



## Western Copper Corporation

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#### **YESAB RECOMMENDS THAT THE CARMACKS COPPER PROJECT PROCEEDS**

VANCOUVER, B.C. - Western Copper Corporation ("Western Copper" or the "Company") (TSX:WRN) announces the completion of the first permitting step for its Carmacks Copper Project with the release of the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) final Screening Report and Recommendation.

The YESAB final Screening Report recommends that the Carmacks Copper Project proceeds, subject to the terms and conditions of the mitigative factors outlined in the report.

"We are glad that the Carmacks Project is moving ahead, and we believe that YESAB completed a thorough and comprehensive analysis of the Carmacks Copper Project's environmental implications." says Western Copper's chairman and CEO, Dale Corman.

"During the last four years we have actively collaborated with YEA first and then YESAB in the screening of the Carmacks Project. Going forward it is our intent to operate in an environmentally responsible manner and to act ethically in all aspects of our business practices."

YESAB issued the draft screening report on the Carmacks Copper Project for public comment in December, 2007. Following receipt and review of public comments, YESAB issued a Supplementary Information Request in February, 2008 and in May determined that information submitted by Western Copper was sufficient in order to complete the final Screening Report and Recommendation, which was issued on Friday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Western Copper looks forward to continuing discussions with the Yukon Government regarding the issue of the decision document, followed by the Quartz Mining Licence from the Yukon Energy, Mines and Resources.

The Company's commitment to moving the project forward in a collaborative and productive manner with all Governments, including the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation Government, the community of Carmacks and Yukon at large is confirmed by the appointment of Claire Derome as Vice-President Government and Community Relations. She will be based in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

Claire Derome has over twenty years experience in the mining industry and completed a B.Sc. in Geology and a Master (M.Ed.) in School Administration both from the Université du Québec.

Claire worked for the past four years for Yukon Government most recently as Director of the Strategic Industry branch of the Economic Development Department. She was very active in facilitating the establishment of the Yukon Mine Training Association – a partnership between Industry, First Nations and Governments that offers Yukoners training opportunities and of the Yukon Placer Secretariat including preparing the consultation on the new Placer Regime.

Before joining the Yukon Government, she was President and CEO of a mid-size gold producer and a board member of provincial, national and international industry associations and of other public companies.



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On behalf of the board,

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