

**WEST KIRKLAND MINING INC. ANNOUNCES \$5.0 MILLION BEST
EFFORTS OFFERING OF UNITS**

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January 18, 2013 – West Kirkland Mining Inc. (TSX-V:WKM, the "Company") announces that the Company has entered into an agreement with Cormark Securities Inc. and PI Financial Corp. (the "Agents") to offer for sale (the "Offering"), on a best efforts agency basis, up to 20,000,000 units (the "Units") of the Company at a price of \$0.25 per Unit (the "Offering Price") for gross proceeds of up to \$5.0 million. Each Unit will consist of one common share in the capital of the Company (a "Common Share") and one share purchase warrant (a "Warrant"). Each Warrant will entitle the holder to acquire one Common Share at a price of \$0.40 for a period of one year following the closing date.

The Company will pay the Agents a cash commission equal to 7.0% of the gross proceeds of the offering. Closing of the offering is anticipated to occur on or before February 7, 2013 and is subject to receipt of applicable regulatory approvals including approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

The net proceeds of the Offering will be used for exploration activities on the Company's properties and for general corporate purposes.

The securities described herein have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States unless registered under the Act or unless an exemption from registration is available.

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 within the major gold trends of Nevada/Utah and in the Kirkland Lake area of Ontario - 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.

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