

News Release

# West Kirkland Drilling Update: Continued Gold Intercepts in Kirkland Lake

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, June 23, 2011 – West Kirkland Mining Inc. (WKM: TSX-V)** ("West Kirkland" or the "Company") is pleased to report the identification of 2 separate zones grading above 6.0 g/t Au, from the latest round of drilling along the 5 kilometer mineralized structure west of Kirkland Lake. Drilling continues to target along strike and at depth from the higher grade intercepts. With positive results from 9,000 meters drilled in 26 holes so far, the 2011 program has been expanded to include at least 15,000 meters.

R. Michael Jones, President of West Kirkland stated, "We are encouraged to see grade along the panel we have targeted, and have just begun outlining the best sections of the 5 kilometer target area."

# Cunningham

On the Cunningham Property, West Kirkland has been focused on the gold bearing structure which yielded the previously announced high-grade gold discovery of 19.79 g/t Au over 7.9 meters in November 2010. The gold bearing nature of the system has been further confirmed with numerous gold intercepts, including 6.29 g/t over 1.5 meters 64 meters below surface, 72 meters south of that original discovery.

Approximately 2 kilometers southwest, the Company intercepted 6.12 g/t Au over 1.0 meter, 10.5 meters below surface. Also of note is a broad shallow intercept of 0.95 g/t gold over 12 meters, suggesting a shallow lower grade target for follow-up.

A limited summary of assay highlights is as follows:

Hole No.	From	То	g/t Au	Width (m)
KM1123	84.80	92.00	0.54	7.20
KM1124	7.70	10.10	0.53	2.40
KM1125	62.50	64.00	6.29	1.50
KM1127	284.90	286.00	0.51	1.10
KM1128	119.20	120.20	0.38	1.00
KM1129	72.30	72.70	4.28	0.40
KM1133	311.40	312.20	0.49	0.80
KC1134	9.50	10.50	6.12	1.00
KC1135	448.70	449.70	2.44	1.00
KC1136	6.00	18.00	0.95	12.00

Results are pending on 9 completed holes.

## Goldbanks

The Goldbanks Property is located on the gold bearing '04 and '05 Break projected extensions from the adjoining Macassa Gold Mine owned by Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. The Macassa # 3 head frame is located 1,200 meters east of Goldbanks. Recent work from underground at the Macassa Mine has identified new gold zones to the west across a fault that was previously thought to limit the deposit. This points to specific target potential at Goldbanks along the '04 and '05 "Breaks".

On the Goldbanks Property, the Company is nearing completion of its first deep hole designed to intersect the '04 and possibly '05 Breaks.

"We increase our knowledge base with each hole drilled along the identified mineralized breaks. Classic Kirkland Lake gold mines have higher grade thickness sections or shoots along a regional break or structure. Our drill program is designed to systematically test several kilometers of the breaks west of the main mines and then focus in on areas of interest" stated Michael Allen, Vice President of Exploration.

# Personnel

Mr. Kent Samuelson, the manager of Nevada operations, has resigned from the Company for personal reasons. Nevada operations are currently being carried out by Eric Hojnacki, a geologist that worked with Mr. Samuelson at Fronteer Gold.

### **Qualified Person, Verification, Quality Control and Assurance**

Michael G. Allen, P. Geo, is the non-independent qualified person for this news release. He has relevant experience in exploration and development projects in North America over the past twelve years.

### 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.

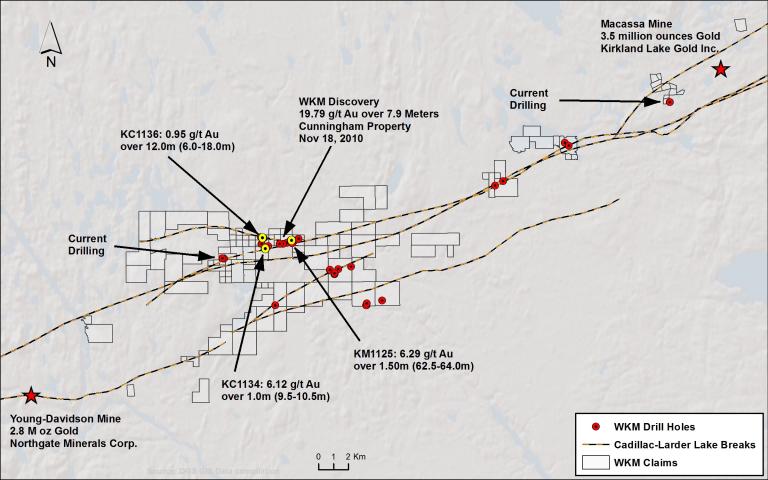
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