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Shareholders Approve Move into South Australian Iron Ore

6,600 metre drilling tender accepted

Robust project with production target mid-2008

Western Plains Gold Ltd (**WPG**) shareholders yesterday approved the company's move into iron ore through the acquisition of Southern Iron Pty Ltd which holds mining tenements in South Australian that host significant deposits of iron ore mineralisation.

Shareholders at the EGM also approved a change of name of the company to Western Plains Resources Ltd. The change of name will become effective shortly.

WPG Executive Chairman Bob Duffin said the overwhelming shareholder approval means that the company can initiate a 7,000 metre drilling program aimed to upgrade its prime iron ore project – the Peculiar Knob deposit located northwest of the Prominent Hill and Olympic Dam sites - from inferred to a measured and indicated resources category. "Simultaneously we will begin a bankable feasibility study with the strategic goal of commencing production by mid-2008", he said.

Peculiar Knob is a haematite deposit with a reported inferred resource of 14mt at 63.2% Fe and low impurities. Also acquired are other haematite resources in the Hawks Nest project in the same region as well as substantial magnetite resources.

Mr Duffin said that WPG intends to develop the Peculiar Knob deposit as a high grade DSO (direct shipping ore) mine supplying high-grade ore to the Asian market at a rate of up to 2 million tonnes a year.

"WPG will not be neglecting its original projects and will continue to explore for gold and copper in NSW and South Australia," he said. "But our prime focus will be to bring the DSO iron ore project on stream quickly and bring in substantial cash flow."

Earlier this month WPG announced that a Chinese group - China Kingdom International Group Co Limited - has executed a Memorandum of Understanding in relation to possible investment in WPG and the Peculiar Knob iron ore project and the sale of iron ore products from the project.

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