



## Western Copper Corporation

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### WESTERN COPPER FILES CASINO PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY TECHNICAL REPORT

VANCOUVER, B.C. Western Copper Corporation (“Western Copper” or the “Company”) (TSX:WRN; NYSE Amex:WRN) is pleased to announce it has filed a technical report as required under National Instrument 43-101 that summarizes the pre-feasibility study prepared by M3 Engineering on the Casino gold-copper-molybdenum deposit located in Yukon, Canada. This report details the results of the pre-feasibility study first reported by the Company in a news release dated April 7, 2011.

The report is available on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)) and EDGAR ([www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml](http://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml)) and is also posted on the Company's website ([www.westerncoppercorp.com](http://www.westerncoppercorp.com)).

#### ABOUT WESTERN COPPER CORPORATION

Western Copper is a Vancouver based exploration and development company with significant copper, gold and molybdenum resources and reserves. The Company has 100% ownership of four Canadian properties. The two most advanced projects are the Casino Project and the Carmacks Copper Project both located in the Yukon. The Casino Project is one of the world's largest open-pit gold, copper, silver and molybdenum deposits. For more information, visit [www.westerncoppercorp.com](http://www.westerncoppercorp.com)

On behalf of the board,

“Dale Corman”  
F. Dale Corman  
Chairman & CEO

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