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**WEST KIRKLAND CLOSSES \$29.2 MILLION IN FIRST TRANCHE
OF FINANCINGS**

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, April 17, 2014 – Further to its press releases of March 11, 2014 and April 9, 2014, West Kirkland Mining Inc. (WKM:TSXV) (“West Kirkland” or the “Company”) announces that it has closed the fully marketed prospectus offering (the “Prospectus Offering”) of units of the Company (the “Units”), as well as the first tranche of the non-brokered private placement offering of Units under substantially similar terms as the Prospectus Offering (the “Non-Brokered Offering”, and together with the Prospectus Offering, the “Offerings”). Pursuant to the Offerings, the Company issued 194,907,833 Units at a price of \$0.15 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of C\$29,236,175, including the partial exercise of the Over-Allotment Option. Each Unit in the Offerings consists of one common share (each, a “Common Share”) of the Company and one common share purchase warrant (each, a “Warrant”), with each Warrant exercisable for one common share (each, a “Warrant Share”) at a price of \$0.30 at any time prior to 5:00 pm on April 17, 2014.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Offerings to fund the acquisition payment of US\$19.5 million to Allied Nevada Gold Corp. in connection with the acquisition of a 75% interest in the Hasbrouck gold project on or before April 24, 2014 and for general corporate purposes. R. Michael Jones, President, CEO and co-founder of West Kirkland said, “We are very pleased to see such solid support from our institutional investors in a tough market climate.”

Under the Prospectus Offering, the Company issued 162,615,167 Units for gross proceeds of C\$24,392,275. A commission of 6% of the gross proceeds was paid in cash to a syndicate of agents in Canada, co-led by Cormark Securities Inc. and PI Financial Corp. and including GMP Securities L.P. and Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Ltd. (the “Agents”). In relation to the Prospectus Offering the Company has granted the Agents an option (the “Over-Allotment Option”) to purchase up to an additional 15% of the Units sold under the Prospectus Offering, at any time until 30 days following and including today’s date, to cover over-allotments and for market stabilization purposes. The Agents have exercised the Over-Allotment, in part, to purchase 12,615,167 Units for gross proceeds of \$1,892,275.

Under the first tranche of the Non-Brokered Offering, the company issued 32,292,666 Units for gross proceeds of C\$4,843,890. The Company paid fees to certain finders, including Sprott Private Wealth LP, representing 6% of the gross proceeds of the Non-Brokered Offering. All securities issued in the first tranche of the Non-Brokered Offering are subject to a statutory hold period which expires on August 18, 2014.

The securities offered pursuant to the Offerings have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act") or any U.S. state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons absent registration or any applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in the United States, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

The Units in the Prospectus Offering were issued by way of short-form prospectus filed in all provinces of Canada, except Québec, and on a private placement basis in the U.S. pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation D, as well as in other offshore jurisdictions. The Non-Brokered Offering was offered to accredited investors in all provinces of Canada, except Québec.

About West Kirkland Mining Inc.

West Kirkland was formed in 2010 to focus on gold exploration along major geological trends in North America. The Company has consolidated significant mineral rights positions within the Long Canyon Trend of Nevada/Utah. The founders and Board members of West Kirkland have successful experience in gold discovery, mine development and mine operations in Nevada and other gold producing jurisdictions in North America.

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