

## ***Westward Gold Announces Closing of Oversubscribed Non-Brokered Private Placement Financing***

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Vancouver, British Columbia, February 28, 2022 – Westward Gold Inc. (CSE: WG, OTCQB: WGLIF, FSE: IM50) (“**Westward**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that, further to the Company’s press releases dated February 1, 2022, and February 4, 2022, it has closed its previously-announced non-brokered private placement (the “**Offering**”). The oversubscribed Offering consisted of 20,684,636 units (each, a “**Unit**”) at a price of C\$0.12 per Unit, for aggregate gross proceeds to the Company of approximately C\$2,482,156.

Each Unit is comprised of one common share of the Company (each, a “**Common Share**”) and one common share purchase warrant (each, a “**Warrant**”). Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one Common Share of the Company at a price of C\$0.20 for a period of 36 months following the closing date of the Offering. All securities issued in connection with the Offering are subject to a hold period of four months and one day (expiring on June 29, 2022), in accordance with applicable securities laws.

If the closing market price of the Common Shares on the Canadian Securities Exchange (the “**CSE**”) is greater than C\$0.40 per Common Share for a period of ten (10) consecutive trading days any time after the four-month anniversary of the closing of the Offering, the Company may deliver a notice (the “**Acceleration Notice**”) to the holder notifying them that the Warrants must be exercised within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the Acceleration Notice, otherwise the Warrants will expire at 5:00 p.m. EST on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after the date of the Acceleration Notice.

The net proceeds from the Offering will be used primarily to fund the Company’s inaugural drill campaign at its flagship Toiyabe Project, planned for the summer of 2022, and for general working capital purposes. For additional information related to the high-priority exploration targets to be tested during the program, refer to Westward’s press release dated December 16, 2021.

Colin Moore, President of Westward, noted: “We’re very pleased with the response we received from investors, and would like to thank all those who participated. Westward is now fully-funded through our upcoming maiden drill program, and we look forward to executing on our exploration plans to unlock additional value at our Nevada properties.”

In connection with the Offering, an aggregate total of C\$76,283.17 in cash finder’s fees were paid and 635,693 finder’s warrants (the “**Finder’s Warrants**”) were issued to qualified parties. The Finder’s Warrants are subject to the same terms as the Warrants issued in the Offering, including the Acceleration Notice.

Certain insiders of the Company acquired Units in the Offering. The participation by such insiders in the Offering constituted a “related party transaction” as defined under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (“**MI 61-101**”). Such participation was exempt from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101 based on the fact that neither the fair market value of the Units subscribed for by the insiders, nor the consideration for the Units paid by such insiders, exceeded 25% of the Company’s market capitalization.

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### **About Westward Gold**

Westward Gold is a mineral exploration company focused on developing the Toiyabe, Turquoise Canyon, and East Saddle Projects located in the Cortez Hills area of Lander County, Nevada. From time to time, the Company may also evaluate the acquisition of other mineral exploration assets and opportunities.

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