West High Yield (W.H.Y.) Resources Ltd. Advances Processing Pilot Program, and Announces Permitting Advancement and Closing of Non-Brokered Private Placement

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January 26, 2026 (Source) – West High Yield (W.H.Y.) Resources Ltd. (TSXV: WHY) (FSE: W0H) (the "**Company**" or "**West High Yield**") is pleased to announce: (i) the initiation of its proprietary processing pilot program at its magnesium/silica Record Ridge industrial minerals project (the "**Project**"); (ii) significant advancement in permitting and post-permit compliance activities of the Project; and (iii) the closing of a single tranche (the "**Closing**") of a conditionally approved non-brokered private placement offering (the "**Offering**") of units (the "**Units**").

Processing Pilot Program Update

The Company is pleased to report that it has initiated a pilot test of its proprietary metallurgical processing technology. A contract has been signed with Process Research Ortech Inc. ("**PRO**") of Mississauga, Ontario, to conduct the pilot test at PRO's laboratory facility.

Preparatory work is already underway, with pilot operations scheduled to begin in early February 2026 and completion, including delivery of a final report, expected in April 2026. This pilot program represents a significant step between the

successful laboratory-scale research previously conducted at Kingston Process Metallurgy ("**KPM**") in Kingston, Ontario, and future full-scale industrial implementation, providing critical data to validate process performance, operating parameters, and scalability.

The results from the pilot program are expected to provide essential data to support the initiation of a feasibility study for the Company's first commercial processing plant, which is planned to commence in mid-Q2 2026.

Permitting and Post-Permit Compliance Update

Since receiving its Mines Act Permit from the British Columbia Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals in October 2025 (the "**Permit**"), the Company has been working closely with its consultants and government authorities to advance the remaining permitting requirements under the Project. These include the *Environmental Management Act* (British Columbia) permit, a "Water Licence" under the British Columbia *Water Sustainability Act*, a "Licence to Cut" from the British Columbia Ministry of Forests, and a Mine Access Permit from the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Transit. Significant progress has been made toward securing these approvals, and the Company anticipates receiving the remaining permits in the near future. Further updates will be provided as each approval is obtained.

The Company and its consultants are actively engaged in the post-permit compliance phase, working to complete and submit all required studies and reports in advance of construction. Final designs for the Project's mine and access road have been completed, providing the technical foundation for the remaining compliance work.

The Company is confident that this phase will be finalized on schedule, positioning it to commence Project construction

activities in Q2 2026.

Grant of Multi-Year Area-Based Exploration Permit

The Company is also pleased to report that British Columbia Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals has granted it a multi-year area-based exploration permit valid for a five-year period. This permit authorizes the Company to carry out additional exploration activities, including drilling, on its mineral claims located outside the designated Record Ridge mining area, which is now fully covered under the existing Permit.

Closing of Non-Brokered Private Placement

The Closing under the Offering consisted of the issuance of 1,000,000 Units for gross proceeds of $500,000. The Units were issued at a price of $0.50 per Unit, with each Unit consisting of one (1) Common share of the Company (each, a "**Common Share**") and one-half (1/2) of one (1) Common Share purchase warrant (each, a "**Warrant**"). Each Warrant, together with CAD$0.65, entitles the holder thereof to acquire one (1) additional Common Share for twelve (12) months from the date of the Closing.

All securities comprising the Units issued on the Closing are subject to a trading hold period expiring four months plus one day from the date of issuance. The proceeds from the Closing have been and will be used by the Company to cover essential operations and for general working capital purposes and expenses.

After completion of the Closing, the Company confirms that the Offering has been completed in full. The Company received conditional approval for the Offering from the TSX Venture Exchange (the "**TSXV**") on January 20, 2026 by way of filing a price reservation form. Final approval of the Offering remains subject to approval by the TSXV, which the Company has submitted

for as of the date of this news release.

About West High Yield

West High Yield is a publicly traded junior mining exploration and development company, established in 2003, and focused on acquiring, exploring, and developing mineral resource properties in Canada. Its primary objective is to develop its Record Ridge critical mineral (magnesium, silica, and nickel) deposit using green processing techniques to minimize waste and CO_2 emissions.

The Company's Record Ridge critical mineral deposit located 10 kilometers southwest of Rossland, British Columbia has approximately 10.6 million tonnes of contained magnesium based on an independently produced *National Instrument 43-101* – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("**NI 43-101**") Preliminary Economic Assessment technical report (titled "Revised NI 43-101 Technical Report Preliminary Economic Assessment Record Ridge Project, British Columbia, Canada") prepared by SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc. on April 18, 2013 in accordance with NI 43-101 and which can be found on the Company's profile at https://www.sedarplus.ca.

Qualified Person

Rick Walker, B.Sc., M.Sc., P.Geo., the Company Geologist is a Qualified Person as defined in NI 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the technical information in this press release.

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