

**WEST KIRKLAND'S THREE HILLS MINE TO BE PERMITTED UNDER AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**Prefeasibility on Three Hills and Hasbrouck Surface Gold Deposits to be Finalized**

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, May 8, 2015** – (WKM:TSXV) (“West Kirkland”) is pleased to announce that the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has decided to review the company’s Three Hills Mine Plan of Operations under an Environmental Assessment (EA). Achieving a permit to construct a mine under an EA typically takes less than a year.

The BLM confirmed this decision in writing on May 7, 2015 following the recent National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) kick-off meeting held in Tonopah, Nevada. This decision allows the mine plan and timeline for the Three Hills and Hasbrouck gold deposits to be finalized in the prefeasibility study being produced by independent engineers Mine Development Associates (MDA). The prefeasibility study will model the timeline for the permitting and development of the Three Hills mine first. While Three Hills is producing, a separate permitting and development program for the larger Hasbrouck mine will be planned.

Three Hills qualified under an EA because of its small footprint of less than a square mile and the absence of “significant impacts” as determined by the BLM. An EA is a significantly faster and less costly process than an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). West Kirkland plans to operate the Three Hills mine for at least two years, allowing time to permit and build the Hasbrouck mine. Hasbrouck’s capital costs are projected to be significantly funded by cash flow from Three Hills.

Permitting work at Hasbrouck under an EIS may begin as early as Q3, 2015. West Kirkland expects to announce the result of a prefeasibility study of the Hasbrouck Project, encompassing the operation of both mines, to be produced by MDA, in May 2015.

The EA process will identify environmental impacts, if any, that the project might have on the environment, together with appropriate mitigation measures. Once the EA is complete, a Finding of No Significant Impact and a Decision Record can be issued by the BLM, effectively permitting the project to proceed to construction.

**Current At-Surface Resources**

The Hasbrouck Project has a mineral resource of 70.9 million tonnes (Mt) grading 0.42 grams per tonne (g/t) gold and 7.96 g/t silver for 1.28 million gold equivalent ounces at 0.56 g/t AuEq in the Measured and Indicated categories; and 63.4 Mt grading 0.28 g/t gold and 5.46 g/t silver for 0.76 million ounces at 0.37 g/t AuEq in the Inferred category (Scott E. Wilson, Technical Report dated February 21, 2014 filed on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)\*).

## **About the Hasbrouck Project**

Located near Tonopah, Nevada, the Hasbrouck Project consists of two oxidized gold-silver deposits eight kilometers from each other, Three Hills and Hasbrouck. West Kirkland has a 75% controlling interest in the project and a large mineral rights position near Tonopah, Nevada. West Kirkland has the option to make an offer for the remaining 25% interest.

## **Qualified Persons**

\*Resource estimates were disclosed in a Technical Report dated February 21, 2014 titled "Technical Report for the Hasbrouck Project Esmeralda County, Nevada, USA, West Kirkland Mining Inc." authored by Scott E. Wilson, C.P.G., and filed under the Company profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Mr. Scott E. Wilson, AIPG Certified Professional Geologist, is WKM's independent Qualified Person as defined under NI 43-101. Mr. Wilson has reviewed and verified the data disclosed to be in conformity with generally accepted CIM "Estimation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserves Best Practices" guidelines and in accordance with NI 43-101.

Sandy McVey, Chief Operating Officer for West Kirkland, and a non-independent Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, has reviewed the information other than resources contained in this news release and has verified the information as correct.

## **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 known gold trends of Nevada and Utah, including the Hasbrouck and Three Hills properties in southern Nevada. The founders, management and Board members of West Kirkland have successful and extensive experience in gold discovery, mine development and mine operations in Nevada, and other gold producing jurisdictions in North America and globally.

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