



ASX and Media Release

Access to Hawks Nest for exploration secured for further period

Western Plains Resources Limited (ASX:WPG) is pleased to advise that the Department of Defence has extended WPG's exploration access rights to the Hawks Nest project area for a further 6 month period.

The access period now expires on 28 February 2011.

On 6 May 2010 the Commonwealth Government announced that it had commissioned a review ("Review") of the Woomera Prohibited Area ("WPA") in South Australia. The Review is to report to the Commonwealth before 1 January 2011 and so WPG now has secured access to the Hawks Nest project area, which lies within the core area of operations of the WPA, until well beyond the date by which the Review is to report its recommendations.

The Review called for submissions by interested parties which were to be lodged by 7 August. WPG understands that some 30 or so submissions have been lodged by mining and exploration companies, native title claimants, tourist organisations, rail and road operators, other commercial users of the WPA, industry groups, and various South Australian State and Commonwealth Departments and agencies including the Department of Defence itself.

The Review has announced that all submissions other than those which have been specifically requested not to be will be posted on the Review's website, www.defence.gov.au/woomerareview/submissions/default.html. Shareholders are urged to visit this website from time to time to get the flavour of the submissions received.

WPG lodged a 150 page submission to the Review on 5 August. The Company requested that the Executive Summary only be posted to the Review's website, with the remainder of the submission to be treated as commercial-in-confidence.

WPG is convinced that mining and military activities can coexist within the WPA.

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