles exploration methods combining mapping, geochemistry, geophysics and drilling as mineralisation does not outcrop. Further there is no historic artisanal mining on the site therefore making this **West African's second gold discovery from the application of modern exploration methods in the past 12 months**.

Holes were drilled at 200 metre intervals on lines spaced at 800 metres, on a northwest – southeast orientation. Wherever possible one 3 metre composite sample per hole was collected from the saprolite horizon, beneath any surface soil or transported material. All samples were despatched to BIGS Global Laboratory in Ouagadougou gold assay by the BLEG method. All samples were processed following West African's strict QAQC procedures including routine duplicate, blank and standard samples. All QAQC samples reported within acceptable limits.

Detailed infill auger drilling will commence at Sartenga immediately after the wet season, in October 2011, which will be followed by RAB drilling later in 2011.

**“This is another exciting discovery by the Company's exploration team, and reinforces our long held strategy of holding large areas over Burkina's under-explored greenstone terrains, and exploring as rapidly as possible using company owned rigs”** Managing Director Richard Hyde said.



Figure 2: Sartenga Prospect: West African auger team in action at Sartenga

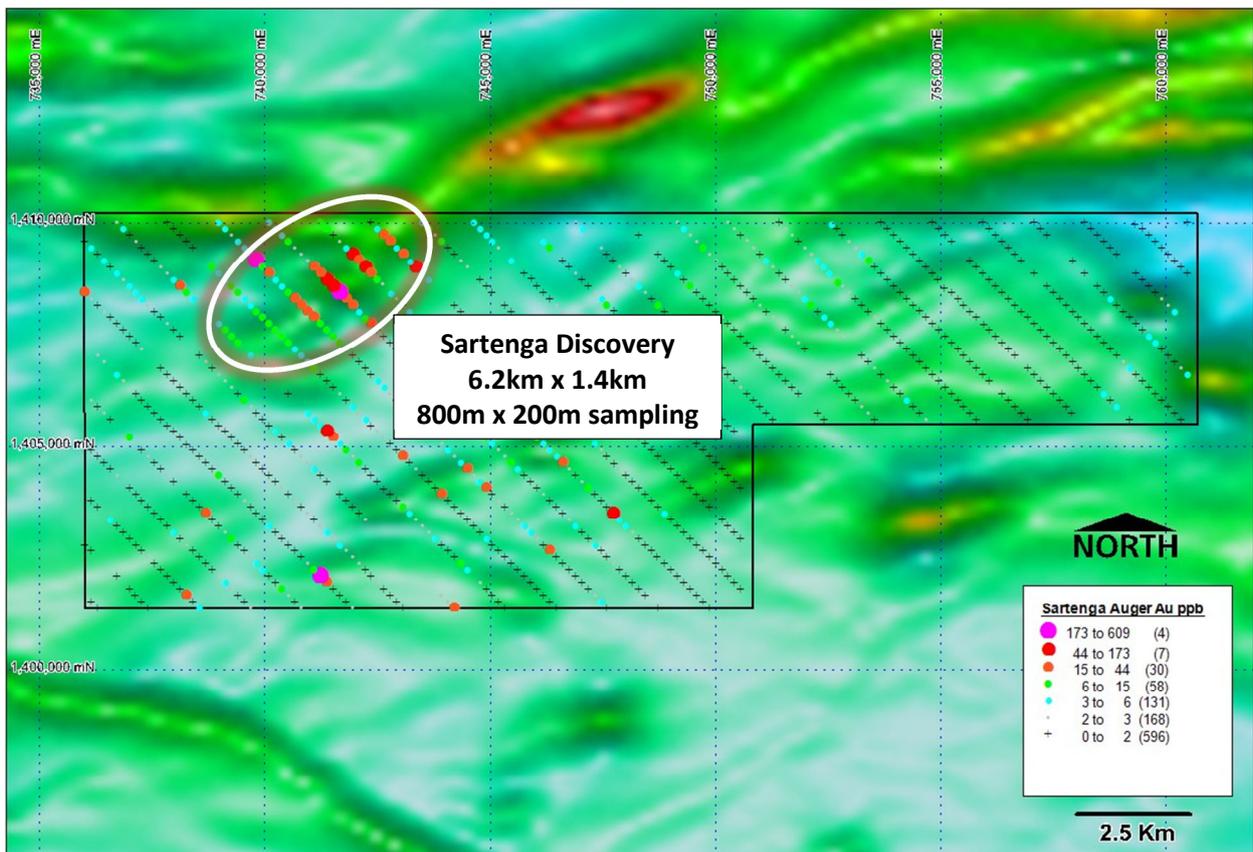


Figure 2: New Sartenga discovery: Regional setting over aeromagnetics

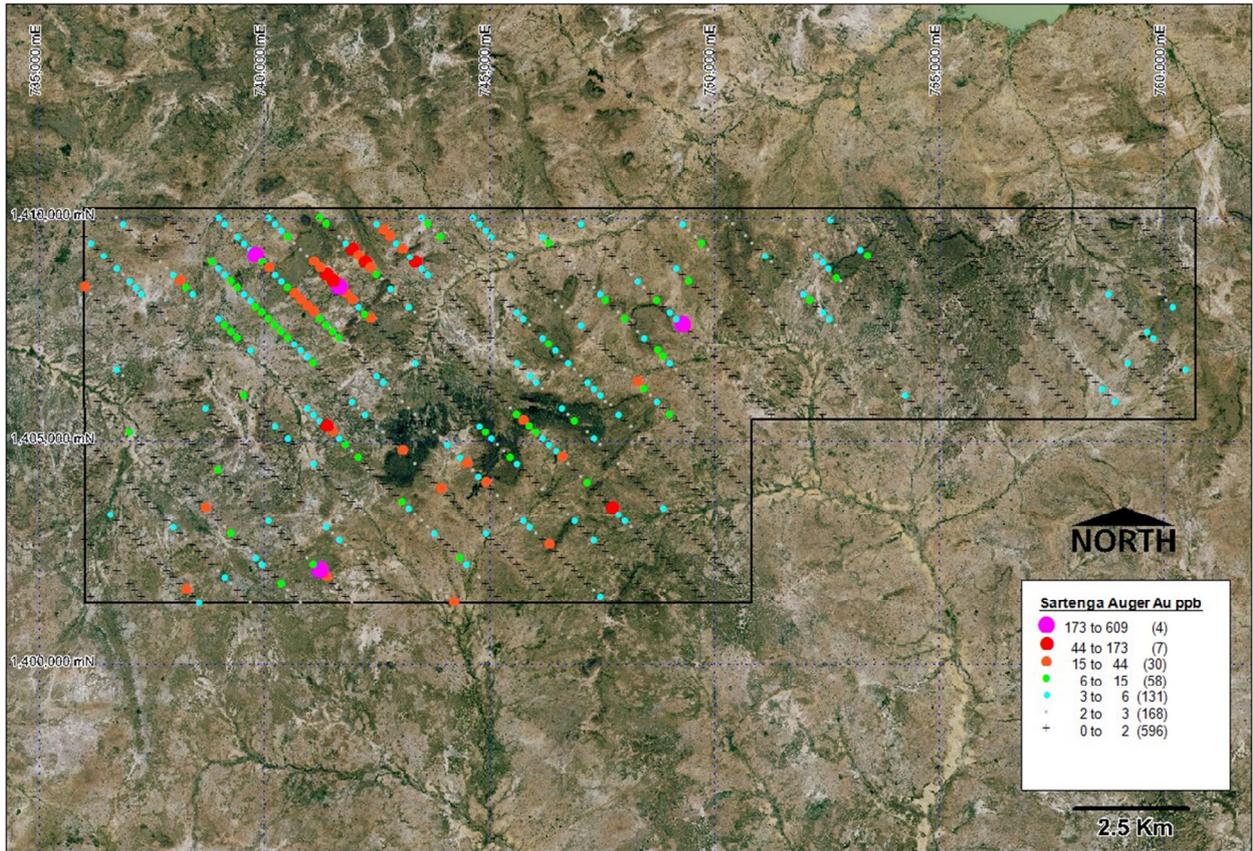


Figure 3: Sartenga Discovery: First pass regional auger drilling over satellite imagery

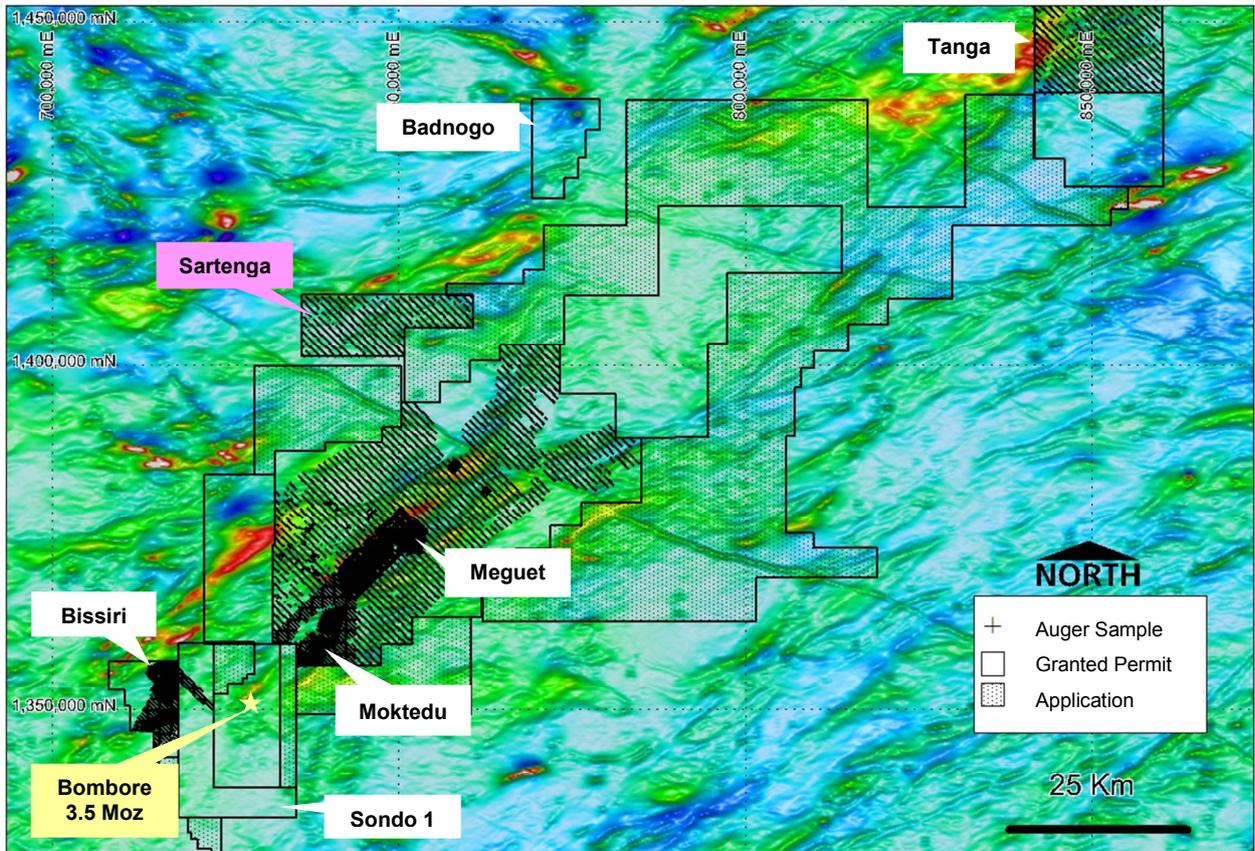


Figure 4: Boulsa Gold Project - Auger drilling completed 2010-11 over regional aeromagnetics

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**Managing Director**

**Company Profile**

The Boulsa Gold Project in Burkina Faso covers 6165km<sup>2</sup> 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.

Recent auger geochemical sampling also completed by West African Resources tested 25km of greenstone belt strike in the southwest portion of the project, representing less than 10% of the current project area. This work has delineated 25 robust targets, many coincident with artisanal mining activity at the Moktedu Trend and Meguet Trend target areas. These targets total 30km strike of anomalies and will be rapidly advanced in 2011.

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

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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