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Western Copper and Gold Corporation
(An exploration stage company)

Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements
For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

NOTICE TO READER:

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have not been reviewed by the Company's external auditors. These statements have been prepared by and are the responsibility of the Company's management. This notice is being provided in accordance with National Instrument 51-102 - Continuous Disclosure Obligations.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

		September 30, 2016 \$	December 31, 2015 \$
ASSETS	Note		
Cash and cash equivalents		848,057	830,326
Short-term investments	3	7,040,045	9,573,425
Marketable securities	4	233,800	126,000
Other assets		59,573	170,316
CURRENT ASSETS		8,181,475	10,700,067
Exploration and evaluation assets	5	37,537,269	36,389,795
ASSETS		45,718,744	47,089,862
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		561,305	659,661
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SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital	6	105,371,442	105,113,340
Contributed surplus		32,864,099	32,799,280
Deficit		(93,078,102)	(91,482,419)
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		45,157,439	46,430,201
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		45,718,744	47,089,862
Commitments	8		

Approved by the Board of Directors

Robert Gayton (signed) Director

Klaus Zeitler (signed) Director

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016 \$	2015 \$	2016 \$	2015 \$
Filing and regulatory fees	9,359	12,859	152,802	177,414
Office and administration	65,554	58,058	161,922	178,332
Professional fees	37,134	22,628	111,322	214,320
Rent and utilities	22,094	55,608	118,576	166,823
Share-based payments	39,409	40,266	114,509	157,296
Shareholder communication and travel	87,652	101,442	228,561	367,623
Wages and benefits	253,666	258,854	794,588	759,704
CORPORATE EXPENSES	514,868	549,715	1,682,280	2,021,512
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	(3,728)	(34,930)	20,476	(296,328)
Interest income	(22,168)	(37,951)	(74,273)	(133,899)
Marketable securities loss (gain)	91,700	-	(32,800)	-
LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS	580,672	476,834	1,595,683	1,591,285
Basic and diluted loss per share	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	94,436,980	94,194,936	94,291,958	94,194,936

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the nine months ended September 30,	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash flows provided by (used in)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Loss and comprehensive loss	(1,595,683)	(1,591,285)
ITEMS NOT AFFECTING CASH		
Share-based payments	114,509	157,296
Change in non-cash working capital items	(67,816)	88,526
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(1,548,990)	(1,345,463)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Exercise of stock options	181,066	-
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INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Redemption (purchase) of short-term investments	2,500,000	(500,000)
Mineral property expenditures	(1,114,345)	(3,613,386)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	1,385,655	(4,113,386)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	17,731	(5,458,849)
Cash and cash equivalents – Beginning	830,326	7,471,834
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - ENDING	848,057	2,012,985

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Number of Shares	Share Capital \$	Contributed Surplus \$	Deficit \$	Shareholders' Equity \$
DECEMBER 31, 2014	94,194,936	105,113,340	32,510,184	(89,364,392)	48,259,132
Share-based payments	-	-	229,997	-	229,997
Loss and comprehensive loss	-	-	-	(1,591,285)	(1,591,285)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015	94,194,936	105,113,340	32,740,181	(90,955,677)	46,897,844
Share-based payments	-	-	59,099	-	59,099
Loss and comprehensive loss	-	-	-	(526,742)	(526,742)
DECEMBER 31, 2015	94,194,936	105,113,340	32,799,280	(91,482,419)	46,430,201
Exercise of stock options	254,000	181,066	-	-	181,066
Transfer of stock option value	-	77,036	(77,036)	-	-
Share-based payments	-	-	141,855	-	141,855
Loss and comprehensive loss	-	-	-	(1,595,683)	(1,595,683)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016	94,448,936	105,371,442	32,864,099	(93,078,102)	45,157,439

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1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Western Copper and Gold Corporation (“Western” or the “Company”) is an exploration stage company that is directly engaged in exploration and development of the Casino mineral property located in Yukon, Canada (the “Casino Project”).

The Company is incorporated in British Columbia, Canada. Its head office is located at 15th floor – 1040 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

The nature of the Company’s operations requires significant expenditures for the acquisition, exploration, and development of mineral properties. To date, the Company has not received any revenue from mining operations and is considered to be in the exploration stage. The Company will continue to require additional funding to maintain its ongoing permitting efforts, mineral property maintenance payments, project development, and operations. While it has been successful in obtaining the required financing in the past, there can be no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

a. Statement of compliance

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”), including International Accounting Standard 34 - Interim Financial Reporting. The condensed interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

These financial statements were approved for issue by the Company’s board of directors on November 2, 2016.

b. Accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates, and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Differences may be material.

Judgment is required in assessing whether certain factors would be considered an indicator of impairment relating to the Company’s exploration and evaluation assets. We consider both internal and external information to determine whether there is an indicator of impairment present and accordingly, whether impairment testing is required. Where an impairment test is required, calculating the estimated recoverable amount of the cash generating units for non-current asset impairment tests requires management to make estimates and assumptions with respect to estimated recoverable reserves or resources, estimated future commodity prices, expected future operating and capital costs, and discount rates. Changes in any of the assumptions or estimates used in determining the recoverable amount could impact the impairment analysis.

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3. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

As at September 30, 2016, the Company had \$7,000,000 (December 31, 2015 - \$9,500,000) invested in Canadian dollar denominated guaranteed investment certificates ("GICs"). Interest is accrued during the GIC term. Accrued interest at September 30, 2016 was \$40,045, (December 31, 2015 - \$73,425).

4. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

In May 2016, Western received 2.5 million common shares of NorthIsle Copper and Gold Inc. ("NorthIsle") as payment for corporate cost recoveries relating to shared office and employee charges dating as far back as 2013. As at September 30, 2016, the common shares of NorthIsle had a market value of \$175,000.

In December 2015, Western received common shares of Copper North Mining Corp. ("Copper North") as payment for amounts previously owing to the Company. As at September 30, 2016, the Company held 420,000 common shares of Copper North with a market value of \$58,800 (December 31, 2015 - \$126,000).

5. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

a. Casino (100% - Yukon, Canada)

The Company's only exploration and evaluation asset is the wholly-owned Casino Project. The Casino Project is a large copper-gold-molybdenum porphyry deposit located in Yukon, Canada.

All claims comprising the Casino Project are subject to a 2.75% net smelter returns royalty (the "NSR Royalty") on the future sale of any metals and minerals derived therefrom. Western has the option to repurchase 0.75% of the NSR Royalty (resulting in a rate of 2%) for US\$59 million if the amount is paid on or before December 31, 2017.

As part of a separate agreement, Western is required to make a payment of \$1 million upon achieving commercial production at the Casino Project.

b. Exploration and evaluation expenditures

	\$
DECEMBER 31, 2014	32,545,517
Engineering	518,331
Permitting	2,506,343
Salary and wages	740,132
Share-based payments	79,472
DECEMBER 31, 2015	36,389,795
Claims maintenance	19,664
Engineering	254,164
Permitting	460,302
Salary and wages	385,998
Share-based payments	27,346
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016	37,537,269

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6. SHARE CAPITAL

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value and an unlimited number of preferred shares without par value.

7. STOCK OPTIONS

Based on the stock option plan approved by the Company's shareholders at the annual general meeting held on June 24, 2015, the Company may issue stock options for the purchase of up to 10% of issued capital. The exercise price of the stock options must be greater than, or equal to, the market value of the Company's common shares on the last trading day immediately preceding the date of grant. Stock options vest over a two year period from the date of grant unless otherwise determined by the directors. The maximum stock option term is 10 years. At September 30, 2016, the Company could issue an additional 3,456,559 stock options under the terms of the plan.

A summary of the Company's stock options outstanding and the changes for the periods then ended is presented below.

	Number of Stock options	Weighted average exercise price \$
DECEMBER 31, 2014	6,399,001	1.29
Granted	875,000	0.52
Forfeited	(205,000)	0.66
Expired	(851,667)	0.98
DECEMBER 31, 2015	6,217,334	1.24
Granted	1,550,000	0.96
Exercised	(254,000)	0.71
Expired	(1,525,000)	2.84
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016	5,988,334	0.78

Stock options outstanding are as follows:

Stock options outstanding, by exercise price	Number of Stock options	Weighted average exercise price \$	Average remaining contractual life years
\$0.50 – 0.67	2,125,000	0.57	2.62
\$0.80 – 0.96	3,763,334	0.89	2.94
\$1.59	100,000	1.59	1.29
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016	5,998,334	0.78	2.80

Of the total stock options outstanding, 3,888,327 were vested and exercisable at September 30, 2016. The weighted average exercise price of vested stock options is \$0.75 and the average remaining contractual life is 1.80 years.

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8. COMMITMENTS

The Company has an agreement to sub-lease head office space until April 29, 2017. After that date, either the Company or the sub-lessor may terminate the sub-lease, without penalty, by providing the other party 120 days' notice. As at September 30, 2016, payments remaining over the course of the sub-lease total \$109,000.

The source of the majority of the Company's funds is proceeds received from the sale of the NSR Royalty in December 2012. The Company is required to use these proceeds for the development of the Casino Project and for general working capital purposes; provided that the general working capital purposes of Western do not include the acquisition and development of any mineral properties unrelated to the Casino Project.

Other commitments related to exploration and evaluation assets are described in note 5.

9. MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION

The Company's related parties include its directors and officers, who are the key management of the Company. The remuneration of directors and officers was as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salaries and director fees	209,700	221,819	635,165	651,026
Share-based payments	36,053	42,226	104,755	149,240
MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION	245,753	264,045	739,920	800,266

Share-based payments represent the fair value of stock options previously granted to directors and officers that was recognized during the years presented above.

10. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company's operations are primarily directed towards the acquisition, exploration, and future development of resource properties in Canada. All interest income is earned in Canada and all assets are held in Canada.

11. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company considers capital to be equity attributable to common shareholders, comprised of share capital, contributed surplus, and deficit. It is the Company's objective to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to explore and develop its projects.

The Company also monitors its cash position and its short-term investments on a regular basis to determine whether sufficient funds are available to meet its short-term and long-term corporate objectives, and makes adjustments to its plans for changes in economic conditions, capital markets and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets.

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To maintain its objectives, the Company may attempt to issue new shares, seek debt financing, acquire or dispose of assets or change the timing of its planned exploration and development projects. There is no assurance that these initiatives will be successful.

There was no change in the Company's approach to capital management during the period. Western has no debt and does not pay dividends. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirement.

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT RISK

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. The Company has exposure to liquidity, credit, and market risk from the use of financial instruments. Financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, marketable securities, certain other assets, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

a. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will be unable to meet its financial obligations as they come due. The Company uses cash forecasts to ensure as far as possible that there is sufficient cash on hand to meet short-term business requirements. Cash is invested in highly liquid investments which are available to discharge obligations when they come due. The Company does not maintain a line of credit.

b. Credit risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments. These financial instruments are at risk to the extent that the institutions issuing or holding them cannot redeem amounts when they are due or requested. To limit its credit risk, the Company uses a restrictive investment policy. It deposits cash and cash equivalents in Canadian chartered banks and purchases short-term investments that are guaranteed by Canadian governments or by Canadian chartered banks. The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowance for losses, represents Western's maximum exposure to credit risk.

c. Market risk

The Company is exposed to market risk because of the fluctuating values of its publicly traded marketable securities. The Company has no control over these fluctuations and does not hedge its investments. Marketable securities are adjusted to fair value at each balance sheet date.