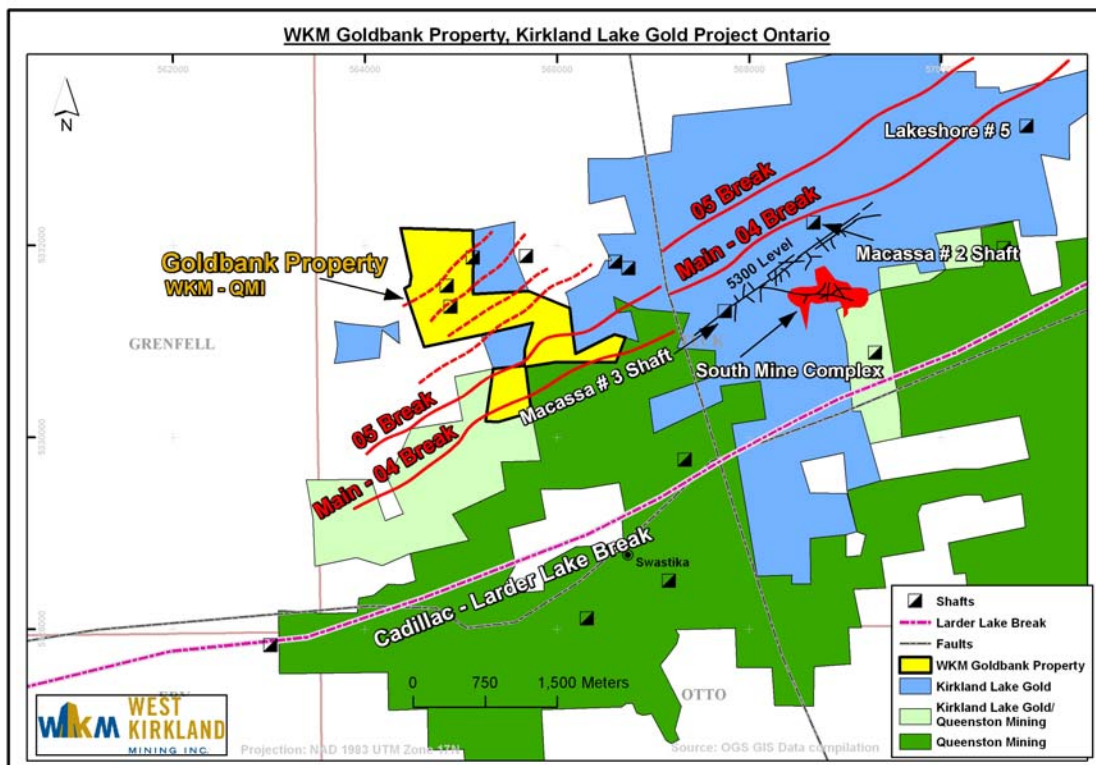


West Kirkland Options Property adjoining Kirkland Lake Macassa Gold Mine from Queenston Mining

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, December 23, 2010 - West Kirkland Mining Inc. (“WKM-TSXV”) (“West Kirkland” or the “Company”) announces the execution of an earn-in option agreement (the “Agreement”) with Queenston Mining (QMI: TSX) (“Queenston”) on the 239 hectare Goldbanks Property (the “Property”) located adjacent to Kirkland Lake Gold’s Macassa Mine and Mill Complex.

Interpretation by Queenston Mining on the Property has revealed six “Break” structures, including an interpreted extension of the ’04 Break-Main Break, which hosted 24 million ounces of past gold production from seven mines. West Kirkland will immediately begin compiling existing data, and plans to drill the property in 2011. Historic drilling has given results up to 6.5 g/t Au over 1.8 meters, and remains open to depth.

Michael G. Allen, Vice President of Exploration for the Company stated: “The Goldbanks Property is within sight and along strike of Kirkland Lake Gold’s #3 shaft. This property is consistent with our long term objectives and extends our 80 square kilometer aggregate land position along the Cadillac-Larder Lake Break to adjoining mines.”



West Kirkland has the option to acquire a 60% interest in the property by paying an aggregate of \$400,000 in cash and incurring \$200,000 in exploration expenditures within 24 months of signing the Agreement. The Goldbanks portion of the Property is subject to a variable Net Smelter Royalty (NSR) of up to 2.5%; the Obradovich portion of the property is subject to a 2% NSR, one half (1%) of which can be purchased for \$1,000,000.

Qualified Person, Verification, Quality Control and Assurance

Michael G. Allen, P. Geo is the non-independent qualified person for this news release. He has relevant experience in exploration and development projects in North America over the past twelve years. Data provided on the Goldbanks Property was provided by the vendor, Queenston Mining, and has not been verified by West Kirkland but is believed to be reliable.

About West Kirkland Mining

West Kirkland Mining was formed in 2010 to focus on gold exploration along major trends in North America. The Company has consolidated significant mineral rights positions in the Kirkland Lake area of Ontario and within major gold trends of North Eastern Nevada – two of North America's premier gold jurisdictions. The founders and Board of West Kirkland Mining have successful gold discovery, development and mine operations experience in both Ontario and Nevada over the past 40 years.

For further information, please see the Company's website at www.wkmining.com or contact us by email at info@wkmining.com or call:

West Kirkland Mining Inc.

R. Michael Jones or Michael Allen or Matthew Chandler at (604) 685-8311

Or

Sequoia Partners

Don Graham: 778-558-4310 or don@sequoiapartners.ca

James Beesley: 778-389-7715 or james@sequoiapartners.ca

Neither the TSX Venture Exchange the TSX nor its Regulation Services Provider (as that term is defined in the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange or the TSX) accepts responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this release.

Disclaimer for Forward-Looking Information

This press release contains forward-looking information within the meaning of Canadian securities laws. Such information includes, without limitation, information regarding proposed exploration activities. Although the Company believes that such information is reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking information is typically identified by words such as: believe, expect, anticipate, intend, estimate, postulate and similar expressions, or are those, which, by their nature, refer to future events. The Company cautions investors that any forward-looking information provided by the Company is not a guarantee of future results or performance, and that actual results may differ materially from those in forward looking information as a result of various factors, including, but not limited to, the state of the financial markets for the Company's equity securities, the state of the market for gold or other minerals that may be produced generally, recent market volatility; variations in the nature, quality and quantity of any mineral deposits that may be located, the Company's ability to obtain any necessary permits, consents or authorizations required for its activities, to raise the necessary capital or to be fully able to implement its business strategies and other risks associated with the exploration and development of mineral properties. The reader is referred to the Company's Filing Statement dated March 31, 2010 for a more complete discussion of such risk factors and their potential effects, a copy of which may be accessed through the Company's page on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.