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West African increases landholding - lifts strike to 250km length of highly prospective shear zone

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Increased landholding from 2,000 km² to 4,750 km² through licence applications
- ◆ West African to be largest ASX listed landholder in Burkina Faso
- ◆ 250km of shear zone in highly prospective greenstone belts for gold mineralisation
- ◆ New ground includes high-quality structural targets (see Figure 1)
- ◆ Work programs to commence immediately after permits are granted

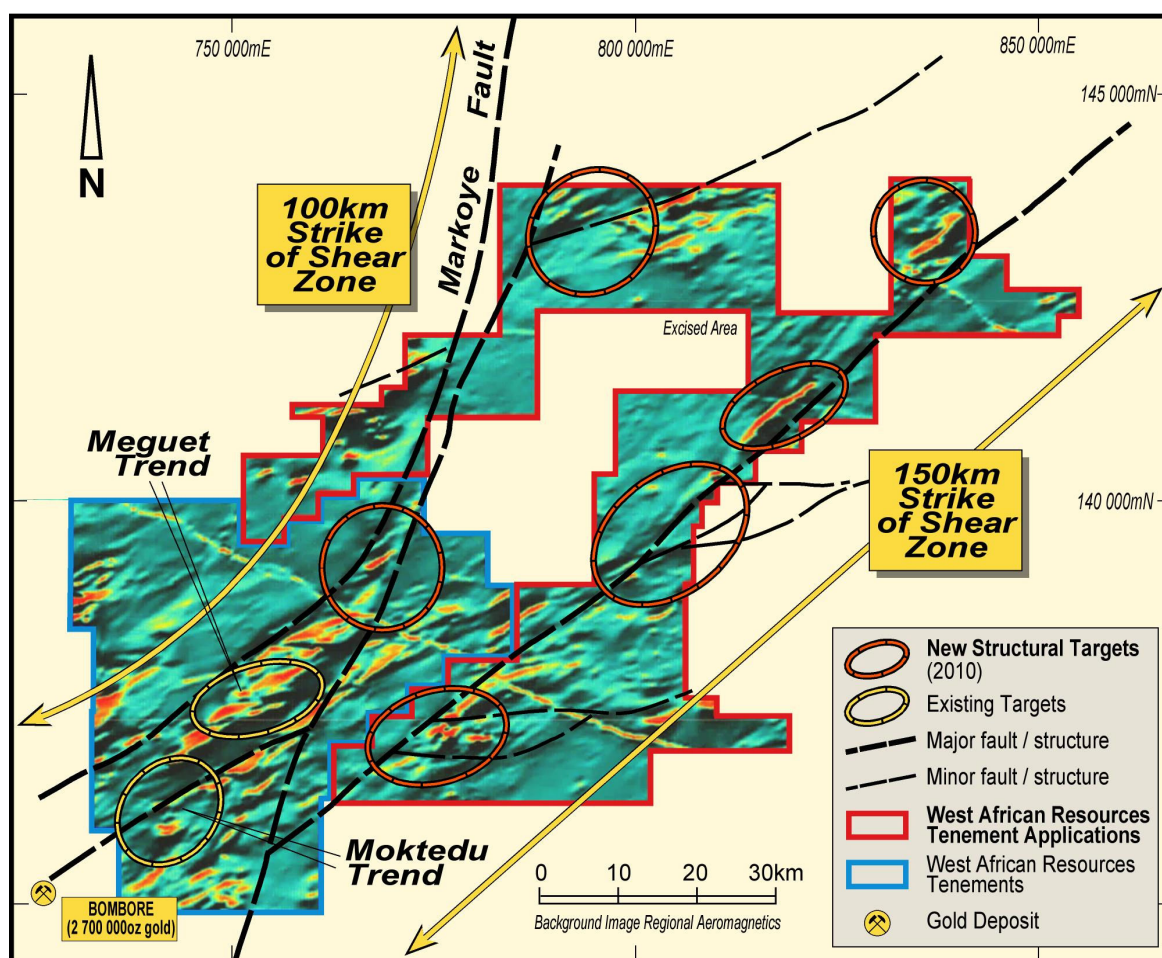


Figure 1: WAF Permit Applications, Structural Targets and Regional Magnetics.

West African Resources Ltd (ASX: WAF) is pleased to announce that following extensive structural studies and reconnaissance work it has lodged 14 permit applications with the Ministry of Mines in Burkina Faso. The new applications are contiguous with the current project area and support the Company's regional growth strategy. Upon granting, the applications bring the total of ground under licence in Burkina Faso to some 4,750 km² (See Figure 2).

The new project area continues along strike from the Boulsa Gold Project, incorporating a number of high priority structural targets and increases coverage of highly prospective shear zones to over 250km. The new area extends coverage over the Manga-Sebba greenstone belt and the southern extension of the Fada N'Gourma Belt. The Manga-Sebba belt hosts a number of deposits including the 2.71Moz Au Bombore (Orezone Gold Corp.) which is immediately adjacent to the southwest corner of West African Resources project area.

The new areas also extend the coverage of the Markoye Fault to the northeast which crosscuts the west portion of the projects area, and hosts a number of deposits including Taparko-Bouroum (1.7Moz Au - High River Gold Mines Ltd), Essakane (5.3Moz lamgold Corporation) and Kiaka (2.65Moz Au Moz Volta Resources Inc).

The lodgement of the applications follows a detailed structural review and reconnaissance of the area surrounding the Boulsa Gold Project using regional geophysical and remote sensing datasets. As the Company has previously done in 2007, formal application procedures have been adhered to in Burkina Faso. Ministerial approval is required before permits are granted and work programs can commence, and this should coincide with the end of the wet season later this year. Based on past experience the Company anticipates that granting will take 3 to 6 months, however there is no guarantee that the permits will be granted or that they will be granted without undue delays.

West African Managing Director Richard Hyde said data collation and reconnaissance had started on the new areas and that the applications had been in keeping with the Company's regional strategy.

"The new ground is a significant addition to our exploration portfolio in Burkina Faso and supports our strategy in the Boulsa region" Mr Hyde said.

"We will continue to grow the Company's landholding in Burkina Faso through regional targeting and applications, however where appropriate, we will negotiate directly with local land holders."

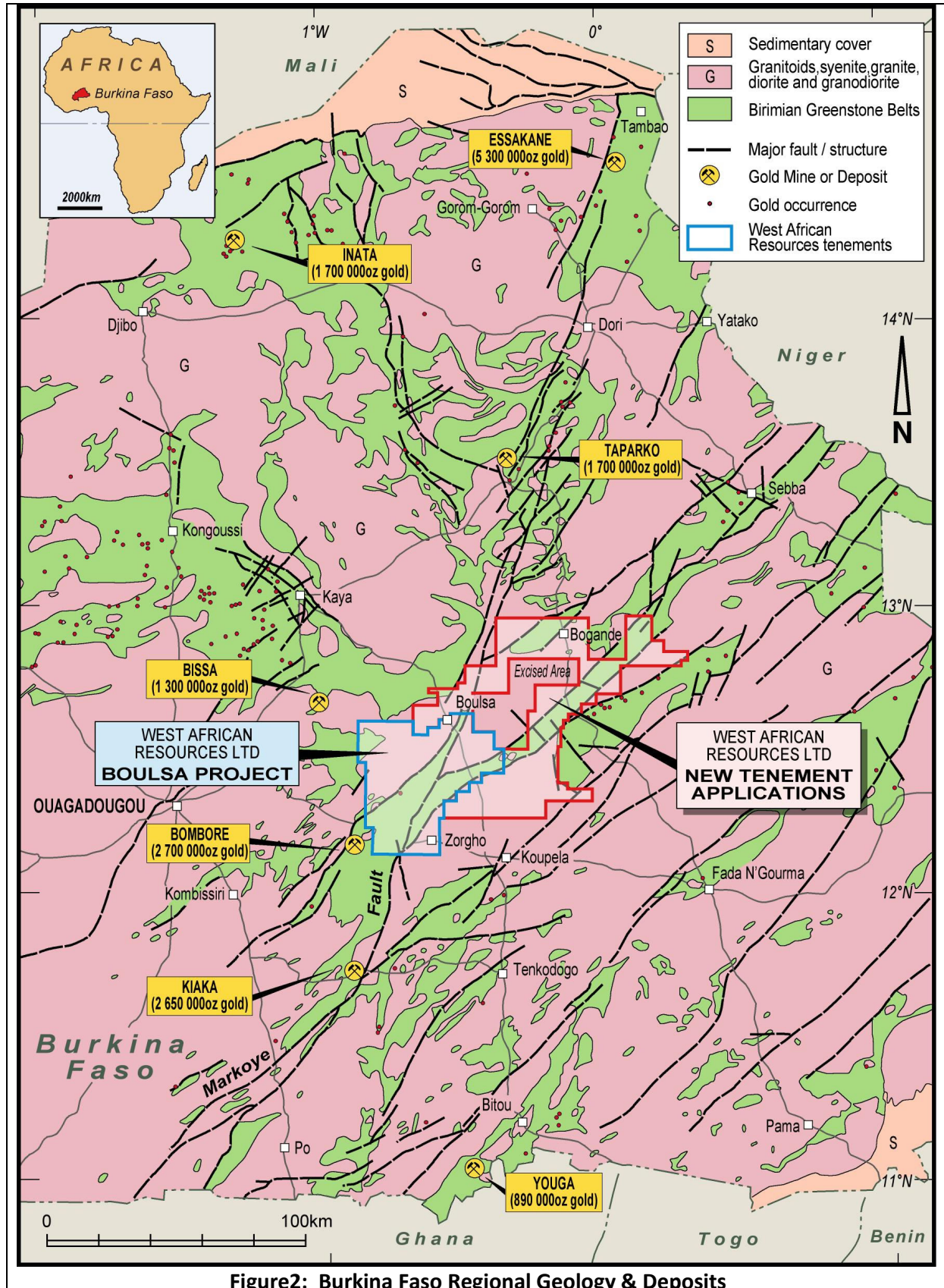


Figure2: Burkina Faso Regional Geology & Deposits

Background Information on the Boulsa Gold Project

The Boulsa Gold Project in Burkina Faso covers some 4,750km² and 150km of strike length of early Proterozoic Birimian greenstone belts which are highly prospective for gold mineralisation. Significant results have already been returned from the Project, which is located immediately along strike from the emergent 2.8Moz Au Bomboré Deposit. Results from historic drilling at Boulsa include 8m at 12.47g/t Au, and the grade and tenor has been confirmed by West African Resources with RC results returning further high grade intercepts including 4m at 17.78g/t Au and 8m at 4.45g/t Au.

Recent wide-spaced auger geochemical sampling also completed in 2009 by West African Resources tested 25km of greenstone belt strike in the southwest portion of the project, representing less than 10% of the current project area. This work has delineated 25 robust targets, many coincident with artisanal mining activity at the Moktedu Trend and Meguet Trend target areas. These targets total 30km strike of anomalies and will be rapidly advanced in 2010 and 2011.

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Information in this announcement that relates to exploration results or mineral resources is based on information compiled by Mr Richard Hyde, a Director, who is a Member of The Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Hyde has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code). Mr Hyde consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the statements based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

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