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WESTERN COPPER AND GOLD ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF FURTHER INVESTMENT AND ENTRY INTO A NEW INVESTOR RIGHTS AGREEMENT WITH RIO TINTO

VANCOUVER, B.C. Western Copper and Gold Corporation (“Western” or the “Company”) (TSX: WRN; NYSE American: WRN) announces it has completed its previously announced C\$6 million further investment by Rio Tinto Canada Inc. (“Rio Tinto”), to continue to advance the Company’s Casino Project in the Yukon.

Rio Tinto acquired 3,468,208 common shares at a price of C\$1.73 per share for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately C\$6 million, resulting in Rio Tinto’s ownership increasing to approximately 9.7% of Western’s outstanding common shares.

ABOUT WESTERN COPPER AND GOLD CORPORATION

Western Copper and Gold Corporation is developing the Casino Project, Canada’s premier copper-gold mine in the Yukon Territory and one of the most economic greenfield copper-gold mining projects in the world. For more information, visit www.westerncopperandgold.com.

On behalf of the board,

“Paul West-Sells”

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