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**WASHINGTON RESOURCES LIMITED**

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**ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR**

30 November 2006

I welcome the members of Washington Resources who have attended here today, at the second annual general meeting of the Company since the Company was admitted to the ASX Official List on Monday, 14 November 2005 and commenced trading on Thursday 17 November 2005.

During the year since listing, the Company's principal achievements have been:

- Advancement of exploration at the Company's Yarawindah Brook project (Washington holding 80% and operator);
- Pro-rata entitlements issue, whereby shareholders had the opportunity of purchasing four options (25 cents, expiring 2009) for every five shares held;
- Exercise of the option to acquire shares in Sallies Limited and the subsequent sale of those shares (taking advantage of a significant rise in that company's share price) and thereby realising just under \$3 million after costs;
- Entry into a joint venture with Polaris Metals NL to combine the two companies' uranium exploration assets in Western Australia and the Northern Territory and the

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subsequent formation and successful IPO and ASX listing of Northern Uranium Limited in November 2006;

- o Formation of a joint venture with Reedy Lagoon Corporation Limited to explore for iron ore on Exploration Licence Applications 70/2719 and 70/2720.

Shareholders will tomorrow be sent a copy of an explanatory brochure in respect of exploration at Yarawindah Brook. You will see from the brochure that it is the Company's belief that only a small part of the rock units prospective for nickel-sulphide mineralization has been drill tested. Within the EL (EL 70/2301), Washington has made three significant drill intersections of nickel/copper-sulphide mineralization and located two prominent geophysical anomalies characteristic of massive sulphide mineralization.

It is worthwhile noting that the Company's two corporate investments during the past year (exercise of the Sallies options, plus the floating of Northern Uranium) have been very successful. Washington issued 8,858,320 shares to purchase the Sallies shares, which it later sold for approximately A\$2.85 million cash (net of costs). Washington holds 10 million shares in Northern Uranium, which since its initial quotation on 15 November 2006 has traded in or around 40 cents per share or more.

The Company has over \$4 million in cash reserves and is well-placed to take advantage of any opportunities to improve shareholder return, and the board and management are actively pursuing such potential opportunities (including through Washington's strategic alliance with Dwyka Diamonds Limited).

Shares were issued to employees and contractors during the year under the terms of the Washington Share Plan, which was described in the Company's IPO prospectus. No shares or options have been granted to directors under the Company's incentive plans, as shareholder approval is required. As members will be aware, seeking such approval is part of the formal business for today's meeting.

Item 2 of today's meeting, as shown in the notice, deals with re-election of Scott Huntly as a director. I would like to thank Scott and Grant Button, the two non-executive directors on the board, for their dedication and efforts during the year, and I look forward to their support and of all shareholders as we develop our exploration interests and seek other opportunities for the Company.

Thank you again for attending this Washington's second AGM as a listed company, and we will now proceed to the other business on the agenda.

Adrian Griffin  
Chairman and Managing Director