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### **Wesdome Gold Mines and Western Québec Mines to Consider Business Combination**

**Toronto, Ontario – April 17, 2007** –Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd. (WDO-T) (“Wesdome”) and Western Québec Mines Inc. (WQM-T) (“Western Quebec”) are pleased to announce that they are exploring the possibility of a business combination and that their boards have approved the combination in principle.

Western Québec, which owns approximately 33% of the outstanding common shares of Wesdome, owns 1000 hectares of land in the Val d’Or region, contiguous to Wesdome’s Val d’Or assets (3200 hectares) and Agnico-Eagle’s Goldex project. A business combination would increase Wesdome’s landholdings in the area by 31% and give Wesdome an expanded, contiguous and dominant land position in the Val d’Or Camp. This would add further exploration upside to Wesdome. The business combination would also serve to increase Wesdome’s liquidity and remove the control block of common shares currently owned by Western Québec. Reduced listing, legal and audit fees are other advantages of the business combination.

The consideration of a business combination by Wesdome and Western Québec is at a very preliminary stage and any potential transaction will be subject to the receipt of all necessary regulatory, board and shareholder approvals. While there is no set timeframe for the proposed transaction, the companies hope to report to their shareholders within the next few months.

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