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WestGold Metals Strengthens Management Team with Appointment of Vice President Exploration

Vancouver, British Columbia – April 21, 2026 – WestGold Metals Corp. ("**WestGold"**, or the **"Company"**) (CSE: WGM; OTCQB: WGMTF; FSE: V0U) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Antoine Soucy-Fradette as Vice President Exploration.

Mr. Soucy-Fradette is a Professional Geologist with extensive experience in mineral exploration and project development across North America. He has worked across a broad range of commodities and exploration stages, from grassroots target generation through to discovery and resource definition. Most recently, Mr. Soucy-Fradette was a senior member of the technical team at Hercules Metals Corp. (**"Hercules"**), where he was a key contributor to the discovery and delineation of the Leviathan copper-molybdenum porphyry system. His tenure coincided with a period of significant exploration success and growth for Hercules, driven by the Leviathan discovery and resulting market interest in the district. During this time, he was actively involved in designing, budgeting and executing multi-season drilling campaigns, developing integrated 3D geological models, and advancing the project post-discovery.

Prior to this, Mr. Soucy-Fradette played an important role in advancing Talisker Resources' maiden 1.7-million-ounce gold mineral resource at the historic Bralorne Mine in British Columbia, supporting large-scale drill programs and resource development, both through greenfield target generation and brownfield exploration.

Mr. Soucy-Fradette brings strong operational and leadership experience to WestGold, and his expertise managing large-scale drill programs, multidisciplinary exploration teams, permitting processes, contractor coordination, and QA/QC protocols will be invaluable as the Company embarks on its next phase of growth.

CEO Comment

James Hocking, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, commented:

"*We are very excited to welcome Antoine to the Company as Vice President Exploration. Antoine's track record, which includes contributions to significant discoveries and a wealth of experience developing target concepts through to resource definition, aligns perfectly with our renewed strategic focus. His multi-commodity North American experience, most notably as part of the Leviathan discovery team, will be instrumental as we advance our portfolio and pursue new high-quality opportunities in favourable mining jurisdictions.*"

Mr. Soucy-Fradette holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Geological Engineering from Université Laval and is a registered Professional Geologist (P.Geo).

The Company looks forward to leveraging Mr. Soucy-Fradette's expertise as it seeks to build and advance its portfolio of exploration assets in established mining districts.

About WestGold Metals Corp.

WestGold Metals Corp. is a Canadian mineral exploration company focused on the identification, acquisition and advancement of gold exploration opportunities. The Company holds an interest in the Isoneva Project in central Finland and is focused on building a portfolio of high-quality assets in prospective jurisdictions.

For more information, investors are encouraged to review the Company's public filings available at www.sedarplus.ca.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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