



## KIRKLAND LAKE GOLD PROVIDES STATEMENT ON COVID-19 VIRUS

**Toronto, Ontario – March 29, 2020, - Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd. (“Kirkland Lake Gold” or the “Company”)** (TSX:KL) (NYSE:KL) (ASX:KLA) was informed on Friday, March 27, 2020 that a worker who had been at Detour Lake Mine earlier this month, has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The worker arrived at the mine with no symptoms on March 12<sup>th</sup>, began showing symptoms and self-isolated on March 14<sup>th</sup> and was taken from site on the morning of March 16<sup>th</sup>. All protocols were followed while the worker was on site. He received a positive result on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and informed the Company on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

All Detour Lake Mine employees were notified upon the Company being informed of the positive test on March 27<sup>th</sup> with instruction to be particularly vigilant in self-monitoring for signs of symptoms, particularly until March 30<sup>th</sup> (14 days after the worker’s departure from site). Employees were also instructed to complete the Ontario health self-assessment and to self-isolate and consult medical staff if the results indicated a need to do so. In addition, the Company has been informed by public health officials involved in the case, that all persons identified by the worker as having been in close contact have been contacted directly by the Porcupine Health Unit and instructed to seek a medical assessment and to self-isolate if advised to do so. Following a request by the Company, the Porcupine Health Unit visited Detour Lake Mine on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> to review the Company’s health and safety protocols related to the COVID-19 virus.

The Company is not aware of any workers at Detour Lake Mine, or at any of its other operations or offices, that are showing symptoms or are in self-isolation at site.

At Kirkland Lake Gold, nothing is more important than the health and safety of the Company’s workers, their families and the communities in which they live and work. In response to the unprecedented challenges posed by COVID-19, a number of health and safety protocols have been introduced. The Company’s response to COVID-19 is being constantly reviewed as developments occur and will be adjusted as required to ensure the wellbeing of the Company’s employees.

### Health and Safety Protocols

- **Remote work:** Employees that can work from home are being instructed to do so.
- **Suspension of non-essential work and visits to site:** All non-essential work has been suspended, including all exploration activities and the transitioning of Detour Lake Mine to reduced operations (lowering the on-site workforce from approximately 1,100 to 300). All non-essential visits to our operations are now prohibited until further notice.
- **Medical screening:** All people arriving at work are subject to medical screening; everyone’s temperature is taken and they are required to complete the World Health Organization’s medical questionnaire.
- **Site and camp hygiene:** Increased cleaning and sanitizing have been introduced, particularly in commonly visited areas; hand washing stations have been added, work areas and equipment are being wiped down with sanitizer after use. (A deep cleaning and disinfection of the worker’s housing quarters and surrounding working areas was completed immediately after learning of the positive test results.)
- **Medical care:** Working with medical professionals, processes have been established for the isolation, testing and care of employees showing signs of illness



- **Mandatory social distancing:** Start and finish times are being staggered to minimize the gathering of people; chairs are being removed and spaced out in meeting areas and lunchrooms; work teams are being reduced in size and workers separated by floor markings and barriers in confined areas, with meetings largely being done using video conferencing.
- **Food safety:** Initiatives include adding hand-washing stations in all eating areas; removal of self-service food options (salad bars, etc.), individual wrapping of meals and desserts, keeping silverware and trays behind counters and providing them separately
- **Job protection:** Job protection for workers in quarantine or self-isolation due to COVID-19, or those needing to miss work to care for children during school closures.

## **About Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd.**

Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd. is a growing gold producer operating in Canada and Australia that produced 974,615 ounces in 2019. The production profile of the Company is anchored by three high-quality operations, including the Macassa Mine and Detour Lake Mine, both located in Northern Ontario, and the Fosterville Mine located in the state of Victoria, Australia. Kirkland Lake Gold's solid base of quality assets is complemented by district scale exploration potential, supported by a strong financial position with extensive management expertise.

For further information on Kirkland Lake Gold and to receive news releases by email, visit the website [www.klgold.com](http://www.klgold.com).

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