



West African jumps on gold results

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SHARES in West African Resources have jumped 13.5% today after the company announced new drilling results from the 90%-owned Boulsa gold project in Burkina Faso.

Intersections at the Mankarga 5 deposit included 1m at 3.5 grams per tonne gold from 1m, and 1m at 1.3gpt from 11m.

Other significant results included 15m at 4.5gpt from 17m, including 7m at 9.1gpt ending in mineralisation.

The company said the results would improve the grade of the oxide portion of the resource, which would be updated later this quarter.

The current work program at Mankarga 5 includes shallow reverse-circulation drilling along a 2.8km strike, and six 350m diamond core holes beneath open zones at depth.

Metallurgical test work drilling along the strike is also underway and West African said the program would generate a significant amount of new information about the deposit.

Deep diamond drilling is scheduled to start next week.

West African said test work on the Mankarga 5 mineralisation had returned good results, including up 95.3% gold recovery from oxide and 92.3% recovery from sulphide.

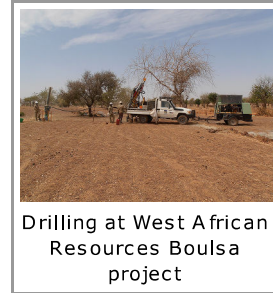
Further drilling results will allow the company to complete a preliminary economic analysis and scoping study in the first half of 2014.

West African said it was focused on starting near-term production, with Mankarga 5 hosting 11.5Mt of indicated resources at 1.1gpt (395,000oz) and 19.2Mt of inferred resources at 0.9gpt (604,000oz), with a cut-off grade of 0.5gpt.

The company said the data was a foreign estimate not in accordance with the JORC code. It was uncertain whether further work would allow the results to be reported under the JORC code.

West African shares were up 13.5% to 12.5c today.

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Drilling at West African Resources Boulsa project

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