



Press Release
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Fortnum Successfully Commissioned

Further to the announcement of 11 May 2017 advising that wet commissioning had commenced at the Fortnum Gold Project, the Board of Westgold Resources Limited (**ASX:WGR**) (**Westgold**) provides the following update.

All parts of the process plant have now been successfully commissioned.

The commissioning phase on low-grade ores has so far seen 33,777 tonnes of ore at a head grade of 0.74 g/t processed with a metallurgical recovery of 90.7%.

The base load of gold-in-circuit has now been achieved with carbon loadings at levels required for stripping. The gravity circuit and in-line leach reactor has been commissioned resulting in a gold button being produced. Final certification of the gas furnace for use is the last stage before gold can be produced from the CIL circuit. It is expected that a significant first gold pour will occur in the ensuing week.

Finishing or ore flows between the SAG and ball mills are underway to enable an increase in throughput to nameplate levels. Some minor works on inter-tank screens is continuing and it is expected that the declaration of commercial production can be made when this is achieved.

Westgold's Managing Director Peter Cook said:

“ We are delighted to have finally completed commissioning of the Fortnum Plant. Having been off-line for more than 10 years created some challenges to the refurbishment, in particular to the electrical networks and controls causing unintended time delays. That said the project is away and we are now turning our focus to mining and steady gold production our fourth gold operation.”

Open pit mining has commenced and will soon deliver significant quantities of higher grade feeds to the plant to replace low-grade stocks. The dewatering of the Starlight underground mining continues to progress with access expected to be re-established early in the next quarter.

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