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The Company Announcements Office  
Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
Exchange Centre  
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Dear Sirs

## ASX and Media Release

### Western Plains Gold Shares to Begin Trading on ASX on 23 August and Exploration Programs to Commence Before the End of August

The directors of Western Plains Gold Ltd (**WPG**) are pleased to advise that WPG's share offer closed on 10 August as scheduled and that its shares will commence trading on ASX on 23 August 2005.

The Company's issued securities comprise 25,559,000 ordinary fully paid shares, 3,754,180 September 2009 options exercisable at \$0.25 each, and 3,475,000 September 2009 options exercisable at \$0.35 each. Official quotation has been sought and granted for a total of 15,159,025 ordinary fully paid shares only.

WPG's exploration programs will commence almost immediately.

Airborne geophysical surveys are scheduled to commence over EL 6342 at Peak Hill East on 23 August and EL 4512 at Trundle, both in the Lachlan Fold Belt, a few days later.

RAB drilling in EL 5751 at Euriowie north east of Broken Hill is expected to commence before the end of August, with the initial focus being the Fairy Hill copper prospect, the Yalcowinna Creek prospect, and the Smiths Well prospect. This will be followed by RAB drilling in EL 5795 at Redan south east of Broken Hill, with the initial focus being the Chert Ridge prospect.

Diamond drilling at the Mulyungarie prospect which straddles the NSW-SA border west of Broken Hill is expected to commence in late September or early October.

Commenting on the close of the IPO and the commencement of the drilling program, WPG's Chairman Bob Duffin said:

*"The board thanks the investment community for the faith it has shown in the Company by supporting WPG's share offer. We are looking forward to carrying out the exploration programs set out in the prospectus and sincerely hope that the results of the work which we will conduct over the next two years will vindicate that faith".*

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. H. Duffin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Robert H Duffin  
Chairman

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