



NEWS RELEASE

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WEST RED LAKE GOLD CLOSES FLOW-THROUGH PRIVATE PLACEMENT

WEST RED LAKE GOLD MINES INC. (CNSX: RLG) (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the closing, on October 5, 2012 and December 31, 2012 respectively, of two tranches of a non-brokered flow-through private placement totalling 7,492,500 Units of the Company at a price of \$0.12 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$899,100.00.

Each Unit consists of one flow-through common share and one share purchase warrant. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one additional non-flow-through common share of the Company at a price of \$0.20 per common share. Each warrant has a term of 18 months from the date of closing.

On October 12, 2012 the Company announced the closing of the first tranche of the flow-through private placement which included subscriptions totalling 2,000,000 Units of the Company at \$0.15 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$300,000. As a result of the re-pricing of the flow-through private placement, subscribers to the \$0.15 Units were issued a pro rata number of shares and warrants related to the re-pricing. A total of 500,000 shares and warrants were issued on this basis.

Proceeds of the financing will be used for the continued exploration and development of the Company’s Rowan Lake Mine Joint Venture property and Mount Jamie Mine property in the Red Lake Gold Camp.

About West Red Lake Gold Mines Inc.

West Red Lake Gold Mines Inc. (Formerly Hy Lake Gold Inc.) is a Toronto-based mineral exploration company focused on gold exploration and production development in the prolific Red Lake Mining District of Northwestern Ontario, Canada. West Red Lake Gold Mines has assembled several significant property packages, totalling approximately 4,000 hectares, in the west end of the Red Lake Gold Camp. The properties cover a 13 kilometre distance along the West Red Lake Trend, hosting 3 former producing gold mines – The Mount Jamie Mine, The Red Summit Mine and The Rowan Lake Mine which is held in a Joint Venture with Goldcorp’s Red Lake Gold Mines. The Company continues to explore these properties both along strike and at depth. To find out more about West Red Lake Gold Mines Inc. (CNSX: RLG) please visit our website at www.westredlakegold.com.

Shares Outstanding: 51,311,648

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Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements, including predictions, projections and forecasts. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to exploration activities and results (including the timing of results), the timing and success of exploration activities generally, permitting timelines, government regulation of exploration and mining operations, environmental risks, title disputes or claims, limitations on insurance coverage, timing and possible outcomes of any pending litigation and timing and results of future resource estimates or future economic studies, and in particular include statements with respect to the timing of the reporting of drilling results at the Mount Jamie Mine, Rowan Lake Mine, Red Summit Mine and the Company's other properties. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "planning", "planned", "expects", or "looking forward", "does not expect", "continues", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "potential", "anticipate", "does not anticipate", or "belief", or describes a "goal" or variation of such phrases or state that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved.

Forward-looking statements are based on a number of material factors and assumptions, including the result of drilling and exploration activities, the expected geological conditions or formations are not located, that contracted parties provide goods and/or services on the agreed timeframes, that the equipment necessary for the exploration is available as scheduled and does not incur unforeseen break downs, that no labour shortages or delays are incurred, that plant and equipment function as specified, that no unusual geological or technical problems occur, and that laboratory and other related services are available and perform as contracted.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, future events, conditions, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, prediction, projection, forecast, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, the interpretation and actual results of current exploration activities; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined; future prices of gold; possible variations in grade or recovery rates; failure of equipment or processes to operate as anticipated; the failure of contracted parties to perform; labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; delays in obtaining governmental approvals or financing or in the completion of exploration. Although West Red Lake Gold has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurances that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.