

Kirkland Lake Gold Announces Executive Management Changes

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KIRKLAND LAKE, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - Nov 18, 2013) - **Kirkland Lake Gold Inc.** (TSX:KGI)(AIM:KGI) ("**Kirkland Lake**" or "**the Company**"), an operating and exploration gold mining company, today announces the following management changes.

Mr. Mark Tessier has tendered his resignation as Chief Operating Officer and member of the Board of Directors. The Company thanks Mr. Tessier for his contributions to the Company and wishes him all the best in his future endeavours.

Mr. Brian Hinchcliffe has accepted a new position as Deputy Chairman. The Company has appointed Mr. George Ogilvie, P. Eng as Chief Executive Officer. It is anticipated that Mr. Ogilvie will be appointed to the Board of Directors in due course.

Mr. Harry Dobson commented, "George has significant operational experience in narrow-vein underground mining, spending eight years of his career working in South African gold mines. George will lead the Company in completing our expansion plans to 2,200 tons per day while reducing operation costs to less than \$250 per ton. I welcome him to Kirkland Lake's team."

Mr. Brian Hinchcliffe, added, "I look forward to working with George in the Company's transition towards a profitable, intermediate gold producer. With George taking the reins on the operational management, I will focus on the strategic direction of the Company and use of proceeds once the company is free cash flow positive."

Mr. Ogilvie received his B.Sc. (Hons.) in Mining and Petroleum Engineering from Strathclyde University in Glasgow, Scotland. He is a Professional Engineer and holds his Mine Managers Certificate (South Africa) with more than 24 years management, operating and technical experience in the mining industry. George began his career working for Anglo America in 1989. In 1997, he held the position of Mine Superintendent at Hudson Bay Mining, playing a key operations role at the Ruttan Mine in Northern Manitoba. In 2004 he joined [Dynatec Corp.](#) as their Area Manager for the Sudbury Basin, and later worked at the McCreedy West Mine as Mine Manger. George also holds the position of Chief Executive Officer at Rambler Metals and Mining. During his seven years at Rambler Metals and Mining, George and his team were responsible for transitioning the company from a grass roots explorer to profitable junior producer.

Mr. George Ogilvie, commented, "I am delighted to be joining Kirkland Lake at this exciting time and am looking forward to working with the team in establishing the Company as a premium gold producer in North America."

About the Company

Kirkland Lake Gold's corporate goal is to create a self sustaining and long lived intermediate gold mining company based in the historic Kirkland Lake Gold Camp. The Company plans to do this by increasing production capacity to 2,200 tons of ore per day in several stages, and by decreasing production costs by realizing the economies of scale associated with that higher production capacity. At the same time, the Company is committed to maintaining a significant exploration program aimed at developing and maintaining a property wide reserve and resource base sufficient to sustain a mine life of more than ten years for as long as practicable.

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