

## **WEST KIRKLAND PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON THE HASBROUCK GOLD PROJECT**

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, February 29, 2016** – West Kirkland Mining Inc. (WKM:TSXV) (the “Company”) provides an important update on its Hasbrouck Gold Project in Nevada. The public comment period for the final state permit for construction of the Three Hills mine closed on February 23, 2016 with no comments received. A Federal Decision Record for the Three Hills part of the Hasbrouck Project was obtained in November 2015 and the last permit required for construction and operation is expected from Nevada in the next 60 days.

The Three Hills mine is a run-of-mine open pit heap leach operation and is the first phase of the Hasbrouck Gold Project. The second phase is an open pit crushed-ore heap leach operation at the Hasbrouck mine to the south.

West Kirkland Mining owns 75% of the Hasbrouck Project and is the operator. Combined Measured and Indicated resources (100% basis) of both the Hasbrouck and Three Hills deposits contain 927,000 ounces of gold and 14.1 million ounces of silver. Inferred resources at both deposits contain an additional 136,000 oz of gold and 2.2 million ounces of silver. Reserves for both deposits contain approximately 762,000 ounces of gold and 10.6 million ounces of silver. Tonnage and grade of all resources and reserves are summarized below.

The July 2015 pre-feasibility study planned 71,000 ounce of gold per year over 8 years. The Three Hills mine will provide 2 to 3 years of production as a low cost open pit run-of-mine heap leach operation, generating substantially all cash needed to build the second phase at Hasbrouck mine. The Company’s 2015 pre-feasibility study has been filed on SEDAR and is available on the Company’s website ([www.wkmining.com](http://www.wkmining.com)).

CEO R. Michael Jones, P.Eng said “The current gold price is right on our assumptions in the Hasbrouck Pre-feasibility Study (US\$ 1,225) and it is an ideal time for the permitting to be completed. Hasbrouck is one of the only truly shovel-ready gold heap leach projects in Nevada. The ability to start in ore at surface at Three Hills and put run-of mine material on the heap leach with a very good gold recovery adds to the attractiveness of the project.”

Since the November 2015 Federal Decision Record, the Company has developed a detailed execution plan for the construction of the Three Hills mine. This has both confirmed and developed the July 2015 pre-feasibility study findings.

The Company continues permitting the larger Hasbrouck Peak open pit and is preparing to make a construction decision at Three Hills as market conditions improve. West Kirkland also holds a 60% interest in the open pit heap leach TUG Gold deposit in Utah in Joint Venture with Newmont.

### **About the Hasbrouck Gold Project**

Located near Tonopah, Nevada, the Hasbrouck Gold Project consists of two oxidized gold

deposits eight kilometers apart, Three Hills and Hasbrouck. West Kirkland has a 75% controlling interest in the project. In 2015, Waterton Precious Metals Fund II Cayman, LP bought a 25% interest in the Hasbrouck Gold Project and certain exploration assets for US \$17.5 million. All numbers presented below are on a 100% basis.

- 567,000 recoverable gold ounces, 71,000 ounces annual production for 8 years
- US \$708 adjusted operating costs per ounce, US \$779 all-in sustaining costs
- US \$90.6 million Pre-Tax NPV (5%), 29% IRR at US \$1,225/oz Au and US \$17.50/oz Ag
- US \$75.3 million After-Tax NPV (5%), 26% IRR at US \$1,225/oz Au and US \$17.50/oz Ag
- US \$54.3 million initial capital

### Hasbrouck Project Resources and Reserves

Resources are reported inclusive of reserves.

<b>Hasbrouck Deposit Reported Mineral Resources*</b>					
November 3, 2014 Mine Development Associates (0.006oz AuEq/ton Cut-off)					
<b>Class</b>	<b>Tons</b>	<b>oz Au/ton</b>	<b>oz Au</b>	<b>oz Ag/ton</b>	<b>oz Ag</b>
Measured	8,261,000	0.017	143,000	0.357	2,949,000
Indicated	45,924,000	0.013	595,000	0.243	11,147,000
M+I	54,185,000	0.014	738,000	0.26	14,096,000
Inferred	11,772,000	0.009	104,000	0.191	2,249,000

Notes: oz AuEq/ton = oz Au/ton + (oz Ag/ton x 0.000417)

<b>Three Hills Reported Mineral Resources*</b>			
August 4, 2014 Mine Development Associates (0.005oz Au/ton Cut-off)			
<b>Class</b>	<b>Tons</b>	<b>oz Au/ton</b>	<b>oz Au</b>
Indicated	10,897,000	0.017	189,000
Inferred	2,568,000	0.013	32,000

Notes:

(1) CIM definitions are followed for classification of Mineral Resources. 100% Project Basis

(2) Mineral Resources are estimated using a gold price of US \$1,300 per ounce and a silver price of US \$22 per ounce.

(3) Totals may not represent the sum of the parts due to rounding.

(4) The Mineral Resources have been prepared by Paul Tietz, C.P.G of Mine Development Associates in conformity with CIM "Estimation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserves Best Practices" guidelines and are reported in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators NI43-101. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty that all mineral resource will be converted into mineral reserve.

Proven and Probable reserves total 45.3 million tons containing 762,000 ounces gold and 10.6 million ounces silver as detailed below:

<b>Hasbrouck Project Reserves</b> June 3, 2015 Mine Development Associates <sup>(1,2)</sup>						
<b>Three Hills</b>		<b>K tons</b>	<b>Grade (oz Au/ ton)</b>	<b>K oz Au</b>	<b>oz Ag/ton</b>	<b>K oz Ag</b>
0.005 opt Au cut-off	Proven	-	-	-	-	-
	Probable	9,653	0.018	175	-	-
	P&P	9,653	0.018	175	-	-
<b>Hasbrouck</b>						
Variable <sup>(3)</sup>	Proven	6,242	0.020	127	0.410	2,562
	Probable	29,374	0.016	461	0.273	8,007
	P&P	35,617	0.017	588	0.297	10,569
<b>Total Hasbrouck Project</b>						
Variable <sup>(3)</sup>	Proven	6,242	0.020	127	0.410	2,562
	Probable	39,028	0.016	635	0.205	8,007
	P&P	45,270	0.017	762	0.233	10,569

## Notes:

(1) The estimation and classification of Proven and Probable reserves have been prepared by Thomas L. Dyer, P.E., of Mine Development Associates following CIM standards. 100% Project Basis

(2) Reserves are estimated based on US \$1,225/oz gold and US \$17.50/oz silver.

(3) Cut-off grades used for reserves are: Three Hills 0.005 oz Au/ton, Hasbrouck Upper Siebert 0.008 oz Au/ton, and Hasbrouck Lower Siebert 0.007 oz Au/ton.

See Technical Report on SEDAR filed July 17, 2015 and the News Release dated June 3, 2015 for risk factors, QAQC and other details.

## Qualified Persons

The Prefeasibility Study and Mineral Resource Estimate were prepared in conformance with NI 43-101 by Mine Development Associates (MDA). The report was prepared by Thomas L. Dyer, P.E. and Paul Tietz, C.P.G. of MDA, with contributions by Herb Osborne, Metallurgical Eng., SME, of H.C. Osborne & Associates (metallurgy), Ryan Baker, P.E., of Newfields (civil and heap leach) and Carl Defilippi, SME, of Kappes Cassiday & Associates (process design). Each person is a "Qualified Person" under NI 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the information in this news release relevant to the portion of the Hasbrouck prefeasibility study for which they are responsible. MDA has reviewed and verified the data disclosed in this news release to be in conformity with generally accepted CIM "Estimation of Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserves Best Practices" guidelines.

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

**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 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 extensive experience in gold discovery, mine development, and mine operations in Nevada and other gold

producing jurisdictions in North America. The founders have a successful track record of international mining finance.

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