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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

The Board of Great Western Exploration Limited (ASX:GTE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Melbourne based businessman Mr Craig Mathieson to the Board.

Mr Mathieson has extensive commercial experience and is currently a Non Executive Director of Funtastic Ltd.

He is currently CEO of the Mathieson Group: a large family group with diverse investments including property, business and rural interests.

Mr Mathieson is a large shareholder in GTE.

Mr Arulampalam welcomed the appointment of Mr Mathieson.

“With his extensive commercial experience and high level contact base the Board sees the appointment of Mr Mathieson as complimenting the experience and expertise of the current board as the Company moves forward”.

Mr Mathieson said that he was excited about the prospects of Great Western.

“I am looking forward to my involvement with the Company; it has an experienced Board, strong technical team and excellent projects both overseas and locally with very strong potential to accelerate growth.

These projects include the highly prospective Spasskaya Copper project in Kazakhstan, the Doolgunna Project which represents one of the largest land holdings in a highly sought after region and the Forrestania Nickel Project which is the subject of a JV with Western Areas NL., all with excellent potential.”

J A Luckett
Managing Director