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#### WESTERN COPPER ANNOUNCES SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE INCREASE AT CASINO

***Near-surface Supergene Sulphide Zone increased 90% to 252 Million Tonnes (M+I)<sup>1</sup>  
Measured & Indicated Supergene + Hypogene mineralization at 1.06 Billion Tonnes<sup>1</sup>  
Inferred Supergene + Hypogene mineralization increased 6 times to 1.70 Billion Tonnes<sup>1</sup>***

VANCOUVER, B.C. – Western Copper Corporation (“Western Copper” or the “Company”) (TSX:WRN) is pleased to announce an updated resource estimate for its wholly-owned Casino Gold-Copper-Molybdenum Project in the Yukon Territory.

This new resource estimate is the first estimate to include the 26,000 metres of drilling performed by Western Copper over the past 3 years, and represents a significant update to the 2008 resource estimate. In addition to the inclusion of new drilling, this estimate incorporates a re-interpretation of the geology of the deposit, which included the re-logging of 90,000 metres of core under the direction of Jack McClintock, Consulting Geologist for Western Copper.

The goal of the drilling campaign, to increase the near-surface supergene sulphide zone, was achieved. The size of this zone has increased from 133 million tonnes to 252 million tonnes at the measured and indicated level – an increase of 90% (see Table 1).

**Table 1: Supergene Sulphide Zone Measured & Indicated Resource**

<b>Supergene Sulphide Zone (2010 Estimate)<sup>1</sup></b>											
<b>Class</b>	<b>Cutoff CuEq (%)</b>	<b>Tonnes M</b>	<b>Copper %</b>	<b>Gold g/t</b>	<b>Moly %</b>	<b>Silver g/t</b>	<b>CuEq* %</b>	<b>Copper B lb</b>	<b>Gold M oz</b>	<b>Moly M lb</b>	<b>Silver M oz</b>
<b>Measured</b>	<b>0.25%</b>	36	0.39	0.41	0.029	2.34	0.84	0.3	0.5	23	2.7
<b>Indicated</b>	<b>0.25%</b>	216	0.24	0.22	0.019	1.72	0.50	1.1	1.5	90	11.9
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>252</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>1.81</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>14.7</b>
<b>Supergene Sulphide Zone (2008 Estimate)<sup>2</sup></b>											
<b>Class</b>	<b>Cutoff CuEq (%)</b>	<b>Tonnes M</b>	<b>Copper %</b>	<b>Gold g/t</b>	<b>Moly %</b>	<b>Silver g/t</b>	<b>CuEq* %</b>	<b>Copper B lb</b>	<b>Gold M oz</b>	<b>Moly M lb</b>	<b>Silver M oz</b>
<b>Measured</b>	<b>0.25%</b>	33	0.39	0.47	0.030	-	0.87	0.3	0.5	22	-
<b>Indicated</b>	<b>0.25%</b>	100	0.29	0.25	0.020	-	0.56	0.6	0.8	44	-
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>133</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>-</b>

The additional drilling now brings the drill spacing to 100 metres throughout the majority of the deposit delineating indicated class mineralization and 50 metres through the heart of the deposit to delineate measured class mineralization. This additional drilling combined with the re-interpretation of the geology and a more current geostatistical treatment results in 1.06 billion tonnes of combined supergene oxide, supergene sulphide, and hypogene mineralization at the measured and indicated level at a 0.25% CuEq cut-off (see Table 3).

The largest increase to the resource comes at the inferred level of categorization. The combined supergene oxide, supergene sulphide, and hypogene inferred resource at a 0.25% CuEq cutoff has been increased over 6



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times to 1.70 billion tonnes (see Table 2). **These results have added 7.4 million ounces of gold, 4.4 billion pounds of copper, and 615 million pounds of molybdenum to the resource at the inferred level.**

"This resource upgrade to the Casino Project, one of the world's largest open-pit gold, copper, and molybdenum deposits, is remarkable." said Dale Corman, Chairman & CEO. "This new resource will be included in a revised pre-feasibility study scheduled for completion in early 2011 where we expect the large increase in supergene mineralization to result in higher grades over the initial operation of the mine, lower strip ratios, and thus much better economics."

**Table 2: Inferred Resource of combined Supergene Oxide, Supergene Sulphide, and Hypogene Zones at 0.25% CuEq Cut-off.**

Estimate	Tonnes M	Copper %	Gold g/t	Moly %	Silver g/t	CuEq* %	Copper B lb	Gold M oz	Moly M lb	Silver M oz
<b>New (2010)<sup>1</sup></b>	1,696	0.14	0.16	0.019	1.37	0.37	5.2	8.7	711	74.7
<b>Old (2008)<sup>2</sup></b>	232	0.16	0.18	0.019	-	0.38	0.8	1.3	95	-

(1) *Technical Report to be published. Resources reported at CuEq cut-off grades as indicated - CuEq Metal Prices: US\$2.00/lb copper, US\$875/oz gold, US\$11.25/lb molybdenum, US\$11.25/oz silver*

(2) *Technical Report: August 2008. Resources reported at CuEq cut-off grades as indicated - CuEq Metal Prices: US\$0.80/lb copper, US\$350/oz gold, US\$4.50/lb molybdenum  
- No discount for metallurgical recovery in contained metal figures.*

*Gary Giroux, P.Geo., is the independent qualified person responsible for the preparation of the updated Mineral Resource estimate and the 2008 Mineral Resource estimate described in this news release.*

*Jack McClintock, P.Eng., is the independent qualified person responsible for the planning and execution of the Casino property exploration program and the preparation of the technical information disclosed in this news release.*

*\*CuEq Metal Prices: US\$2.00/lb copper, US\$875/oz gold, US\$11.25/lb molybdenum, US\$11.25/oz silver. CuEq metal prices assume 100% recovery.*

### 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 Carmacks Copper Project and the Casino Project both located in the Yukon. The Casino Project is one of the world's largest open-pit copper, gold 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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**Table 3: Casino Resource by Zone<sup>1</sup>**

Leached Cap / Oxide Gold Zone											
Class	Cutoff Au (g/t)	Tonnes M	Copper %	Gold g/t	Moly %	Silver g/t	CuEq* %	Copper B lb	Gold M oz	Moly M lb	Silver M oz
Measured	0.25 g/t	31	0.05	0.52	0.025	2.94	0.56	0.0	0.5	17	2.9
Indicated	0.25 g/t	53	0.03	0.33	0.017	2.36	0.37	0.0	0.6	20	4.0
Inferred	0.25 g/t	17	0.01	0.31	0.008	1.93	0.27	0.0	0.2	3	1.1
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>84</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>2.57</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6.9</b>
Measured	0.30 g/t	28	0.05	0.55	0.025	3.04	0.58	0.0	0.5	15	2.7
Indicated	0.30 g/t	30	0.03	0.38	0.016	2.52	0.39	0.0	0.4	10	2.4
Inferred	0.30 g/t	9	0.01	0.35	0.006	1.92	0.28	0.0	0.1	1	0.6
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>58</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>2.77</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Measured	0.35 g/t	26	0.06	0.57	0.026	3.14	0.60	0.0	0.5	15	2.6
Indicated	0.35 g/t	15	0.03	0.44	0.016	2.75	0.43	0.0	0.2	5	1.3
Inferred	0.35 g/t	3	0.01	0.39	0.006	2.01	0.31	0.0	0.0	0	0.2
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>0.022</b>	<b>2.99</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Measured	0.40 g/t	23	0.06	0.59	0.025	3.23	0.61	0.0	0.4	13	2.4
Indicated	0.40 g/t	9	0.04	0.48	0.017	2.88	0.47	0.0	0.1	3	0.8
Inferred	0.40 g/t	1	0.01	0.44	0.006	2.09	0.34	0.0	0.0	0	0.1
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.023</b>	<b>3.13</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Supergene Oxide Zone											
Class	Cutoff CuEq (%)	Tonnes M	Copper %	Gold g/t	Moly %	Silver g/t	CuEq* %	Copper B lb	Gold M oz	Moly M lb	Silver M oz
Measured	0.20%	25	0.28	0.52	0.026	2.38	0.77	0.2	0.4	14	1.9
Indicated	0.20%	40	0.22	0.20	0.018	1.37	0.44	0.2	0.3	16	1.8
Inferred	0.20%	31	0.24	0.16	0.008	1.35	0.38	0.2	0.2	6	1.4
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Measured	0.25%	25	0.28	0.52	0.026	2.38	0.77	0.2	0.4	14	1.9
Indicated	0.25%	36	0.23	0.21	0.019	1.44	0.46	0.2	0.2	15	1.7
Inferred	0.25%	26	0.26	0.17	0.010	1.43	0.41	0.1	0.1	6	1.2
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>61</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>0.022</b>	<b>1.83</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Measured	0.30%	25	0.28	0.52	0.026	2.39	0.77	0.2	0.4	14	1.9
Indicated	0.30%	32	0.24	0.23	0.021	1.54	0.49	0.2	0.2	15	1.6
Inferred	0.30%	22	0.27	0.18	0.010	1.46	0.44	0.1	0.1	5	1.0
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.023</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3.5</b>

\* CuEq Metal Prices: US\$2.00/lb copper, US\$875/oz gold, US\$11.25/lb molybdenum, US\$11.25/oz silver. CuEq metal prices assume 100% recovery.



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### Supergene Sulfide Zone

Class	Cutoff CuEq (%)	Tonnes M	Copper %	Gold g/t	Moly %	Silver g/t	CuEq* %	Copper B lb	Gold M oz	Moly M lb	Silver M oz
Measured	0.20%	36	0.39	0.41	0.029	2.34	0.83	0.3	0.5	23	2.7
Indicated	0.20%	224	0.24	0.22	0.019	1.70	0.49	1.2	1.6	94	12.2
Inferred	0.20%	129	0.18	0.18	0.009	1.40	0.34	0.5	0.7	26	5.8
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>260</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>15.0</b>
Measured	0.25%	36	0.39	0.41	0.029	2.34	0.84	0.3	0.5	23	2.7
Indicated	0.25%	216	0.24	0.22	0.019	1.72	0.50	1.1	1.5	90	11.9
Inferred	0.25%	102	0.20	0.19	0.010	1.49	0.38	0.5	0.6	23	4.9
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>252</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>1.81</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>14.7</b>
Measured	0.30%	36	0.39	0.41	0.029	2.34	0.84	0.3	0.5	23	2.7
Indicated	0.30%	200	0.25	0.23	0.020	1.78	0.52	1.1	1.5	88	11.5
Inferred	0.30%	82	0.21	0.19	0.011	1.54	0.40	0.4	0.5	20	4.1
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>236</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.022</b>	<b>1.86</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>14.1</b>

### Hypogene Zone

Class	Cutoff CuEq (%)	Tonnes M	Copper %	Gold g/t	Moly %	Silver g/t	CuEq* %	Copper B lb	Gold M oz	Moly M lb	Silver M oz
Measured	0.20%	33	0.31	0.38	0.025	1.94	0.72	0.2	0.4	18	2.0
Indicated	0.20%	779	0.16	0.20	0.022	1.59	0.43	2.7	5.0	378	39.8
Inferred	0.20%	1,968	0.13	0.15	0.018	1.30	0.34	5.6	9.5	781	82.2
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>812</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.022</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>42.0</b>
Measured	0.25%	32	0.32	0.38	0.026	1.94	0.73	0.2	0.4	19	2.0
Indicated	0.25%	711	0.17	0.21	0.023	1.65	0.45	2.7	4.8	360	37.7
Inferred	0.25%	1,568	0.14	0.16	0.020	1.36	0.37	4.8	8.1	691	68.6
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>743</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.023</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>39.7</b>
Measured	0.30%	32	0.32	0.38	0.026	1.95	0.73	0.2	0.4	18	2.0
Indicated	0.30%	621	0.18	0.22	0.025	1.71	0.47	2.5	4.4	342	34.1
Inferred	0.30%	1,145	0.15	0.17	0.023	1.43	0.40	3.8	6.3	580	52.6
<b>Total Measured + Indicated</b>		<b>653</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.025</b>	<b>1.72</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>36.1</b>

### Combined Supergene Oxide, Supergene Sulfide, and Hypogene Zones

Class	Cutoff CuEq (%)	Tonnes M	Copper %	Gold g/t	Moly %	Silver g/t	CuEq* %	Copper B lb	Gold M oz	Moly M lb	Silver M oz
M+I	0.20%	1,138	0.19	0.23	0.021	1.65	0.47	4.8	8.4	527	60.3
M+I	0.25%	1,057	0.20	0.23	0.022	1.71	0.49	4.7	7.8	513	58.1
M+I	0.30%	946	0.21	0.25	0.024	1.77	0.51	4.4	7.6	500	53.8
Inferred	0.20%	2,128	0.13	0.16	0.017	1.39	0.34	6.1	10.9	798	95.1
Inferred	0.25%	1,696	0.14	0.16	0.019	1.37	0.37	5.2	8.7	711	74.7
Inferred	0.30%	1,249	0.16	0.18	0.022	1.44	0.40	4.4	7.2	606	57.8

\* CuEq Metal Prices: US\$2.00/lb copper, US\$875/oz gold, US\$11.25/lb molybdenum, US\$11.25/oz silver. CuEq metal prices assume 100% recovery.