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WESTERN COPPER CONTINUES EXTENSION OF HIGHER GRADE SUPERGENE MINERALIZATION AT CASINO

VANCOUVER, B.C. Western Copper Corporation ("Western Copper" or the "Company") (TSX:WRN) is pleased to announce the final results from the 2010 exploration program at its wholly owned Casino Project, located in the Yukon.

The 2010 drill program completed in August confirmed the flat-lying, shallow copper and gold enriched supergene zone extends over a 2.0 km by 1.2 km area – a significant expansion over its previously outlined extent as identified in the 2008 Pre-feasibility Study (Figure 1). The average core length of the supergene from the drilling is 85 m. The copper and gold enriched zone remains open to the north for further expansion.

Notable results from the 14 holes drilled since the last update include hole CAS-074 with 241.9 m of 0.80 CuEq, which continued the expansion of the supergene zone to the southwest. Expanding the zone to the still open north is hole CAS-079 with 30.0 m of 0.45 CuEq.

Additional infill drilling was also completed as part of this drilling campaign which confirmed the excellent grades through the supergene and hypogene zones in the south of the deposit with CAS-082 returning 117.0 m of 0.87 CuEq in the supergene and 226.2 m of 0.56 CuEq in the hypogene.

Highlights of the holes drilled and assayed since the last press release are summarized in Table 1 and a complete listing of drill-holes and results drilled in 2010 are shown in Table 2. Hole locations are shown on Figure 1.

Table 1: Highlights from current drilling program

Drill-hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Au (g/t)	Cu (%)	Mo (%)	CuEq (%)
CAS-074	124.0	241.9	117.9	0.38	0.33	0.036	0.80
CAS-079	61.0	91.0	30.0	0.10	0.25	0.024	0.45
CAS-082							
Supergene	117.0	234.0	117.0	0.52	0.40	0.020	0.87
Hypogene	234.0	460.2	226.2	0.28	0.25	0.021	0.56

Copper Equivalent Metal Prices: US$2.00/lb copper, US$875.00/oz gold and US$11.25/lb molybdenum

Western Copper has now completed 26,400 m of new drilling since the pre-feasibility was completed in 2008. Nearly all of the new drilling has been drilled in areas outside of the previously defined area of mineralization or in areas previously considered waste.

"The expansion of the higher grade, near surface supergene mineralization into areas previously thought to waste should positively impact the economics of the Casino deposit by lowering the stripping ratio" said Dale Corman, Chairman & CEO, "This higher grade supergene gold and copper mineralization remains open to the

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north showing there is further potential to improve both the size of the supergene mineralization and the economics of the project".

The Casino project is located 380 km northwest of Whitehorse, Yukon and has a NI 43-101 compliant reserve estimate containing 8 million oz of gold, 4.4 billion lb of copper, and 475 million lb of molybdenum, contained in approximately 1 billion tonnes of ore.

Scott Casselman, P.Geo., is the qualified person responsible for the execution of the Casino Project exploration program and the preparation of the technical information in this news release.

QA/QC including assurance of chain of custody has been implemented in accordance with industry best practices. Split core samples are prepared and analyzed by ALS Chemex. Prepared samples are initially run using a four acid digestion process and conventional multi-element ICP-AES analysis. Additional assaying for total copper and molybdenum is run using a 4 acid digestion – AES or AAS method to a 0.001% detection limit. Gold assays are run using 30 gram sample fire assay with an AA finish to a 0.005 ppm detection limit. The QA/QC procedure involves regular submission of Certified Analytical Standards and blanks and property specific duplicates, with check assaying performed by Acme Analytical Laboratories Ltd.

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-pittable copper, gold and molybdenum deposits. For more information, visit www.westerncoppercorp.com.

On behalf of the board,

"Dale Corman"
F. Dale Corman
Chairman & CEO

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Figure 1: Plan map of drill holes – 2010

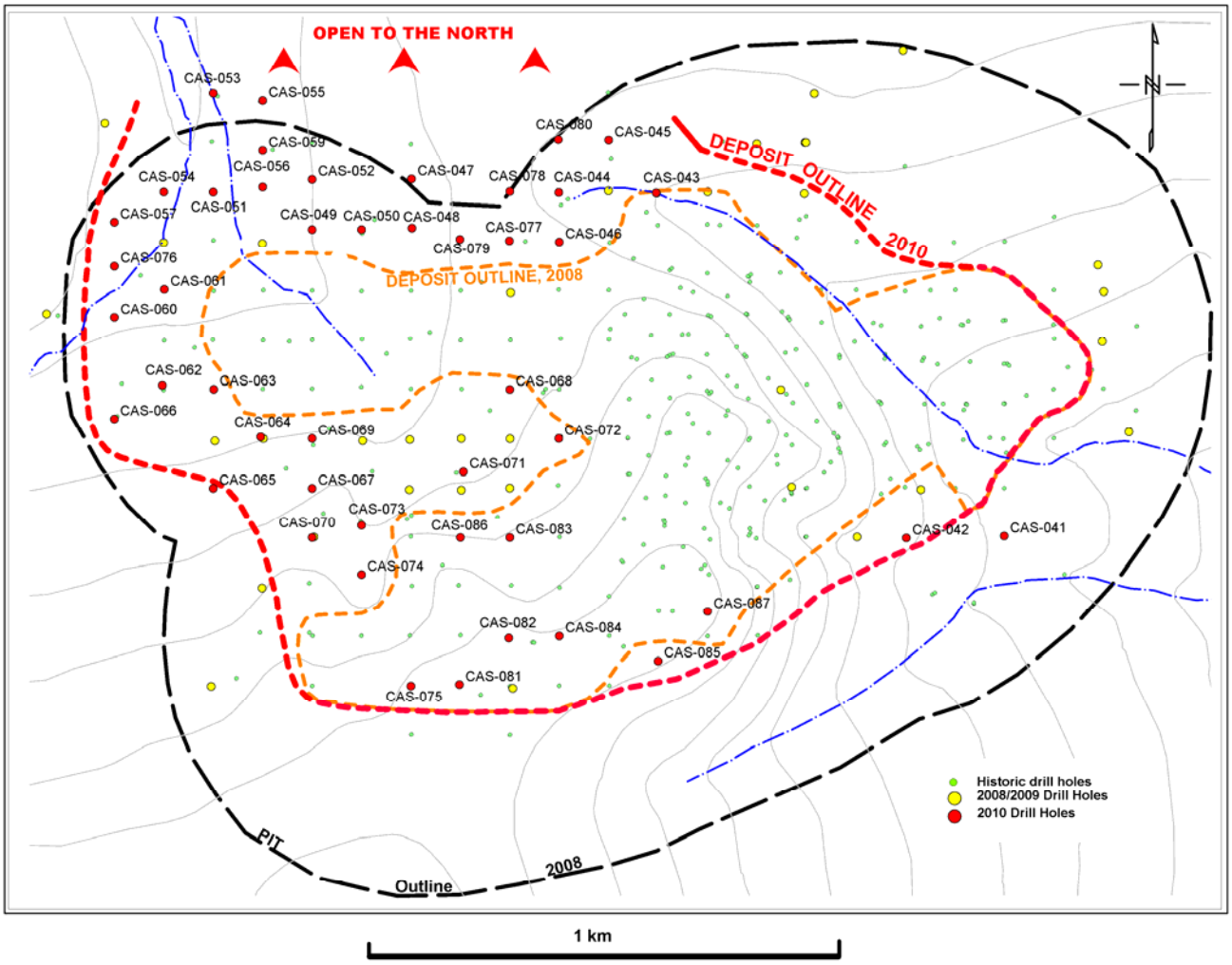

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Table 2: Complete 2010 Drill results

Hole	From	To	Width (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag g/t	Cu %	Mo %	Cu Eq %	Category
CAS-041	no significant mineralization								
CAS-042	8.00	44.1	36.1	0.13	0.7	0.03	0.000	-	Leached CAP
	44.10	83.8	39.7	0.17	0.2	0.20	0.000	0.31	Supergene
	83.80	248.5	164.7	0.08	0.2	0.02	0.000	0.07	Hypogene
CAS-043	21.34	41.6	20.3	0.24	1.6	0.11	0.052	-	Leached CAP
	41.60	91.5	49.9	0.15	1.1	0.24	0.013	0.42	Supergene
	91.45	243.8	152.4	0.11	0.5	0.10	0.027	0.33	Hypogene
CAS-044	6.80	50.7	43.9	0.16	1.2	0.04	0.012	-	Leached CAP
	50.65	97.5	46.9	0.16	1.1	0.39	0.020	0.62	Supergene
	97.50	224.0	126.5	0.10	0.2	0.07	0.013	0.21	Hypogene
CAS-045	3.05	41.0	38.0	0.15	1.0	0.05	0.008	-	Leached CAP
	41.00	83.0	42.0	0.15	1.0	0.35	0.007	0.50	Supergene
	82.95	198.1	115.2	0.25	1.3	0.13	0.010	0.36	Hypogene
CAS-046	7.11	37.2	30.1	0.21	1.3	0.07	0.012	-	Leached CAP
	37.20	114.7	77.5	0.12	1.3	0.16	0.016	0.33	Supergene
	114.70	211.2	96.5	0.07	0.4	0.07	0.018	0.22	Hypogene
CAS-047	3.05	60.6	57.6	0.11	1.2	0.04	0.010	-	Leached CAP
	60.60	151.0	90.4	0.09	0.9	0.18	0.016	0.34	Supergene
	151.00	193.6	42.6	0.13	0.9	0.09	0.012	0.25	Hypogene
CAS-048	4.30	60.7	56.4	0.11	0.9	0.04	0.013	-	Leached CAP
	60.70	95.6	34.9	0.12	1.4	0.29	0.009	0.43	Supergene
	95.60	208.2	112.6	0.29	1.0	0.10	0.012	0.36	Hypogene
CAS-049	9.80	53.3	43.5	0.14	1.7	0.06	0.023	-	Leached CAP
	53.30	146.2	92.9	0.15	0.9	0.21	0.018	0.41	Supergene
	146.20	244.2	98.0	0.13	1.0	0.11	0.022	0.32	Hypogene
CAS-050	8.30	61.9	53.6	0.15	1.1	0.05	0.017	-	Leached CAP
	61.90	186.2	124.3	0.16	1.0	0.19	0.015	0.38	Supergene
	186.20	219.5	33.3	0.08	0.4	0.09	0.019	0.24	Hypogene
CAS-051	50.20	51.8	1.6	0.36	1.0	0.06	0.007	-	Leached CAP
	51.80	94.4	42.6	0.20	1.0	0.32	0.010	0.51	Supergene
	94.37	268.2	173.9	0.16	1.2	0.16	0.009	0.31	Hypogene
CAS-052	12.00	80.6	68.6	0.15	1.1	0.20	0.009	0.35	Supergene
	80.60	248.1	167.5	0.10	0.8	0.09	0.019	0.26	Hypogene
CAS-053	14.50	39.8	25.3	0.13	1.2	0.07	0.004	-	Leached CAP
	39.80	71.3	31.5	0.16	0.6	0.25	0.002	0.37	Supergene
	71.25	236.2	165.0	0.16	0.6	0.15	0.004	0.28	Hypogene
CAS-054	53.00	55.8	2.8	0.14	2.6	0.05	0.003	-	Leached CAP
	55.75	175.4	119.7	0.24	1.2	0.22	0.003	0.40	Supergene
	175.40	249.9	74.5	0.14	1.2	0.16	0.006	0.29	Hypogene
CAS-055	26.50	36.8	10.3	0.18	0.9	0.04	0.002	-	Leached CAP
	36.75	104.2	67.4	0.23	1.3	0.32	0.004	0.50	Supergene
	104.15	201.5	97.4	0.10	3.0	0.12	0.007	0.25	Hypogene
CAS-056	11.40	61.1	49.7	0.19	0.6	0.08	0.008	-	Leached CAP
	61.10	125.8	64.7	0.17	1.0	0.21	0.015	0.40	Supergene
	125.80	199.6	73.8	0.13	0.8	0.11	0.016	0.29	Hypogene

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Hole	From	To	Width (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag g/t	Cu %	Mo %	Cu Eq %	Category
CAS-057	28.53	130.0	101.5	0.10	1.0	0.05	0.003	-	Leached CAP
	130.00	249.9	119.9	0.20	1.4	0.17	0.003	0.32	Supergene
CAS-058	no significant mineralization								
CAS-059	15.54	50.6	35.1	0.22	1.6	0.08	0.006	-	Leached CAP
	50.60	102.0	51.4	0.20	1.2	0.35	0.011	0.54	Supergene
	102.00	210.3	108.3	0.14	0.9	0.13	0.015	0.32	Hypogene
CAS-060	20.70	44.6	23.9	0.14	0.4	0.03	0.005	-	Leached CAP
	44.60	119.1	74.5	0.15	1.2	0.19	0.004	0.31	Supergene
	119.08	249.9	130.9	0.37	1.5	0.12	0.012	0.44	Hypogene
CAS-061	13.72	50.2	36.5	0.13	2.2	0.06	0.008	-	Leached CAP
	50.24	154.8	104.6	0.20	1.4	0.22	0.004	0.38	Supergene
	154.80	249.9	95.1	0.25	3.7	0.19	0.006	0.42	Hypogene
CAS-062	11.90	75.6	63.7	0.09	1.3	0.02	0.026	-	Leached CAP
	75.60	173.7	98.1	0.24	2.5	0.27	0.021	0.57	Supergene
	173.65	250.2	76.6	0.36	3.3	0.26	0.010	0.57	Hypogene
CAS-063	9.00	67.5	58.5	0.21	1.4	0.03	0.034	-	Leached CAP
	67.50	197.8	130.3	0.34	2.6	0.37	0.020	0.72	Supergene
	197.78	201.2	3.4	0.23	2.1	0.24	0.008	0.45	Hypogene
CAS-064	1.52	55.2	53.7	0.10	1.4	0.03	0.010	-	Leached CAP
	55.20	163.8	108.6	0.10	1.9	0.17	0.012	0.31	Supergene
	163.80	203.3	39.5	0.14	1.2	0.10	0.009	0.25	Hypogene
CAS-065	5.00	26.0	21.0	0.16	1.4	0.01	0.029	0.29	Hypogene
	26.00	249.5	223.5	0.05	0.7	0.02	0.003	0.07	Waste
CAS-066	20.60	59.3	38.7	0.34	3.4	0.02	0.032	-	Leached CAP
	59.30	178.8	119.5	0.36	3.2	0.22	0.020	0.59	Supergene
	178.83	201.2	22.3	0.14	0.9	0.05	0.003	0.17	Hypogene
CAS-067	2.45	79.7	77.3	0.08	1.5	0.04	0.015	-	Leached CAP
	79.70	199.7	120.0	0.15	1.5	0.18	0.005	0.31	Supergene
	199.70	249.9	50.2	0.11	0.7	0.05	0.009	0.17	Hypogene
CAS-068	8.10	46.3	38.2	0.14	1.2	0.03	0.011	-	Leached CAP
	46.30	229.9	183.6	0.15	1.7	0.15	0.011	0.32	Supergene
	229.90	304.8	74.9	0.13	1.1	0.05	0.006	0.18	Hypogene
CAS-069	0.40	61.3	60.9	0.06	0.8	0.05	0.012	-	Leached CAP
	61.30	99.5	38.2	0.08	0.7	0.14	0.034	0.39	Supergene
	99.50	250.2	150.7	0.10	0.8	0.08	0.008	0.20	Hypogene
CAS-070	0.00	116.0	116.0	0.13	1.3	0.01	0.018	-	Leached CAP
	116.00	239.0	123.0	0.16	3.6	0.21	0.025	0.48	Supergene
	239.00	295.6	56.6	0.12	1.5	0.11	0.030	0.37	Hypogene
CAS-071	7.62	72.6	65.0	0.09	1.1	0.03	0.020	-	Leached CAP
	72.60	160.6	88.0	0.10	0.9	0.17	0.018	0.34	Supergene
	160.60	251.5	90.9	0.06	0.7	0.07	0.004	0.14	Hypogene
CAS-072	no significant mineralization								
CAS-073	4.77	105.4	100.6	0.13	0.9	0.01	0.043	-	Leached CAP
	105.40	219.8	114.4	0.34	1.8	0.34	0.072	0.98	Supergene
	219.80	330.7	110.9	0.24	1.5	0.16	0.064	0.69	Hypogene

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	124.00	241.9	117.9	0.38	3.7	0.33	0.036	0.80	Supergene
	241.85	379.8	138.0	0.19	1.6	0.14	0.013	0.35	Hypogene
CAS-075	no significant mineralization								
CAS-076	3.05	94.0	90.9	0.04	0.6	0.04	0.001	-	Leached CAP
	93.96	127.0	33.0	0.13	0.5	0.14	0.004	0.25	Supergene
	126.96	263.7	136.7	0.18	0.9	0.13	0.004	0.27	Hypogene
CAS-077	4.60	46.8	42.2	0.13	1.0	0.04	0.010	-	Leached CAP
	46.80	170.7	123.9	0.14	0.9	0.24	0.010	0.39	Supergene
CAS-078	9.00	45.7	36.7	0.17	1.8	0.03	0.015	-	Leached CAP
	45.65	150.3	104.6	0.14	0.8	0.27	0.008	0.39	Supergene
CAS-079	3.25	61.0	57.8	0.19	0.9	0.04	0.009	-	Leached CAP
	61.00	91.0	30.0	0.10	0.3	0.25	0.024	0.45	Supergene
	91.00	153.3	62.3	0.09	0.4	0.04	0.013	0.17	Hypogene
CAS-080	0.00	8.0	8.0	0.22	0.5	0.07	0.006	-	Leached CAP
	8.00	145.2	137.2	0.17	1.6	0.25	0.008	0.41	Supergene
	145.20	157.0	11.8	0.11	1.3	0.12	0.013	0.27	Hypogene
CAS-081	2.00	208.7	206.7	0.17	0.9	0.02	0.001	-	Leached CAP
	207.70	238.7	31.0	0.19	1.0	0.14	0.001	0.28	Supergene
	238.70	451.1	212.4	0.13	0.8	0.06	0.001	0.16	Hypogene
CAS-082	0.00	117.0	117.0	0.45	2.2	0.03	0.015	-	Leached CAP
	117.00	234.0	117.0	0.52	3.0	0.40	0.020	0.87	Supergene
	234.00	460.2	226.2	0.28	1.9	0.25	0.021	0.56	Hypogene
CAS-083	4.00	65.4	61.4	0.17	1.1	0.05	0.005	-	Leached CAP
	65.40	233.6	168.2	0.14	0.8	0.15	0.010	0.30	Supergene
	233.60	374.9	141.3	0.09	0.6	0.09	0.010	0.21	Hypogene
CAS-084	0.00	116.5	116.5	0.27	1.9	0.04	0.007	-	Leached CAP
	116.50	315.0	198.5	0.32	2.4	0.27	0.016	0.58	Supergene
	315.00	448.7	133.7	0.29	1.9	0.30	0.021	0.62	Hypogene
CAS-085	3.96	154.0	150.0	0.26	0.9	0.01	0.002	-	Leached CAP
	154.00	217.0	63.0	0.30	1.3	0.25	0.012	0.51	Supergene
	217.00	365.8	148.8	0.17	1.4	0.08	0.002	0.21	Hypogene
CAS-086	4.00	30.0	26.0	0.17	1.2	0.04	0.035	-	Leached CAP
	30.00	183.0	153.0	0.22	1.8	0.23	0.022	0.51	Supergene
	183.00	385.6	202.6	0.22	2.0	0.18	0.044	0.58	Hypogene
CAS-087	4.01	166.1	162.1	0.22	1.4	0.00	0.003	-	Leached CAP
	166.12	234.0	67.9	0.37	3.0	0.28	0.014	0.62	Supergene
	234.00	397.5	163.5	0.17	0.9	0.11	0.009	0.28	Hypogene

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