

## **West Kirkland Adds to Its Technical Team and Commences Drilling in Nevada**

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, April 13, 2011 – West Kirkland Mining Inc. (WKM: TSX-V)** (“West Kirkland” or the “Company”) is pleased to report the addition of Kent Samuelson to its technical team as Manager, Nevada & Utah, as well as the commencement of drilling in Nevada.

Mr. Samuelson is a Professional Geologist with over 25 years of exploration and development experience throughout the western United States. Recently, Mr. Samuelson was the Geology Manager who led the three-year discovery and delineation program at Fronteer Gold’s Long Canyon project, which resulted in the discovery of over two million ounces of gold. Mr. Samuelson will be leading West Kirkland’s exploration efforts on its 12 property, 257km<sup>2</sup> land package in northeastern Nevada and Utah.

“Kent’s discovery track record makes him a key addition to our Nevada team. His efforts at Long Canyon directly lead to the recent purchase of Fronteer Gold by Newmont Mining for \$2.3 billion. We’re excited to have Kent join our team and help us advance our portfolio of properties in the United States.” said Michael G. Allen, West Kirkland’s Vice President of Exploration.

In addition, the Company is pleased to announce the commencement of drilling on the KB Property. Major Drilling America, Inc. has mobilized a reverse circulation rig to the property and is drilling targets generated by soil and rock sampling.

Eleven of West Kirkland’s Nevada properties, including the KB Project, are held under an option agreement with Fronteer Gold where West Kirkland can acquire a majority 60 per cent interest. These assets are included in the recent takeover of Fronteer Gold by Newmont Mining.

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