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WPG beefs up board and management team as it moves towards production

Western Plains Resources Ltd (ASX:WPG) is pleased to announce that it has appointed three new non-executive directors to its board, and three new senior executives to its management team. These appointments have been made to help facilitate the Company's transition from explorer to producer, with the initial focus being directed to bringing its flagship Peculiar Knob direct shipping iron ore project into production.

The new directors are Mr Len Dean, Mr Lim See Yong and Mr Dennis Mutton. The new executives are Mr Myles Fang, Business Development Manager, China, Mr Greg Harding, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr Martin Jacobsen, Chief Operating Officer.

Len Dean has had a 40 year career in the resources sector, with particular emphasis in the global iron ore industry. He spent 36 years with BHP, finishing in 2000 as Vice President, Coal and Iron Ore Marketing. During his period with BHP he was General Manager, Marketing for BHP Iron Ore in Perth for 8 years, he managed iron ore mining operations at BHP's Yampi Sound mine, and he lived and worked at BHP's (now OneSteel's) Whyalla works for 3 years. He was Managing Director of Sesa Goa Limited, India's largest private sector exporter of iron ore, from 2003 to 2006. More recently, he has been an iron ore consultant with a wide client base including Orinoco Iron (Venezuela), Mitsui Iron Ore Development, CVRD (Brazil) and Mineral Enterprises Limited (India).

Lim See Yong is General Manager and Director of Xin Sheng Private Limited, a trading company related to Tangshan Xingye Industrial and Trade Group Corporation, an investor in raw materials for the steel industry. He has spent 11 years with NatSteel Group, a Singapore mill that produces bars and wire rods from scrap. He was NatSteel Trade's chief representative in China for 5 years from 1995. From 2002 to 2006 he was in charge of selling iron ore and steel products to China, and exporting semi and finished steel products to South East Asian markets. Mr Lim lives in Singapore.

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Dennis Mutton is a management consultant specialising in natural resource management, primary industries and resources, regional growth initiatives and business-government relations. From 1997 to 2002 he was Chief Executive of the South Australian Department of Primary Industries and Resources. He has a wide portfolio of directorships including Elders Ltd, and is Chair of the Natural Resource Management Council of South Australia. He is a former member of the Senior Management Council of the South Australian Government, a former Director of Mines, and a former Member of the South Australian Water Resource Council. Dennis Mutton lives in Adelaide.

Myles Fang has been a consultant to WPG for the last 12 months. He is an Australian resident and will set up the Company's representative office in Beijing with a view to promoting the Company in the Chinese market and developing further relations with strategic partners and investors.

Greg Harding is a commercially focussed and CPA qualified CFO with a strong track record of managing finance, accounting and administrative functions. He was General Manager Finance and Administration and Company Secretary with Savage Resources Limited for 7 years to 1993 and before that was Company Secretary of Savage Iron Investments Pty Limited. He has worked outside the resources sector for the last decade but is now returning to the mining industry. Greg's key function with WPG will be to build and implement a modern and responsive management accounting and reporting system.

Martin Jacobsen joins WPG from his previous position as Vice President, Operations, with Golden China Resources Limited, a gold mining and exploration company with project assets in China. Prior to that he was Technical Director with Emperor Mines Limited and worked earlier in gold, chrome and platinum mining operations in South Africa. He has been project manager for a number of bankable feasibility studies in a wide range of commodities and mine types. Martin's principal function with WPG will be to manage all phases of the construction of the Peculiar Knob mine, and then manage its operations.

Bob Duffin, WPG's Executive Chairman said:

"These key appointments have been made to help expedite the Company's transition to iron ore production. Collectively, our new non-executive directors are well known, are highly regarded and have excellent contacts, both in the iron ore and steel sectors, and in the business community in South Australia. Our new executives will fill badly needed positions in the Company and will complement our existing small management team. I am confident that all of the new appointees will play a big role in bringing our Peculiar Knob project into production next year".

Further Information

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