



# ASX and Media Release

## Capital raising completed to advance Peculiar Knob mine development

Western Plains Resources Limited (ASX:WPG) is pleased to advise that it has completed a placement to sophisticated and professional investors that raised approximately \$12.6 million before costs. A total of 15.8 million shares will be issued at a price of \$0.80 each. An Appendix 3B will be released next week.

Many more applications were received than could be accepted under the ASX Listing Rules and unfortunately some applications had to be scaled back or rejected. The placement brought a number of new institutional investors onto WPG's register, and the Company thanks new and existing institutional investors and other shareholders for their strong support.

The purpose of the capital raising is to assist with advancing the Company's flagship Peculiar Knob DSO iron ore project near Coober Pedy in South Australia towards development. The Company's stronger balance sheet will improve our negotiating position with service providers and other contractors. WPG will soon commence detailed contract negotiations with shortlisted parties.

WPG is in discussions with a small number of investment institutions and trade participants capable of providing further support for the project's development. The funding structure has not yet been finalised.

WPG and Flinders Ports Pty Ltd entered into an MOU agreement for the handling, storage and shiploading of iron ore from Peculiar Knob earlier this year. The two parties agreed to develop a detailed set of protocols backed by appropriate contracts between them for the export of ore, before the end of H1 2010.

WPG intends to take the decision to commit to project development at Peculiar Knob in H2 2010. Export sales of 62% Fe fines are expected to commence at 2-3 million tonnes per annum in H2 2011.

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