

West Kirkland Expands TUG Gold Deposit and Adds to Regional Targets in Long Canyon Trend, Nevada

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- ([Marketwire](#) - April 4, 2012) - [West Kirkland Mining Inc.](#) (TSX VENTURE: WKM) ("West Kirkland" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that recent drill results from its TUG deposit in Nevada have returned significant gold grades and high-grade silver credits. In 2012, the Company has completed eight holes, extending the deposit a further 200 meters to the northwest. Highlights include drill hole WT12-011 with 16.51 meters of 1.66 g/t Au and 26.89 g/t Ag. The Company also provides an update on its activities in the Long Canyon Trend, Nevada.

TUG Deposit

The Company has received the results from four additional drill holes on the TUG property since its previous announcement on February 23, 2012.

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)
WT12-009*	168.25	189.43	21.18		1.62
WT12-011	180.99	197.50	16.51		1.62
Incl.	180.99	186.53	5.54		4.72
WT12-012	148.59	157.58	8.99		1.18
Incl.	148.59	151.64	3.05		1.53
WT12-013	151.63	165.41	13.78		0.62

** previously announced on February 23, 2012*

All assays within selected intervals are included in the composite. Zones of no recovery were assigned zero grade for the noted intervals. Hole WT12-010 returned no significant mineralization. True thickness is estimated to be 70-90% of reported length.

Mike Allen, Vice President of Exploration, said, "We are very pleased to see the TUG deposit continuing to expand with more drilling. The high silver credits also add value to this deposit. The Company is in the process of establishing an initial resource at TUG by way of an independent NI 43-101 technical report. These new holes will add to that model."

Long Canyon Trend Properties

As planned, regional mapping, rock and soil sampling work on the Company's 900 square kilometer land position in the Long Canyon Trend is continuing. To date, the Company has assessed approximately 150 square kilometers of the Long Canyon package, and further targets continue to be developed.

As announced on February 23, 2012, this work has successfully identified extensive regional gold targets up to eight kilometers in length for drilling in 2012. The model of the Long Canyon trend representing a new permissive structural environment in Nevada has been confirmed with regional gold anomalies fitting with mapped structural trends in five separate regions of the 60 kilometer long trend where West Kirkland is the dominant mineral rights holder.

From this work, a new high priority target area named "12 Mile" has also emerged. The Company has received assays from 47 rock samples collected on the 12 Mile target, 21 of which returned gold values greater than 0.1 g/t Au, four samples were greater than 0.5 g/t Au to a peak value of 1.73 g/t Au. For all samples, values returned ranged from 0.002 to 1.73 g/t Au. Mapping and sampling by West Kirkland in 2012 found a new area of gold mineralization, with the highest gold value separate from the obvious surface mineralization and historic drilling. A three dimensional target model has been developed and the 12 Mile target will be a priority drill target in 2012.

The Company has received all necessary permits for drilling on its Long Canyon Trend properties and is now

preparing to mobilize a reverse circulation drill to defined targets on the Bandito, Lewis Spring and Toano areas. Regional target drilling in the Long Canyon Trend of 11,000 meters of reverse circulation drilling is planned to commence in April 2012.

Qualified Person, Verification, Quality Control and Assurance

Samples of TUG drill core were saw cut, with half the cut core placed in individual sealed bags and half placed back in the original core box for permanent storage. Drill core samples were delivered directly by West Kirkland personnel to the ALS Chemex prep lab in Elko, Nevada. Prepared pulps were shipped by ALS Chemex to their North Vancouver lab where gold was determined by fire assay fusion with ICP finish. Samples that return gold values in excess of 1 g/t Au are analyzed using fire assay with gravimetric finish. Silver is determined by Four Acid/ ICP methods. ALS Chemex's North Vancouver Lab is ISO 9001:2008 certified and also is ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accredited by the Standards Council of Canada for the assay methods employed.

Michael G. Allen, Vice President of Exploration for West Kirkland, and a Qualified Person as defined by Canadian National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed the information contained in this news release and has also verified the analytical data for drill core samples disclosed in this release by reviewing the blanks, duplicates and certified reference material that the Company inserted into the sample stream and confirming that they fall within limits as determined by acceptable industry practice. Mr. Allen is the non-independent qualified person for this new release and has verified the data.

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.

For further information, please see the Company's website at www.wkmining.com or contact us by email at info@wkmining.com.

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