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KIRKLAND LAKE GOLD REACHES ITS STAFFING AND MECHANIZATION GOALS

Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. (the “Company”) is pleased to advise it has reach its targeted staffing needs and required heavy equipment profile to support its production goals and the major exploration program described in news releases of October 8th, 2003 and January 23rd, 2004.

In the fall of 2003, the Company launched a recruiting drive for miners and mechanics creating its own workforce to replace the contract mining system that had been in place. The Company workforce currently stands at 212, of which 125 are miners and mechanics working at Shafts #2 and #3 on the Macassa property and the Lakeshore ramp, in addition to supporting the major exploration campaign detailed in the above referenced news releases.

With last week’s successful commissioning of the rock breaker on the 5100 level, all essential heavy equipment for production is on site and operational. The equipment fleet –which consists of jumbo drills, electric and diesel scoop trams, and long toms – has been expanded to support more methods of mechanized mining than were traditionally done in this camp.

“I am very pleased that after 33 years working at the Macassa Mine, how I have seen in a short period of time, Kirkland Lake Gold taking firm steps towards better mechanization, and creation of highly skilled and motivated manpower, based on teamwork principles” said Raymond Belecque, General Manager. “Now, that we have met our staffing needs, the Company’s priority, in this increasingly competitive market for miners and staff, is building employee loyalty and retention.”

In the above referenced news release of October 8th, 2003, a 3-year, \$21 million exploration program was outlined by the Company with a goal of aggressively drilling the many unexplored structures in the Kirkland Lake Camp, which targets have a combined potential to host 15 million tons of ore (using a 25% historic camp drilling success ratio). The first year of this 3-year campaign will target the areas set forth in the news release of January 23rd, 2004 wherein the Company described the detail of the 575,000 feet of exploration drilling that will be done in 2004. This week, a large electric drill is mobilizing to the 4500 level, to become the second drill undertaking long holes to the South of the main ore horizon.

“Not only is this an unprecedented drilling campaign for the Kirkland Lake Camp, but it is also probably the largest drilling campaign in Canada at present” said Mike Sutton, Chief Geologist. “We have 10 drills working today on surface and underground targets and will soon have 14 machines at work, so we are pleased to advise that we now have an excellent staff to support this exciting exploration program.”

About the Company

The Company purchased the Macassa Mine and the 1,500 tonne per day mill along with four former producing gold properties – Kirkland Lake Gold, Teck-Hughes, Lake Shore and Wright Hargreaves – in December 2001. These properties, which have historically produced some 22 million ounces of gold, extend over seven kilometers between the Macassa Mine on the east and Wright Hargreaves on the west and for the first time will be developed and explored under one owner. This camp is located in the Abitibi Southern Greenstone Belt of Kirkland Lake, Ontario, Canada.

The results of the Company’s underground diamond drilling program have been reviewed, verified (including sampling, analytical and test data) and compiled by the Company’s geological staff (which includes a ‘qualified person’, Michael Sutton P.Geo. for the purpose of NI 43-101, *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*).

The Company has implemented a quality assurance and control (QA/QC) program to ensure sampling and analysis of all exploration work is conducted in accordance with the best possible practices. The drill core is sawn in half with half of the core samples shipped to the Swastika Laboratories in Swastika, Ontario or to the Macassa mine laboratory for analysis. The other half of the core is retained for future assay verification. Other QA/QC includes the insertion of blanks, and the regular re-assaying of pulps/rejects at alternate certified labs (Polymet, Accurassay). Gold analysis is conducted by fire assay using atomic absorption or gravimetric finish. The laboratory re-assays at least 10% of all samples and additional checks may be run on anomalous values.

The Company’s Kirkland Lake properties are the subject of a report prepared by Roland H. Ridler, B.A.Sc.(hons.), M.A.Sc., Ph.D.(Econ.Geol.), P.D., entitled *Kirkland Lake Mineral Properties (Macassa Mine, Kirkland Lake Gold, Teck-Hughes, Lake Shore, Wright-Hargreaves* dated November 30, 2001. The Company’s Macassa Mine Property is the subject of a reserve report prepared by David W. Rennie, P.Eng. and Richard E. Routledge, M.Sc., P.Geol. entitled *Review of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves of the Macassa Mine Property, Kirkland Lake, Ontario Prepared for Kirkland Lake Gold Inc* dated December 23, 2002 and a reserve report prepared by Michael Sutton P.Geo., and Stewart Carmichael, P.Geo. entitled *Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves of the Macassa Mine Property, Kirkland Lake, Ontario (Kirkland Lake Gold Inc.) as at April 30, 2003* dated August 30, 2003. All of these technical reports have been filed on SEDAR (www.sedar.com <<http://www.sedar.com>>).

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The reserves are not part of the resources. For details on the calculation of reserves and resources, please refer to the disclosure on the Company's website.

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