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The Manager
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Dear Sir,

**WASHINGTON RESOURCES IN JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT
WITH WESTERN DESERT**

As announced separately by Western Desert Resources Limited (ASX:WDR) ('Western Desert'), Washington Resources Limited (ASX: WRL) ('Washington' or 'the Company') has negotiated a joint venture agreement with Western Desert, whereby the latter will explore for minerals other than tin, tungsten and molybdenum on Washington's Exploration Licence Application EL 25434, located in the Musgrave Ranges area of the Northern Territory. See Figure 1.

As part of the Musgrave Block, one of the least explored areas of Australia, the tenement application area lies in a province prospective for nickel-copper-platinoid mineralization, as evidenced by exploration work on prospects in adjoining South Australia and Western Australia.

Under the terms of the agreement, Red Desert Minerals Pty Ltd (a wholly owned subsidiary of Western Desert) can earn up to an 80% interest in the prospect by funding exploration expenditure totalling Au\$1.05 million within five years of date of grant of the tenement.

The agreement reflects Washington's policy of spreading risk by minimizing expenditure on tenure while retaining the rights to minerals in which it has a strategic interest, in this case, tungsten, tin and molybdenum. This approach has proved very effective elsewhere, in particular at Kurundi in the Northern Territory. At Kurundi, Northern Uranium Limited (ASX:NTU), of which the Company holds approximately 20%, is generating a significant database that is pertinent to the exploration for base and precious metals and is generating targets for the Company at effectively no direct cost to the Company.

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Figure 1. Aerial view of WRL Exploration Licence Application EL 25434, Musgrave Ranges, Northern Territory.

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