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### WESTERN DESERT ACQUIRES MAJOR INTEREST IN THOR MINING

Adelaide-based Western Desert Resources Limited (ASX: WDR) ("Western Desert") is pleased to announce the acquisition of a 16.7% interest in Thor Mining PLC (ASX: THR) ("Thor"). The principle asset of Thor is the Molyhil molybdenum & tungsten project, 220 kilometres north-east from Alice Springs in the Northern Territory. Thor is also listed on the AIM exchange of the London Stock Exchange.

The acquisition transactions comprise the purchase by Western Desert of 16 million ordinary shares in Thor at 20 cents per share, and up to 6 million options at A\$0.05 cents each. Additionally, WDR will acquire a further 9 million ordinary shares in Thor via a placement at A\$0.08 per share.

The acquisition will see Western Desert emerge as Thor's largest shareholder.

As a result of the investment, WDR Directors, Messrs Mick Billing, Norm Gardner and Mick Ashton have accepted invitations to join the Board of Thor. Mr John Barr has resigned as executive chairman and also as a director. Mr John Young, Thor's Chief Executive Officer, continues in his role and Mr Greg Durack also continues as non executive director. Mr Billing has been appointed non-executive chairman of Thor.

The Directors of Western Desert view the acquisition as a very low cost entry into Thor and the Molyhil project, for which development approval is expected within several months. The published mining reserve of Molyhil contains 4.8 million pounds of molybdenum metal and 700,000 mtu's (metric tonne units) of tungsten<sup>1</sup>. In addition, potential exists for additional resources at depth.

Thor has recently announced the signing of an off take agreement for concentrate production from Molyhil with CITIC Australia Pty Ltd (CITIC).

Western Desert is committed to the development of the Molyhil project in the shortest practical time frame. Development options under consideration include BOOT (Build Own Operate and Transfer).

Thor holds a number of promising tungsten and uranium exploration projects elsewhere in the Northern Territory.

The expansion and new stake holding is in line with Western Desert's commitment to grow a balanced and diversified minerals exploration and development portfolio. This has recently included the A\$4 million campaign announced in February this year to earn up to an 80% interest in the Rover, Goddard and Musgrave prospects in the NT, which host a range of copper, copper-gold, nickel and energy metals opportunities.

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Note 1 - Information describing the mining reserve of the Molyhil project was derived from the Thor Mining PLC March 2008 Quarterly Report, Page 2

Appendix 1 - Thor Mining PLC project location map

