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The Manager
Company Announcement Office
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
Level 8
2 The Esplanade
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Dear Sir,

Re: Yarawindah Brook Drilling Progress

Washington Resources' Yarawindah Brook project is located 135 km north of Perth, Western Australia, within the Archaean Jimperding Igneous Complex. Mineralisation identified by Otter Exploration in 1975 was characterised by elevated platinum group metal ('PGM') values in lateritised mafic-ultramafic rocks. To date, mineralisation identified by Washington occurs sporadically over a strike length of 4 km and a width of 750 m. The Inferred Resource is 2.9 million tonnes at a combined Pt and Pd grade of 0.79 g/t at a cut-off of 0.5g/t. The resource is contained within the oxide zone; historically, however, examination of the source of the mineralisation has been minimal, with very little base-metal investigation carried out on this deposit.

In December 2005, Washington commenced an RC drilling programme at Yarawindah Brook. It focused on the southern extremity of the previously identified mineralisation, where the laterites are generally thin and the weathering shallow. The programme was designed to examine the polymetallic nature of the source mineralisation, and the limited cover of weathered material in this area provided the opportunity to examine the source of the supergene enrichment with minimal drilling.

The drilling programme, which ceased in December following completion of 32 holes, encountered encouraging quantities of sulphide mineralisation. Subsequently, the programme was extended and drilling recommenced in January 2006. Within the next week it should be complete, with the remaining drill holes bringing the total to 77 holes.

Summary assay results for the first 32 drill holes are provided in Table 1 below. The tabulation shows the initial assays for 5 m composite samples in which the copper equivalent grade (copper + 3.5 times Ni) is greater than 1%. Primary copper values peak at over 1%, there are significant PGM credits (up to 0.34 g/t Au + Pd + Pt) and cobalt values are up to 0.3%.

Yours faithfully
Washington Resources Limited

Table 1. Washington Resources — Yarawindah Brook significant 5 m RC drill composites.

Hole	Local Grid		From (m)	To (m)	Co (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Ni (ppm)	Au+Pt+Pd (ppm)
	Northing	Easting						
YWRC 1	10100	10350	15	20	514	2992	2636	0.186
YWRC 2	10100	10300	25	30	628	1957	3352	0.120
YWRC 2	10100	10300	35	40	325	1761	3782	0.083
YWRC 3	10100	10250	20	25	3193	3982	2990	0.341
YWRC 3	10100	10250	25	30	925	2743	3480	0.342
YWRC 10	11300	10150	30	35	476	2551	3541	0.139
YWRC 21	10750	9950	15	20	3061	3107	3253	0.308
YWRC 22	10800	10000	15	20	628	1670	3242	0.141
YWRC 29	10850	10000	45	50	466	10078	4767	0.233