

**WEST KIRKLAND CLOSSES PRIVATE PLACEMENT
FOR GROSS PROCEEDS OF \$1.69 MILLION**

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, July 20, 2012 - West Kirkland Mining Inc. (WKM:TSXV) (“West Kirkland” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the closing of a brokered, best efforts private placement (the “Offering”) announced on June 20, 2012 with PI Financial Corp. and Cormark Securities Inc. as co-leads (the “Brokers”). The Company completed the sale of 4,828,603 units (the “Units”) of the Company at a price of \$0.35 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$1,690,011.

Each Unit consists 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”) entitles the holder to acquire one Common Share at a price of \$0.60 for a period of 18 months from the closing date of the Offering.

All securities issued pursuant to the Offering will be subject to a four month hold period. The aggregate proceeds raised from the issuance of the Units will be used for exploration expenditures and for general corporate purposes.

As consideration for their services, the Brokers have received a cash commission of \$133,635, representing 7% of the gross proceeds of the Offering plus additional fees.

Michael G. Allen, Vice President of Exploration of West Kirkland said, “West Kirkland will continue its drilling program in the Long Canyon Trend including our high-priority targets on the 12 Mile and Toano properties. Also, we will commence engineering work, following our recently announced resource estimate, on our TUG project along the Utah-Nevada border.”

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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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