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Western Atlas Resources releases Project Summary and Provides Historical Estimate on the Increible Project, Venezuela

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**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA (February 27, 2020) –** Western Atlas Resources Inc. ("**Western Atlas**" or the "**Company**") (TSXV: **WA**), is pleased to provide a historical resource estimate for the Increible 4A and Increible 4B concessions near the town on El Callao, Bolivar State, Venezuela (the "**Increible Project**").

For more information about the Increible Project please refer to the Company website at <a href="https://www.westernar.com">www.westernar.com</a>. Please refer to the Company's press release issued on October 10, 2019 for more information regarding Western Atlas' agreement to acquire Medoro Resources International Ltd. ("Medoro") from Gran Colombia Gold Corp. ("Gran Colombia"). Medoro holds mining rights to the Increible Project.

### <u>Disclosure of Historical Resource Estimate</u>

Western Atlas considers the resource estimate prepared by SRK Consulting (UK) Ltd ("SRK") for the Increible Project which is disclosed in this news release to be relevant and reliable, but notes that it is a "historical estimate" as defined in NI 43-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators. Western Atlas further notes that:

- 1. The historical resource estimate was prepared in 2009, which is 11 years ago.
- 2. The most recent site visit by the author of the technical report described in this news release was in 2008, and therefore the estimates it contains are not current.
- 3. The historical resource estimate uses the CIM Definitions in place at the time it was produced.
- 4. The economics of exploiting the resource will have changed since the historical resource estimate was prepared.
- 5. Ownership of the Increible Project is currently no longer with Medoro Resources Ltd. (which merged with Gran Colombia in 2011), but with Gran Colombia's subsidiary Medoro.
- 6. No Qualified Person (as defined in NI 43-101) has done sufficient work to classify this as a "current mineral resource" and Western Atlas is not treating the historical mineral resource estimate as a current mineral resource estimate.
- 7. For the estimate to be reported as a current resource estimate, a site visit by a Qualified Person would need to be undertaken, further pit optimization and other work would need to be undertaken to confirm that the mineralization still has reasonable prospects to be mined, and ownership of the concession would also need to be confirmed.

## About the Increible Project

## Introduction

Unless otherwise stated, the information that follows relating to the Increible Project is derived from a report titled "Updated Independent Technical Review of the Increible Gold Prospect, Bolivar State, Venezuela" (the "2009 Independent Technical Review") which was prepared by SRK for Medoro with an Effective Date of April 27, 2009.

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The Qualified Person responsible for the above report was Dr. Mike Armitage, C.Eng., C.Geol., who remains a full time employee of SRK. Dr. Armitage has reviewed the text of this note and has confirmed that it provides a fair and reasonable summary of the 2009 Independent Technical Review, which contains the most recent estimates and data available to Western Atlas.

The Increible Project is located in the El Callao area of the State of Bolivar, and comprises two adjacent concessions covering a total of 2,217 hectares which lie immediately to the north of, and adjacent to, Crystallex International Corporation's La Victoria prospect and 3 kilometres (km) north of the town of El Callao.

Exploration for gold in Bolivar State dates back to before Venezuelan independence in 1811 and most likely prior to the Spanish occupation. The El Callao mining district itself is historically the most prolific gold producing region in Venezuela, with a recorded output of 6 million ounces since 1870.

Despite the El Callao district's impressive production history and Increíble's numerous artisanal workings, little modern exploration had taken place on the property until Bema Gold Co. commenced work in late 1993. This work included line cutting, soil and panel sampling, trenching, airborne magnetic and radiometric surveying, underground mapping and sampling, assaying, and limited metallurgical studies, structural studies and finally RC and diamond drilling.

The exploration carried out by Medoro largely comprised further mainly infill drilling at the three key prospects of La Cruz, La Sofia and El Tapon. In total, the database used by Lions Gate Geological Consulting Inc. ("LGGC") to produce the historical mineral resource estimate included in the 2009 Independent Technical Report comprised information from some 581 drillholes, representing some 90,000m of drilling in total.

In preparing the 2009 Independent Technical Review, SRK reviewed the above database and concluded that the data was of sufficient quality to support the historical mineral resources estimates prepared by LGGC.

LGGC's resulting historical mineral resource estimate is given in the table below.

### **Historical Measured Estimate**

Deposit	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Gold Content (Ounces x1000)
La Cruz -OP	3.08	2.4	240
La Cruz- UG	-	-	-
El Tapon	-	-	-
La Sofia	1.11	2.2	80
TOTAL	4.19	2.3	310

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#### **Historical Indicated Estimate**

Deposit	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Gold Content (Ounces x1000)
La Cruz -OP	3.18	1.6	160
La Cruz- UG	-	-	-
El Tapon	4.76	2.6	400
La Sofia	1.28	1.6	70
TOTAL	9.22	2.1	630

#### **Historical Inferred Estimate**

Deposit	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Gold Content (Ounces x1000)
La Cruz -OP	0.26	1.1	10
La Cruz- UG	0.28	5.4	50
El Tapon	0.30	3.2	30
La Sofia	-	-	-
TOTAL	0.84	3.3	90

The historical mineral resource estimates prepared by LGGC were produced by the ordinary kriging of the available assay data into 3D block models produced for each deposit and following a statistical and geostatistical analysis of composted assay data to which top cuts were applied derived separately for each deposit based on an analysis the assay data available for each.

LGGC's resulting historical mineral resource estimate given in the table above was reported using the CIM Definitions that were in place as at the Effective Date of the 2009 Independent Technical Report. So as to ensure that only mineralization that had reasonable prospects to be developed was included in the estimate this was reported at a 0.5g/t Au block cut-off and assumed the mineralization would be mined by open pit mining, apart from a deep high grade zone at La Cruz, which LGGC and SRK considered had the potential to be exploited by underground mining, and which was reported using a 4.0g/t Au cutoff.

The historical open pit mineral resource was also restricted to mineralization within a certain depth from surface which was determined by a pit optimization study carried out by SRK. Notably this assumed a gold price of USD\$750/ounce, a metallurgical recovery of 85%, unit mining, processing and administrative costs of USD\$2, USD\$10 and USD\$3 per tonne respectively and a slope angle of 45%.

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SRK reviewed the methodology used by LGGC to derive the above estimates as these were being derived and was therefore confident that these were based on appropriate geological models and had been produced using sound block modelling and grade interpolation techniques. In addition SRK noted in its report that the Increible Project as a whole had potential for the delineation of further deposits which following drilling will likely add to the historical mineral resources presented above and expressed opinion that this was a significant prospect with excellent potential and which warranted further exploration/assessment.

Dr. Mike Armitage, C.Eng., C.Geol, is the Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and is responsible for reviewing and supervising the preparation of the scientific and technical disclosure in this news release.

#### **About Western Atlas**

The Company's common shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol WA. Western Atlas is focused on the acquisition and development of scalable precious metals projects in premier mining jurisdictions. Western Atlas's wholly-owned subsidiary, 5530 Nunavut Inc., holds its interests in the Meadowbank Gold Project located in Nunavut, Canada.

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