

## **West Kirkland Appoints McVey, Commences TUG Deposit Permitting Process**

**March 4, 2013 – West Kirkland Mining Inc. (TSX-V:WKM, the "Company")** is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Sandy McVey, P.Eng., as its Chief Operating Officer. Mr. McVey has over 30 years of experience in mine and construction management in Canada, the USA and Africa. He joined the Company in November 2012 as Manager, Projects, after completing the successful design, permitting and construction of an underground silver mine in Texas. Mr. McVey will spearhead the development of the company's TUG project, a gold/silver asset in Utah and has commissioned Roscoe Postle Associates Inc. (RPA) to produce a Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) by May of this year.

The design drawings of the PEA will form the basis of construction and operating permit applications. The Company envisions a conventional shallow, open pit and heap leach operation with a low stripping ratio and minimal stripping in the first two years.

The TUG deposit is four miles from paved highway and is exposed at surface. Grid power and water are both available. These features may provide for a shorter construction period, lower risk and improved project economics. Pending the outcome of the PEA, permitting and additional studies, a construction decision on the TUG project could occur within the second quarter of 2013.

R. Michael Jones, West Kirkland President and CEO said, "Sandy has already made significant inroads on the development of TUG and we're pleased to have his commitment to lead the project."

The Company has well advanced in collecting field data for the upcoming PEA and permitting. Geotechnical and hydrogeological investigations have been completed, as well as drilling of metallurgical samples. The Company is working closely with regulators in Utah, a mining-friendly jurisdiction, on TUG permitting. It is important to note that TUG has an inferred mineral resource and no mineral reserves. The Company is advancing permitting and other design information notwithstanding the lack of mineral reserves and there can be no assurance that the inferred mineral resources will ever be classified as mineral reserves or be increased in the mineral resource category.

The TUG property is under option from Frontier Development (USA) Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Newmont Mining Corporation ("Newmont"). Under the agreement, West Kirkland can earn a 60% interest in the property by spending a total of \$4,000,000. To date the Company has spent approximately \$3,400,000 and has secured a 51% interest in the property by completing the first earn in right.

### **TUG Property Details**

The TUG property is located in Box Elder County Utah. West Kirkland is earning its interest in the TUG property through an option agreement with Newmont. The TUG property hosts a

shallow oxidized gold resource that was extensively drilled by previous operators, including Noranda, Phelps Dodge and Western States Minerals. Upon optioning the property, West Kirkland completed the first three-dimensional compilation of the historic data and expanded the resource through drilling. West Kirkland completed the first NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate on the TUG deposit on June 1, 2012. The inferred TUG mineral resource was estimated by Caracle Creek International Consultants to be 679,000 gold equivalent ounces contained in 27,110,000 tonnes grading 0.49 g/t Au and 15.8 g/t Ag using a cut-off 0.1 g/t Au. For further information on the TUG resource please refer to the Company's June 1, 2012 news release and the technical report titled "Independent Technical Report and Estimated Resources for TUG Property, Utah, United States" dated effective June 1, 2012 and filed with SEDAR.

Independent, NI 43-101 compliant inferred mineral resources at the TUG property were estimated by Jason Baker P.Eng., a Geological Engineer with Caracle Creek and an independent qualified person in accordance with the independence tests set out in NI 43-101. The inferred mineral resources are reported in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 and have been estimated in compliance with the latest CIM Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves.

Julie Selway, Ph.D., P.Geo, a Senior Geologist with Caracle Creek International Consulting and an independent Qualified Person, verified the analytical data used to create the inferred mineral resource estimate.

Michael G. Allen, Vice President of Exploration for West Kirkland, and a non-independent qualified person as defined by NI 43-101, has reviewed and approved the technical information in this news release other than the inferred mineral resource estimate, including but not limited to the plans of the Company.

### **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.

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