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**WESTERN AREAS TAKES TOP HONOURS AT THE WA INDUSTRY AND EXPORT AWARDS**

Western Areas NL (“Western Areas” or the “Company”) is pleased to advise that the Company has received the top award at the 2012 Western Australian Industry and Export Awards, one of the State’s most prestigious business awards. In addition, the Company received the “Minerals and Energy Award” for outstanding export achievement in the production or primary processing of extractive and value-added minerals or energy products, technology, equipment and services to the minerals and energy industries.

Western Areas was awarded the overall “Premier’s Award for Excellence”, providing outstanding recognition of the Company’s significant nickel export business, which has seen US\$536 million of nickel concentrate shipped to date from Western Australia’s Esperance port to China.



Minister O’Brian and Dan Lougher

Managing Director, Dan Lougher said: “We are extremely pleased to be recognised as a highly successful mining and export company in Western Australia. The awards represent an outstanding accomplishment for the business and are a credit to our processing and logistics teams and our shipping contractor Merchant Shipping, who deliver our seamless export operations. Together with the broader Western Areas team, they are integral in positioning the Company as Australia’s class-leading nickel producer.”

As a State winner, Western Areas will automatically progress to be finalists in the national Australian Export Awards for 2012.

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