

## NEWS RELEASE

### **WesternZagros Appoints Vice President, Kurdistan Business Unit**

**Calgary, Alberta – January 15, 2010** – WesternZagros Resources Ltd. (TSX-V – WZR) ("WesternZagros" or "the Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Ian McIntosh to the new position of Vice President, Kurdistan Business Unit, to be resident in Iraqi Kurdistan.

"I am delighted to welcome Ian to the WesternZagros team. His breadth of knowledge and international experience is particularly well-suited to our current exploration and operations activities in the Kurdistan region, as well as our future development plans," said Simon Hatfield, WesternZagros Chief Executive Officer. "Ian will play an important senior role in WesternZagros' growth."

Mr. McIntosh brings to the company over 30 years of international oil and gas experience. His experience encompasses the areas of development and production engineering, in-country management and business development. His extensive background includes positions at Petro-Canada Companies in Libya, Algeria and Tunisia; Adams Pearson Associates; Ranger Oil; British National Oil Corporation; and Shell International Petroleum. Mr. McIntosh holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons.), Civil Engineering from Edinburgh University and a Masters of Science in Rock Mechanics from University of Newcastle.

#### **About WesternZagros Resources Ltd.**

WesternZagros is an international natural resources company engaged in acquiring properties and exploring for, developing and producing crude oil and natural gas in Iraq. WesternZagros, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, holds a Production Sharing Contract with the Kurdistan Regional Government in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. WesternZagros' shares trade in Canada on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "WZR".

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*the exploration activities under the PSC, the ability to attract key personnel; the risk of commodity price and foreign exchange rate fluctuations.*

*All of WesternZagros' assets are located in Kurdistan. As such, WesternZagros is subject to political, economic, and other uncertainties of that region as well as risks of loss due to civil strife, acts of war, guerrilla activities and insurrections. WesternZagros' operations may be materially adversely affected by changes in government policies and legislation or social instability and other factors which are not within its control. Risks also include the uncertainty involved in the estimation of undiscovered resources. For further information on WesternZagros and the risks associated with its business, please see WesternZagros' Annual Information Form dated March 26, 2009 which is filed at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on the Company's web site.*

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