



# ASX and Media Release

## Commencement of tendering process for development of Peculiar Knob mine

Western Plains Resources Limited (ASX:WPG) is pleased to advise that it has commenced the tendering process for the development of the Company's flagship Peculiar Knob DSO iron ore mine south of Coober Pedy in South Australia.

The Company intends to begin exporting its marketable products at an initial rate of not less than 2 million tonnes per annum in H2 2011. Tonnages will be finalised once train capacity to the selected port has been settled.

WPG has entered into an MOU agreement with Flinders Ports Pty Ltd for the provision of port services at either Port Adelaide or Port Pirie. Flinders Ports and WPG are working together on a port study program that will be finished in Q2 2010 and once that study is completed and subject to its results the most appropriate port of those available will be identified. Port access agreements will then be negotiated.

The tendering process has commenced with requests for proposals from logistics operators. Rail haulage and, if Port Pirie is chosen, transshipment operations are the focus of the current initiatives.

This process will be followed by similar requests for proposals from mining contractors, road haulage and crusher operators, and service providers, together with construction contractors and camp builders, once mining rates have been finalised.

WPG intends to commit to project development early in H2 2010.

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