



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **WESTERN COPPER AND GOLD SUBMITS CASINO PROJECT PROPOSAL**

VANCOUVER, BC: Western Copper and Gold Corporation ("Western" or the "Company") (TSX:WRN; NYSE MKT:WRN) is pleased to announce that its wholly owned subsidiary, Casino Mining Corp. ("CMC"), has submitted the final Casino Project Proposal (the "Proposal") to the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board ("YESAB") for Screening.

Knight Piésold Ltd. led the team of top environmental scientists and engineers that prepared the Proposal under the direction of Paul West-Sells, President and Jesse Duke, Vice President Environmental Affairs of Casino Mining Corp. The Proposal is the result of over six years of effort and over \$18 million of investment. It is anticipated that it will take another \$1 million to \$2 million to complete permitting. As of September 30, the Company had over \$26 million dollars in cash and short term investments and no debt. The Company is still on target to be permitted for construction by early 2016.

"Submission of the Proposal is an important first step," said Dale Corman, Chairman and CEO of Western, "Once the Proposal has been declared adequate, which we expect in the next few months, we will shift our focus toward detailed engineering and financing of the Casino Project."

Screening of the Proposal by YESAB is the first stage in the assessment and permitting of the Casino Project. Once the project receives a positive recommendation from YESAB, the Company will secure a Quartz Mining License and Land Use Permit from the Yukon Government and a Water Use License from the Yukon Water Board. These licenses and permits will allow for the construction and operation of Casino Project.

#### **ABOUT WESTERN COPPER AND GOLD CORPORATION**

Western Copper and Gold Corporation is a Vancouver-based exploration and development company with significant copper, gold and molybdenum resources and reserves. The Company has 100% ownership of the Casino Project located in the Yukon Territory. The Casino Project is one of the world's largest open-pit gold, copper, silver and molybdenum deposits. For more information, visit [www.westerncopperandgold.com](http://www.westerncopperandgold.com).

On behalf of the board,

"Dale Corman"

F. Dale Corman

Chairman & CEO

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