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Washington, D.C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 2  
TO  
FORM S-4  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

WESTERN SIZZLIN CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	5812 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)	86-0723400 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the securities being registered on this form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box. "



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If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. "

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per unit	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (2)	Amount of registration fee (3)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	178,821	N/A	\$2,578,500	\$102

- (1) The Registrant has reduced the number of shares of Western common stock covered by this Registration Statement from 1,174,010 shares to 178,821 shares, which is the maximum number of shares of Western common stock that may be issued in the Registrant's amended exchange offer.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(f), and solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, the market value of the securities to be received by the Registrant was calculated as the product of (i) 2,700,000 shares of ITEX Corporation common stock, which is the maximum number of shares that may be purchased by the Registrant pursuant to its amended exchange offer, and (ii) the average of the high and low sales prices of ITEX Corporation common stock as quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board on March 10, 2008 (\$0.955).
- (3) The Registrant previously paid a registration fee of \$490 in connection with the filing of its initial Registration Statement on Form S-4 on December 27, 2007.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information contained in this prospectus may be changed. Western may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and Western is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

WESTERN SIZZLIN CORPORATION

Offer to Exchange  
Up to 2,700,000 Shares of Common Stock  
of  
ITEX CORPORATION  
for  
Shares of Western Sizzlin Corporation Common Stock  
by  
WESTERN SIZZLIN CORPORATION

at an Exchange Ratio of One Share of ITEX Corporation Common Stock for  
.06623 Shares of Western Sizzlin Corporation Common Stock

THE OFFER AND THE WITHDRAWAL RIGHTS WILL EXPIRE AT 5:00 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2008, REFERRED TO AS THE "EXPIRATION DATE," UNLESS EXTENDED. SHARES TENDERED PURSUANT TO THE OFFER MAY BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE.

Western Sizzlin Corporation is offering to exchange up to 2,700,000 shares of common stock of ITEX Corporation at an exchange ratio of one share of ITEX common stock for .06623 shares of Western common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, upon the terms and subject to the conditions in this prospectus and accompanying revised letter of transmittal. This offer is referred to in this prospectus as the "exchange offer," the "offer," the "amended exchange offer" or the "amended offer." In addition, you will receive cash instead of any fractional shares of Western common stock to which you may be entitled.

This prospectus amends and supersedes information included in the prospectus originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 27, 2007, which we refer to as the "original prospectus," as amended by the prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 1, 2008. Western's exchange offer contained in the original prospectus is referred to as the "original offer."

Western is seeking to acquire up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock in the offer for investment purposes. Following the consummation of the offer, Western intends to evaluate its investment in the ITEX common stock on a continual basis and may, from time to time, communicate with ITEX management, members of ITEX's board of directors and other stockholders of ITEX.

Western's common stock commenced trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "WEST" on February 25, 2008, and was previously quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol "WSZL.OB." ITEX's common stock is quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol "ITEX.OB." On December 12, 2007, the last full trading day before Western announced its intention to commence its original offer, the closing price of a share of Western common stock was \$15.40 and the closing price of a share of ITEX common stock was \$0.90. Based on these closing prices and the exchange ratio in the offer of one share of ITEX common stock for .06623 shares of Western common stock, the Western offer had a value of \$1.02 per share of ITEX common stock. This represents a 13% premium over ITEX's closing share price on December 12, 2007, a 20% premium over ITEX's six-month average closing share price

through December 12, 2007 and a 28% premium over ITEX's one-year average closing share price through December 12, 2007. On December 26, 2007, the last full trading day before the date of the original prospectus, based on the closing price of a share of Western common stock of \$18.00 and the closing price of a share of ITEX common stock of \$0.96, the Western offer had a value of \$1.19 per ITEX share, representing a 24% premium over ITEX's closing share price on December 26, 2007, a 38% premium over ITEX's six-month average closing share price through that date and a 48% premium over ITEX's one-year average closing share price through that date.

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FOR A DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN FACTORS THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER, PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE SECTION CAPTIONED “RISK FACTORS” BEGINNING ON PAGE 14.

Western’s obligation to exchange shares of Western common stock for shares of ITEX common stock is subject to specified conditions, which are more fully described in the section captioned “The Offer—Conditions of the Offer.” The offer is no longer conditioned on any minimum number of shares being tendered. Western has also eliminated a number of other significant conditions to the offer.

Western has not authorized any person to provide any information or to make any representation in connection with the offer other than the information contained in this prospectus, and if any person provides any of this information or makes any representation of this kind, that information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by Western.

WESTERN IS NOT ASKING YOU FOR A PROXY AND YOU ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SEND WESTERN A PROXY.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is March 13, 2008

THIS OFFER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A SOLICITATION OF PROXIES FOR ANY MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF ITEX. ANY SOLICITATION OF PROXIES WHICH WESTERN MIGHT MAKE WILL BE MADE ONLY PURSUANT TO SEPARATE PROXY OR CONSENT SOLICITATION MATERIALS COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED, OR THE “EXCHANGE ACT.” EACH STOCKHOLDER IS URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT REGARDING THE BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE APPLICABLE MEETING, IF AND WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. ANY SUCH PROXY STATEMENT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, OR “SEC.” ITEX STOCKHOLDERS WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF ANY PROXY STATEMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER FILINGS CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTIES (INCLUDING INFORMATION REGARDING THE PARTICIPANTS (WHICH MAY INCLUDE WESTERN’S OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS) IN THE PROXY SOLICITATION AND A DESCRIPTION OF THEIR DIRECT AND INDIRECT INTERESTS, BY SECURITY HOLDINGS OR OTHERWISE), FREE AT THE SEC’S WEB SITE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov). EACH SUCH PROXY STATEMENT (IF AND WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE) AND THESE OTHER DOCUMENTS MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FOR FREE FROM WESTERN AT [HTTP://WWW.WESTERN-SIZZLIN.COM](http://www.western-sizzlin.com).

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE TRANSACTION

The following are some of the questions that you as a holder of shares of ITEX Corporation, or "ITEX," common stock may have regarding the offer and answers to those questions. The answers to these questions do not contain all information relevant to your decision whether to tender your shares of ITEX common stock, and Western Sizzlin Corporation, or "Western," urges you to read carefully the remainder of this prospectus and revised letter of transmittal.

What is Western's Proposed Transaction?

Pursuant to the filing of the registration statement on Form S-4, of which this prospectus is a part, with the SEC, Western is offering to acquire up to 2,700,000 outstanding shares of ITEX common stock, in exchange for shares of Western common stock. According to ITEX's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended January 31, 2008, as of that date, there were 17,816,248 shares of ITEX common stock outstanding. As of the date of this prospectus, Western owned 700,714 shares of ITEX common stock, representing approximately 3.9% of the outstanding shares. If Western acquires the maximum 2,700,000 shares in the offer, it would own 3,400,714 shares of ITEX common stock, representing approximately 19.0% of the outstanding shares.

How Has Western Amended its Offer?

Western believes that its ability to successfully consummate its original offer for all of the outstanding shares of ITEX common stock was impeded by the ITEX board's and management's unwillingness to negotiate in good faith with Western. Accordingly, Western has amended its exchange offer to seek up to a maximum of 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock, at the same exchange ratio of one share of ITEX common stock for .06623 shares of Western common stock. Western is seeking to acquire these shares in the offer for investment purposes. As a result of its amended offer, Western has eliminated a number of significant conditions to the offer, as further described below.

If I Have Already Tendered My Shares of ITEX Common Stock, Do I Need to Do Anything to Tender into the Amended Offer?

If you have already tendered your shares of ITEX common stock, you do not need to do anything to tender into the amended offer. Shares of ITEX common stock validly tendered and not properly withdrawn prior to the date of this prospectus will automatically be considered to have been tendered pursuant to the terms of the amended offer set forth in this prospectus.

How Many Shares Will Western Purchase in the Offer?

Western will purchase up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock in the offer, or such lesser number of shares as are validly tendered and not properly withdrawn. If more than 2,700,000 shares are tendered, all shares tendered will be purchased on a pro rata basis. The offer is no longer conditioned on any minimum number of shares being tendered.

What Will I Receive in Exchange for My Shares of ITEX Common Stock?

In exchange for each share of ITEX common stock that is purchased pursuant to the offer, you will receive .06623 shares of Western common stock. In addition, you will receive cash instead of any fractional shares of Western common stock to which you may be entitled. The number of shares of Western common stock into which one share of ITEX common stock will be exchanged in the offer is sometimes referred to in this prospectus as the "exchange ratio." Western's common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market.



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### What is the Per Share Value of the Offer and the Premium Over ITEX's Share Price?

On December 12, 2007, the last full trading day before Western announced its intention to commence its original offer, the closing price of a share of Western common stock was \$15.40 and the closing price of a share of ITEX common stock was \$0.90. Based on these closing prices and the exchange ratio in the offer of one share of ITEX common stock for .06623 shares of Western common stock, the Western offer had a value of \$1.02 per share of ITEX common stock. This represents a 13% premium over ITEX's closing share price on December 12, 2007, a 20% premium over ITEX's six-month average closing share price through December 12, 2007 and a 28% premium over ITEX's one-year average closing share price through December 12, 2007. On December 26, 2007, the last full trading day before the date of the original prospectus, based on the closing price of a share of Western common stock of \$18.00 and the closing price of a share of ITEX common stock of \$0.96, the Western offer had a value of \$1.19 per ITEX share, representing a 24% premium over ITEX's closing share price on December 26, 2007, a 38% premium over ITEX's six-month average closing share price through that date and a 48% premium over ITEX's one-year average closing share price through that date.

The value of the offer will change as the market prices of Western common stock and ITEX common stock fluctuate during the offer period and thereafter, and may therefore be different from the prices set forth above at the expiration of the offer period and at the time you receive your shares of Western common stock. Stockholders are encouraged to obtain current market quotations for shares of Western and ITEX common stock prior to making any decision with respect to the offer. See "Risk Factors" and "Comparative Market Price Data."

### What does the Board of Directors of ITEX Think of the Offer?

On January 11, 2008, ITEX filed a solicitation/recommendation statement with the SEC on Schedule 14D-9 announcing that its board of directors determined that the original offer was inadequate and not in the best interests of ITEX or its stockholders and recommended that ITEX's stockholders reject the original offer and not tender their ITEX shares in the original offer. ITEX's board of directors has not approved the amended offer or otherwise commented on it as of the date of this prospectus.

### Have You Discussed the Offer with the Board of Directors of ITEX?

We were only given the opportunity to discuss the original offer generally with members of the board of directors of ITEX. We informed ITEX that we would like to meet with its full board of directors as promptly as possible to negotiate the original offer with them, but were never granted such a meeting. We have not discussed the amended offer with ITEX management or its board of directors in view of their previous unwillingness to negotiate with us in good faith.

### What are the Conditions of the Offer? What Conditions Have Been Eliminated?

Western's obligation to exchange shares of Western common stock for shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer is subject to several conditions referred to below under "The Offer—Conditions of the Offer," including the following:

- the "registration statement condition"—the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part shall have become effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, referred to in this prospectus as the "Securities Act," no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the SEC and Western shall have received all necessary state securities law or "blue sky" authorizations; and

- the “listing condition”—Western’s common stock shall have been approved for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market or other national securities exchange reasonably acceptable to Western, and the shares of Western common stock to be issued pursuant to the offer shall have been authorized for listing on such national securities exchange, subject to official notice of issuance. Western’s common stock was approved for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market and commenced trading on Nasdaq on February 25, 2008.

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The satisfaction or existence of any of the conditions to the offer, including those set forth above, will be determined by Western in its reasonable discretion. Any and all conditions to the offer, including those set forth above, may be waived (to the extent legally permissible) by Western in its reasonable discretion.

As a result of the amended offer, Western has eliminated the following conditions to the offer, and the offer is no longer subject to the satisfaction of these conditions :

- the “minimum tender condition”—there shall have been validly tendered and not properly withdrawn prior to the expiration of the offer that number of shares of ITEX common stock representing, together with the shares owned by Western and its affiliates, at least 60% of the total voting power of all of the outstanding securities of ITEX entitled to vote generally in the election of directors or in a merger, calculated on a fully diluted basis immediately prior to the expiration of the offer;
- the “control share condition”—Western must be satisfied, in its reasonable discretion, that the provisions of Section 78.378, et seq. of the Nevada Revised Statutes, referred to in this prospectus as the “Nevada Control Share Statute,” do not and will not apply to the shares of ITEX common stock to be acquired pursuant to the offer or are invalid or the stockholders of ITEX must have approved full voting rights for all of the shares of ITEX common stock to be acquired by Western pursuant to the offer under the Nevada Control Share Statute;
- the “business combination condition”—Western must be satisfied, in its reasonable discretion, that, after consummation of the offer, Section 78.411, et seq. of the Nevada Revised Statutes will not prohibit or restrict for any period of time the merger or any other business combination involving ITEX and Western or an affiliate or associate of Western;
  - the “antitrust condition”—any waiting periods under applicable antitrust laws shall have expired or terminated;
- the “ITEX debt condition”—Western shall have received all consents, waivers and approvals required under the terms of ITEX’s indebtedness in order for Western to consummate the offer; and
- της στοχκηολδερ αππροωαλ χονδιτιον Ωεστερν σ στοχκηολδερσ σηαλλ ηαπε αππροωεδ, ασ ανδ το τη εξτεντ ρεθυιρεδ βψ τη ρυλεσ οφ ανψ νατιοναλ σεχυριτιεσ εξχηανγε ον ωηιχη τη Ωεστερν χομμον στοχκ ισ λιστεδ, τη ισσυανχε οφ σηαρεσ οφ Ωεστερν χομμον στοχκ πυρσυαντ το τη οφφερ.

Will I Be Taxed on the Western Common Stock I Receive?

The receipt of Western common stock by a U.S. holder in exchange for its shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer is expected to be a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. For a discussion of material U.S. federal tax consequences of the offer, see the section captioned “The Offer—Taxation.”

**BECAUSE TAX MATTERS ARE COMPLICATED, WESTERN URGES YOU TO CONTACT YOUR OWN TAX ADVISOR TO DETERMINE THE PARTICULAR TAX CONSEQUENCES TO YOU OF THE OFFER.**

Is Western’s Financial Condition Relevant to My Decision to Tender in the Offer?

Yes. Western’s financial condition is relevant to your decision to tender your shares because shares of ITEX common stock accepted in the offer will be exchanged for shares of Western common stock. You should therefore consider Western’s financial condition before you decide to become one of Western’s stockholders through the offer. This prospectus contains financial information regarding Western and ITEX, which we encourage you to review.



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### What Percentage of Western's Shares Will Former Holders of Shares of ITEX Common Stock Own After the Offer?

Based on the exchange ratio for the offer, Western estimates that if the maximum 2,700,000 ITEX shares are exchanged pursuant to the offer, former ITEX stockholders would own, in the aggregate, approximately 6.2% of the outstanding shares of Western common stock. For a detailed discussion of the assumptions on which this estimate is based, see "The Offer—Ownership of Western After the Offer."

### How Long Do I Have to Decide Whether to Tender in the Offer?

You have until 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 to decide whether to tender your shares in the offer unless Western extends the period of time during which the offer is open. If you cannot deliver everything required to make a valid tender to Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, the exchange agent for the offer, prior to such time, you may be able to use a guaranteed delivery procedure to tender your shares in the offer, which is described in "The Offer—Guaranteed Delivery." When Western makes reference to the "expiration of the offer" or the "expiration date" anywhere in this prospectus, this is the time to which Western is referring, including, when applicable, any extension period that may apply.

### Can the Offer Be Extended and Under What Circumstances?

Western may, in its sole discretion, extend the offer at any time or from time to time. For instance, the offer may be extended if any of the conditions specified in "The Offer—Conditions of the Offer" are not satisfied prior to the scheduled expiration date of the offer. Because the amended offer is for less than all of the outstanding ITEX common stock, Western may not elect to provide a "subsequent offering period" for the offer.

### How Will I Be Notified if the Offer is Extended?

If Western decides to extend the offer, it will inform the exchange agent of that fact and will make a public announcement of the extension, not later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the business day after the day on which the offer was scheduled to expire.

### How Do I Tender My Shares?

To tender shares, you must deliver the certificates representing your shares, together with a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, to the exchange agent not later than the time the offer expires. If your shares are held in street name by your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, such nominee can tender your shares through The Depository Trust Company. If you cannot deliver everything required to make a valid tender to the exchange agent for the offer prior to the expiration of the offer, you may have a limited amount of additional time by having a broker, a bank or other fiduciary that is a member of the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program or other eligible institution guarantee that the missing items will be received by the exchange agent within three business days after the expiration of the offer by using the enclosed revised notice of guaranteed delivery. However, the exchange agent must receive the missing items within that three business day period.

Tendering stockholders may use either the revised letter of transmittal and the revised notice of guaranteed delivery circulated with this prospectus or the original letter of transmittal and the original notice of guaranteed delivery previously circulated with the original prospectus. Stockholders using the original letter of transmittal to tender their shares will nevertheless be deemed to be tendering pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in this prospectus and the enclosed revised letter of transmittal.



For a complete discussion on the procedures for tendering your shares, see “The Offer—Procedure for Tendering” and “The Offer—Guaranteed Delivery.”

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### Will I Have to Pay any Fee or Commission to Exchange Shares of ITEX Common Stock?

If you are the record owner of your shares and you tender your shares in the offer, you will not have to pay any brokerage fees, commissions or similar expenses. If you own your shares through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee tenders your shares on your behalf, they may charge a fee for doing so. You should consult your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee to determine whether any charges will apply.

### Until What Time Can I Withdraw Tendered Shares?

You can withdraw tendered shares at any time until the offer has expired and, if Western has not agreed to accept your shares for exchange by the expiration date, you can withdraw them at any time after that date until it accepts shares for exchange. For a complete discussion on the procedures for withdrawing your shares, see “The Offer—Withdrawal Rights.”

### How Do I Withdraw Tendered Shares?

To withdraw shares, you must deliver a written notice of withdrawal, or a facsimile of one, with the required information to the exchange agent for the offer, while you have the right to withdraw the shares. If you tendered shares by giving instructions to a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, you must instruct the broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee to arrange for the withdrawal of your shares. For a complete discussion on the procedures for withdrawing your shares, see “The Offer—Withdrawal Rights.”

### When and How Will I Receive the Western Shares for My Tendered Shares?

Western will exchange up to 2,700,000 validly tendered and not properly withdrawn shares promptly after the expiration date of the offer, subject to the terms of the offer and the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to the offer, as set forth in “The Offer—Conditions of the Offer.” Western will exchange your validly tendered and not properly withdrawn shares by depositing shares of Western common stock with the exchange agent, which will act as your agent for the purpose of receiving shares from Western and transmitting such shares to you. In all cases, exchange of tendered shares will be made only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of certificates for such shares (or of a confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such shares as described in “The Offer—Procedure for Tendering”) and a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal and any other required documents for such shares.

### If I Decide Not to Tender, How Will the Offer Affect My Shares?

The exchange of shares of ITEX common stock by Western pursuant to the offer will likely reduce the number of holders of ITEX common stock and could adversely affect the liquidity and market value of the shares of ITEX common stock. See “The Offer—Effect of the Offer on the Market for Shares of ITEX Common Stock; Registration Under the Exchange Act; Margin Regulations.”

### Are Dissenters’ Rights Available in the Offer?

Dissenters’ rights are the rights of stockholders, in certain cases, to receive “fair value” for their shares, plus accrued interest, as determined by a statutorily-prescribed process, which may include a judicial appraisal process. Dissenters’ rights are not available in the offer. See “The Offer—Purpose of the Offer; Dissenters’ Rights.”

### What is the Market Value of My Shares of ITEX Common Stock as of a Recent Date?

On December 12, 2007, the last full trading day before Western announced its intention to commence the original offer, the closing price of a share of common stock of ITEX as quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board was \$0.90. On March 11, 2008, the closing price of a share of ITEX common stock was \$0.95. Western advises you to obtain a recent quotation for the ITEX common stock before deciding whether to tender your shares.

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Why Does the Cover Page to this Prospectus State that the Offer is Subject to Change and that the Registration Statement Filed with the SEC is not yet Effective? Does this Mean that the Offer has not Commenced?

No. Completion of this preliminary prospectus and effectiveness of the registration statement are not necessary for the offer to commence. We cannot, however, accept for exchange any shares tendered in the offer or exchange any shares of ITEX common stock until the registration statement is declared effective by the SEC and the other conditions to the offer have been satisfied or, to the extent legally permissible, waived.

Where Can I Find More Information on Western and ITEX?

You can find more information about Western and ITEX from various sources described in the section captioned "Where You Can Find More Information."

Who Can I Talk to If I Have Questions About the Offer?

You can call Morrow & Co., LLC, the information agent for the offer, at the numbers below.

The information agent for the offer is:

MORROW & CO., LLC

470 West Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902

E-mail: [offer.info@morrowco.com](mailto:offer.info@morrowco.com)

Banks and Brokerage Firms, Please Call: 203.658.9400  
Stockholders Call Toll Free: 800.607.0088

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Western and ITEX file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports, statements or other information that Western and ITEX file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information regarding the public reference room. Western's and ITEX's public filings also are available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and at the Internet website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Western has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 to register with the SEC the offering and sale of shares of Western common stock to be issued in the offer. This prospectus is a part of that registration statement. As allowed by SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all of the information that you can find in the registration statement or the exhibits to the registration statement. For further information, reference is made to the registration statement and its exhibits. Western has filed, and may in the future file, amendments to the registration statement. In addition, on December 27, 2007, Western filed with the SEC a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO under the Exchange Act, together with exhibits, to furnish certain information about the offer, and Western has filed, and may in the future file, amendments to the Schedule TO. You may obtain copies of the Form S-4 and Schedule TO (and any amendments to those documents) by contacting the information agent as directed on the back cover of this prospectus.

YOU SHOULD RELY ONLY ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS IN MAKING YOUR DECISION WHETHER TO TENDER YOUR SHARES OF ITEX COMMON STOCK INTO WESTERN'S OFFER. WESTERN HAS NOT AUTHORIZED ANYONE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION THAT DIFFERS FROM THAT CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS. THIS PROSPECTUS IS DATED MARCH 13, 2008. YOU SHOULD NOT ASSUME THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS IS ACCURATE AS OF ANY DATE OTHER THAN THAT DATE, AND NEITHER THE MAILING OF THIS PROSPECTUS TO STOCKHOLDERS NOR THE ISSUANCE OF SHARES OF WESTERN COMMON STOCK IN WESTERN'S OFFER SHALL CREATE ANY IMPLICATION TO THE CONTRARY.

NOTE ON ITEX INFORMATION

In respect of information relating to ITEX's business, operations and management presented in, or omitted from, this prospectus, Western has relied upon publicly available information, primarily information publicly filed by ITEX with the SEC. Information publicly filed by ITEX may be examined and copies may be obtained at the places and in the manner set forth in the section captioned "Where You Can Find More Information." Western is not affiliated with ITEX, and non-public information concerning ITEX was not available to Western for the purpose of preparing this prospectus. ITEX has not cooperated with Western in, and has not been involved in, the preparation of this prospectus and has not verified the information contained in this prospectus relating to ITEX. Publicly available information concerning ITEX may contain errors. Western has no knowledge that would indicate that any statements contained herein regarding ITEX's operations, financial condition or con