VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Jan 5, 2017) - West Kirkland Mining Inc. (TSX VENTURE:WKM) announces that the Company has granted an aggregate of 3.9 million stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company. Each stock option entitles the holder to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of \$0.11 per common share for a period of five years from the grant date. The options are to provide long term incentive. No year end or performance cash bonus or other annual increases in compensation were paid to any officer, director or employee for 2016.

These stock options are governed by the approved Stock Option Plan of the Company and are subject to TSX Venture Exchange acceptance.

About West Kirkland Mining Inc.

West Kirkland owns a 75% interest in the Hasbrouck Gold Project in Tonopah, Nevada. A Pre-Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment with construction-level drawings and all federal and state permits for the phase-one Three Hills Mine provides a ready-to-construct gold project.

West Kirkland has recently announced a drill program targeting resource expansion within the permitted open pit at Three Hills and exploration drilling at the recently optioned Hill of Gold area nearby. West Kirkland also holds a 60% interest in the open pit heap-leach TUG Gold Project in Utah in Joint Venture with Newmont.

On behalf of West Kirkland Mining Inc.

R. Michael Jones, Chief Executive Officer

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