

Western Announces Significant Northern Extension of Casino

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19, 2019 /CNW/ - Western Copper and Gold Corporation ("Western" or the "Company") (TSX: WRN; NYSE American: WRN) is pleased to announce the assay results from this summer's exploration diamond drilling program at its wholly owned Casino Project in the Yukon Territory, Canada.

The exploration program consisted of a total of 13,590 m of diamond drilling in 69 completed holes. There were three targets for the drilling: in-fill drilling of inferred mineralization located in the 22-year pit outlined by the January 25, 2013 Casino Project Feasibility Study (the "Feasibility Study"); step-out drilling to the west, near the recently acquired Canadian Creek property; and step-out drilling to the north (see Figure 1).

Of particular note is the step-out drilling to the North. Nine of the ten holes drilled in this area encountered significant widths of mineralization above the cut-off grade of 0.20% copper equivalent¹ ("Cut-off grade") in an area that previously was not thought to have significant mineralized material (see Table 1). The mineralization is associated with a satellite intrusive and breccia complex located near the main Casino intrusion and represents a new zone. Seven of the ten holes terminated in above Cut-off grade mineralization indicating the potential for more mineralization at depth. This region remains open to the north.

All holes in the step-out drilling to the west intercepted mineralization greater than the Cut-off grade and three of the six holes terminated in above Cut-off grade mineralization demonstrating that the Casino hypogene mineralization system is continuous on to the recently acquired Canadian Creek property and is still open at depth and to the west.

The in-fill drilling campaign, targeting the edges of the deposit, was also very successful, with 49 of the 53 holes drilled intercepting mineralization greater than the Cut-off grade. In addition to the hole DH19-21 that returned 55.1 grams per tonne ("g/t") gold over 2.97 metres ("m") at a depth of 147.98 m, reported earlier (see news release dated September 24, 2019), additional intercepts include hole DH19-10 that returned 4.78 g/t gold over 1.0 m at a depth of 174.0 m and hole DH19-13 that returned 3.55 g/t gold over 2.0 m at a depth of 129.0 m. These high-gold intercepts occur in fault structures and are associated with late phase alteration cross cutting the earlier porphyry related alteration. Additional, closer spaced drilling is needed to determine the full extent of these gold enriched structures.

As a result of the continuing success of the exploration program and other considerations, the Company has informed Yukon Environmental and Socioeconomic Assessment Board that it will continue to defer submission of its ESE Statement.

"This was a tremendously successful drill campaign", said Paul West-Sells, President & CEO, "The in-fill drilling met and exceeded targets, we found new high-grade gold mineralization, and extended the Casino deposit to the north and to the west. We are currently planning additional drilling to further define these areas, and Canadian Creek targets, including a potential new porphyry deposit, next year."

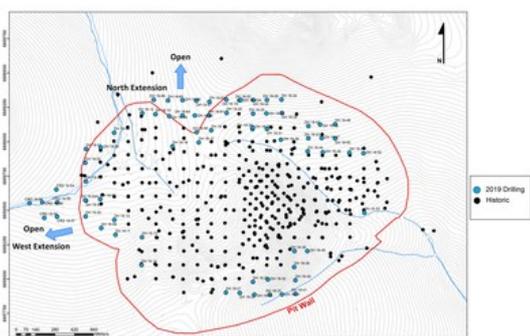


Figure 1: Drill-hole map showing 2019 drilling. (CNW Group/Western Copper and Gold Corporation)

Table 1: Significant drill intercepts from 2019 drill program.

Hole	Hole Length (m)	From (m)	To (m)	Width ² (m)	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	Mo (%)	CuEq ¹ (%)
Northern Extension									
DH 19-60	182.27	30.48	143.96	113.48	0.18	0.13	1.19	0.01	0.33
DH 19-61	148.77	3.05	145.65	142.60	0.14	0.17	1.42	0.01	0.31
DH 19-62	150.88	24.85	150.88	126.03	0.13	0.10	0.71	0.01	0.25
DH 19-63	188.98	9.14	188.98	179.84	0.12	0.14	1.32	0.01	0.29
Including		69.00	71.00	2.00	0.63	0.14	0.70	0.07	1.11
DH 19-64	150.88	21.40	150.88	129.48	0.12	0.13	0.80	0.01	0.28
DH 19-65	150.88	6.10	150.88	144.78	0.15	0.17	1.30	0.01	0.32
DH 19-66	152.40	1.17	152.40	151.23	0.11	0.11	1.04	0.01	0.26
DH 19-67	147.83	4.57	29.00	24.43	0.06	0.22	1.10	0.01	0.25

and		40.00	147.83	107.83	0.19	0.15	1.91	0.01	0.38
DH 19-68	150.24	38.50	83.35	44.85	0.17	0.11	1.62	0.01	0.31
DH 19-69	150.88	27.43	120.00	92.57	0.09	0.10	3.39	0.01	0.22
West Extension									
CRD 19-54	201.17	85.34	99.50	14.16	0.12	0.07	5.07	0.00	0.21
CRD 19-55	204.23	29.30	204.23	174.93	0.07	0.18	1.67	0.00	0.26
including		183.40	185.40	2.00	0.30	3.60	6.10	0.00	2.66
CRD 19-56	216.91	56.00	70.80	14.80	0.08	0.15	1.43	0.02	0.27
and		150.80	162.80	12.00	0.06	0.16	0.49	0.03	0.35
and		189.80	216.41	26.61	0.07	0.24	2.65	0.01	0.31
including		197.30	198.30	1.00	0.27	2.68	14.00	0.01	2.14
CRD 19-57	201.17	30.48	89.92	59.44	0.07	0.22	2.76	0.00	0.24
CRD 19-58	201.17	77.57	96.01	18.44	0.06	0.13	0.93	0.01	0.21
CRD 19-59	201.17	35.05	201.17	166.12	0.10	0.17	2.29	0.01	0.30
Including		185.93	187.39	1.50	0.61	0.65	5.20	0.01	1.13
including		120.17	122.52	2.35	0.03	0.28	6.30	0.21	1.46
In-fill Drilling									
DH 19-03	150.88	36.00	83.00	47.00	0.11	0.14	1.32	0.00	0.22
and		113.00	150.88	37.88	0.10	0.11	0.75	0.02	0.26
DH 19-04A	150.88	36.60	150.88	114.28	0.06	0.24	3.34	0.00	0.26
including		148.00	150.88	2.88	0.07	2.40	3.20	0.00	1.64
DH 19-05	150.88	40.08	58.00	17.92	0.03	0.22	1.45	0.00	0.20
and		76.00	85.00	9.00	0.03	0.23	1.72	0.00	0.20
and		108.00	114.00	6.00	0.03	0.25	1.73	0.00	0.22
DH 19-06	201.17	67.06	197.00	129.94	0.17	0.11	1.26	0.00	0.26
DH 19-07	199.64	33.53	39.62	6.09	0.01	0.11	1.90	0.03	0.28
and		60.96	199.64	138.68	0.15	0.18	2.53	0.06	0.64
including		116.00	149.00	33.00	0.17	0.18	2.40	0.19	1.37
DH 19-09	150.88	24.38	150.88	126.50	0.16	0.19	4.48	0.00	0.35
including		36.58	39.62	3.00	0.06	0.18	131.00	0.00	1.30
including		72.00	75.00	3.00	0.81	0.30	1.50	0.01	1.09
DH 19-10	249.94	168.00	175.00	7.00	0.23	1.71	5.54	0.00	1.39
and		194.00	205.30	11.30	0.06	0.49	1.45	0.00	0.40
including		170.00	172.00	2.00	0.14	3.12	4.70	0.00	2.18
including		174.00	175.00	1.00	1.04	4.78	21.00	0.00	4.28
DH 19-12	150.88	28.96	150.88	121.92	0.17	0.16	1.77	0.00	0.31
DH 19-13	199.64	12.00	18.00	6.00	0.00	0.60	4.65	0.00	0.45
and		102.00	173.00	71.00	0.14	0.32	2.82	0.02	0.46
including		129.00	131.00	2.00	0.35	3.55	3.50	0.00	2.67
including		162.00	164.00	2.00	0.20	1.38	8.30	0.07	1.54
DH 19-14	150.88	84.00	94.00	10.00	0.02	0.26	4.62	0.00	0.23
and		111.00	123.00	12.00	0.08	0.42	5.05	0.00	0.39
DH 19-15	150.27	15.24	150.27	135.03	0.21	0.14	2.32	0.01	0.36
including		89.00	99.00	10.00	0.37	0.26	3.97	0.02	0.68
DH 19-16	150.13	6.10	24.38	18.28	0.07	0.13	0.90	0.01	0.20
and		36.00	82.00	46.00	0.15	0.12	0.92	0.01	0.30
and		98.00	150.13	52.13	0.08	0.08	1.09	0.02	0.23
DH 19-17	150.88	27.20	33.00	5.80	0.03	0.07	0.90	0.03	0.23
and		60.00	127.10	67.10	0.20	0.11	1.10	0.01	0.34
Including		66.00	67.14	1.10	0.73	0.54	3.70	0.00	1.12
including		96.01	97.21	1.20	0.17	0.04	0.50	0.28	1.75
DH 19-18	149.66	6.10	12.19	6.09	0.05	0.16	3.10	0.01	0.25
and		51.62	149.66	98.04	0.15	0.08	0.90	0.01	0.25
DH 19-19	150.57	9.50	150.57	141.07	0.13	0.16	1.75	0.01	0.31
DH 19-20	150.88	7.62	16.76	9.14	0.07	0.20	10.74	0.01	0.32
and		67.00	150.80	83.80	0.19	0.28	1.00	0.01	0.43
including		81.00	84.00	3.00	0.80	0.24	0.60	0.01	1.04
including		120.00	123.00	3.00	0.42	2.63	5.80	0.01	2.20
DH 19-21	249.94	91.00	97.00	6.00	0.07	0.53	1.02	0.00	0.42
and		124.00	157.00	33.00	0.04	5.15	0.87	0.00	3.34
including		147.98	150.95	2.97	0.07	55.10	1.80	0.00	35.25
and		194.24	218.00	23.76	0.18	0.15	3.82	0.00	0.31
and		236.00	249.94	13.94	0.17	0.21	2.42	0.00	0.32
DH 19-22A	150.88	145.00	150.88	5.88	0.05	0.46	1.39	0.00	0.36
DH 19-23	249.63	76.20	83.30	7.10	0.15	0.14	3.17	0.00	0.26
and		95.43	104.40	8.97	0.04	0.41	0.61	0.00	0.31
and		164.60	181.88	17.28	0.02	0.29	1.01	0.00	0.22
DH 19-24	150.88	96.00	102.00	6.00	0.07	0.22	9.75	0.00	0.29
DH 19-25	152.40	6.10	51.82	45.72	0.11	0.11	1.25	0.00	0.20
and		78.00	152.40	77.40	0.11	0.14	3.29	0.00	0.24
DH 19-26A	225.55	7.62	225.55	217.93	0.11	0.15	1.26	0.02	0.31
DH 19-27	251.46	190.53	202.53	12.00	0.04	0.29	0.90	0.00	0.23
DH 19-28	150.88	60.96	100.59	39.63	0.03	0.29	0.60	0.00	0.22
and		117.35	129.50	12.15	0.05	0.24	0.84	0.00	0.21
including		76.20	79.25	3.05	0.01	1.31	0.25	0.00	0.84
DH 19-30	249.94	96.91	101.06	4.15	0.11	0.17	1.09	0.00	0.24
and		134.11	143.00	8.89	0.11	0.15	2.74	0.01	0.26
and		159.00	171.00	12.00	0.11	0.15	0.65	0.00	0.22
and		201.00	245.00	44.00	0.12	0.16	1.36	0.00	0.24
DH 19-31	300.23	15.24	292.61	277.37	0.13	0.18	3.17	0.01	0.31
including		85.5	88.5	3.00	0.79	0.90	47.00	0.00	1.79
DH 19-32	300.28	144.73	153.36	8.63	0.04	0.25	0.32	0.00	0.21
and		185.00	192.00	7.00	0.03	0.32	1.23	0.00	0.25
and		210.31	216.56	6.25	0.11	0.21	3.06	0.00	0.27
DH 19-33	201.17	40.85	98.45	57.60	0.02	0.36	0.28	0.00	0.25
and		142.86	201.17	58.31	0.03	0.30	1.20	0.00	0.24

DH 19-34	150.88	115.15	128.98	13.83	0.15	0.16	0.99	0.00	0.27
DH 19-35	201.17	111.25	127.71	16.46	0.11	0.16	3.51	0.00	0.25
and		146.00	155.14	9.14	0.10	0.17	1.37	0.00	0.23
and		173.00	201.17	28.17	0.10	0.14	0.69	0.00	0.21
DH 19-36	300.23	32.00	300.23	268.23	0.13	0.16	1.35	0.00	0.31
Including		121.00	124.00	3.00	0.49	0.64	1.70	0.02	1.01
DH 19-37	150.88	15.25	30.00	14.75	0.05	0.31	0.62	0.00	0.25
and		57.02	81.00	23.98	0.05	0.44	0.86	0.00	0.34
including		78.00	81.00	3.00	0.13	1.23	1.60	0.00	0.93
DH 19-38	400.81	53.00	80.00	27.00	0.00	0.28	0.96	0.00	0.20
DH 19-39	300.23	172.21	186.36	14.15	0.03	0.37	1.03	0.00	0.27
and		242.00	260.60	18.60	0.04	0.28	8.67	0.00	0.30
and		288.04	294.13	6.09	0.04	0.76	1.60	0.00	0.54
DH 19-40	251.46	3.05	33.53	30.48	0.00	0.30	0.39	0.00	0.20
and		42.67	66.00	23.33	0.03	0.29	0.25	0.00	0.21
DH 19-41	150.88	22.50	78.50	56.00	0.03	0.27	1.38	0.00	0.22
and		114.50	135.59	21.09	0.03	0.30	0.96	0.00	0.23
DH 19-43	201.17	22.86	201.17	178.31	0.14	0.16	1.40	0.01	0.30
DH 19-44	300.23	7.50	300.23	292.73	0.15	0.17	1.08	0.01	0.32
DH 19-46	250.85	42.67	64.95	22.28	0.09	0.18	0.97	0.00	0.24
and		76.20	86.60	10.40	0.12	0.11	0.49	0.00	0.20
and		111.25	121.25	10.00	0.11	0.12	1.54	0.00	0.20
and		167.90	177.58	9.68	0.15	0.16	4.40	0.00	0.30
and		245.00	250.85	5.85	0.24	0.25	8.49	0.00	0.47
DH 19-47	300.23	32.00	263.65	231.65	0.15	0.16	1.15	0.01	0.29
DH 19-48	326.14	12.19	132.50	120.31	0.16	0.19	0.98	0.01	0.33
DH 19-49	150.88	24.00	42.30	18.30	0.06	0.19	2.82	0.00	0.22
and		51.30	65.50	14.20	0.15	0.08	0.62	0.00	0.22
and		109.50	115.50	6.00	0.12	0.16	0.40	0.00	0.22
DH 19-50	201.17	31.00	201.17	170.17	0.17	0.19	1.07	0.01	0.33
DH 19-51	201.17	18.20	201.17	182.97	0.14	0.14	2.02	0.00	0.27
DH 19-52	150.88	0.00	77.93	77.93	0.13	0.12	1.24	0.00	0.24
and		91.10	130.76	39.66	0.15	0.11	1.00	0.00	0.25
DH 19-53	201.17	12.19	36.58	24.39	0.20	0.17	0.57	0.00	0.32

¹ CuEq Metal Prices: US\$2.00/lb copper, US\$875/oz gold, US\$11.25/lb molybdenum, US\$11.25/oz silver with no adjustment for metallurgical recovery.

² Widths are core length, not true width of mineralized intersection

John McClintock, P.Eng. is the qualified person responsible for the execution of the Casino Project exploration program and the preparation of the technical information in this news release.

QA/QC including assurance of chain of custody has been implemented. Split core samples are prepared and analyzed by ALS Chemex. Prepared samples are initially run using a four acid digestion process and conventional multi-element ICP-AES analysis. Additional assaying for total copper and molybdenum is run using a 4 acid digestion – AES or AAS method to a 0.001% detection limit. Gold assays are run using 30 gram sample fire assay with an AA finish to a 0.005 ppm detection limit, with samples greater than 10 ppm finished gravimetrically. The QA/QC procedure involves regular submission of Certified Analytical Standards and property specific duplicates.

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On behalf of the board,

"Paul West-Sells"

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