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## **WEST KIRKLAND ANNOUNCES \$4,000,500 PRIVATE PLACEMENT**

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**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, June 20, 2012 - West Kirkland Mining Inc. (WKM:TSXV)** (“West Kirkland” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has arranged a private placement with PI Financial Corp. and Cormark Securities Inc. as co leads and joint book runners (the “Underwriters”), to raise gross proceeds of up to \$4,000,500 (the “Offering”). The Offering will consist of the issuance of 11,430,000 units (the “Units”) of the Company at a price of \$0.35 per Unit. Each Unit will consist of one common share in the capital of the Company (a “Common Share”) and one-half of one common share purchase warrant. Each whole common share purchase warrant (a “Warrant”) will entitle the holder to acquire one Common Share at a price of \$0.60 for a period of 18 months from the Closing Date.

All securities issued pursuant to the Offering will be subject to a four month hold period. Completion of the Offering is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including TSX Venture Exchange acceptance of the Offering. The aggregate proceeds raised from the issuance of the Units will be used for general exploration expenditures and for general corporate purposes. Closing of the Offering is expected to be on or about July 11, 2012 (the “Closing Date”).

As consideration for their services, the Underwriters will receive a cash commission of 7% of the gross proceeds of the Offering.

The Company has also granted the Underwriters an Over Allotment Option which will allow for the Underwriters to purchase up to 15% additional Units up until the Closing Date.

Michael G. Allen, Vice President of Exploration of West Kirkland said, “This financing will allow the Company to continue our drilling programs and commence engineering work on our TUG project along the Utah-Nevada border. We have a large land position and recently announced our first resource estimate in the Long Canyon Trend in Nevada. This will be our focus for the balance of 2012.”

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## 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.

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