

West Kirkland Intercepts 7.88 g/t Gold Over 2.41 Meters Within 1.04 g/t Gold Over 47.70 Meters - Long Canyon Trend, Nevada

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, August 16, 2011 - West Kirkland Mining Inc. (WKM:TSXV) (“West Kirkland” or the “Company”) is pleased to report assay results from the Company’s second core hole on its TUG property, which is currently under option from Newmont Mining Corporation (“Newmont”). Hole WT11-002 cut 7.88 g/t gold and 69.19 g/t silver over 2.41 meters within a broader gold bearing intercept of 47.7 meters grading 1.04 g/t gold and 24.65 g/t silver.

This gold silver bearing interval is important for three reasons;

- 1) It expands the deposit north of the previous intercepts and indicates the deposit is open to the north;
- 2) It confirms that the hinge of the gentle fold in the known gold-silver mineralization is prospective for high grades and good thickness near surface; and
- 3) The high gold-silver values extend into a root zone with structural control and this model has not been tested by previous shallow reverse circulation drilling. This type of mineralization may also be present and untested along the large regional exploration terrain that West Kirkland controls.

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)
WT11-002	165.81	213.51	47.70	1.04	24.65
including	165.81	170.38	4.57	3.39	83.34
and	211.10	213.51	2.41*	7.88	69.19

* 56% recovery over this interval.

Intervals were calculated using all assays for the given interval and length weighting the assays to create the interval values. No capping or bottom cuts were used.

Details

The Company’s geologists estimate a true thickness of 70% of the drilled interval.

WT11-002 is located at the northern end of the TUG deposit, approximately 75 meters beyond any historic drilling and approximately 735 meters to the northwest of the Company’s previously announced hole WT11-001 which cut 15.48 meters of 3.08 g/t gold and 94.75 g/t silver (See July 19, 2011 News Release). WT11-002 was designed to test for the northern extension of the TUG deposit along the easterly flank of an interpreted northwesterly trending anticline, beyond the known mineralization. The thickness of the intercept in hole WT11-002 may be an indication of a new mineralizing centre that has not been tested by previous drilling.

Michael G. Allen, Vice President of Exploration for West Kirkland said, "The results from WT11-002 opens up the northern end of the deposit. WT11-003, which was set up from the same set up as WT11-002, was designed to test for the mineralized TUG horizon down dip of hole WT11-002. We await assay results from hole WT11-003 at this time and drilling is continuing."

The TUG property is contiguous with 900 square kilometers (220,000 acres) of mineral rights in the Long Canyon Trend that the Company has optioned through a recent transaction with Rubicon Minerals Corporation ("Rubicon"). The combined Newmont and Rubicon option agreements give West Kirkland a dominant land position within the Long Canyon Trend and will be the focus of the Company's exploration efforts in Nevada.

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Samples of drill core were saw cut, with half the cut core placed in individual sealed polyurethane bags and half placed back in the original core box for permanent storage. Drill core samples were delivered directly by West Kirkland personnel to the ALS Chemex prep lab in Winnemucca Nevada. Prepared pulps were shipped by ALS Chemex to their North Vancouver Lab where gold was determined by fire assay fusion with Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP) finish. Gold samples that assayed greater than 1 g/t were re-assayed using gravimetric analytical methods. Silver samples that assayed greater than 100 g/t were re-assayed using four acid digestion with ICP finish. ALS Chemex's North Vancouver Lab is ISO 9001:2008 certified and also is ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accredited by the Standards Council of Canada for the assay methods employed.

Michael G. Allen, Vice President of Exploration for West Kirkland, and a Qualified Person as defined by Canadian National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed the information contained in this news release and has also verified the analytical data for drill core samples disclosed in this release by reviewing the blanks, duplicates and certified reference material that the Company inserted into the sample stream and confirming that they fall within limits as determined by acceptable industry practice. He is the non-independent qualified person for this new release and has verified the data.

About West Kirkland Mining

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