

## Aboriginal Heritage Survey Successfully Completed as WGR Advances Closer To Gold Production

### HIGHLIGHTS

- An Aboriginal Heritage Clearance Survey has been successfully completed over the Gold Duke Program.
- This survey was completed to a mining level and provides heritage clearance for mining over the planned mining area at the Eagle, Emu, Gold King and Golden Monarch deposits.
- Further Aboriginal Heritage Surveys are scheduled for in Q3 over drill targets at the Brilliant and Bottom Camp prospects as the company looks to increase the ounces for Stage 2 gold production.
- WGR expects to complete its production Scoping Study shortly that will be based on the current Mineral Resource Estimate of 4.57Mt and 2.00g/t gold.
- The scoping study will focus on which strategy provides the maximum financial return, across processing the ore through a mill, CIL and Heap Leach or a combination of the two methods.
- First stage production will focus on a portion of the four deposits across Eagle, Emu, Gold King and Golden Monarch that contain a total of 178,000 oz of gold, 61% of the Gold Duke project total resource.

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Western Gold Resources (**ASX: WGR**) ("**WGR**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to advise that it has completed a mining-level Aboriginal heritage survey at the Company's 100% owned Gold Duke Project in the north-eastern goldfields of Western Australia.

### **WGR Managing Director Warren Thorne commented:**

*"We would like to thank the Tarlka Matuwa Piarku Aboriginal Corporation and the Martu traditional owners for their efforts and cooperation to complete this survey. Subject to the outcome of the final survey report, this survey will allow the Company to begin mining at our Gold Duke program. The survey further strengthens the relationship between WGR and the traditional owners which aims to provide long-term benefits to all parties."*

The survey comprised both an archaeological field survey and ethnographic consultation with traditional owners covered the Eagle, Emu, Golden Monarch and Gold King optimised pit designs (Figure 1), waste dumps, haul roads and related infrastructure.

In parallel to the heritage surveys, WGR continues to make progress with discussions in relation to both toll milling and mining of the assets. These discussions are considered within a Scoping Study (see ASX announcement 15th February 2024) currently underway focused on the four resources of Golden Monarch, Gold King, Eagle, and Emu. The results of the Scoping study are due in early Q3.

Diamond core is (see ASX announcement 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024) currently being analysed at ALS in Perth, for assay, density determination, CIL and Heap-Leach amenability test work, and further flowsheet optimisation. The program is due to commence in the June quarter with results to be reported in the third quarter of 2024.

### **Next Steps**

To advance mining of Eagle, Emu, Gold King and Golden Monarch deposits the company is in the process of:

- Preparing its project mining plan for submission to DMIRS
- Preparing for grade control drilling over the 4 production ready deposits
- Deciding upon the path to production, including processing the ore through a mill, CIL and Heap Leach or a combination of the two methods.
- Appointment of mining contractor

The Company will continue to provide regular market updates on exploration activities and report on drilling results as soon as they become available.

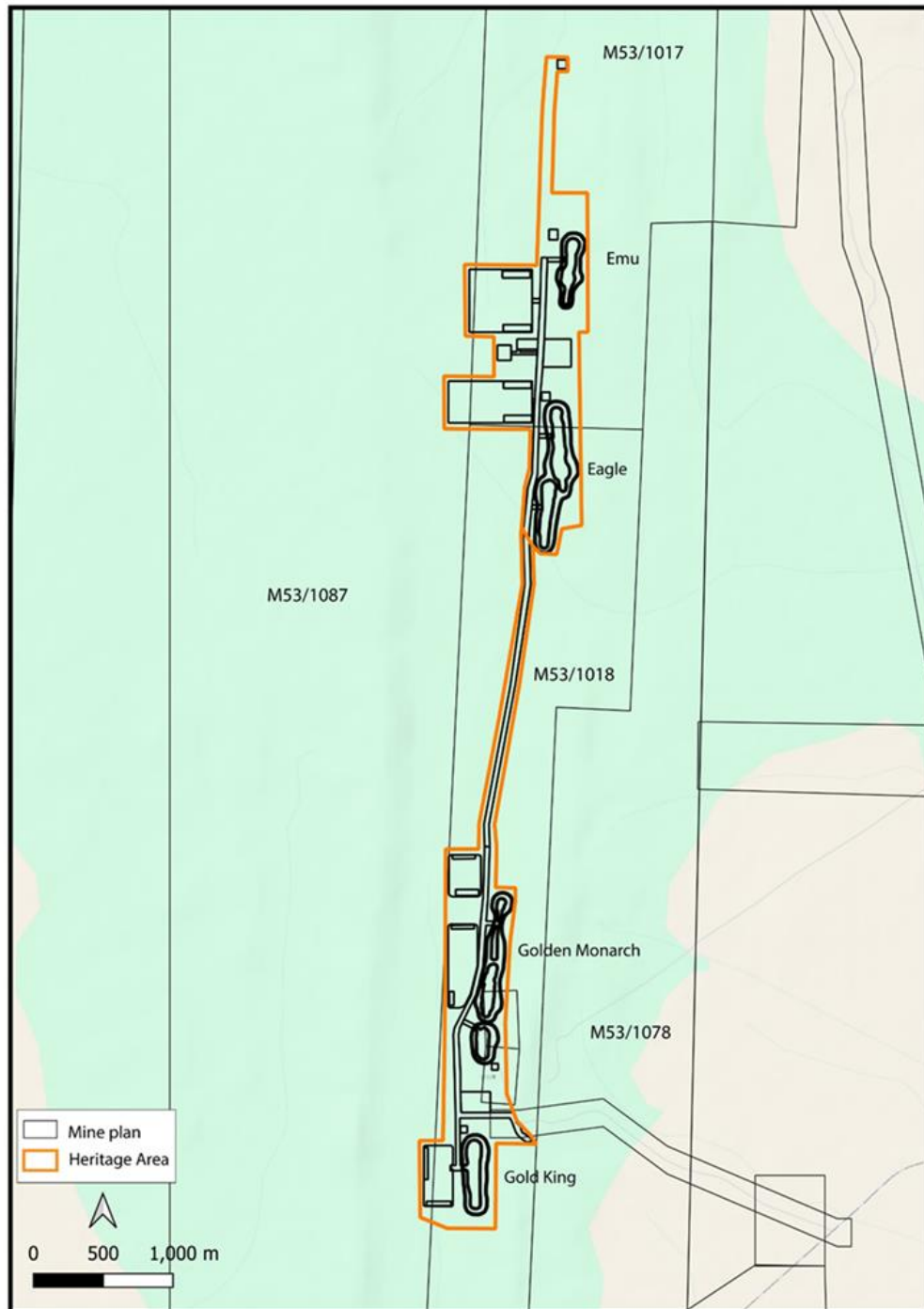


Figure 1. Heritage area (orange line) surveyed and layout of the Gold Duke project.

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