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BUCHANS AND MINCO ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL POSITIVE DRILLING RESULTS FROM LUNDBERG & ENGINE HOUSE, BUCHANS, NEWFOUNDLAND

Buchans Minerals Corporation (TSXV: BMC) ("Buchans Minerals" or the "Company"), together with **Minco plc (AIM Market: MIO)** ("Minco") are pleased to announce further encouraging results from their recently completed drilling program on the Lundberg and Engine House base metal deposits in Buchans, central Newfoundland, Canada.

A total of 58 holes comprising 8,184 metres of drilling was completed during the three month drilling program which ended in October. Assay results for the first 46 holes are now available, which represent 64% of the samples collected for assay during the program. Interpretation of the latest assay results indicate that the Lundberg deposit extends to the north and east and will likely allow expansion of the resource in these areas. Highlights from the northeastern area include:

- **50.15 m averaging 2.42% combined base metals** (i.e., Cu+Pb+Zn) in hole H-12-3465
 - 0.36% Cu, 0.52% Pb, 1.54% Zn and 3.5 g/t Ag
- **30.0 m averaging 1.43% combined base metals** in hole H-12-3458
 - 0.27% Cu, 0.29% Pb, 0.87% Zn and 1.38 g/t Ag

Additionally, holes drilled into the eastern portion of the Lundberg deposit returned impressive results confirming excellent grades including:

- **102.8 m averaging 3.41% combined base metals** in hole H-12-3460
 - 0.68% Cu, 0.91% Pb, 1.82% Zn, and 4.8 g/t Ag

Hole H-12-3460 also intersected remnants of the former Lucky Strike ore body near surface including **5.20 m averaging 15.97% combined base metals** (4.19% Cu, 4.23% Pb, 7.55% Zn, 60.6 g/t Ag and 0.41 g/t Au).

New results from the north-central portion of the Lundberg zone are also considered encouraging as confirming grades and widths in that part of the deposit.

"We are delighted with our drilling results to date and are encouraged that new results suggest optimism for expansion of near-surface resources. These latest assays further confirm the Lundberg deposit hosts a large central corridor of thicker, higher grade material, and we look forward to remaining assays from the northwest portion of this corridor in future results. We are also encouraged that high-grade massive sulphide mineralization remain close to surface and may have a positive impact on our resource." commented Warren MacLeod, President and CEO of Buchans Minerals on the assay results received to date.

The bulk of the program's remaining assays are anticipated to be available within the next 3 to 4 weeks. Complete assay results and a map showing hole locations relative to the known resource are available on the Company's website at <http://www.buchansminerals.com>.

Lundberg

Hole	Interval (m)	Width (m)	Cu+Pb+Zn (%)	Cu (%)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)
H-12-3458	49.0-79.0	30.00	1.43	0.27	0.29	0.87	1.38	0.03
incl.	52.0-57.0	5.00	3.77	1.24	0.71	1.82	3.62	0.04
H-12-3459	2.6-111.0	108.40	1.50	0.25	0.37	0.88	1.5	0.06
incl.	2.6-22.0	19.40	2.09	0.49	0.50	1.10	3.14	0.05
H-12-3460	17.5-120.3	102.80	3.41	0.68	0.91	1.82	4.8	0.05
H-12-3461	46.0-62.0	16.00	1.65	0.20	0.42	1.03	1.4	0.04
H-12-3463	19.0-36.0	17.00	1.05	0.05	0.25	0.74	1.38	0.02
H-12-3464	53.6-57.6	4.00	2.70	0.13	0.86	1.72	32.88	0.33
and	70.6-87.6	17.00	2.52	0.20	0.74	1.58	8.71	0.05
and	115.0-151.0	36.00	1.09	0.09	0.34	0.66	2.70	0.03
H-12-3465	9.85-60.0	50.15	2.42	0.36	0.52	1.54	3.50	0.03
H-12-3466	77.3-97.0	19.70	3.11	0.37	1.15	1.59	29.63	0.10
and	121.0-159.0	38.00	1.41	0.14	0.43	0.84	1.78	0.02
H-12-3467	90.0-147.0	57.00	1.04	0.06	0.23	0.75	1.08	0.04
H-12-3468	76.4-81.4	5.00	2.99	0.10	1.17	1.73	8.40	0.06
and	92.6-103.15	10.55	2.62	0.46	0.75	1.42	6.09	0.11
H-12-3469	57.0-87.0	30.00	1.22	0.52	0.28	0.43	3.45	0.07
H-12-3470	82.2-123.0	40.80	1.08	0.24	0.29	0.55	1.61	0.05
H-12-3471	80.0-103.0	23.00	1.24	0.16	0.31	0.77	1.87	0.05

Lucky Strike

Hole	Interval (m)	Width (m)	Cu+Pb+Zn (%)	Cu (%)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Ag (g/t)	Au (g/t)
H-12-3460	*9.15-14.35	*5.20	*15.97	*4.19	*4.23	*7.55	*60.6	*0.41
incl.	9.15-12.3	3.15	21.35	6.47	5.46	9.42	85.5	0.63
and	11.85-12.3	0.45	22.20	6.90	5.40	9.90	85.8	0.91
H-12-3462**	10.0-13.0	3.00	2.72	0.48	0.73	1.51	5.37	0.02

Note: All holes drilled vertically from surface except holes 3464, 3466, 3468 and 3471 (angled under the Lucky Strike glory hole). Drill hole details including assays are available at <http://www.buchansminerals.com>. Drill intercepts quoted are core lengths and true widths have not been estimated due to the stockwork and disseminated nature of mineralization intersected. The mineralized zones are interpreted to consist of flat-lying to shallowly dipping sheets so vertical core length intercepts are considered close to true widths. *Assay composite for H-3460 from 9.15 to 14.35 m includes dilution from 1.5 m of lost core from 12.3 to 13.8 m. **Hole 3462 was drilled to 32 m to test for additional high-grade mineralization adjacent to hole 3460.

The Companies look forward to receiving remaining assays and generating new resource estimates that will allow Inferred Resources assessed by the Wardrop 2011 Preliminary Economic Assessment to be assessed as Indicated Resources. Depending on the review and assessment of the assay results, the Companies may consider additional drilling in areas where potential exists for further resource expansion, particularly in the area south of Lundberg, down dip and west of the Engine House deposit.

The Lundberg and Engine House Deposits

The Lundberg and Engine House deposits were assessed by a positive Preliminary Economic Assessment (“PEA”) completed by Wardrop, a Tetra Tech Company (“Wardrop”), in 2011 that identified the deposit has the potential to become a stand-alone 5,000 tonne per day mine. The PEA is available for viewing on the Company’s website and a summary of the PEA can be found in the Company’s news release of August 11, 2011.

The Lundberg and Engine House deposits are primarily stockwork-type mineralization associated with volcanogenic massive sulphide (“VMS”) deposits of the Buchans Mining Camp.

Stockwork mineralization typically hosts lower grades than ores previously mined at Buchans, and is being evaluated as near surface bulk tonnage mineralization, that is potentially amenable to open pit mine development. Current Inferred Resources within the Lundberg-Engine House conceptual open pit, as defined by Wardrop in the PEA, are estimated as 17.28 million tonnes with average grades of 1.63% zinc, 0.69% lead, 0.40% copper, and 5.96 g/t silver.

Minco Joint Venture Agreement

On April 30th, 2012, Buchans Minerals and Minco announced an agreement granting Minco the right to earn a 51% interest in the Company's base metal properties in central Newfoundland by spending \$8 million to advance the Lundberg deposit to final feasibility over four (4) years and further explore the Company's extensive mineral properties in the region.

Minco is initially required to spend \$3.5 million over the next two years to advance the project to the pre-feasibility stage. During this period, Minco plans to undertake a range of development activities that will include: drilling, resource estimation, geotechnical engineering, open-pit mine plan design, metallurgy, plant design, and other engineering and environmental studies that may be required as well as an economic evaluation. Following the expenditure of \$3.5 million, Minco will then have the option to proceed to complete a final feasibility study by spending a further \$4.5 million over the following two years.

Qualified Person

The drill program is being supervised by Buchans Minerals Corporation. Logging, sampling and assaying procedures were completed as per the Company's QA/QC protocols as described in Buchans Minerals' press release dated September 13th, 2012. Paul Moore, M.Sc., P.Geo., (NL), Buchans Minerals' Vice President Exploration, is acting as Qualified Person in compliance with National Instrument 43-101 with respect to this release and has reviewed the contents for accuracy.

About Minco plc

Minco plc, registered in the Republic of Ireland and listed on the AIM Market of the London Stock Exchange (AIM: MIO) is involved in exploration and development activities in Canada at its Buchans zinc-copper-lead-silver volcanogenic massive sulphide ("VMS") properties under joint venture with Buchans Minerals Corporation, and indirectly in exploring and developing silver-zinc properties in Central Mexico through its 29% shareholding in Xtierra Inc., a company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange.

Minco holds 30 million shares (approximately 29%) in Xtierra Inc. listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX.V: XAG). Minco also holds 15 million shares (approximately 10%) in Buchans Minerals listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX.V: BMC).

Minco currently holds approximately US\$16 million in cash and is also evaluating a number of other investment opportunities in the minerals industry in North America and Europe.

For further information of Minco refer to Minco's website at www.minco.ie.

About Buchans Minerals

Buchans Minerals is an Atlantic Canada based resource company that has three main assets that include its 100% owned base metal properties near Buchans in Central Newfoundland (Joint ventured to Minco plc.), its 100% owned manganese property located near Woodstock in New Brunswick and its 50% owned gold & copper Long Range Property in central Newfoundland.

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