

West Kirkland Announces Surface Gold and Silver Values on Newly Acquired Mineral Rights, Tonopah, Nevada

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Jan. 10, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [West Kirkland Mining Inc.](#) (TSX-V:WKM) ("West Kirkland" or "WKM" or the "Company") is pleased to announce a number of significant surface gold and silver assay values on newly acquired 100% controlled mining claims near Tonopah, Nevada. Recently received surface sampling results support historically reported good gold grades and silver veins of interest. The results also outline several targets at surface to be defined for new bulk oxide, open pit gold and silver mineralization. Further assay results from a trenching program are pending and this will shortly be followed by a ten-hole drill program. These new positive results include the Divide target which hosts broad zones of exposed mineralization and has no record of exploration since shafts were sunk there in the 1920's and the Southerland target which also has no record of previous drilling.

WKM Property and Exploration Targets

Sandy McVey Chief Operating Officer of WKM said, "These new exploration targets are a priority to WKM since the gold and silver mineralization is at surface and is in close proximity to our current 75% owned Reserves at Hasbrouck. We already have a very robust project with 46% IRR and NPV5 of US\$ 129 million (100% basis) at current gold prices. Adding any resources to the heap leach profile would greatly enhance the Hasbrouck Gold project." (*Technical Report and Updated Preliminary Feasibility Study for The Hasbrouck and Three Hills Gold-Silver Project, Esmeralda County, Nevada, USA, Report Date: September 14, 2016*).

Table – Surface Chip and Composite Samples – Assays Over 0.5 g/t

SAMPLE ID	LOCATION	Sample Type	Sample Length (ft)	Au (g/t)	Ag (g/t)
121427	HILL OF GOLD	OUTCROP	5'	31.7	17.0
121428	HILL OF GOLD	OUTCROP	5'	5.5	9.4
121429	HILL OF GOLD	OUTCROP	20' x 30'	1.5	12.9
121430	HILL OF GOLD	OUTCROP	5'	0.6	7.5
121431	HILL OF GOLD	OUTCROP	5'	4.5	48.7
121505	SOUTHERLAND	OUTCROP	30'	1.2	2.3
121514	SOUTHERLAND	PROSPECT	5 x 5 x 8'	6.4	8.6
121535	DIVIDE	DUMP	COMP	1.3	155.0
121543	DIVIDE	OUTCROP	30'	0.7	8.1
121556	DIVIDE	DUMP	COMP	1.5	16.8
121559	DIVIDE	DUMP	COMP	3.4	16.5
121560	DIVIDE	OUTCROP	10'	1.3	134.0
121561	DIVIDE	DUMP	COMP	1.1	50.2
121567	DIVIDE	DUMP	COMP	4.3	104.0
121569	DIVIDE	OUTCROP	30'	0.7	29.9
121570	DIVIDE	OUTCROP	30'	0.9	49.7
121571	DIVIDE	OUTCROP	30'	0.6	10.4
121574	DIVIDE	DUMP	COMP	2.3	324.0
121577	DIVIDE	TRENCH	40'	6.9	41.5

121578	DIVIDE	DUMP	COMP	5.4	315.0
121583	DIVIDE	DUMP	COMP	0.7	5.7
121586	DIVIDE	CUT	20'	0.8	90.1

	Number of Samples	Gold			Silver		
		Average g/t	Median g/t	Standard Deviation g/t	Average g/t	Median g/t	Standard Deviation g/t
All samples	159	0.6	0.1	2.7	12.2	1.7	40.6
All samples over 0.5 g/t	22	3.8	1.4	6.6	66.2	23.5	92.6
Divide samples	53	0.7	0.2	1.4	31.8	7.1	65.9
Divide samples over 0.5 g/t	15	2.1	1.3	2.0	90.1	49.7	104.1

Map – WKM Property and Exploration Targets

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Divide Target

The Divide Target is located 1.2 km north of the Company's Hasbrouck open pit Reserves. The area includes at least three historic shafts dating from the 1920's with one shaft reported as sunk to 100 meters. Mineral title to this area was recently clarified through court action initiated by Tonopah Divide Mining Company ("TDMC"), the lessor of this land, allowing exploration to now take place. Sampling by WKM was performed following the 100% interest lease agreement with TDMC announced by the Company on December 18, 2017. Sampling supports a clear target for drilling with the objective of adding to the Company's at-surface, open pit resources and reserves for heap leach extraction.

The results of surface sampling are given above and include chip samples from outcrops and composite samples from historic shaft dumps. Results ranging from 0.4 g/t gold to 5.4 g/t gold and 315 g/t silver have been obtained. Sampling supports the reports dating from the 1920's and indicates potential for bulk open pit gold and silver mineralization exposed at surface in many locations surrounding the historic workings. At the time of the historical shaft work, bulk open pit mining with low cost heap leach extraction did not exist.

The exposed target area with reported gold values is approximately 500 m by 300 m. Trenching has increased the sampled target area and has helped to define the controls on gold and silver mineralization.

Interestingly, if all the chip and composite samples recently taken by the Company from the Divide Area (53 samples) are averaged, the resulting grade value is 0.7 g/t gold and 31.8 g/t silver. If only samples greater than 0.5 g/t Au (15 samples) are used the simple average is 2.1 g/t gold and 90.1 g/t silver. Samples were taken as chips over the widths shown in the table above. Samples from historic shaft dumps were taken as an unbiased composite over the whole dump.

Hill of Gold Target

The Hill of Gold target is located four km north of the Hasbrouck Reserves and was leased by WKM in November 2016. Surface sampling by WKM on the Hill of Gold area includes a sample assaying at 31.7 g/t gold on the central historical vein. Drilling by WKM in 2017 expanded the 1996 historic resource area to the north-west. Mapping and sampling by WKM in late 2017 also found targets near historic shafts located east of the 1996 historic resource and this area is planned to be drilled or trenched in the current exploration program.

Southerland Target Area

This target area is located on a group of six lode claims leased and on land staked by WKM in December 2017 which adjoins both the Hill of Gold lease and the TDMC lease. Located 3.5 km north of the Hasbrouck Reserves, the Company has found no record of modern exploration or drilling there. Chip sampling by WKM geologists along 10 m of a mineralized ridge returned 1.2 g/t gold and 2.3 g/t silver and a prospect pit assayed 6.4 g/t gold and 8.6 g/t silver. Drilling is planned in this area.

About the Hasbrouck Gold Project and West Kirkland

Over the past twelve months, West Kirkland has progressively acquired a 100% interest in 3,700 acres of prospective land between the original two deposits of the Hasbrouck Gold Project. The Hasbrouck Gold Project contains Proven & Probable Reserves of 784,000 gold equivalent oz, (45,270,000 tons at 0.017 Au oz/t for 762,000 contained Au oz; 0.233 Ag oz/t for 10,569,000 contained Ag ounces) (*Technical Report and Updated Preliminary Feasibility Study for The Hasbrouck and Three Hills Gold-Silver Project, Esmeralda County, Nevada, USA, Report Date: September 14, 2016*). Waterton Precious Metals Fund II Cayman, LP holds a 25% interest in the Hasbrouck Gold Project and is participating in project expenditures. The first pit is fully permitted and permitting the second pit is ongoing.

The Hasbrouck Gold Project consists of two all-oxide gold-silver deposits eight km apart, near the Town of Tonopah in southern Nevada. Both deposits can be open-pit mined at 1:1 stripping ratios with minimal pre-stripping and with 76% gold recovery by heap leaching. There are no known technical, environmental, economic or social obstacles that would prevent the company from proceeding immediately to construction on the first part of the Hasbrouck Mine plan at Three Hills. Permitting is advanced and is in progress for the second part of the mine plan.

Qualified Person

R. Michael Jones P.Eng, CEO of West Kirkland Mining, is a non-independent Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101. He has reviewed the information contained in this news release and has verified the data by hiring qualified geologists and engineers and has completed a review of the detailed technical information. Mineral Reserve information in this news release relating to the Hasbrouck Gold Project has been developed and approved by Thomas L. Dyer, P.E., of MDA following CIM standards.

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West Kirkland Mining utilizes a well-documented system of inserting blanks and standards into the assay stream and has a strict chain of custody. Assays are completed at independent laboratories which have internal quality assurance and quality control systems and procedures. Assays were performed by ALS Chemex Labs Ltd., by fire assay and ICP methods.

On behalf of [West Kirkland Mining Inc.](#)
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