

# West African Resources Completes Acquisition of Channel Resources

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PERTH, Jan 20, 2014 - [West African Resources Ltd.](#) ("West African") (ASX:WAF) reports that it has successfully completed the previously announced 100% acquisition of [Channel Resources Ltd.](#) ("Channel") (formerly TSX VENTURE:CHU) on January 17, 2014.

West African has issued 32,036,754 ordinary shares and 14,918,508 three year share purchase warrants exercisable at A\$0.40 per share to former Channel shareholders. In addition, West African has issued 1,365,000 share purchase options in exchange for Channel options. West African shares and the warrants will commence trading on the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV") during the week of January 20, 2014 under symbols "WAF" and "WAF Wt". Channel shares have been halted from trading on TSXV immediately pending delisting.

West African Managing Director Richard Hyde said: "We are pleased to have completed the acquisition which will see Channel's Tanlouka project become a key part of our project portfolio in Burkina Faso.

"Tanlouka is adjacent to our existing Boulsa project and already has a known gold resource.

"We will commence work at Tanlouka with initial drilling programs focussing on improving the oxide and transitional components of the Mankarga 5 resource, while also targeting higher grade mineralisation at depth with diamond drilling, leading to a resource upgrade by the end of the first quarter of 2014.

"Scoping studies will be completed in the first half of 2014 with a focus on creating a low-cost heap leach starter project, targeting near term cash-flow from the combination of West African's and Channel Resources' near surface gold assets.

"We are excited by our debut on the TSXV and thank the former management and shareholders of Channel Resources for their support and confidence in the merger."

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