

West Red Lake Gold Intersects 45.20 g/t Au over 2m, 12.81 g/t Au over 2.3m and 33.47 g/t Au over 1.35m at Rowan Mine

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VANCOUVER, Oct. 11, 2023 - [West Red Lake Gold Mines Ltd.](#) ("West Red Lake Gold" or "WRLG" or the "Company") (TSXV: WRLG) (OTCQB: WRLGF) is pleased to report additional drill results from its 100% owned Rowan Property located in the prolific Red Lake Gold District of Northwestern Ontario, Canada.

Notably, Hole RLG-23-169 intersected 14.61 grams per tonne ("g/t") gold ("Au") over 1.5 metres ("m"), including 42.62 g/t Au over 0.5m at approximately 420m vertical depth in the Vein 101 Zone. This represents an 84m down-dip extension to the previously reported 70.80 g/t Au over 8.3m in RLG-23-163B (September 12, 2023 news release) and demonstrates the down-dip continuity of this high-grade zone, which remains open at depth. Furthermore, high-grade intercepts encountered in holes RLG-23-165 and -166B on the Vein 101, 102 and 103 Zones were drilled outside of the December 2022 mineral resource domains indicating growth potential along strike, outside of the existing resource.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Hole RLG-23-166B Intersected 2m @ 45.20 g/t Au, from 297m to 299m, Including 0.5m @ 180.20 g/t Au, from 297.5m to 298m; and 4m @ 6.78 g/t Au, from 191m to 195m, Including 1.7m @ 14.15 g/t Au, from 191m to 192.7m.
- Hole RLG-23-164 Intersected 0.5m @ 101.60 g/t Au, from 204.5m to 205m; and 1.35m @ 33.47 g/t Au, from 131m to 132.35m, Including 0.5m @ 90.20 g/t Au, from 131.85m to 132.35m.
- Hole RLG-23-159 Intersected 2.3m @ 12.81 g/t Au, from 262.85m to 265.15m, Including 0.5m @ 56.43 g/t Au, from 263.85m to 264.35m; and 2.1m @ 12.43 g/t Au, from 247.4m to 249.5 m, Including 0.5m @ 42.98 g/t Au, from 247.4m to 247.9m.
- Hole RLG-23-169 Intersected 1.5m @ 14.61 g/t Au, from 506m to 507.5m, Including 0.5m @ 42.62 g/t Au from 506m to 506.5m.

Shane Williams, President & CEO, stated, "The high-grade resource growth potential at the Rowan Mine target continues to be highlighted with this most recent round of drill results. Following on the heels of the highest-grade intercept ever drilled across the Rowan Property, the team successfully intercepted what is believed to be the same high-grade zone approximately 80m down-dip. This represents one of the deepest holes drilled within the high-grade East Zone and bodes well for future expansion opportunity at Rowan as the team continues to extend this highly prospective mineralized vein zone at depth and along strike."

The high-grade mineralized vein zones encountered at the Rowan Mine target area (the "Rowan Mine Target") continue to exceed expectations, confirm the geologic model, and further improve the existing high-grade (9.2 g/t Au) 827,462 ounce Inferred Mineral Resource at the Rowan Mine. Sections for the Rowan Mine drilling outlined in this release are provided in Figures 1 through 7.

A total of 42 diamond drill holes for 15,772m have been completed so far in 2023 at the Rowan Mine target. Fire and metallic screen assays have been returned for 35 out of 42 holes completed, with 2 holes having partial assay results and 5 holes pending assays and QAQC.

TABLE 1. Significant intercepts (>3 g/t Au) from drilling at Rowan Mine Target.

Hole ID	Target	Zone	From (m)	To (m)	Thick (m)*	Au (g/t)
RLG-23-159	Rowan Mine	V103 (hw)	108.85	109.35	0.50	3.59

AND	Rowan Mine		247.40	249.50	2.10	12.43
Incl.	Rowan Mine	V101 (hw)	247.40	247.90	0.50	42.98
Also Incl.	Rowan Mine		249.00	249.50	0.50	9.08
AND	Rowan Mine	V101	262.85	265.15	2.30	12.81
Incl.	Rowan Mine		263.85	264.35	0.50	56.43
RLG-23-160	Rowan Mine	V103 (fw)	178.50	179.00	0.50	4.02
AND	Rowan Mine	V103 (fw)	197.75	198.25	0.50	7.58
AND	Rowan Mine	V101	289.00	289.50	0.50	10.51
RLG-23-161	Rowan Mine	V103 (fw)	181.05	183.00	1.95	4.49
Incl.	Rowan Mine		181.05	182.00	0.95	8.88
RLG-23-162	Rowan Mine	V103 (hw)	161.00	162.00	1.00	3.31
	Rowan Mine	V102	308.35	310.25	1.90	4.83
Incl.	Rowan Mine		309.50	310.25	0.75	9.97
AND	Rowan Mine	V102 (fw)	365.00	366.00	1.00	3.95
RLG-23-164	Rowan Mine	V103	117.35	119.15	1.80	4.61
Incl.	Rowan Mine		118.65	119.15	0.50	15.72
AND	Rowan Mine	V102	131.00	132.35	1.35	33.47
Incl.	Rowan Mine		131.85	132.35	0.50	90.20
AND	Rowan Mine	V102	167.00	168.00	1.00	3.24
AND	Rowan Mine	V101 (hw)	204.50	205.00	0.50	101.60
RLG-23-165	Rowan Mine	V102	214.00	214.50	0.50	21.58
AND	Rowan Mine	V102	218.00	219.00	1.00	7.77
RLG-23-166B	Rowan Mine	V103	138.00	139.50	1.50	3.56
AND	Rowan Mine	V102	191.00	195.00	4.00	6.78
Incl.	Rowan Mine		191.00	192.70	1.70	14.15
AND	Rowan Mine	V101 (hw)	263.08	265.00	1.92	3.50
AND	Rowan Mine	V101 (hw)	265.60	266.10	0.50	3.44
AND	Rowan Mine	V101	297.00	299.00	2.00	45.20
Incl.	Rowan Mine		297.50	298.00	0.50	180.20
AND	Rowan Mine	V100	328.00	329.00	1.00	5.13
Incl.	Rowan Mine		328.50	329.00	0.50	9.85
RLG-23-169	Rowan Mine	V104 (hw)	327.00	327.55	0.55	3.36
AND	Rowan Mine	V104	332.00	334.00	2.00	3.01
AND	Rowan Mine	V101	506.00	507.50	1.50	14.61
Incl.	Rowan Mine		506.00	506.50	0.50	42.62

*The "From-To" intervals in Table 1 are denoting overall downhole length of the intercept. True thickness has not been calculated for these intercepts but is expected to be ~ 60% of downhole thickness based on intercept angles observed in the drill core. Under 'Zone' column, (hw) is indicating 'hanging wall to' and (fw) is indicating 'footwall to' main vein zones.

FIGURE 1. Deposit-scale plan map of Rowan Mine Target area showing traces and intercepts for holes highlighted in this News Release.

TABLE 2: Drill collar summary for holes reported in this News Release.

Hole ID	Target	Easting	Northing	Elev (m)	Length (m)	Azimuth	Dip
RLG-23-159	Rowan Mine	422169	5657801	366	351	354	-53
RLG-23-160	Rowan Mine	422170	5657801	366	396	359	-59
RLG-23-161	Rowan Mine	422170	5657801	366	366	4	-51

RLG-23-162	Rowan Mine 422170 5657798 366	498	350	-71
RLG-23-164	Rowan Mine 422018 5657795 367	300	3	-45
RLG-23-165	Rowan Mine 422019 5657795 367	411	350	-63
RLG-23-166B	Rowan Mine 422019 5657795 367	378	349	-56
RLG-23-169	Rowan Mine 422110 5657700 386	597	353	-63

DISCUSSION

The Rowan Mine Target consists of more than seven sub-parallel, near-vertical, east-west trending veins that are currently defined over a strike length of approximately 1.1 km- mineralization remains open along strike and at depth. The orientation of the veins at the Rowan Mine tend to follow the direction of D2 deformation, which is oriented in an east-west direction over this part of the property. Individual mineralized vein zones usually average 1.0 to 1.5m in thickness, with an overall thickness of the Rowan vein corridor at around 115m. Gold mineralization is typically localized within quartz-carbonate veins hosted within and along the 'footwall' margin of a porphyritic felsic intrusive, with increased grades often associated with the presence of visible gold and base metal sulphides (e.g. galena, sphalerite). High-grade dilation zones or 'ore chutes' along the Rowan vein trend have been recognized as important controls for localizing thicker and higher-grade zones of gold mineralization. The position and geometry of these dilation zones is well understood at Rowan.

The drilling completed at the Rowan Mine Target in 2023 has been focused on validating historical data across the Inferred Resource, and also infilling apparent gaps in the analytical data set which was a product of very selective sampling techniques implemented during previous drilling campaigns. Assay results received from the 2023 drilling program continue to confirm our thesis that quartz veining and gold mineralization continue at depth and along strike, with grades consistent with, or higher than those outlined in the current Inferred Mineral Resource which remains open in all directions. For example, the 100 Vein Zone - which is the furthest north vein currently modeled within the overall Rowan vein corridor - was previously interpreted to be a lower grade portion of the block model. Recent drilling has confirmed that higher grades are present within the 100 Vein Zone below 150m elevation, suggesting that gold grades are increasing at depth within this zone which is a trend that has been observed elsewhere in the Red Lake district. Drilling at the Rowan Mine Target area will continue with an emphasis on infill and expansion of the existing high-grade mineral resource.

FIGURE 2. Rowan Mine drill section showing assay highlights for Holes RLG-23-164, -165, and -166B^[1].

FIGURE 3. Rowan Mine drill section showing assay highlights for Hole RLG-23-169^[1].

FIGURE 4. Rowan Mine drill section showing assay highlights for Holes RLG-23-159, -160, -161 and -162^[1].

FIGURE 5. Rowan Mine longitudinal section for Vein 101 showing 2023 intercepts > 3 g/t Au. Assay highlights from current press release shown in red^[1].

FIGURE 6. Rowan Mine longitudinal section for Vein 102 showing 2023 intercepts > 3 g/t Au. Assay highlights from current press release shown in red^[1].

FIGURE 7. Rowan Mine longitudinal section for Vein 103 showing 2023 intercepts > 3 g/t Au. Assay highlights from current press release shown in red^[1].

High resolution versions of all the figures contained in this press release can be found at the following web address: <https://westredlakegold.com/october-11th-news-release-maps/>

Longitudinal sections showing all intercepts > 3 g/t Au on Veins 101, 102 and 103 can be viewed here: <https://westredlakegold.com/august-1st-news-release-maps/>.

QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL

Drilling completed at the Rowan Property consists of oriented NQ-sized diamond drill core. All drill holes are systematically logged, photographed, and sampled by a trained geologist at WRLG's Mt. Jamie core processing facility. Minimum allowable sample length is 0.5m. Maximum allowable sample length is 1.5m. Standard reference materials and blanks are inserted at a targeted 5% insertion rate. The drill core is then cut lengthwise utilizing a diamond blade core saw along a line pre-selected by the geologist. To reduce sampling bias, the same side of drill core is sampled consistently utilizing the orientation line as reference. For those samples containing visible gold ("VG"), a trained geologist supervises the cutting/bagging of those samples, and ensures the core saw blade is 'cleaned' with a dressing stone following the VG sample interval. Bagged samples are then sealed with zip ties and transported by WRLG personnel directly to SGS Natural Resource's Facility in Red Lake, Ontario for assay.

Samples are then prepped by SGS, which consists of drying at 105°C and crushing to 75% passing 2mm. A riffle splitter is then utilized to produce a 500g course reject for archive. The remainder of the sample is then pulverized to 85% passing 75 microns from which 50g is analyzed by fire assay and an atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS) finish. Samples returning gold values > 5 g/t Au are reanalyzed by fire assay with a gravimetric finish on a 50g sample. Samples with visible gold are also analyzed via metallic screen analysis (SGS code: GO_FAS50M). For multi-element analysis, samples are sent to SGS's facility in Burnaby, British Columbia and analyzed via four-acid digest with an atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES) finish for 33-element analysis on 0.25g sample pulps (SGS code: GE_ICP40Q12). SGS Natural Resources analytical laboratories operates under a Quality Management System that complies with ISO/IEC 17025.

West Red Lake Gold's Rowan Property presently hosts a National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") Inferred Mineral Resource of 2,790,700 t at an average grade of 9.2 g/t Au containing 827,462 ounces of gold with a cut-off grade of 3.8 g/t Au (NI 43-101 Technical Report, entitled "Technical Report and Resource Estimate on the West Red Lake Project" authored by John Kita, P.Eng., dated December 13, 2022 and filed December 30, 2022 on www.sedar.com). The Inferred Mineral Resource is located in the area of the historic underground Rowan Mine site and situated within a 1.8 km strike length portion of the regional scale Pipestone Bay St Paul Deformation Zone.

The technical information presented in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Will Robinson, P.Geo., Vice President of Exploration for West Red Lake Gold and the Qualified Person for exploration at the West Red Lake Project, as defined by NI 43-101 "Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects".

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¹ Mineral Resources are estimated at a cut-off grade of 9.2 g/t Au and using a gold price of US\$1,600/oz. Please refer to the technical report entitled "Technical Report and Resource Estimate on the West Red Lake Project" dated December 13, 2022 prepared for WRLG by John Kita, P.Eng., and filed December 30, 2022 on www.sedarplus.ca.

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