

Gold Duke Project Advances Towards Production

Non-dilutive \$3 Million Loan Facility Secured

Key Points

- Western Gold Resources has obtained a 12-month \$3 million secured non-converting loan facility to advance the 100% owned Gold Duke Project from high net worth investors.
- The non-dilutive loan funding will be used to support the planned grade control and infill drilling program at the Gold Duke Project.
- This structure of loan is in keeping with the board's objective of minimising shareholder dilution and is re-enforced with preferred mining contractor SSH Mining (SSH Group Ltd (ASX:SSH)) provision of a deferred payment facility to facilitate and commence mining operations in this non-dilutive manner.
- Grade control infill drilling follows the execution of a binding toll milling agreement at fully operational Wiluna Processing Plant.
- The Company remains confident it will commence mining operations late 4Q25.
- The Company anticipates announcing a significant improvement to the already impressive and robust project economics with the Gold Duke Project Scoping Study update expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

Western Gold Resources Limited (**ASX: WGR**) ("**WGR**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to announce that it has received a firm commitment to enter into agreements with a number of professional and sophisticated investors who are high net worth clients of GTT Ventures Pty Ltd (**the Lenders**) for a secured non-converting loan facility of \$3 million to advance the 100% owned Gold Duke Project.

Use of Funds

The primary purpose of the loan is to fund the planned grade control and infill drilling program at the Gold Duke Project, as WGR advances toward gold production. This follows the execution of a binding toll milling agreement in June 2025 with a fully operational processing plant, marking a major milestone in the project's development. The loan will also provide additional working capital to support ongoing operations.

This non-dilutive funding for grade control drilling is a positive for shareholders and speaks to the quality of the Gold Duke project, which is supported with additional non-dilutive funding to commence mining operations provided by our preferred mining contractor SSH Mining (SSH Group Ltd (ASX:SSH)) via a deferred payment facility.

Refer to ASX Announcement 18 June 2025 “Milling Agreement Fast Tracks Gold Duke into Production” and 15 January 2025 “Mining Contractor Selected with Deferred Payment Facility”.

Western Gold Resources Limited, Managing Director Cullum Winn commented

“The support shown for this loan facility speaks volumes to the quality of the Gold Duke project and is in keeping with our goal to ensure minimal shareholder dilution as we march toward expected commencement of mining operations in late 4Q25.

The timing is particularly favourable, coinciding with strong gold market conditions and we expect to capitalise on this environment with the release of our updated scoping study in the coming weeks.”

Key Loan Details

The Loan is secured against the Gold Duke Project with a maturity term of 12 months. Loan interest will accrue at 15% per annum compounded monthly and paid quarterly unless the Lender has elected for interest to be paid in WGR shares at a deemed price of \$0.08 per share. WGR may elect to repay the Loan early after 3 months, in which case a minimum of 12 months interest must be paid to the Lender.

The Lender will receive unlisted options (**Lender Options**) with an exercise price of \$0.15 with an expiry of 2 years. The number of Lender Options issued by WGR is dependent on the length and value of the Loan as follows:

- Full maturity term: 3 options for every \$1 invested in debt (9,000,000 Options), or
- Early election term: 5.33 options for every \$1 invested in debt (16,000,000 Options).

The Lender Options will be issued pursuant to the WGR’s placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1.

The Company confirms the following:

- Does not consider the identity of the Lenders to be information that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the WGR’s securities;
- All material information relevant to assessing the impact of this loan facility on the price or value of the WGR’s securities has been included in appendix A, and is not misleading by omission.

- GWR has received a firm commitment from GTT Ventures Pty Ltd, and the Lenders are their clients. WGR has undertaken a number of successful capital raisings with GTT Ventures Pty Ltd, and all have been successfully completed once a firm committed has been received.

The Option issue and the loans agreements are not with persons in a position of influence included under listing Rule 10.11. Shareholder approval is not required.

GTT Ventures Pty Ltd has acted as the Lead Manager and will earn a 4% fee of the loan funds received and 10 million unlisted options with an exercise price of \$0.15 with an expiry of 2 years.

A summary of all the key Loan Facility terms can be found in Appendix A.

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This ASX announcement was authorised for release by the Board.

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Previously Reported Results

There is information in this announcement relating to results which were previously announced on the ASX before this announcement . Other than as disclosed in this announcement, the Company confirms that it is not aware of any further new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements by Western Gold Resources Limited referenced in this report, and in the case of the Company's previously announced Scoping Study, the Company confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the forecast financial information in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. To the extent disclosed above, the Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

Appendix A - Summary of the Key Loan Facility Terms

Loan Amount	\$3,000,000
Interest	15% pa compounded monthly Paid quarterly The lender at the time when the quarterly payment is due has the right to elect to receive interest paid in cash or WGR shares at a deemed price of \$0.08 per share
Maturity Date	12 months from loan date
Early Repayment	No repayment in first 3 months If repaid in months 4 to 11 then a minimum 12 months of interest to be paid
Security	First Ranking Security against the Gold Duke Project
Option	<u>Full loan maturity term</u> 3 WGR unlisted options for every \$1 invested in debt (exercise price of \$0.15 and 2 year expiry) or if elected by WGR <u>Early loan repayment term</u> 5.33 WGR unlisted options for every \$1 invested in debt (exercise price of \$0.15 and 2 year expiry).
Lead Manager Fee	Fee of 4% on the Loan funds received and 10 million WGR unlisted options on the same terms as the Lender Options.