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CARMACKS COPPER PROJECT ENDORSED BY YUKON GOVERNMENT

VANCOUVER, B.C. Western Copper Corporation ("Western Copper") (TSX:WRN) is pleased to announce that the Yukon Government issued a Decision Document agreeing with the recommendation of the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board ("YESAB") that the Carmacks Copper Project proceed.

The issuance of the positive Decision Document on September 12, 2008 completes the assessment process under the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act ("YESAA").

Obtaining the Quartz Mining License is Western Copper's next step in the regulatory process. The Quartz Mining License will give Western Copper the right to build the Carmacks Copper mine. Western Copper looks forward to working with the regulatory authorities to ensure the timely issuance of this license.

"This is a groundbreaking day for mining in the Yukon as the Carmacks Copper Project is the first mining project to be approved by the Yukon Government under YESAA. We are confident that YESAB thoroughly reviewed all environmental and socio-economic aspects of the project and that the mine will make a positive contribution to the Yukon," says Western Copper's chairman and CEO, Dale Corman.

On behalf of the board,

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