

West Kirkland Announces Approval of Inter-Basin Water Transfer and BLM Acceptance of a Plan of Operations at the Hasbrouck Gold Project, Nevada

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VANCOUVER, Jan. 23, 2019 - [West Kirkland Mining Inc.](#) (WKM:TSXV) (“West Kirkland” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the Nevada State Engineer’s approval for an inter-basin transfer of water from basin 137A where the Three Hills Mine is located to basin 142 where the Hasbrouck Mine is located. Approval for piping water from the Three Hills Mine, where the Company leases a water right, to the Hasbrouck Mine eight km to the south effectively finalizes the Company’s water supply plans for the project as a whole. A Plan of Operations for the Hasbrouck Mine has been accepted as complete by the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”), which is in addition to the federal and state permits already on hand for construction and operation of the Three Hills Mine.

Water

Water supply to the Three Hills Mine is already planned and permitted to come from a well to be installed there under a water right leased from Liberty Moly, LLC (see News Release dated February 21, 2017). The Company took the measure of leasing a water right from Liberty Moly, LLC in 2017 as no new water rights are being issued in basin 137A as it is over-appropriated. Basin 142 where the Hasbrouck Mine is located is also over-appropriated. West Kirkland has filed an application for a water right in Basin 142, which will be held in abeyance until one or more existing water rights are extinguished. Thus, obtaining permission to transfer water from the Three Hills Mine to the Hasbrouck Mine is a logical and efficient method to source water for the Hasbrouck Mine. The State Engineer’s approval for inter-basin transfer satisfies one of the few remaining prerequisites for mine construction and operation of the Hasbrouck Mine.

Plan of Operations at Hasbrouck Mine

While all key permits for the Three Hills Mine construction and operations were secured in 2016, the Company continues work on permitting the open pit Hasbrouck Mine and is focusing on obtaining all necessary permits for mine construction and operation. Permitting for the Hasbrouck Mine was started in 2017 and is on track to obtain federal permits in Q4 2019. The Company’s Plan of Operations for the Hasbrouck Mine was accepted by the BLM in March 2018. The Company anticipates permitting at Hasbrouck Mine to essentially follow the same path as at Three Hills Mine, which proved to be straight-forward with federal permits obtained seven months after submission of a Plan of Operations. Specialist for all critical permitting areas are engaged and preparing the required reports. The Company plans to apply for key state permits, which are subject to less uncertainty and take less time than federal permits, as the federal permitting process advances.

About the Hasbrouck Gold Project

The Hasbrouck Gold Project consists of two all-oxide gold-silver deposits eight km apart, near the Town of Tonopah in southern Nevada. The Preliminary Feasibility Study supports that both deposits can be open-pit mined with 1:1 stripping ratios, minimal pre-stripping, and 76% heap-leach gold recovery. There are no known technical, environmental, economic, or social obstacles preventing immediate construction at the northern deposit (Three Hills Mine) and finalizing permit acquisition is the only outstanding item for construction at the southern deposit (Hasbrouck Mine). Permitting Hasbrouck Mine was started in 2017 and is now well-advanced with federal permits targeted in Q4 2019.

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 prepared by Thomas L. Dyer, P.E. and Paul Tietz, C.P.G. of Mine Development Associates (MDA)*). 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.

About West Kirkland Mining Inc.

West Kirkland is focused on acquiring and advancing near-construction gold projects in safe jurisdictions, and owns a 75% interest in, and a 1.1% net smelter return royalty over, the Hasbrouck Gold Project in Tonopah, Nevada.

The Company has secured an option on a district scale land position for future exploration. At this time, the Company will focus its efforts on completing full permitting for its gold reserves.

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

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Sandy McVey, P.Eng., Chief Operating Officer for West Kirkland, and a non-independent Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* (“NI 43-101”), has reviewed the technical information contained in this news release and has verified the relevant data. Quality Control and Assay information is as previously disclosed in the Company’s technical reports.

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exploration and development of mineral properties. The reader is referred to the Company's public filings for a more complete discussion of such risk factors and their potential effects which may be accessed through the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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