Western Sierra Mining Annnounces Engagement of Auditing Firm

LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--**Western Sierra Mining Corp. (OTC: WSRA)** announced today that the Company has recently filed on Form 8K that it has engaged the PCAOB member accounting firm of Moore & Associates, Chartered Accountants and Advisors, as its outside auditors. As part of the Company's plan to return to the OTC Bulletin Board, Moore & Associates will perform independent audits of Western's financial statements for the periods beginning December 31, 2004 through current.

Beginning with the period ended December 31, 2004, Western has filed unaudited quarterly financial statements with Pink Sheets. Western's books and records have been kept "audit ready" by the Company's Chief Financial Officer, who himself was also a member of the PCAOB. Western is currently classified by SEC is as a "fully-reporting Bulletin Board company, currently delinquent in its filings."

Commenting on the engagement of Moore & Associates, Western's VP-CFO, Dennis Atkins said: "Completing the outside audits of Western and bringing our SEC required filings current is an important part of the Company's long-term development plan for returning to full-trading status on the Bulletin Board. This elevated trading status is essential for the completion of ongoing financing agreements that are the underlying support for the Company's current mining acquisition and development programs both here in the U.S. and Mexico."

Western is still quoted on the Bulletin Board, but continues to trade on the Pink Sheets until the external and independent audits are completed and the Form 10Ks and 10Qs are filed. The Company expects the process to be completed within the next 60 days.

About Western Sierra Mining Corp

Western Sierra Mining is an aggressive gold and silver exploration and mining company focused on the historic mining districts of the Bradshaw mountains of Arizona, with additional areas of interest within Nevada and Mexico. Current projects include the SunGold, Oro Cache and the Big Chief mining group, all of which have demonstrated high-grade mineralization with previous histories of production. Western Sierra Management's intends to continue to acquire attractive gold and silver properties in Arizona, Nevada and Mexico, and to identify the character and size of our potential deposits. Long-term Company goals are to create maximum shareholder value by continuing to build a strong base of properties and advance these projects toward production or entering into joint-ventures with other Junior mining companies.

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This press release contains statements, which may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Those statements include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of Western Sierra Mining Corp., and members of its management as well as the assumptions on which such statements are based. Prospective investors are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, and that actual results may differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements. Important factors currently known to management that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-statements include fluctuation of operating results, the ability to compete successfully and the ability to complete before-mentioned transactions. The company undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results.

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