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(dated: August XX, 2020)

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") contains forward-looking statements, such as statements regarding potential mineralization, resources and exploration results and future plans and objectives of Western Gold Exploration Limited ("Western Gold", "WGE", "we", "our" or the "Company"), which are subject to various risks and uncertainties. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements contained are made as of the date of this MD&A and the Company disclaims, other than required by law, any obligation to update any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, results, future events, circumstances, or if management's estimates or opinions should change, otherwise.

GENERAL

The Company was incorporated and registered in England and Wales on December 5, 2016 as a private limited company under the names "Charles Thomas Holdings Limited". On May 2, 2017, the Company changed its name to "Western Gold Exploration Limited". The Company's registered number is 10510465.

For the purposes of preparing our MD&A, we consider the materiality of information. We evaluate materiality with reference to all relevant circumstances, including potential market sensitivity. Information is considered material if: (i) it would significantly alter the total mix of information available to investors; or (ii) there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable investor would consider it important in making an investment decision; or (iii) such information results in, or would reasonably be expected to result in, a significant change in the market price or value of our shares.

Under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), an entity's functional currency should reflect the underlying transactions, events, and conditions relevant to the entity. The Company's functional currency is British Pounds Sterling ("GBP" or "£"). **Unless otherwise noted, all amounts in this MD&A are expressed in GBP.**

This MD&A is intended to help the reader understand WGE, our operations, financial performance and present and future business environment. This MD&A is prepared as of August XX, 2020, and should be read in conjunction with the condensed interim consolidated financial statements of WGE and the related notes for the year ended March 31, 2020 (the "Financial Statements"), which are prepared in accordance with IFRS.

The technical content of this MD&A has been read and approved by Mr. Roy Eccles of Apex Geosciences. Mr. Eccle is a Qualified Person as defined in Canada by National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101").

HIGHLIGHTS – 2020 TO DATE

- Willie McLucas appointed to the Board of Directors in January 2020.
- The Company completed its assessments of the potential of its two exploration projects and determined its near-term exploration and related financing activities would focus on its Knapdale Project.
- Liquidity improved in Q1 2020 due to receipt of the £52,810 research and development tax credit and share subscription deposits of £550,674 towards the private placement that was completed on May 7, 2020. A portion of the funds received were used to reduce Borrowings from £164,694 at December 31, 2019 to £104,199 at March 31 2020. The remaining Borrowings were paid in full in Q2 2020.
- On May 7, 2020, completed the private placement issuing 20,016,666 Ordinary shares for aggregate proceeds of £600,500 raised from existing shareholders. The planned use of funds includes preparing for a proposed drilling campaign and general corporate uses.
- On 14 July 2020 the Company and the holders of a majority of its outstanding shares entered into a binding definitive share exchange agreement with TSXV listed Cassowary Capital Corporation Limited (TSXV: BIRD.P) (“BIRD”) (the “Transaction”). On July 20, 2020, BIRD also announced that it increased its proposed concurrent non-brokered private placement to a maximum of CA\$1,650,000 worth of subscription receipts. As at the date of approving these financial statements these funds have been committed to BIRD and are contingent on the Transaction successfully completing.
- Pursuant to the conditions of the Transaction, BIRD engaged Apex Geoscience Ltd. and Lakehead Geological Services Inc. of Canada to prepare a Technical Report in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administration’s NI 43-101, The intent of the Technical Report is to provide: 1) a geological introduction to Knapdale; 2) sufficient evidence of no less than C\$100,000 of exploration expenditures on Knapdale; and recommendations for future exploration work programs. The Technical Report was completed 12 June 2020.
- The Group has a £1,500,000 commitment to spend on the Knapdale exploration asset by 29 January 2021. The Directors reached an agreement with the licence holders to extend that commitment to 29 July 2022, contingent on the Transaction successfully completing.

OUTLOOK

Completion of the proposed Transaction will provide funding for an exploration program at Knapdale. The exploration program will be targeting historic gold adits from early 1900s and the known local gold occurrences. The program proposes:

- a deep overburden survey over an 1,800-metre strength length of the Stronchullin veins at Knapdale;
- diamond drilling of up to 1,480 metres in aggregate over up to 14 holes; and
- investigation of Gossan Burn at Knapdale.

COMPANY OVERVIEW

The Company is a mineral exploration company primarily operating in Scotland through its wholly-owned subsidiary Lorne Resources Ltd. (“**Lorne**”) a Scottish registered company (registered no. SC419439) with its office in North Berwick, East Lothian, Scotland. The Company acquired Lorne in March 2018 to obtain its Knapdale Gold Project license (“**Knapdale**”) and the Lagalochan license (“**Lagalochan**”). Knapdale is an early exploration stage project prospective for orogenic quartz-gold-silver lodes that comprises three contiguous sub-properties (Stronchullin prospect; Ormsary North and Ormsary South collectively the Allt Dearg prospect). Knapdale is in the parish of Knapdale South, which is approximately 70 km west of Glasgow. The Company’s focus is to conduct an exploration program targeting historic mines and gold occurrences to develop an initial resource estimate. Lagalochan is considered a copper porphyry prospect for future exploration.

The Company is subject to the risks and challenges experienced by other companies at a comparable stage. These risks include, but are not limited to, continuing losses, dependence on key individuals and the ability to secure adequate financing or to complete corporate transactions to meet minimum capital required to successfully complete its projects and fund other operating expenses. Advancing the Company’s projects through exploration and development will require significant capital. Given the current economic climate, the ability to raise funds may prove difficult. Refer to the “Liquidity and Capital Resources” and “Risk Factors” in the sections below for additional information.

None of the Company’s projects have commenced commercial production and, accordingly, the Company is dependent upon debt and/or equity financings for its funding. The recoverability of the carrying value of exploration and evaluation projects, and ultimately the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern, is dependent upon exploration results which indicate the potential for the discovery of economically recoverable reserves and resources, and the Company’s ability to finance development and exploration of its projects through debt or equity financing for its funding. Changes in future conditions could require a material write-down of carrying values and the ability to pay its obligations as they fall due.

OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS

Knapdale Gold Project

Knapdale is an early exploration stage project prospective for orogenic quartz-gold-silver lodes that comprises three contiguous sub-properties (Stronchullin prospect; Ormsary North and Ormsary South collectively the Allt Dearg prospect). The minerals rights extend to base metal exploration rights over 3,253 hectares, with right to lease, and gold exploration rights over 1,574 hectares, with conditional rights to lease. Prospecting Agreements to work on these sub-properties were originally acquired by Lorne and include a Crown Charter 1907 rights to gold and silver at Stronchullin and Ormsary North sub-properties. The Prospecting Agreements include options to lease, which if exercised, give rights to mine and surface access. The Ormsary South sub-property Prospecting Agreements include surface access rights and base metal mining rights agreements. Mining rights to gold and silver are owned by the Crown.

The landowners have granted exclusive surface access to Lorne for up to 15 years from 2018, with work commitments of £1.5 million before July 29, 2022 and £3 million in total before July 29, 2024. In 2020, the landowners agreed to extend the initial work commitment period from July 29, 2022 to July 29, 2023. The Prospecting Agreements may be terminated by the landowners if the work commitment is not met. The option period for the Prospecting Agreements expires on January 28, 2033.

Annual option fee schedules to each of Ormsary and Stronchullin owners is currently £5,000 index linked since 2018, rising to £10,000 index linked in 2023 and £15,000 index linked in 2028. If leases are acquired, each landowner is paid rent of £40,000 per annum, index linked and a royalty of 2% net realisable value on

all base metals and 1.5% net realisable value of gold and silver, plus a share of any saving in royalty payable to the Crown for gold and silver. Royalty is payable to the Crown on all gold and silver extracted. This is likely to be 4% of net realisable value.

Knapdale is located in the Dalradian gold belt. Other mines in the Dalradian Gold Belt include Dalradian Resources, which owns the Curraghinalt Gold project, and Scotgold Resources, which owns the Cononish Gold mine.

The Company acquired the rights to all data associated with Lorne Resources' 2014-2018 exploration programs at Knapdale. The exploration work and database detail multiple deep till/soil, stream-sediment, panned concentrate, rock grab and trench rock sample surveys (n=1,059 total samples), a water monitoring program and a 2017-2018 drill program that drilled 10 drill holes. Collectively, the drill program intersected and cored a total of 1,216.0 m that include 751.5 m at the Stronchullin and 464.5 m at the Ormsary North sub-properties (Stronchullin and Allt Dearg prospects, respectively).

Lagalochan Project

Lagalochan is an early stage exploration stage copper porphyry prospect located in East Kames, Kilmelford, Scotland. The mineral rights extend to base metal exploration rights over 612.5 hectares, with right to lease gold exploration rights over 118 km², with conditional right to lease. The Company conducted a drilling exploration program beginning in the second-half of 2018 and finishing in early 2019. The Company compared the results of the Lagalochan exploration program and other related factors with Knapdale, and determined that the near-term exploration prospects for Knapdale would improve the Company's growth and financing opportunities. Consequently, Lagalochan will be maintained as a future exploration prospect, while the Company advances Knapdale. The Lagalochan license requires annual payments related to access agreements and rights of £24,000 each September; £8,000 each October and £5,000 each July. There is no work commitment included in the agreements. No exploration work on the site is presently planned while the Company focusses on Knapdale.

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table provides select financial information in GBP that should be read in conjunction with the condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2020:

	AS AT MARCH 31, 2020	AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019	AND AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017
Intangible assets – exploration and evaluation	1,608,258	1,557,931	180.45
Cash and cash equivalents	454,245	257	437,131
Working capital (deficit) ⁽¹⁾	332,964	(121,817)	332,245
Total assets	2,065,421	1,620,809	645,856
Total non-current liabilities	-	-	-

(1) Working capital equals current assets less current liabilities, and is a non-GAAP measure used by management.

Working capital improved to £332,964 at March 31, 2020 compared to the deficit at December 31, 2019, primarily due to receipt of the £52,810 research and development tax credit and share subscription deposits of £550,674 towards the private placement that was completed in May 2020..

General and administrative expenses and statement of loss

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2020	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2019
Advertising and marketing	553	-
Compensation	19,233	3,000
Office and sundry	3,998	942
Professional Fees	13,954	12,269
Property rent	6,081	21,510
Travel	-	1,011
General and administrative expenses - Total	43,819	38,732
Finance expenses	1,550	-
Loss before income tax	45,369	38,732
Income tax credit	-	-
Net loss for the period	45,369	38,732
Net loss per share	0.000	0.000

The increase in general and administrative expenses in 2020 compared to 2019 is primarily due to increased compensation for additional executive time and office expenses associated with fund raising and other activities, which were partially offset by lower property rent costs.

Intangible Assets – Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures

The Company's exploration focus in 2020 was Knapdale, while in 2019 the Company's activities focused on the Lagalochan drilling program that began in Q1 2019 and was completed later in the year. Its capitalized expenditures on intangible assets were as follows:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2020	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2019
Knapdale		
Consulting	44,935	377
Drilling	5,392	-
Groundworks	-	-
Other	-	-
Knapdale Total	50,327	377
Lagalochan		
Consulting	-	55,185
Drilling	-	213,299
Groundworks	-	-
Other	-	6,318
Lagalochan Total	-	274,802
Total exploration and evaluation expenditures additions	£50,327	£290,683

During the period-ended March 31, 2020 the consulting costs were invested in Knapdale, whereas in the same period last year, the Company was engaged in the drilling program at Lagalochan.

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following tables summarize information derived from the Company's financial statements for each of the eight most recently completed quarters. Net losses are mainly driven by the Company's expenditures on exploration and evaluation activities at Knapdale (2020 and 2018) and Lagalochan (2019).

Quarterly period ended	Total revenue £	Loss before tax £	Net Loss (Profit) £	Net loss (profit) per share £	Total Assets £
March 31, 2020	Nil	45,369	45,369	£0.000	2,065,421
December 31, 2019	Nil	33,036	(19,774)	(£0.000)	1,620,809
September 30, 2019	Nil	38,437	38,437	£0.000	1,513,071
June 30, 2019	Nil	18,012	18,012	£0.000	1,496,060
March 31, 2019	Nil	38,732	38,732	£0.000	1,559,790
December 31, 2018	Nil	41,195	21,897	£0.000	1,169,678
September 30, 2018	Nil	44,893	44,893	£0.000	1,207,566
June 30, 2018	Nil	42,373	42,373	£0.000	1,256,116

Note: The Company has no history of declaring dividends.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash and cash equivalents at March 31, 2020 totalled £454,245 (December 31, 2019 - £257). At March 31, 2020, the Company had working capital (non-GAAP measure equal to current assets less current liabilities) of £332,964 (December 31, 2019 - negative working capital of £121,816). The subscription deposits of £550,476 received in February and March 2020, in advance of the Company closing a financing on May 7, 2020 improved the cash position.

Financing Activities: For the year ended December 31, 2019 net cash inflows arising from financing activities totalled £355,000 from the proceeds of the private placements that closed on May 9, 2019 based on subscription agreements and from proceeds of borrowings of £155,000.

The Company had borrowings of £104,199 as at March 31, 2020 (December 31, 2019 - £164,694) related to unsecured borrowings. The borrowings were paid in full in Q2 2020.

The subscription deposits of £550,476 received in February and March 2020, in advance of the Company closing a financing on May 7, 2020 improved the cash position. On May 7, 2020, the Company closed a private placement issuing 20,016,666 shares for gross proceeds of £600,500.

On 14 July 2020 the Company and the holders of a majority of its outstanding shares entered into a binding definitive share exchange agreement with TSXV listed Cassowary Capital Corporation Limited (TSXV: BIRD.P) ("BIRD") (the "Transaction"). On July 20, 2020, BIRD also announced that it increased its proposed concurrent non-brokered private placement to a maximum of CA\$1,650,000 worth of subscription receipts. As at the date of approving these financial statements these funds have been committed to BIRD and are contingent on the Transaction successfully completing.

Operating Activities: During the year ended December 31, 2019, cash used in operating activities mainly comprised of general and administrative expenses. Cash used in operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2019 totalled £118,523 compared to £344,457 for the year ended December 31, 2018. The decrease in expenditures is primarily due to 2018's higher professional fees related to evaluating prospective projects and financing alternatives and share-based compensation issued to one of the directors.

Investing Activities: For the year ended December 31, 2019 cash outflows arising from investing activities totalled £420,540 as compared to cash outflows of £290,683 for the year ended December 31, 2018. The cash outflows consisted of capitalized exploration costs for Knapdale and Lagalochan, with the 2019 increase due primarily to the Lagalochan drilling program and the 2018 expenditures primarily due to the Knapdale drilling program.

MARKET TRENDS

The Company's future financial performance is dependent on many external factors including the markets of certain precious and base metals. The markets for these commodities are volatile and difficult to predict as they are impacted by many factors including international political, social and economic conditions and the COVID-19 pandemic. These conditions, combined with volatility in the capital markets, could materially affect the future financial performance of the Company.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that are likely to have or are reasonably likely to have a material current or future effect on the Company's financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that have not been disclosed in the Financial Statements.

The Prospecting Agreements with the Knapdale landowners granted exclusive surface access to Lorne (wholly-owned by WGE), for up to 15 years from 2018. Work commitments of £1,500,000 before July 29, 2022, and £3,000,000 in total before July 29, 2024. The Prospecting Agreements may be terminated by landowners if the work commitment is not met. The option period under the Prospecting Agreements expires on January 28, 2033.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related party transactions include consulting fees and compensation paid to key management personnel, and are recorded as either G&A expenses or exploration and evaluation expenditures, depending on their nature. Key management personnel are defined as officers and directors of the Company. Transactions between the Company and its subsidiary, Lorne, have been eliminated on consolidation and not disclosed.

There were no amounts owing to key management personnel as at December 31, 2019 or December 31, 2018. Transactions with key management personnel were as follows:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2020	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2019
Director and other fees ⁽¹⁾	19,233	3,000
Share based payments	-	-
Total transactions with key management personnel	19,233	3,000

- (1) Directors do not have employment or service contracts with the Company, but may be entitled to director fees and are also eligible for share-based payments.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

The Company's financial instruments as of March 31, 2020, consist of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, trade and other payables, financial derivatives and borrowings. The Company's financial instruments are denominated in GBP.

Credit risk is the risk of loss associated with a counterparty's inability to fulfill its payment obligations. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to cash and cash equivalents, which are held in financial institutions in the United Kingdom and other receivables. The Company has no significant concentration of credit risk arising from operations. The Company's policy is to invest excess cash in fixed interest investment-grade short-term deposit certificates and overnight deposits in the UK. Management believes the risk of loss to be minimal given the apparent financial strength of the financial institutions with whom the Company transacts.

Other receivables consist of value added taxes receivable and research and development tax credit from government authorities in the UK. Management believes that the credit risk concentration with respect to other receivables is minimal.

Interest rate risk is generally associated with the Company's cash balances that are invested in fixed interest investment-grade short-term deposit certificates and overnight deposits. Future net cash flows from interest income on cash and cash equivalents will be affected by interest rate fluctuations. The Company closely monitors prevailing interest rates and will take appropriate mitigating actions should interest rate risk become material.

Foreign currency risk is generally associated with financial instruments and transactions denominated in non-GBP currencies. The Company is not presently exposed to foreign exchange risk as it holds all of its assets and liabilities in GBP. Since future activities may result in future expenditures denominated in other currencies, the Company will monitor the applicable exchange rates and take the appropriate foreign currency risk mitigation measures.

SHARE CAPITAL AS AT AUGUST XX, 2020

As permitted by the Corporations Act 2006, the Company does not have an authorised limit to its share capital and it has one class of Ordinary shares, which carry no right to fixed income.

Class	Par Value	Authorized	Issued Number
Ordinary shares	£0.001	Unlimited	155,834,000

As at August 4, 2020 the following stock options were outstanding: 5,500,000.

Expiry Date	Exercise Price (GBP)	Number Outstanding	Number Exercisable	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (years)
February 8, 2023	0.004	5,500,000	5,500,000	2.6
	0.004	5,500,000	5,500,000	2.6

On March 22, 2018 the Company issued to Eurasian Consolidated Minerals Pty Ltd (ECM), a warrant to acquire shares in the Company, in consideration for acquiring all the share capital of Lorne Resources Limited from ECM. At the date of issuance fair value of the Warrants Shares was £639,401 and has been included in intangible assets on the statement of financial position. Based on the present number of Ordinary Shares issued and outstanding, ECM holds Warrant Shares with the right to acquire 38,342,875 ordinary shares. ECM has provided the Company notice that ECM will exercise its Warrant Shares concurrently with the closing of the Transaction in 2020.

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company's objectives when managing capital are:

- a) to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern;
- b) to continue the development and exploration of its mineral properties; and
- c) to maintain a capital structure which optimizes the cost of capital at an acceptable level of risk.

The Company monitors its capital structure and makes adjustments according to market conditions in an effort to meet its objectives given the current outlook of the business and industry in general. The Company may manage its capital structure by issuing new shares, repurchasing outstanding shares, adjusting capital spending, or disposing of assets. The capital structure is reviewed by management and the board of directors on an ongoing basis.

The Company considers its capital to be (1) equity, comprising share capital, contributed surplus, accumulated other comprehensive loss and deficit which at March 31, 2020 totaled £1,941,222 (December 31, 2019 - £1,436,115), and (2) borrowings, which at March 31, 2020 was £104,199 (December 31, 2019 - £164,694).

The Company manages capital through its financial and operational forecasting processes. The Company reviews its working capital and forecasts its future cash flows based on operating expenditures, and other investing and financing activities. The forecast is updated based on its exploration and development activities. The Company's capital management objectives, policies and processes have remained unchanged since the year ended December 31, 2019.

Effective July 14, 2020, Western Gold and the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Company, entered into a binding definitive share exchange agreement with BIRD to provide for the Transaction. The combined entity (the "**Resulting Issuer**") will continue the business of Western Gold. BIRD also announced on July 20, 2020 that due to strong demand, it intends to increase the size of the concurrent non-brokered private placement to a maximum of CA\$1,650,000 (the "**BIRD Private Placement**"). Completion of the Transaction is subject to a number of conditions, including the completion of the BIRD Private Placement. Pursuant to the terms of the Transaction, BIRD will acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Western Gold (which will be 199,676,875 immediately prior to closing the transaction) in exchange for 32,666,900 shares of the Resulting Issuer (on a pre-consolidation basis (as defined below) at the closing of the Transaction. Proposed concurrently with the completion of the Transaction, the shares of the Resulting Issuer would be consolidated on the basis of one (1) post-consolidation share for each two and one-half (2.5) pre-consolidation shares.

RISK FACTORS

The Company's principal activity of mineral exploration and development is considered to be very high risk and the mining industry in general is intensely competitive in all its phases. Companies involved in this

industry are subject to many and varied types of risks, including but not limited to, environmental, commodity prices, political and economic. Additional capital will be required to fund continuing operations and advance the exploration and development activities at Knapdale and for other prospective licences.

- *Proposed Transaction Not Approved:* There can be no assurance that the Transaction will be accepted by the TSX Venture Exchange. There can be no assurance that all the necessary approvals, including the approval of the majority of the shareholders of BIRD, will be obtained.
- *The Completion of the Transaction May Be Delayed Due to Health Epidemics and Other Outbreaks of Communicable Diseases:* In December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus (COVID-19) emerged in China and the virus has now spread to several other countries, including the United Kingdom and Canada, and infections have been reported globally. The extent to which the coronavirus impacts the ability of the Company and BIRD to obtain the necessary third party approvals required to complete the Transaction, including the approval by the shareholders of BIRD, will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted at this time, and include the duration, severity and scope of the outbreak and the actions taken to contain or treat the coronavirus outbreak.
- *The Impact of the Current Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic May Significantly Impact the Company and the Resulting Issuer:* The current coronavirus (COVID-19) global health pandemic is significantly impacting the global economy and commodity and financial markets. The full extent and impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is unknown and to date has included extreme volatility in financial markets, a slowdown in economic activity, extreme volatility in commodity prices (including gold) and has raised the prospect of an extended global recession. As well, as efforts are undertaken to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the operation and development of mining projects may be impacted. To date, a number of mining projects have been suspended as cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) have been confirmed, for precautionary purposes or as governments have declared a state of emergency or taken other actions. If the operation or development of one or more of the properties in which the Company or the Resulting Issuer, as applicable, holds an interest and from which it receives or expects to receive revenue is suspended, it may have a material adverse impact on the Company or the Resulting Issuer's, as applicable, results of operations, financial condition and the trading price of the Resulting Issuer's securities. The broader impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on investors, businesses, the global economy or financial and commodity markets may also have a material adverse impact on the Company's results of operations, financial conditions and the trading price of the Reporting Issuer's securities, as applicable.
- *Nature of Activities:* The exploration for and development of mineral projects involves significant risks which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not mitigate. Few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. Knapdale is at the early exploration stage, but it is impossible to provide any assurance that the project and any exploration further planned by the Company will result in a profitable commercial mining operation.
- *Exploration and Evaluation Costs:* Actual exploration, development or other costs and economic returns may differ significantly from those the Company has anticipated and there are no assurances that any future activities will result in profitable mining operations. The Company has limited operating history and there can be no assurance of its ability to operate its projects profitably.
- *Commodity Prices:* Changes in the market price for mineral production, which have fluctuated widely in the past, will affect the future profitability of the Company's operations and financial condition.
- *Financing and Dilution:* The Company's historical capital needs have been met primarily by the issuance of shares and, from demand loans provided by shareholders. The Company's planned activities include the drilling and other exploration activities. The Company will require additional funds to further explore

and develop its properties. The Company has limited financial resources and no current source of recurring revenue. The junior resource market where the Company raises funds is extremely volatile, companies are subject to high level of competition for the same pool of investment dollars, and there is no guarantee that the Company will be able to raise adequate funds in a timely manner to conduct its business. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future or that the terms of such financing will be favourable. The terms of any additional financing obtained by the Company could result in substantial dilution to the shareholders of the Company.

- *Trading Price:* Market prices of shares of development stage companies are often volatile. Factors such as announcement of mineral discoveries and financial results have a significant effect on the price of the Company's shares. The limited trading volume of the Company's shares reduces the liquidity of an investment in the Company's shares. The Company has no dividend payment policy and does not intend to pay any dividends in the foreseeable future.
- *Title:* Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to its mineral property interests there is no guarantee that the mineral properties will not be subject to title disputes or undetected defects.
- *Land Access:* The Company owns the mineral rights to the Knapdale and Lagalochan. Further negotiations with landowners will be required to efficiently manage the existing access rights and advance the exploration activities.
- *Regulatory:* Many of the mineral rights and interests of the Company are subject to government approvals, licences and permits. Such approvals, licences and permits are, as a practical matter, subject to the discretion of applicable governments or governmental officials. There is a risk that additional time for approvals may result in additional overhead and other costs that may be incurred during the additional time that may be required for approvals.
- *Environmental:* The Company is subject to laws and regulations related to environmental matters, including provisions for reclamation, discharge of hazardous material and other matters. The Company conducts its exploration activities in compliance with applicable environmental legislation and is not aware of any existing environmental problems related to its mineral property interests that may be the cause of material liability to the Company. In addition, the Company has periodically engaged experts to assist the Company in modifying its processes and documentation to facilitate compliance with international standards.
- *Insurance:* Mining is a heavy industry activity and requires high standards of safety in construction and operations. The Company expects to continue to evolve its health and safety policies and practices ensure they meet the high standards required for managing the risks of each phase of developing and operating its projects. Sometimes hazards result from conditions or elements beyond the Company's control, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. The Company's insurance coverage does not cover all of its potential losses, liabilities and damage related to its business and certain risks are uninsured or uninsurable.
- *Personnel:* The Company may experience difficulty in attracting and retaining qualified management to meet the needs of its anticipated growth, and the failure to manage the Company's growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on its business and financial condition. Insofar as certain directors and officers of the Company hold similar positions with other mineral resource companies, conflicts may arise between the obligations of these directors and officers to the Company and to such other mineral resource companies.
- *Tax:* Changes in taxation legislation or regulations in the countries in which the Company operates could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and financial condition.

- *Western Gold Depends on Two Mineral Projects:* Any adverse development affecting Knapdale and Lagalochan will have a material adverse effect on Western Gold’s business, prospects, profitability, financial performance and results of the operations. These developments include, but are not limited to, the inability to obtain financing to explore and advance its projects, unusual and unexpected geologic formations, seismic activity, rock bursts, cave-ins, flooding and other conditions involved in the drilling and removal of material, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of, property, and which could hinder the development of the projects.
- *Significant Shareholders:* The Company has received notices that the options and warrants presently outstanding will be exercised prior to closing the Transaction, which will result in the Ordinary Shares outstanding increasing in 2020 as followings:

Issued and outstanding at December 31, 2019	135,817,334 shares
Issued May 7, 2020 for gross proceeds of £600,500	<u>20,016,666</u>
Sub-total	155,834,000
Options exercised/being exercised July-Sep. 2020	5,500,000
Warrants being exercised prior to Transaction closing	<u>38,342,875</u>
Total Issued Ordinary Shares (prior to Transaction closing)	<u>199,676,875</u>

Based on the Total Issued Ordinary Shares noted above, the significant shareholders include:

Zila Corporation	44,000,000 shares	22.0%
Eurasian Consolidated Minerals Pty. Ltd.	38,342,875	19.2%
Smaller Company Capital Ltd.	21,800,000	10.9%
JG&S Family Revocable Trust	15,000,000	7.5%
JG&S GRAT Remainder Trust	10,000,000	5.0%
JG&S GST Exempt Trust	10,000,000	5.0%

- *Global Economic Issues:* Global financial and economic conditions have been characterized by extreme volatility in recent years, including commodity-price fluctuations and the cost of debt and equity securities. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic declared by the World Health Organization in March 2020, had an immediate and significant adverse effect on economic activities around the world and its implications continue to evolve. Access to public and private debt and equity financing has been negatively impacted during this time. If such conditions persist or worsen, they could negatively impact the ability of the Company to obtain debt or equity financing in the future and, if obtained, on terms favourable to the Company. Additionally, global economic conditions may cause decreases in asset values that are deemed to be other than temporary, which may result in impairment losses. Changes in global economic conditions may also lead to significant changes in commodity prices. If these conditions and volatility persist or worsen, the Company’s business, results of operations and financial condition could be adversely impacted and the value and price of the Company’s shares could be adversely affected.
- *Conflicts of Interest:* Directors of the Company are or may become directors or officers of other mineral resource companies or have significant shareholdings in such other companies and, to the extent that such other companies may participate in ventures in which the Company may participate, its directors may have a conflict of interest in negotiating and concluding terms respecting the extent of such participation.
- *Western Gold Has a Limited Operating History and No History of Earnings, Positive Cash Flow or Dividend Payments:* An investment in Western Gold shares should be considered highly speculative due to the nature of the Company’s business. Western Gold has no history of earnings, it has not paid any dividends and it is unlikely to enjoy earnings or pay dividends in the immediate or foreseeable future.

The Company has not commenced commercial production and it has no history of earnings or cash flow from its operations. As a result of the foregoing, there can be no assurance that Western Gold will be able to develop any of its properties profitably or that its activities will generate positive cash flow.

- *Western Gold Faces Significant Competition for Attractive Mineral Properties:* Significant and increasing competition exists for the limited number of mineral acquisition opportunities available. Western Gold's ability to acquire properties in the future will depend not only on its ability to develop its present property, but also on its ability to select and acquire properties or prospects for mineral exploration. As a result of this competition, some of which is with large established mining companies with substantial capabilities and greater financial and technical resources than Western Gold, the Company may be unable to acquire additional attractive mineral properties on terms it considers acceptable.
- *Community Relations:* The Company's relationship with the communities in which it operates is critical to the successful development, construction and operation of its properties. The Company is committed to operating in a socially responsible manner. However, there is no guarantee that its projects will be accepted by the communities in which they are located.

QUALIFIED PERSONS

Roy Eccles (Apex Geoscience), a consultant to the Company, is a Qualified Person as defined in NI 43-101, and has reviewed and verified the technical content in this MD&A.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of consolidated financial statements requires management to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. Actual outcomes could differ from these estimates. The financial statements include estimates that, by their nature, are uncertain. The impacts of such estimates are pervasive throughout the financial statements, and may require accounting adjustments based on future occurrences. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. These estimates are based on historical experience, current and future economic conditions and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Company's accounting policies and significant estimates and judgments are described in Note 2 Financials Statements.

Critical accounting estimates

Significant assumptions about the future that management has made that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities, in the event that actual results differ from assumptions made include but are not limited to, the following:

- All inputs used in the option pricing models for determining the fair value of share-based payment transactions and warrants issued.
- The estimated useful lives and residual value of PE used for calculating the amortization.
- Discount rate and other inputs used to assign a fair value to borrowings, which in turn affect the value of deferred revenues recognized with respect to the offtake agreements associated with such borrowings.

Critical accounting judgments

- Management's assumptions in determining the functional currencies of the Company's subsidiaries.
- Going concern presentation of the financial statements which assumes that the Company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations as they come due.
- Management's assessment of impairment indicators for long-lived assets
- Assessment of the recoverability of deferred tax assets.

ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND AMENDMENTS ISSUED AND ADOPTED

New standards, interpretations and amendments

There were no new standards or interpretations effective for the first time for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020 that had a significant effect on the Company's financial statements. Other new and amended standards and Interpretations issued by the IASB did not impact the Company as they are either not relevant to the Company's activities or require accounting which is consistent with the Company's current accounting policies.

New standards, interpretations and amendments not yet effective

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, a number of amendments to existing standards and interpretations, which have not been applied in these financial statements, were in issue but not yet effective for the year presented. The Directors do not expect that the adoption of these standards will have a material impact on the financial information of the Company in future periods.

INTERNAL CONTROL AND DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial period or year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union. Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable IFRSs as adopted by the European Union have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company, and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements and the Directors Remuneration Report comply with the Companies Act 2006 and, as regards the Financial Statements, Article 4 of the IAS

Regulation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

They are also responsible to make a statement that they consider that the Financial Statements, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced, and understandable and provides the information necessary for the shareholders to assess the Company's position and performance, business model and strategy.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website, as applicable. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the Financial Statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.