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NEWS RELEASE

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WESTERN COPPER EXERCISES CASINO OPTION AGREEMENT

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA – Western Copper Corporation (TSX: WRN) is pleased to announce the acquisition, on August 9, 2007, of the Casino property in the Yukon Territory through the exercise of the Casino option agreement with Great Basin Gold Ltd..

Western Copper Corp. acquired the 161 claims comprising the Casino property in exchange for C\$ 1 million payment in cash.

Western Copper had previously agreed to extend the option agreement from July 15, 2007 to August 17, 2007 to allow Great Basin Gold Ltd. to attend to internal corporate administrative matters.

The current NI 43-101 compliant Measured & Indicated Mineral Resources estimate for the Casino deposit is as follows:

Measured

| Material | Cut off grade | Tonnes (millions) | Au g/t | Cu % | Mo % |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | |
| Oxide Gold Cap | 0.40 g/t Au | 31 | 0.59 | 0.07 | 0.02 |
| Supergene Oxide | 0.3% Cu Eq | 25 | 0.46 | 0.35 | 0.02 |
| Supergene sulphide | 0.3% Cu Eq | 47 | 0.41 | 0.36 | 0.03 |
| Hypogene | 0.3% Cu Eq | 174 | 0.26 | 0.21 | 0.03 |

Indicated

| Material | Cut off grade | Tonnes (millions) | Au g/t | Cu % | Mo % |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | |
| Oxide Gold Cap | 0.40 g/t Au | 7 | 0.48 | 0.06 | 0.01 |
| Supergene Oxide | 0.3% Cu Eq | 18 | 0.21 | 0.29 | 0.01 |
| Supergene sulphide | 0.3% Cu Eq | 76 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.02 |
| Hypogene | 0.3% Cu Eq | 623 | 0.21 | 0.19 | 0.02 |



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Measured and Indicated

| Material | Cut off grade | Tonnes (millions) | Au) g/t | Cu % | Mo % |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Oxide Gold Cap | 0.40 g/t Au | 38 | 0.57 | 0.07 | 0.02 |
| Supergene Oxide | 0.3% Cu Eq | 42 | 0.35 | 0.33 | 0.02 |
| Supergene sulphide | 0.3% Cu Eq | 124 | 0.32 | 0.32 | 0.02 |
| Hypogene | 0.3% Cu Eq | 798 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.02 |
| Total (excl oxide gold) | 0.3% Cu Eq | 964 | 0.24 | 0.22 | 0.02 |
| Contained Metal | | | million oz | billion lbs | million lbs |
| Supergene and Hypogene zones | | | 7.39 | 4.67 | 425 |
| Oxide Gold Cap | | | 0.70 | | |

Cu Equivalent Prices: Cu \$ 0.90/lb, Au \$375/oz., Mo \$4/lb

Jonathan Clegg, P.Eng., is the Qualified Person for the technical information in this news release in accordance with NI 43-101.

On behalf of the board,

"Dale Corman"

F. Dale Corman

C.E.O. and Co-Chairman

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