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ROPER BAR IRON ORE PROJECT - TRANSFER OF 5% INTEREST TO ITOCHU.

Directors of Western Desert Resources Limited (ASX code "WDR") advise that pursuant to the Joint Venture and Farm-In Agreements between WDR and ITOCHU subsidiary, IMEA Exploration and Development of Australia Pty Ltd ("IEDA"), details of which were announced on 23rd December, 2008, IEDA has met direct exploration expenditure requirements of those agreements that result in the reaching of a milestone target such that the level of interest in exploration licences EL26759, EL25672, EL24307, EL24944, EL24665 and EL26992 is now at 20 per cent.

IEDA acquired an initial 15% interest in the project tenements for a cash consideration of A\$2.0 million (announced 23 December, 2008). Accordingly, WDR has now executed documents that transfer an additional 5% in the project tenements to IEDA.

Managing Director of WDR, Mr Norm Gardner, commented today that "we are delighted to be able to report the continued participation of IEDA in the Roper Bar iron ore project and that WDR looked forward to that participation continuing well into the future".

The Roper Bar iron ore project is 30 kilometres west of the Gulf of Carpentaria in the Northern Territory.

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About Western Desert Resources Limited

Western Desert Resources (WDR) is an ASX listed Australian exploration company with a diversified portfolio of projects in Australia. WDR has identified advanced prospects in iron ore, gold, molybdenum, and tungsten.

Core projects are: the Roper Bar Iron Ore Project in the Northern Territory located close to the Roper River; and the Roper gold/copper project near Tennant Creek, also in the Northern Territory.