

West Red Lake Gold Commences Surface Drilling at Past-Producing Starratt-Olsen Gold Mine

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VANCOUVER, June 16, 2026 - [West Red Lake Gold Mines Ltd.](#) ("West Red Lake Gold" or "WRLG" or the "Company") (TSXV: WRLG) (OTCQX: WRLGF) is pleased to announce the commencement of a fully funded surface drilling program at the historic past-producing Starratt-Olsen Mine ("Starratt") located approximately 1.1 kilometers ("km") southwest of its 100% owned Madsen Mine in the Red Lake Mining District of Northwestern Ontario, Canada.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The drill program at Starratt (Figure 1) will consist of up to 4,000 metres ("m") of oriented HQ diameter diamond drilling.
- Targeted areas will focus on up- and down-plunge extensions to previously mined panels at Starratt - investigating for unmined portions of previously defined mineralization and testing for new sub-parallel lenses (Figure 2).
- This program marks the first focused effort in drill testing the main areas of historic mining at Starratt since mining ceased in the 1950's.
- Starratt is the second largest gold producer historically on the Madsen property with ~164,000 oz of gold produced between 1948-1956 at an average grade of 6.17 grams per tonne gold ¹.
- The 4,000m program is expected to be completed mid-August 2026, with assay results released as they become available.

Will Robinson, Vice President of Exploration, commented, "Following a highly successful drilling season at Rowan and Fork, we are maintaining our momentum by moving the surface drill to the past-producing Starratt-Olsen Mine. Given that underground development is now underway at Fork and the deposit is advancing toward inclusion in the Madsen production profile in 2027, it is logical to continue defining new resources along this main southwestern structural corridor. Starratt represents our next major stepping stone along this prospective trend as we systematically unlock the full value and exploration scale across the Madsen property."

FIGURE 1. Plan view showing location of Starratt-Olsen relative to Fork and Madsen Mine. Note the drift to Fork as shown is currently part of the conceptual access development.

FIGURE 2. Long section view of Starratt workings showing main target areas up- and down-plunge from previously mined panels of mineralization. Note high-grade intercepts from holes drilled around periphery of main area of historic mining - no drilling within main mining footprint.

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The technical information presented in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Will Robinson, P.Geo., Vice President of Exploration for West Red Lake Gold and the Qualified Person for exploration at the West Red Lake Project, as defined by NI 43-101. Mr. Robinson is not independent of WRLG.

ABOUT WEST RED LAKE GOLD MINES

West Red Lake Gold Mines Ltd. is a Canadian gold producer and developer advancing a high-grade, district scale opportunity in the Red Lake district of Ontario. The Company's flagship Madsen Mine has recently achieved commercial production and is positioned as the central hub of a growing multi asset platform. The

Company controls a 47 km² land package in one of the world's most prolific mining districts, which has historically produced over 20 million ounces of gold from high grade systems². West Red Lake also owns the Rowan Property in Red Lake, covering 31 km² that includes three past producing mines (Rowan, Mount Jamie and Red Summit) and represents a key source of future production growth.

ON BEHALF OF WEST RED LAKE GOLD MINES LTD.

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The forward-looking information contained herein is expressly qualified in its entirety by this cautionary statement. Forward-looking information reflects management's current beliefs and is based on information

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For more information on the Company, investors should review the Company's continuous disclosure filings that are available on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

¹ Website: Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry. "MDI52K13NW00011 - Ontario Geological Survey." Geology Ontario. Accessed August 15, 2024.
<http://www.geologyontario.mndm.gov.on.ca/mndmfiles/mdi/data/records/MDI52K13NW00011.html>

² Twomey, T. and McGibbon, S. Red Lake Mine, [Goldcorp Inc.](#) (2022). "The Geological Setting and Estimation of Gold Grade of the High-Grade Zone, Red Lake Mine." Exploration Mining Geology, Vol. 10, Nos. 1-2, pp. 19-34. Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum ("CIM").

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