

Western Exploration Announces Closing of CDN \$1.7 Million Private Placement With Strategic New Shareholder

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[Western Exploration Inc.](#) (TSXV: WEX; OTCQX: WEXPF) (the "Company" or "Western Exploration") is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously-announced non-brokered private placement (the "Offering") of units of the Company (the "Units"). Under the Offering, the Company issued an aggregate of 1,603,773 Units at a price of CDN \$1.06 per Unit for gross proceeds of approximately CDN \$1.7 million to a new strategic investor, TXAU Ventures LLC ("TXAU Ventures") of Houston, Texas.

Each Unit consists of one variable voting share of the Company (each, a "Share") and one-half of one variable voting share purchase warrant of the Company (each whole variable voting share purchase warrant, a "Warrant"). Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one variable voting share of the Company (each, a "Warrant Share") at a price of CDN \$1.36 per Warrant Share at any time on or before the date which is 24 months after the closing date of the Offering (the "Closing Date"), subject to adjustment in certain events.

In relation to the Offering, Risher Randall III, Manager of TXAU Ventures commented: "After months of discussions, we are excited to become a capital partner of Western Exploration as we aim to support the Company as they develop the Aura Project in Northeastern, Nevada. We see the Doby George as a high quality, mid-sized heap leach project, and we are excited about the exploration potential at Gravel Creek based on the drilling results from 2023. Our investment is expected to be used to advance the Doby George into a pre-feasibility and permitting stage as we believe this deposit is largely derisked and ready for advancement. Furthermore, we think highly of the Western Exploration team, and we are excited to support them as they push the Doby George project forward and continue exploration work at Gravel Creek which we believe could shape up to be the next high-grade deposit in the region."

Darcy Marud, CEO of Western Exploration added: "We are grateful for the support of TXAU Ventures and the belief they have placed in Western Exploration's management. We look forward to ramping up activities at Doby George in parallel with the continued exploration effort at Gravel Creek creating additional value for all of our stakeholders."

All securities issued pursuant to the Offering will be subject to a hold period in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws, expiring four months and one day following the Closing Date.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds raised from the Offering to advance a pre-feasibility study of the Doby George Deposit, undertake baseline studies, commence permitting of the Doby George Deposit, and for general corporate purposes.

Completion of the Offering remains subject to the receipt of all final approvals of the TSX Venture Exchange (the "Exchange").

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About Western Exploration

Born from a 25-year history of advancing exploration projects in Nevada as a private company, today Western Exploration is composed of an experienced team of precious metals experts that aims to lead Western Exploration to becoming a premier gold and silver development company in North America. The Company's principal asset is the 100% owned Aura gold-silver project, located approximately 120 kilometers/75 miles north of the city of Elko, Nevada, and includes three unique gold and silver deposits: Doby George, Gravel Creek, and Wood Gulch. Additional information regarding Western Exploration and the Aura Project can be found on the Company's website and on SEDAR+ (www.sedarplus.ca) under the Company's issuer profile.

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Certain statements contained in this news release may be deemed "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of applicable Canadian and U.S. securities laws. These forward-looking statements, by their nature, require Western Exploration to make certain assumptions and necessarily involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance. Words such as "may", "will", "would", "could", "expect", "believe", "plan", "anticipate", "intend", "estimate", "continue", or the negative or comparable terminology, as well as terms usually used in the future and the conditional, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. This forward-looking information is based on reasonable assumptions and estimates of management of the Company at the time such assumptions and estimates were made, and involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievement expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. Such factors include, among others, risks relating to the completion of the final approval of the Exchange, the use of the net proceeds of the Offering, ability of exploration activities (including drilling results), to accurately predict mineralization; errors in management's geological modelling; the ability of Western Exploration to complete further exploration activities, including drilling; to obtain additional financing for exploration or development activities on favorable terms; to continue operations and to expand operations; to identify additional resources and reserves and to exploit such resources and reserves on an economic basis; to maintain Western Exploration's property interests in the Aura Project; the results of exploration activities; risks relating to mining activities; the global economic climate; metal prices; environmental risks; community and non-governmental actions; the ability to obtain the Exchange's final acceptance of the Offering. Although the forward-looking information contained in this news release is based upon what management believes, or believed at the time, to be reasonable assumptions, Western Exploration cannot assure shareholders and prospective purchasers of securities of the Company that actual results will be consistent with such forward-looking information, as there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended, and neither Western Exploration nor any other person assumes responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of any such forward-looking information. Further, Western Exploration does not undertake, and assumes no obligation, to update or revise any such forward-looking statements or forward-looking information contained herein to reflect new events or circumstances, except as may be required by law.

For additional information with respect to these and other factors and assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements made in this news release concerning Western Exploration, see the Company's most recent annual and interim financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis, which are available electronically under Western Exploration's issuer profile on SEDAR+ (www.sedarplus.ca). The forward-looking statements set forth herein concerning Western Exploration reflect management's expectations as at the date of this news release and are subject to change after such date. Western Exploration disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, other than as required by law.

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