



2021 Half Year Financial Results

Westgold Resources Limited (**ASX:WGX**) is pleased to release its Half Year Financial Report and Appendix 4D for FY2021, showing an impressive **552%** increase in net profit before income tax to **\$69.8 million** for the period.

The results demonstrate a significant improvement across all fiscal outcomes compared to the previous corresponding period and in line with the advancement of the Groups gold operations to steady-state levels. The key outcomes compared to the previous reporting period are set out below:

	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	Variation	
Gold sales	125,197oz	115,697oz	8%	↑
Revenue	\$301.8 m	\$228.9 m	32%	↑
Net cash flow from operations	\$139.8 m	\$54.4 m	157%	↑
Profit before income tax	\$69.8 m	\$10.7 m	552%	↑
Profit after income tax	\$47.5 m	\$9.7 m	390%	↑
Basic profit per share	11.28c	2.46c	359%	↑
Hedges ounces	168,000oz	180,000oz	7%	↓
Average hedge price	\$2,083/oz	\$1,892/oz	10%	↑
Corporate Debt (Gold prepay facility)	\$0.0m	\$12.9m	Repaid in Full	
	Dec 2020	Jun 2020	Variation	
Closing cash & equiv.	\$161.9 m	\$137.6 m	18%	↑
Net assets	\$577.8m	\$521.9m	11%	↑

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Executive Chairman, Peter Cook said:

“This is a great result for Westgold shareholders with all the indicators pointing strongly in the right direction. These outcomes again highlight the significant financial improvement as the Company completes its transition to consistent operational performance.

The results show that Westgold is generating strong profits with \$69.8 million net profit before income tax for the half. The Company continues to build cash despite heavy capital expenditure during the period as the Group’s major growth projects progressed. Over the ensuing year this growth capex will start to drop significantly to sustainable replacement levels. This is expected to translate to greater cash generation for our shareholders.”

Notably, the Group has finished the first half of FY2021 with \$161.9 million in cash and cash equivalents.

With such a strong balance sheet, the Group is in a solid position to deal with any future issues or interruptions to operations such as those presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The large investment in development assets (represented by 55% of non-current assets) positions the Group for production, boding well for future gold output.

Mr Cook added:

“Westgold is primed for a big FY2021. The substantial investment it has made over the past four years to build its overall dominance in the Central Murchison area is beginning to deliver value. The Board of Westgold has a stated objective to return profits to its shareholders with a dividend policy of 30% of NPAT. The Board looks forward to being in a position to expand upon and continue this trend following our full year financial report. Our long-term outlook is even more positive with substantial leverage to the gold price and from our long-term production profile underwriting massive opportunity for our shareholders to realise real returns.”

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