

Western Atlas Resources announces the definition of additional drill targets and the expansion of the prospecting target areas at its Meadowbank Gold Project

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VANCOUVER, Feb. 20, 2019 - [Western Atlas Resources Inc.](#) ("Western Atlas" or the "Company") (TSXV: WA), is pleased to announce the definition of a second set of drill targets (the "Drill Targets"), in both existing and new target areas thus significantly expanding the prospecting areas of interest targeted by the Company at its Meadowbank Gold Project, (the "Project") (*please refer to figure 1 to 3*).

Drill Targets Highlights:

- These additional drill targets were defined in the North East part of Block B at the Company's Meadowbank Project ("Target B2"), as well as within the recently announced Target B1 (*please see the Company's press release dated January 23, 2019*)
- Early indications show that Western Atlas' Meadowbank gold project-Block B hosts similar geological settings as the Meadowbank gold producing mine and Amaruq deposit
 - Target B1 is located approximately 35 km and 85 km south of the Agnico Eagle's Meadowbank gold producing mine and Amaruq deposit and has been defined along same geological formations such as banded iron formation (BIF) and shear zones with current total strike lengths of 15 km and 6 km, respectively.
 - Target B2 is located approximately 27 km and 76 km, south of the Agnico Eagle's Meadowbank gold producing mine and Amaruq deposit and has been defined along same geological formations such as BIF and shear zones with current total strike lengths of 3 km and 2 km, respectively.

Figure 1: Western Atlas Properties - Block B, Targets B1 and B2, Newly Defined Drill Target locations
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Figure 2: Western Atlas Block B, Target B2, Newly Defined Drill Targets and VTEM
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Figure 3: Western Atlas Block B, Target B1, Newly Defined Drill Targets and VTEM

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As per the Company's latest press release on January 23, 2019, the definition of this second set of drill targets is the result of the interpretation of the 2017 and 2018 exploration program data sets, which include geological and geochemical results, data from the high-resolution aeromagnetic survey, and helicopter-borne VTEM conducted over specific targets located in Block A, B and C. The analysis and review of these databases by external independent experts including Ellis Geophysical Consulting Inc. and Peter E. Walcott Associates Ltd. has helped define these drill targets. Western Atlas, subject to funds availability, expects to start the drilling program this year.

Fabio Capponi, CEO, stated: "*The definition of this additional set of drill targets represents a significant expansion of the target areas at the Company's Meadowbank Project. Given the underlying prospective geology of the Project, the systematic exploration program undertaken by Western Atlas could potentially lead to a significant discovery. Also, as previously announced and in order to enhance its position as a diversified junior exploration company and eliminate the seasonal factor, the Company is concurrently working on the potential addition of one or more properties, located in different jurisdictions, to its exploration portfolio.*"

The Meadowbank Project, 100% owned by Western Atlas, is located in the prime mining jurisdiction of Nunavut, Canada, adjacent to Agnico Eagle's Meadowbank producing gold mine and Amaruq gold deposit and is fully permitted for exploration (inclusive of drilling).

Paul Chamois, P.Geo, is the Independent Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the technical disclosure contained in this news release.

About Western Atlas

The Company is publicly listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol WA. Western Atlas is focused on the acquisition and development of scalable precious metals projects in premier mining jurisdictions. Western Atlas's wholly-owned subsidiary, 5530 Nunavut Inc., which was incorporated under the laws of Nunavut, and registered under the *Business Corporations Act* (Northwest Territories) on November 24, 2016, holds its interest in the Meadowbank and the Committee Bay mineral properties located in Nunavut, Canada.

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