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APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - CRAIG READHEAD

The Board of Western Areas Ltd (ASX: WSA, “Western Areas” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Craig Readhead as an Independent Non-Executive Director effective 26 June 2014.

Mr Readhead is one of Australia’s leading mining and resources lawyers having spent over 30 years practising across the spectrum of mining and corporate law including the development of large mining projects both domestically and internationally as well as resource based merger and acquisition activity. Importantly, Mr Readhead is a highly experienced non-executive director of resource companies and is currently the Independent Chairman of successful South American gold producer Beadell Resources Ltd.

Mr Readhead is a former president of the Australian Mining and Petroleum Law Association and is a partner of the national specialist mining and corporate law firm, Allion Legal.

Western Areas Independent Non-Executive Chairman, Mr Ian Macliver welcomed the appointment of Mr Readhead as an ideal fit into the skills matrix the Board was seeking.

“Craig’s in-depth legal and corporate advisory expertise will strengthen the skill set of the Board, whilst his experience in driving and being involved with emerging and mature producing companies fits well with Western Areas,” Mr Macliver said.

“Craig’s appointment ensures that the Western Areas Board is majority independent and is the result of a rigorous search process to fill the vacancy following Terry Streeter’s decision to step down from the Board in late 2013. Craig will take on the role of Chairman of the Audit Committee,” Mr Macliver said.

Mr Readhead resides in Western Australia and further details of his experience will be available on the Western Areas’ website.

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