

## ***Westward Gold Expands Flagship Toiyabe Hills Project Footprint by 43%, Bolstering its Emerging District-Scale Exploration Play in Nevada***

Vancouver, British Columbia, June 4, 2024 – Westward Gold Inc. (CSE: WG, OTCQB: WGLIF, FSE: IM50) (“**Westward**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the acquisition of 202 unpatented mining claims, adjacent to and contiguous with its Turquoise Canyon and East Saddle Properties along the Cortez Gold Trend in Lander County, Nevada. The claims (the “**ES Extension**”) were acquired through open staking in April 2024, increasing the Company’s total footprint in the area to approximately 55 square kilometers, a significant increase of 43%. Westward continues to reinforce its status as the dominant exploration company in the area, and is ideally positioned to strategically apply district-scale exploration techniques to its sizeable property package. Moving forward, Westward’s consolidated flagship asset will be referred to as the Toiyabe Hills Project – the combination of several 100%-owned claim blocks acquired since the Company’s entrance into Nevada in April of 2021. Figure 1 below illustrates the systematic growth of Westward’s exploration ground, accomplished via a combination of corporate transactions and direct claim-staking.

Colin Moore, President and CEO, commented: “In the span of three years, Westward has grown from a company with an option agreement on 165 claims – to one with 100% ownership of 776 claims across two consolidated land packages on each of the two most productive gold trends in Nevada. While we have been busy accumulating prospective exploration ground, we have also been persistent in attracting the vital technical talent necessary to unlock its discovery potential. Our expert team with multiple Carlin-type gold discoveries to their credit has been instrumental in guiding our growth story, and this most recent land acquisition will enable them to apply their skills with even greater impact.”

Robert Edie, Vice President Exploration, noted: “Combining 2023 geochemical results with other available datasets revealed that key markers for Carlin-type mineralization on our property trend to the south and east. The additional ground acquired has the necessary scale – and prospective geologic setting – to host a potential major new discovery in its own right; it will form a key piece of our camp-scale land package. I’m excited to systematically evaluate this surprisingly underexplored ground on a major gold trend with data-driven regional exploration.”

### **Figure 1: The Evolution of Westward’s Toiyabe Hills Property**



**WESTWARD'S TOIYABE HILLS PROJECT**  
*All 100% Owned – 665 Claims Total – 55 km<sup>2</sup>*



**TOIYABE**  
*Date Acquired: April 2021*  
*Size: 165 Claims*  
*Method: M&A*



**EAST SADDLE**  
*Date Acquired: November 2021*  
*Size: 101 Claims*  
*Method: Staking*

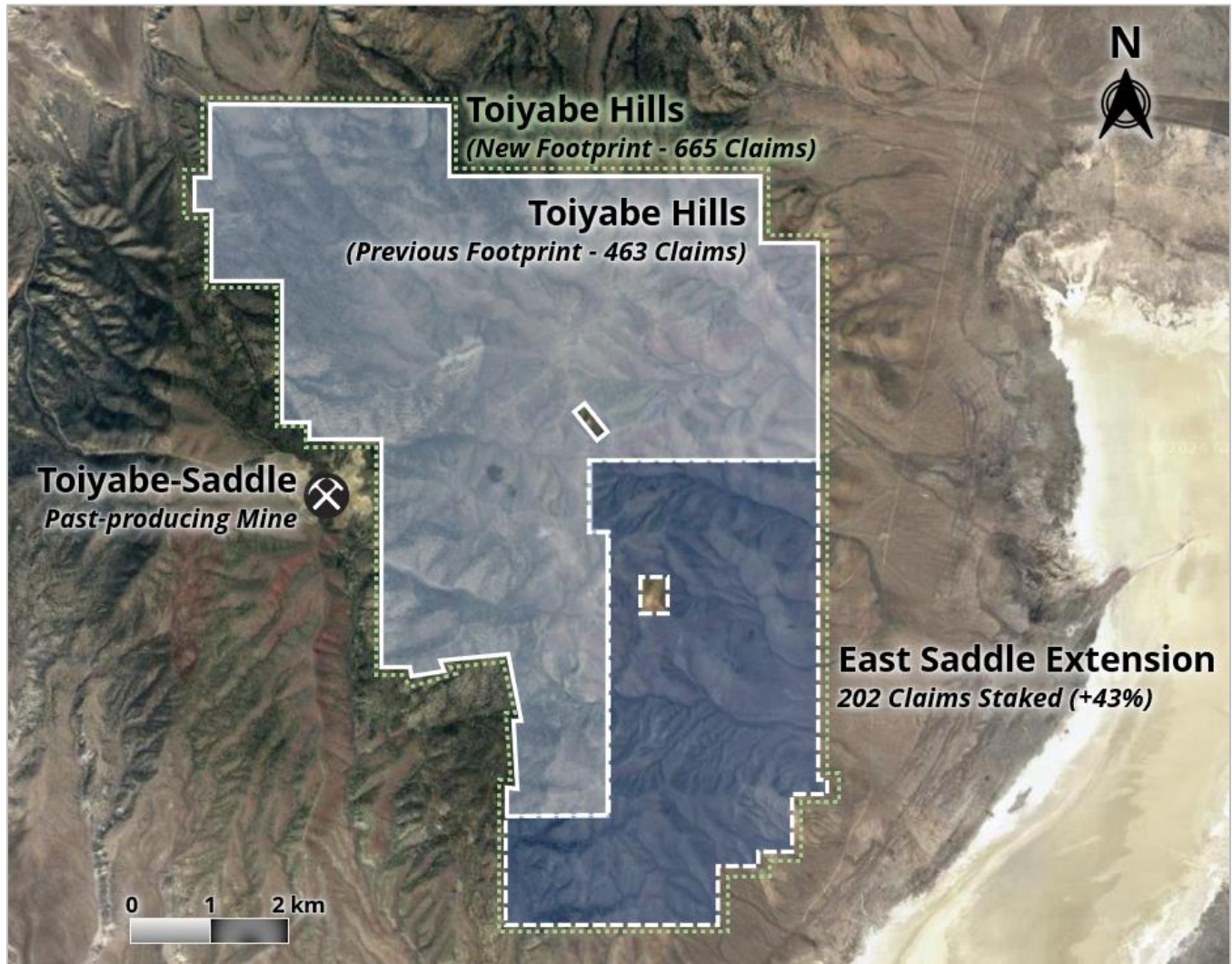


**TURQUOISE CANYON & MOMENTUM CLAIMS**  
*Date Acquired: July 2021*  
*Size: 197 Claims (188 + 9)*  
*Method: M&A*



**EAST SADDLE EXTENSION**  
*Date Acquired: April 2024*  
*Size: 202 Claims*  
*Method: Staking*

**Figure 2: Addition of East Saddle Extension**



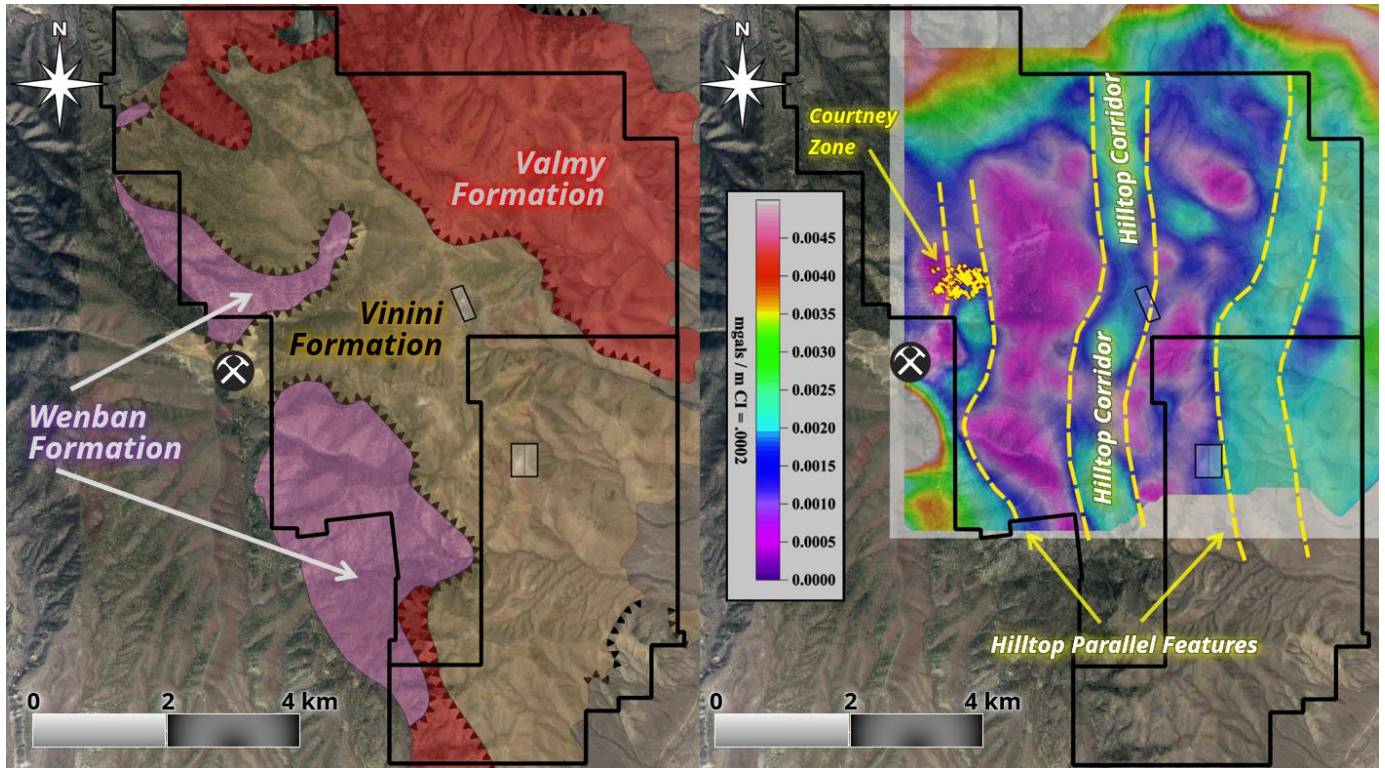
*Note: Windows shown in Figure 2 indicate a total of three third-party claim inliers (two of which are in the ES Extension block).*

A confluence of several prospective geologic features pointed towards the strategic importance of acquiring the ES Extension ground – including stratigraphy, structure, geochemistry, and geophysics. The Hilltop Corridor, a structural feature based upon interpretations of the horizontal gradient of gravity, also contains elevated gold and Carlin pathfinder elements (notably, arsenic and antimony) in soils and rocks. This prospective corridor has two parallel features on the property; one is closely associated with the Courtney Zone – a known occurrence of gold mineralization where the large majority of historical drilling has been focused – the second is to the east on the newly-acquired ES Extension (see Figure 3 below).

At surface, the ES Extension is made up of upper-plate siliciclastic units of the Vinini and Valmy Formations and an 850 m by 500 m exposure of lower-plate Wenban Formation (see Figure 3 below), one of the most important stratigraphic units for hosting gold in the region. Through drillhole re-logging efforts and interpretation of regional stratigraphy, Westward is highly confident that prospective host rocks lie beneath the upper-plate siliciclastic rocks across the ES Extension ground. There is a strong probability that the entire carbonate host section is intact beneath this cover, allowing the Company the opportunity to explore for mineralization that has not been thinned-out by erosion. Evidence for a reasonable depth to host rocks is supported by detailed Induced Polarization (“IP”)–Resistivity profiles immediately north of the new ES Extension block, as interpreted by Mr. Jim Wright in December

of 2021. IP lines clearly image the layering of conductive upper-plate strata lying upon more resistive lower-plate strata – and generally suggest depths of 50-150 m to lower-plate rocks immediately east of the Courtney Zone, increasing to 250-350 m near the eastern boundary of the property. A similar profile can be expected at the ES Extension moving eastward from the exposed carbonate Wenban Formation. This is an excellent depth range to fully preserve an intact Carlin gold system while allowing relatively easy exploration drilling.

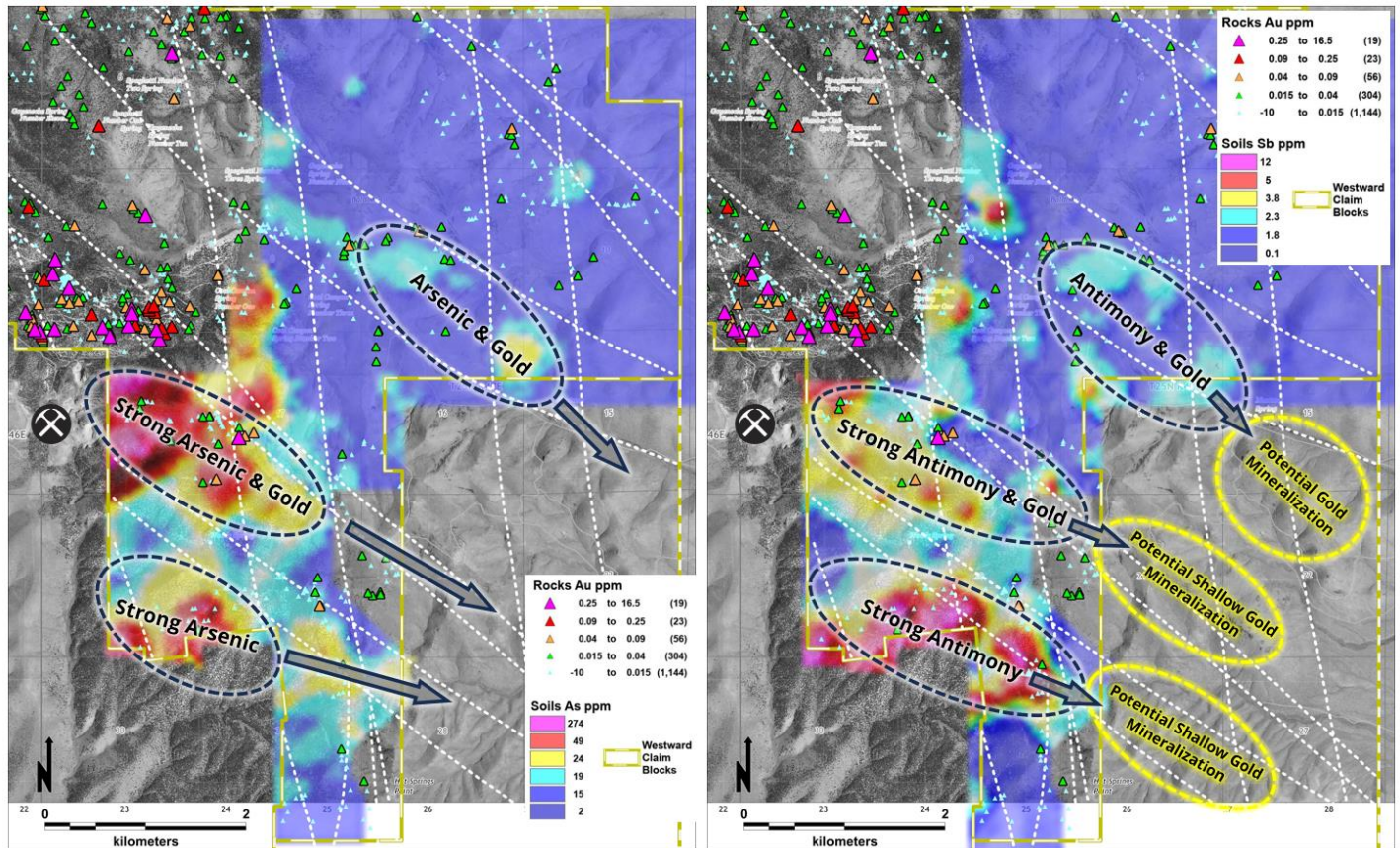
**Figure 3: ES Extension – Stratigraphic, Structural, and Geophysical Evidence for Potential Gold Deposition**



Surface rock-chip and soil samples collected by Westward in late 2023 identified several trends of geochemical anomalies vectoring towards the newly-acquired ES Extension (*refer to the Company's press release dated May 7, 2024, for additional information*). Gold, arsenic, and antimony demonstrate a southeast pattern of zonation (see Figure 4 below). The pattern of strong arsenic-in-soils trending into strong antimony-in-soils indicates the potential for gold mineralization at a reasonable depth beneath upper-plate siliciclastic rocks. The Company will continue to advance these target concepts in 2024 by completing detailed Anaconda-style folio mapping, collecting surface rock and soil samples, and completing a detailed gravity survey on the new ground.

**Figure 4: ES Extension – Geochemical Evidence for Potential Gold Deposition**

*Note: Left Image Heat Map Shows Arsenic-in-Soils / Right Image Heat Map Shows Antimony-in-Soils*



## 2024 Field Season Update

1:5000 scale Anaconda-style folio mapping of the Toiyabe Hills Project is currently underway, building upon past mapping which was largely centered around the Courtney Zone. The initial focus areas are the Hilltop Corridor and the ES Extension – the program is being led by Technical Advisor Steven Koehler and VP Exploration Robert Edie, with ambitions to cover the vast majority of the Westward ground. High-quality surface mapping will represent a key input in emerging priority drill targets, and additional details and findings will be released to the market as the field season progresses.

## Qualified Person

The technical information contained in this news release was reviewed and approved by Robert Edie, Vice President Exploration of the Company, who is a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*. Mr. Edie is a Certified Professional Geologist (CPG) through the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG).

## About Westward Gold

Westward Gold is a mineral exploration company focused on developing the Toiyabe Hills Project located in the Cortez Hills area of Lander County, Nevada, and the Coyote and Rossi Projects located along the Carlin Trend in Elko County, Nevada. From time to time, the Company may also evaluate the acquisition of other mineral exploration assets and opportunities.

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