

West Kirkland Mining and Fronteer Gold Close Private Placement

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, December 24, 2010 - West Kirkland Mining Inc. (WKM:TSXV) ("West Kirkland" or the "Company") announces the closing of a private placement with Fronteer Gold ("**Fronteer**") (FRG:TSX, FRG:NYSE-AMEX) for \$1,000,000 at a price of C\$ 1.25 per share for a total of 800,000 shares as announced in a news release dated December 16, 2010. The placement was completed as part of a property transaction whereby West Kirkland may earn up to a 60% interest in eleven of Fronteer's gold properties in Northern Nevada and Utah. NCP Northland Capital Partners acted as an advisor in the overall agreement between West Kirkland and Fronteer Gold. The shares issued are subject to a hold period of four months plus one day.

West Kirkland will use the funds to advance the large scale, eleven property package, which includes properties located within the Carlin, Battle Mountain and Jerritt Canyon gold trends, covering 234 square kilometers (23,400 hectares, 90.35 square miles).

2011 Plans for Nevada Properties

The initial firm budget for the WKM-FRG Nevada Venture is \$C2,000,000. Following an initial planning session with Fronteer Gold this may expand. West Kirkland currently has approximately \$7,000,000 in cash and is well positioned to fund 2011 work programs.

West Kirkland Mining will be completing a detailed geological review of all of its Nevada holdings and rank them for priority drilling in early 2011. Fronteer Gold and West Kirkland Mining have agreed to establish a joint exploration Management Committee for the planning of exploration from the inception of the venture and this brings the experience of two groups with exceptional discovery track records to bear on the projects.

West Kirkland Mining will be the operator for the Nevada venture.

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 in the Kirkland Lake area of Ontario and within major gold trends of North Eastern Nevada -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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