



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **WESTERN COPPER AND GOLD ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

VANCOUVER, BC: Western Copper and Gold Corporation (“Western” or the “Company”) (TSX:WRN; NYSE MKT:WRN) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Archie Lang to the board of directors and informs that, effective today, Mr. Robert Byford has resigned from his position as Director.

Mr. Lang was elected to the Yukon Legislative Assembly for two terms between 2002 and 2011. During his tenure as an elected official, he served as the Minister of Energy, Mines, and Resources, the Minister of Highways and Public Works, and the Minister of Community Services.

Mr. Lang’s work in those Ministries provided him with in-depth knowledge of key issues surrounding the development of natural resources in the north. During his tenure as Minister, Archie also assisted in managing the devolution of responsibility for these portfolios from Canada to Yukon and, in conjunction with the Federal Government and First Nations, implemented the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (“YESAA”).

Dale Corman, Chairman & CEO states: “I am pleased that Archie has agreed to serve on Western’s board of directors. His expertise will be invaluable to the Company as it develops Canada’s next premier copper-gold mine.”

Mr. Corman added: “I would also like to thank Robert for his valued contribution to the Company.”

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

Western Copper and Gold Corporation is focused on advancing the Casino Project, one of the world’s largest copper, gold, silver and molybdenum deposits, located in Yukon, Canada. 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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