

## WASHINGTON RESOURCES LIMITED

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## ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

30 December 2005

I welcome the members of Washington Resources who have attended here today, and this is my first opportunity to address you as members of your recently listed company.

As I pointed out in my letter to shareholders contained in the Company's 2005 annual report, the Company was admitted to the ASX Official List on Monday, 14 November 2005 and commenced trading on Thursday 17 November 2005 and, since that date, it has announced its intention to pursue an opportunity to merge its uranium exploration interests with those of Polaris Metals NL in a venture that your board believes gives the potential to realise value in that business. The strategy will include pursuing a major partner to advance the project. By way of an aside, it should be pointed out that, in order to fund this venture, shareholders will be given the opportunity to participate in a rights issue, under which they may subscribe for options to acquire shares in the Company. In all other respects, the business remains as described in the Washington Prospectus issued on 19 August 2005.

During the year, I was one of three new directors who joined the board (the others being Scott Huntly and Grant Button) in preparation for the Company's listing. Item 4 of today's meeting, as shown in the notice of meeting, deals with confirmation of Grant Button's appointment as a director. Melissa Sturgess, Brooke Fishwick and Evan Kirby all resigned as part of the board

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restructuring. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank the past directors for the efforts that advanced the Company towards its present structure. I look forward to the support of the new board and shareholders as we develop our exploration interests.

On a couple of other corporate matters, it is timely to let you know firstly that, as indicated in the Company's recent prospectus, it is repaying its debt to Dwyka Diamonds Limited. This payment is being made today, and the convertible note that was issued to Dwyka will be cancelled. The second matter I would like to mention is that your directors have not yet had the benefit of the advice from Venmyn Rand of South Africa in relation to the potential investment in Sallies Limited, the Johannesburg listed fluorspar producer. You will recall from the prospectus (including the supplementaries) that the Company had until 31 December 2005 in which to exercise its option to acquire shares in that company by the issue of Washington scrip. For this reason, Washington has sought and been granted an extension of the exercise period for these options to 28 February 2006. This will give Venmyn Rand an opportunity to finish their report and for Washington's directors to take this report into consideration before making a decision as to whether to exercise the option.

Needless to say, I'm sure that members are interested in the drilling programme at Yarawindah Brook. Drilling commenced prior to Christmas on what was scheduled to be a 24 hole programme targeting PGMs and associated base metal mineralisation. All but six of the holes drilled encountered sulphide mineralisation, with the last hole showing abundant sulphides over a 10 metre interval only 50 metres from the surface. Nickel and copper sulphides occur within this material, and we anticipate assay results will be available in mid-January. Qualitative field x-ray analysis has confirmed the presence of nickel and copper and the programme has subsequently been extended to 77 holes. Drilling will recommence on January 9. The presence of abundant sulphides is potentially significant, particularly given the location of the prospect – only 135km north of Perth, and the shallow depth of the occurrence. We look forward to completion of a successful programme and to having assay results to give to the market.

We are also assessing a number of offshore opportunities and negotiating some further joint ventures over Australian properties and we also look forward to success out of these ventures.

Thank you again for attending this Washington's first AGM as a listed company, and we will now proceed to the other business on the agenda.

Adrian Griffin Chairman and Managing Director