

SUCCESSFUL BOOKBUILD FOR A\$150M PLACEMENT TO PROGRESS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KIAKA GOLD PROJECT

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Key Highlights:

- Firm commitments received for a placement of approximately 109.5 million new shares priced at A\$1.37 per share to raise approximately A\$150 million (before costs).
- Placement issue price of A\$1.37 per new share, representing a discount of 13.8% to the last closing price of A\$1.59 on Monday, 1 July 2024 and a 9.1% discount to the 10-day VWAP.
- Proceeds from the placement will be primarily used to purchase owner mining fleet, establish owner mining workshop facilities and purchase exploration drill rigs, utilising mining pre-production capital at our Kiaka Gold Project.¹
- Placement proceeds, combined with existing cash at bank and unsold bullion of A\$484 million,² ongoing operating cashflows from existing operations and an equipment financing facility are expected to fund the Kiaka Gold Project to gold production.
- Development of the Kiaka Gold Project will support West African's aim to be a multi-project +420,000ozpa gold producer from 2025.³

Gold mining company West African Resources Limited ("**West African**" or the "**Company**", ASX: WAF) is pleased to advise it has received firm commitments from institutional and sophisticated investors for a placement of approximately 109.5 million new fully paid ordinary shares ("**New Shares**") at an issue price of A\$1.37 per New Share to raise approximately A\$150 million (before costs) (the "**Placement**"). There was strong support from both domestic and offshore institutions for the Placement.

The Placement will support development activities at the Kiaka Gold Project, which West African expects to be a long-life, low-cost project averaging 234,000 ozpa for 20 years, at an all-in sustaining cost of US\$1,196/oz.^{2,4} The Placement proceeds will be primarily used to purchase owner mining fleet, establish owner mining workshop facilities and purchase exploration drill rigs, utilising mining pre-production capital at our Kiaka Gold Project.¹

With an estimated pre-production capital cost of US\$447 million (excluding owner-mining), West African expects that the combination of existing cash at bank and unsold bullion (A\$484 million unaudited as at 20 June 2024),¹ Placement proceeds, finalisation of equipment finance facilities and ongoing Sanbrado

¹ For full sources and uses of funds, see slide 10 of the announcement titled "Kiaka Owner Mining Feasibility Update and Capital Raising Presentation" released on 4 July 2024.

² As at 20 June 2024. Assumes an AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.67.

³ There is a low level of geological confidence associated with inferred Mineral Resources, and there is no certainty that further exploration work will result in the determination of indicated Mineral Resources or that the production target itself will be realised.

⁴ Refer ASX announcement titled "Kiaka Feasibility Update Delivers 4.8Moz Gold Ore Reserve 20 Year Mine Life" released on 2 July 2024.

cashflows will provide sufficient financial flexibility to fund project construction and ramp-up, supporting the pathway to commencement of gold production, expected in Q3 CY2025.

West African Executive Chairman and CEO Richard Hyde commented:

“West African continues to make significant progress towards development of the Kiaka Gold Project with development 50% complete and 75% of capital costs fixed.

Proceeds from the placement are expected to provide West African with proforma cash at bank and unsold bullion proceeds of A\$604m,⁵ positioning West African to continue to rapidly progress the development of the Kiaka Gold Project. West African is currently on schedule to be a +420,000 ozpa gold producer from 2025.”

Details of the Placement

West African has received firm commitments for a Placement of 109,489,052 New Shares priced at A\$1.37 per New Share to raise A\$150 million (before costs).

The issue price of A\$1.37 represents a:

- 13.8% discount to the closing price of A\$1.59 per share on Monday, 1 July 2024, being the last trading day prior to announcement of the Placement;
- 13.6% discount to the 5-day volume-weighted average price (“VWAP”) of A\$1.586 per share, up to Monday, 1 July 2024; and
- 9.8% discount to the 10-day VWAP of A\$1.519 per share, up to Monday, 1 July 2024.

The Placement is not underwritten, and comprises a single tranche of New Shares which will be issued using the Company's existing capacity under Listing Rule 7.1. The New Shares will rank equally with existing West African fully paid ordinary shares as at their date of issue.

Euroz Hartleys Limited acted as sole Lead Manager and Bookrunner to the Placement and Cormark Securities Inc. acted as Co-Manager to the Placement; they are entitled to the fees as set out in the Appendix 3B lodged today.

Indicative Timetable

Event	Date
Trading halt lifted and announcement of completion of Placement	Thursday, 4 July 2024
Settlement of New Shares	Thursday, 11 July 2024
Allotment of New Shares	Friday, 12 July 2024
New Shares expected to commence trading	Friday, 12 July 2024

The timetable is indicative only and remains subject to change at West African’s discretion, subject to compliance with the Corporations Act, the ASX Listing Rules and other applicable laws. West African reserves the right to change the timetable at any time before New Shares are issued, subject to regulatory requirements. The commencement of quotation of New Shares is subject to confirmation from ASX.

Further information

Further details of the Placement are set out in the investor presentation also lodged on the ASX today (“Investor Presentation”). The Investor Presentation contains important information including a breakdown of sources and uses of funds, key risks and foreign selling restrictions with respect to the Placement.

⁵ Assumes an AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.67.

Nothing contained in this announcement constitutes investment, legal, tax or other advice. Investors should seek appropriate professional advice before making any investment decision.

An Appendix 3B for the proposed issue of New Shares will follow this announcement.

This announcement was authorised for release by Mr Richard Hyde, Executive Chairman and CEO.

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Mineral Resources, Ore Reserves and Production Targets

The Company's estimate of Ore Reserves and the production target for the Sanbrado Project (including the Toega Deposit) and the Company's estimate of Mineral Resources for the Group are set out in the announcement titled "WAF Resource, Reserve and 10 year production update 2024" released on 28 February 2024. The Company confirms it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in that announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates of Mineral Resources for the Group and Ore Reserves for the Sanbrado Project and all the material assumptions underpinning the production target and forecast financial information derived from it continue to apply and have not materially changed.

The Company's estimates of Ore Reserves and the production target for the Kiaka Gold Project are set out in the announcement titled "Kiaka Feasibility Update Delivers 4.8Moz Gold Ore Reserve 20 Year Mine Life" released on 2 July 2024. The Company confirms it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in that announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimate of Ore Reserves for the Kiaka Gold Project and all the material assumptions underpinning the production target for the Kiaka Gold Project and the forecast financial information derived from it continue to apply and have not materially changed.