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**WESTSTAR ANNOUNCES COMMENCEMENT ON WORK PROGRAM ON THE AXE
PORPHYRY COPPER-GOLD PROJECT, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA – (July 10, 2012) – Weststar Resources Corp. (“Weststar”) (TSX VENTURE: WER) is pleased to report the commencement of exploration work on the Axe Porphyry Copper-Gold Property (the “Property”) by Xstrata Copper Canada (“Xstrata”). The Property is located approximately 20 kilometers north of Princeton, British Columbia. The Property is a copper-gold porphyry system which Weststar optioned to Xstrata earlier this year.

Xstrata is conducting the phase one work program on the Property. This first phase of work is to get the Property drill ready with the goal of expanding the known mineralized zones. Xstrata crews are conducting geological mapping, soil sampling and line cutting. The lines will be used to conduct a future induced polarity (“IP”) survey on the numerous copper-gold targets which were identified during previous drilling and geophysics by Weststar. Once this first phase of work has been completed and the results analyzed, it is expected Xstrata will then commence a drilling campaign.

“Weststar is very enthusiastic to see the work programs start on the Axe project”, said William Rascan, President. “Xstrata is a major copper producer with a world class portfolio of copper development projects.”

In addition, the Company has granted an aggregate of 2,000,000 stock options to directors and consultants exercisable until July 9, 2017 at a price of \$0.15 per common share. The granting of these stock options is subject to acceptance by the TSX Venture Exchange.

The technical content of this news release has been reviewed and accepted by Thomas Clarke Pr.Sci.Nat., a qualified person and a Director of the Company.

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