



Press Release

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West African appoints Colin Jones as Non-Executive Director

West African Resources Limited (ASX, TSXV: WAF) is pleased to announce it has appointed Colin Jones as a Non-Executive Director to its Board.

Mr Jones will replace Stephen Ross on the Board. His appointment follows West African's acquisition of TSXV-listed Channel Resources Ltd. West African is now listed on both the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and the Toronto Stock Exchange Venture (TSXV) index.

Mr Jones has 30 years of experience as a mining, exploration and consulting geologist and is experienced in a number of different geological environments. He has worked on all continents on producing mines, as part of feasibility teams and also in exploration. He was most recently Executive Vice President at Dundee Resources Limited in Toronto. He is a Director of Geodrill Ltd (TSXV:GEO) and of Eurotin Inc. (TSXV:TIN).

"We are excited to have Colin join us on the Board of West African as he brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to the team, and we believe this will be invaluable to us," West African Managing Director Richard Hyde said.

"His appointment will also help us build and strengthen relationships in the North American market following our recent TSXV listing."

Mr Hyde thanked outgoing Non-Executive Director Mr Ross for his contribution to the West African Board over the past four years.

Mr Ross is Managing Director of Manas Resources Limited, which is focused on developing the Shambesai Gold Project in the Kyrgyz Republic.

"Stephen has been with us at West African for many important milestones, and we are grateful to him for his work during his time on the Board," he said.

"Stephen now wishes to concentrate on project finance negotiations and steering Manas towards production."

West African is currently drilling at the Mankarga 5 gold project on the Tanlouka Permit, part of the Boulsa Gold Project, in Burkina Faso. Drilling programs in conjunction with a reinterpretation of the Mankarga 5 deposit will lead to resource update studies towards the end of Q1 2014. The Company recently purchased a second-hand heap leach plant for the Mankarga 5 gold project at substantially below replacement cost. West African Resources Ltd aims to be a +50,000oz per annum gold producer within two years, subject to study outcomes.

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.

Forward Looking Information and Cautionary Statements

This announcement has been prepared in compliance with the JORC Code 2012 Edition, the ASX Listing Rules and NI43-101.

The information relating to the Mankarga 5 Mineral Resource Estimate is extracted from Channel's NI43-101 report dated August 17, 2012 and is available to view on www.westafricanresources.com and on Channel Resources Ltd's profile on www.sedar.com. Supplementary information about the Mangarga 5 Mineral Resource is also included in the Company's December 2013 Quarterly Report.

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