

# Westwater Resources Announces Acquisition of Water Rights for its Columbus Basin Project in Nevada

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CENTENNIAL, Aug. 22, 2017 - [Westwater Resources Inc.](#) (Nasdaq:WWR) (ASX:URI), an energy metals exploration and development company, is pleased to announce that it has received two groundwater appropriation permits for its Columbus Basin Project in Nevada. A total of 1,528 acre-feet of groundwater was approved by the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for Westwater's development and use in lithium mining operations.

Christopher M. Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "Water rights are critical to the development of lithium brine properties – and we have secured all of the remaining groundwater in the Columbus Basin. This acquisition sets Westwater apart from most of our competitors in Nevada. Owning the right to use the ground water materially differentiates our exploration plays from the other developers in the area going forward."

The right to use water is very important in the dry American West. Nevada has a robust legal regime for allocating the right to use water, and Westwater used the regulatory process to secure the groundwater required to develop any lithium resources discovered in the basin. Exploration drilling at the Columbus Basin Project is underway, with results expected in the fourth quarter of 2017.

To learn more about Westwater Resources, visit our website at: [www.WestwaterResources.net](http://www.WestwaterResources.net)

## About Westwater Resources

WWR is focused on expanding its energy metals strategy, which includes developing its lithium business while maintaining optionality in the case of a future rising uranium price. The Company has developed a dominant land position in three prospective lithium brine basins in Nevada and Utah in preparation for exploration and potential development of any lithium resources that may be discovered there. In addition, WWR remains focused on advancing the Temrezli in-situ recovery (ISR) uranium project in Central Turkey when uranium prices permit economic development of this project. WWR controls extensive exploration properties in Turkey under eight exploration and operating licenses covering approximately 39,000 acres (over 16,000 ha) with numerous exploration targets, including the potential satellite Sefaati Project, which is 30 miles (48 km) southwest of the Temrezli Project. In Texas, the Company has two licensed and currently idled uranium processing facilities and approximately 11,000 acres (4,400 ha) of prospective ISR uranium projects. In New Mexico, the Company controls mineral rights encompassing approximately 186,000 acres (75,300 ha) in the prolific Grants Mineral Belt, which is one of the largest concentrations of sandstone-hosted uranium deposits in the world. Incorporated in 1977, WWR also owns an extensive information database of historic drill hole logs, assay certificates, maps and technical reports for uranium properties located in the Western United States.

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*price and long-term contract price of uranium and lithium; (d) risks associated with our foreign operations; (e) operating conditions at the Company's projects; (f) government and tribal regulation of the uranium industry, the lithium industry, and the power industry; (g) world-wide uranium and lithium supply and demand, including the supply and demand for lithium-based batteries; (h) maintaining sufficient financial assurance in the form of sufficiently collateralized surety instruments; (i) unanticipated geological, processing, regulatory and legal or other problems the Company may encounter in the jurisdictions where the Company operates, including in Texas, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada and Turkey; (j) the ability of the Company to enter into and successfully close acquisitions or other material transactions; (k) the results of the Company's lithium brine exploration activities at the Columbus Basin, Railroad Valley and Sal Rica Projects; (l) the ability of the Company to negotiate an extension on the Cebolleta lease and (m) other factors which are more fully described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any of the Company's underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those currently anticipated. In addition, undue reliance should not be placed on the Company's forward-looking statements. Except as required by law, the Company disclaims any obligation to update or publicly announce any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements contained in this news release.*

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