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Auger Drilling Progress Report - Meguet Trend Prospect Multiple Highly Anomalous Gold Discoveries within 8km Mineralised Corridor

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meguet soil anomaly extended 400m to the southwest with peaks of 1.60g/t and 1.06g/t from surface auger samples
- Eight new +0.1 to 0.5g/t gold discoveries confirmed over 0.5km to 1.5km in strike length
- Mineralised Meguet trend corridor now confirmed over a total of 8km
- Only 1km of Meguet trend RC drill tested to date
- Extensive RAB drilling with company-owned rigs to commence in January 2011
- RAB drilling in-progress at Meguet and Barnstoneworth
- Continuous +100,000m Auger and RAB drilling program on-going through to July 2011

West African Resources Ltd (ASX: WAF) is pleased to report highly-anomalous results have been returned in the latest batch of samples from surface auger infill drilling along the Meguet Trend Prospect at the Company's 100%-owned Boulsa Gold Project in Burkina Faso, West Africa.

Recent detailed auger drilling has discovered at least **eight new highly anomalous surface 0.1 to 0.5g/t gold zones**, varying in strike between **0.5km and 1.5km**, along the 8km Meguet Trend Prospect (Figure 1 and 2). Auger drilling has extended the Meguet anomaly over 400m to the southwest, with peak results of **1.60g/t and 1.06g/t gold**.

The extensive auger infill drilling campaign along the Meguet Trend Prospect is now nearing completion with extensive RAB drilling using company-owned rigs to test this 8km long anomalous corridor to commence in January 2011

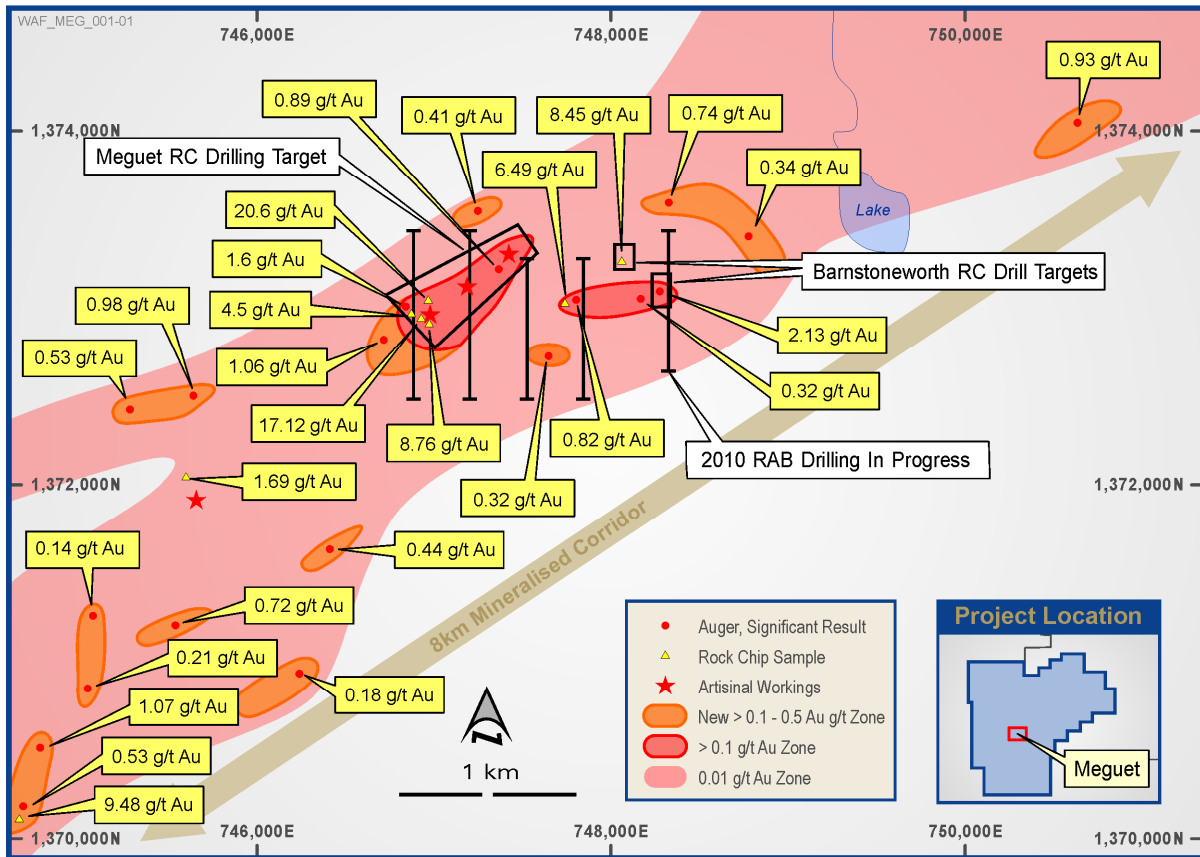


Figure 1: Meguet Trend Prospect – 0.1-0.5g/t gold zones

Auger drilling also using Company-owned rigs has generated **the new gold discoveries** with peak results including **0.98 g/t, 0.89 g/t 0.74 g/t and 0.53g/t gold**. RAB drilling is in progress at the Meguet and Barnstoneworth projects, with first-pass scout drilling to be undertaken across the eight new 0.1-0.5g/t gold zones in early 2011.

Wide-spaced RC drilling has only been completed over a strike length of approximately 1km to an average depth 45m across the entire 8km Meguet Trend Prospect to date. RC drilling by West African Resources at the Meguet and Barnstoneworth prospects has produced significant results including:

- ✓ **MRC085 12m at 4.57g/t Au from 28m**
- ✓ **MRC020 30m at 1.23g/t Au from 16m**
- ✓ **MRC074 52m at 0.6g/t Au from surface**
- ✓ **MRC008 12m at 2.2g/t Au from 4m**

Auger drilling in 2009 by West African Resources defined significant auger anomalies over the **Meguet Trend Prospect**, based on broad 100m by 400m sample grid. Drilling using Company-owned rigs resumed at the end of the wet-season (October 2010). The Company has focused on a detailed infill auger program along the 8km Meguet Trend, sampling on 50m by 200m grid, with the aim of defining and enhancing gold-in-soil auger anomalies, ahead of deeper RAB or RC drill testing in 2011.

Since recommencing exploration along the Meguet Trend Prospect in October 2010 West African has received results for 781 vertical auger holes totalling about 4100m, with holes varying in depth between 2m and 14m, with an average depth of 5.2m. All auger samples were submitted to BIGS Laboratory in Ouagadougou for BLEG low-level (ppb) gold analysis. The Company maintains strict QAQC protocol, including standard, blank and duplicate samples. QAQC samples to date have reported within acceptable limits for the sample type and assay method used.

A progress report on detailed auger sampling from West African Resources' **Moktedu Trend Prospect**, which is located some 5km along strike from the 3.5Moz Bombore Deposit owned by TSX-listed Orezone Gold Corporation (ORE: TSX), before the end of the year.

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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 3.5Moz 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 8m at 10.32g/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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Technical Terms

Au	Chemical symbol for gold.
Auger Drilling	A drilling method in which the sample is brought to the surface via a helical or spiral rods.
g/t	grams per tonne
ppb	parts per billion. E.g. 1000 ppb Au equals 1 ppm Au, or 1 g/t Au.
ppm	parts per million, equivalent to g/t.
RAB Drilling	Rotary Air Blast drilling. A drilling method in which the sample is brought to the surface outside of the drill rods using compressed air.
RC Drilling	Reverse Circulation drilling. A drilling method in which the sample is brought to the surface inside the drill rods using compressed air, reducing contamination.

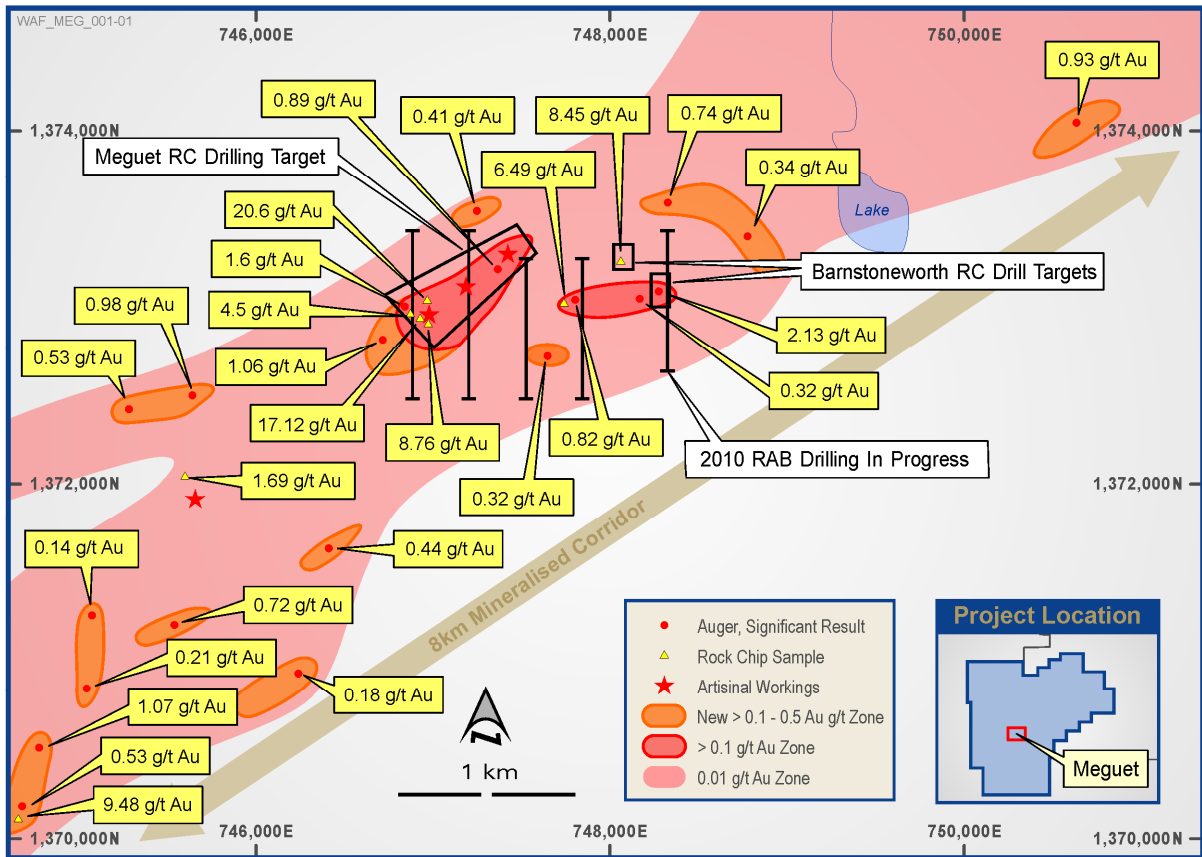


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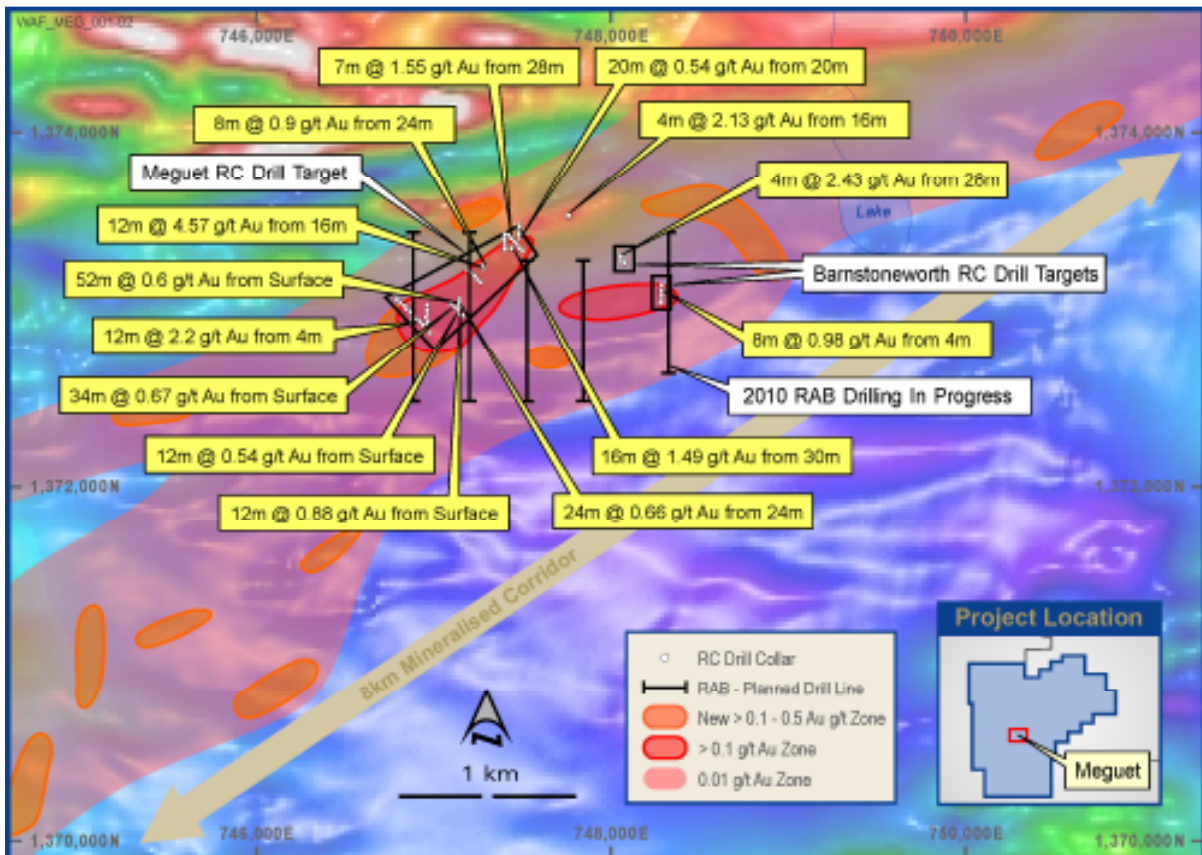


Figure 2: Meguet Trend Prospect – 0.1-0.5g/t gold zones over Magnetics with RC Drilling Results

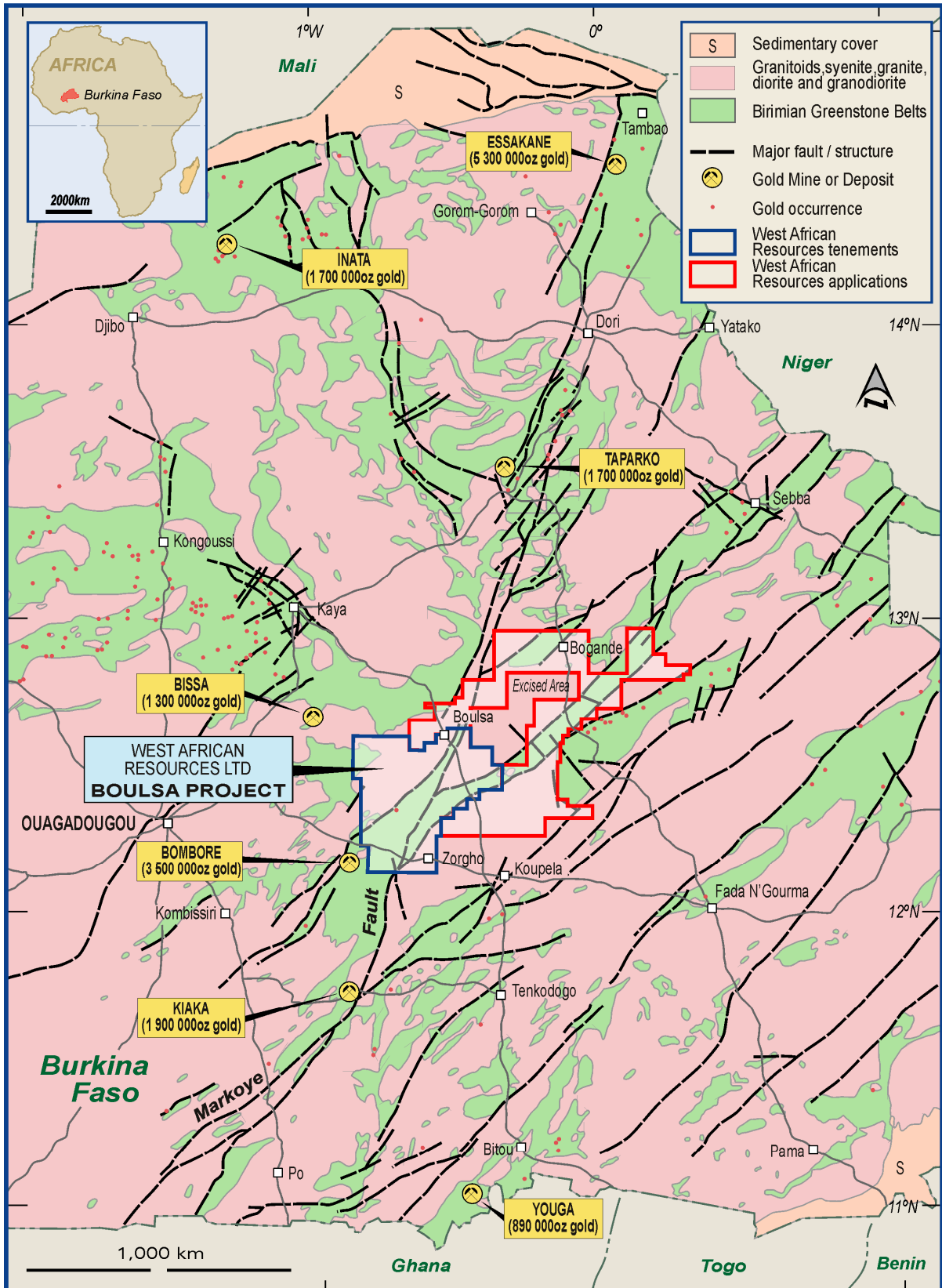


Figure 3: Tenure, Geology and Deposits of Eastern Burkina Faso