



**WEST AUSTRALIAN  
METALS LTD**

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Manager Announcements  
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20 Bridge Street  
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Dear Sir,

**SHARE PLACEMENT**

The Directors of West Australian Metals Ltd wish to advise that they have made a placement to a non-related private investor, of 3,500,000 fully paid shares at an issue price of 10 cents each, together with 3,500,000 free options. The options (WMEOA) will be exercisable at 20 cents each at any time on or before 31 March 2005.

Allotment of shares and options will take place on receipt of completed documentation and cleared funds. Appendix 3B application for listing of the securities will be made upon allotment.

No director or director related entity has an interest in the securities placed.

The funds raised will amount to \$350,000. There are no brokerage or costs associated with the placement.

Proceeds from the placement will be used for working capital requirements, costs associated with the proposed de-merger of the Company's engineering asset, Austin Engineering, and drilling programs in progress at the Anchor and Ben Hur projects to the north of Laverton.

The placement will expand the issued capital of the Company to 99,925,823 fully paid shares and 45,956,604 options exercisable at 20 cents on or before 31 March 2005.

The Company does not anticipate making any further placements prior to the proposed de-merger of Austin Engineering. If the de-merger is approved by shareholders, all West Australian Metals shareholders will be entitled to an in specie distribution of 2 Austin Engineering shares for every 9 West Australian Metals shares held.

Yours faithfully,  
for **WEST AUSTRALIAN METALS LTD**

*[signed]*

David Hamlyn  
**Executive Director**