

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

January 23, 2013

<u>Via E-Mail</u> Mr. Julien François Chief Financial Officer Western Copper and Gold Corporation Suite 2050 - 1111 West Georgia Street Vancouver, British Columbia V6E 4M3

> Re: Western Copper and Gold Corporation Form 40-F for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011 Filed March 26, 2012 File No. 001-35075

Dear Mr. François:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/Tia L. Jenkins

Tia L. Jenkins Senior Assistant Chief Accountant Office of Beverages, Apparel, and Mining