Kirkland Lake Gold Acquires Shares of Osisko Mining Inc.

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TORONTO, Sept. 18, 2018 - <u>Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd.</u> (“Kirkland Lake Gold” or the “Company”) (TSX:KL) (NYSE:KL) today announced that it has acquired 14,705,882 common shares (“Shares”) of <u>Osisko Mining Inc.</u> (TSX:OSK) (“Osisko” or the “Issuer”) by way of private placement financing at a price of CAD\$1.70 per Share for a total cash payment of approximately CAD\$25 million (the “Investment”).

Prior to the Investment, Kirkland Lake Gold held 17,921,750 Shares, representing approximately 8.58% of the outstanding Shares on a non-diluted basis. As of the date hereof, after giving effect to Investment, the Company beneficially owns 32,627,632 Shares, representing approximately 13.61% of the currently issued and outstanding Shares on a non-diluted basis. All of the securities issued in the private placement financing are subject to a statutory hold period expiring on January 19, 2019.

Tony Makuch, President and CEO of Kirkland Lake Gold, commented: "Our strategic investment in Osisko increases our ownership interest in the Urban Barry area of northwestern Quebec, which we believe has become a new, highly-prospective mining camp in the prolific Abitibi-Greenstone belt. The investment is complementary to our existing interests in Metanor Resources Inc., and BonTerra Resources Inc., both of which have high-potential exploration holdings in the same area. In addition, through the investment in Osisko, we gain exposure to attractive, early-stage exploration properties in close proximity to our Holt and Taylor mines, providing additional value potential around our existing asset base in Ontario.”

The Shares were acquired for investment purposes. Kirkland Lake Gold has a long-term view of the investment and may acquire additional securities either on the open market or through private investments or sell the securities either on the open market or through private dispositions in the future depending on market conditions, reformulation of plans and/or other relevant factors.

This press release is being issued in pursuant to National Instrument 62-103 – *The Early Warning System and Related Take-Over Bid and Insider Reporting Issues*, which also requires a report to be filed with the regulatory authorities in each jurisdiction in which the Issuer is a reporting issuer containing information with respect to the foregoing matters (the "Early Warning Report"). A copy of the Early Warning Report will be filed on the Issuer's profile on SEDAR and may also be obtained by contacting the Company at 416-840-7884 or by email at info@klgold.com.

About Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd.

<u>Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd.</u> is a mid-tier gold producer that in 2018 is targeting over 635,000 ounces of gold production from mines in Canada and Australia. The production profile of the company is anchored from two high-grade, low-cost operations, including the Macassa Mine located in Northeastern Ontario and the Fosterville Mine located in the state of Victoria, Australia. Kirkland Lake Gold's solid base of quality assets is complemented by district scale exploration potential, supported by a strong financial position with extensive management and operational expertise.

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Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information

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Investors are cautioned that forward-looking information is not based on historical facts but instead reflect the Company's management's expectations, estimates or projections concerning future results or events based on the opinions, assumptions and estimates of management considered reasonable at the date the statements are made. Although Kirkland Lake Gold believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking information are reasonable, such information involves risks and uncertainties, and undue reliance should not be placed on such information, as unknown or unpredictable factors could have material adverse effects on future results, performance or achievements of the Company. Among the key factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking information are the following: changes in general economic, business and political conditions, including changes in the financial markets; changes in applicable laws. This forward-looking information may be affected by risks and uncertainties in the business of Kirkland Lake Gold and market conditions. This information is qualified in its entirety by cautionary statements and risk factor disclosure contained in filings made by Kirkland Lake Gold, including Kirkland Lake Gold's annual information form dated December 31, 2017 and the annual consolidated financial statements and related MD&A for the period ended June 30, 2018, which are filed with the securities regulatory authorities in certain provinces of Canada and available at www.sedar.com.

Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should assumptions underlying the forward-looking information prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein as intended, planned, anticipated, believed, estimated or expected. Although Kirkland Lake Gold has attempted to identify important risks, uncertainties and factors which could cause actual results to differ materially, there may be others that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. Kirkland Lake Gold does not intend, and do not assume any obligation, to update this forward-looking information except as otherwise required by applicable law.

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