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BUSH FIRE INCIDENT AT FORRESTANIA

Western Areas Ltd (“Western Areas” or the “Company”) advises that a bush fire incident has occurred on Wednesday afternoon (4 December 2019) in the area of the Forrestania Nickel Operation (FNO).

The incident, believed to have started from a lightning strike, resulted in the temporary suspension of operations and activation of the FNO fire safety protocols for all personnel. The immediate fire risk to people and assets has now passed, while the fire is still being actively monitored.

Importantly, all personnel are safe and fully accounted for, however, communications in and out of FNO are very limited at this time. Regular fly-in fly-out schedules for staff are expected to be unaffected.

No mining or infrastructure assets have sustained damage and normal operations are expected to resume imminently. Presently the Company does not expect any impact to nickel production or cost guidance as a result of the incident.

The Company would like to extend its thanks to the various firefighting teams that have assisted in keeping our people safe.

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