

Western Copper and Gold Closes Oversubscribed Private Placement

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VANCOUVER, May 17, 2019 - [Western Copper and Gold Corp.](#) (the "Company" or the "Western"; TSX: WRN; NYSE American: WRN) is pleased to report that it has completed the brokered private placement offering previously announced on April 29, 2019 (the "Offering") of flow-through common shares (the "FT Shares"). PI Financial Corp. (the "Agent") acted as sole lead agent in respect of the Offering.

The Company issued a total of 3,727,000 FT Shares, comprised of (i) 3,333,333 FT Shares pursuant to the base Offering and (ii) 393,667 FT Shares pursuant to the Agent's exercise of its option, at a price of C\$0.90 per FT Share for aggregate gross proceeds of C\$3,354,300.

The gross proceeds received from the sale of the FT Shares will be used solely to incur "Canadian exploration expenses" as defined in subsection 66.1(6) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) on the Company's directly and indirectly held mineral properties at the Casino Project in the Yukon Territory.

In connection with the Offering, the Agent was paid a cash commission equal to 6.0% of the gross proceeds raised from the sale of FT Shares to purchasers other than President's List Purchasers (as hereinafter defined) and 3.0% of the gross proceeds raised from the sale of FT Shares to purchasers identified by the Company to the Agent (the "President's List Purchasers").

The FT Shares are subject to a statutory hold period expiring on September 18, 2019 in accordance with applicable Canadian securities legislation and the rules of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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ABOUT [Western Copper and Gold Corp](#)ORATION

[Western Copper and Gold Corp.](#) is developing the Casino Project, Canada's premier copper-gold mine in the Yukon Territory and one of the most economic greenfield copper-gold mining projects in the world. For more information, visit www.westerncopperandgold.com.

On behalf of the board,

"Paul West-Sells"

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