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## **BUCHANS & MINCO DRILL 217.4 METRES OF 11.28% MANGANESE AT WOODSTOCK MANGANESE PROJECT, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA**

**Buchans Minerals Corporation (TSXV: BMC)** ("Buchans Minerals" or the "Company"), and **Minco plc (AIM Market: MIO)** ("Minco") are pleased to announce further drilling results from their recent drilling program on the Woodstock manganese project in New Brunswick. The third batch of assays includes results from 3 drill holes located in the southern portion of the deposit (Section 11 North) where the deposit is interpreted to be approximately 165 metres wide at surface and extending to depths of 215 metres or more. A map of the drill hole locations, sections and detailed assays can be viewed on the Company's website at <http://www.buchansminerals.com>.

Highlights from the three holes on section 11 North include hole PL-22A that intersected **11.28% Mn over 217.4 metres core length** from 93.6 to 311.0 m (180 m approximate true width); hole PL-20 that intersected **9.32% Mn over 202.0 metres core length** from 12.0 to 214.0 m (139 m approximate true width), including two sections of **10.21% Mn over 63.5 metres core length** and **10.52% Mn over 39.0 m core length** (44 metres and 27 metres approximate true widths respectively). The most easterly hole on this section, PL-18, intersected **7.41% Mn over 29.5 metres core length** from 44.0 to 73.5 m (20 m approximate true width), plus an upper section assaying 11.38% Mn over 3.1 metres from 7.9 to 11.0 metres (2 metres true width).

Mineralization within the Plymouth deposit is interpreted to be hosted by a steep, west dipping sedimentary sequence that likely represents several lobes of mineralization within a synclinal fold structure. The 2013 drill program was designed to allow estimation of a National Instrument 43-101 ("NI-43-101") compliant Inferred resource estimate for the historic Plymouth deposit. The program adds to drilling results obtained by Buchans Minerals in 2011 (5 holes, PL-11-6 to 11-10) as well as four holes drilled by past operators in 1987 (PL-87-2 to 87-5) for which the Company has examined archived drill cores and obtained full assay certificates.

### **Resource Estimate Pending:**

The 2013 drill program comprised 15 holes totaling 4,082 metres of drilling. All assays are anticipated to be available in April and independent consultants, Mercator Geological Services of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia have been contracted to complete a NI 43-101 compliant Inferred resource estimate for the Plymouth deposit shortly thereafter.

### **Summary of Plymouth drilling results: (core lengths and intercept depths in metres)**

#### **Section 11N (near surface width 165 metres):**

- Hole PL-18: **7.41% Mn over 29.5 m** (44.0 to 73.5 m)
- Hole PL-20: **9.32% Mn over 202.0 m** (12.0 to 214.0 m)
- Hole PL-22A: **11.28% Mn over 217.4 m** (93.6 to 311.0 m)

***Section 12N (near surface width 190 metres):***

- Hole PL-13: **11.43% Mn over 19.0 m** (11.8 – 30.8 m)
- Hole PL-14: **11.08% over 202.5 m** (3.5 – 206.0 m)
- Hole PL-16: **10.11% over 99.0 m** (89 – 188 m) & **11.56% over 30.0 m** (215 – 245 m) & **13.23% over 39.0 m** (302 – 341 m)

***Section 13N (near surface width 225 metres):***

- Hole PL-11: **11.25% Mn over 113.85 m** (51.65 – 165.5 m)
- Hole PL-10: **11.27% over 101.0 m** (10 – 111 m) & **11.67% over 78.0 m** (153 – 231 m)
- Hole PL-09: **8.61% over 44.0 m** (10 – 54 m) & **12.51% over 78.0 m** (69 – 147 m)

***Section 14N (near surface width 90 metres):***

- Hole PL-08: **9.22% Mn over 63.0 m** (80 – 143 m)
- Hole PL-07: **11.43% Mn over 89.0 m** (21 – 110 m)
- Hole PL-06: **11.41% Mn over 45.0 m** (5 – 50 m)

***Section 15N (near surface width 45 metres):***

- Hole PL-12: **10.82% Mn over 53.0 m** (56 – 109 m)
- Hole PL-15: **10.01% Mn over 21.0 m** (152 – 173 m) & **10.06% over 36.0 m** (185 – 221 m)

A drill hole location map, drill sections and detailed assays for each of the above holes can be referenced on the Company's website at <http://www.buchansminerals.com> (February 14, 2013, September 26, 2011 and September 7, 2011 news releases).

**Plymouth Historic Resource:**

The Plymouth deposit is comprised of a non NI-43-101 compliant, historic, uncategorized resource estimate totaling <sup>1</sup>51.2 million tons (46.5 million tonnes) averaging 10.9% Mn (manganese) and 13.3% Fe (iron). This estimate was compiled by Strategic Manganese Corporation in 1957 and is reported to include mineralization extending from surface to depths of 500 feet (152 metres). The historical resource estimate is based on data obtained and prepared by previous operators and neither Buchans Minerals nor Minco has located original assay sheets or details of the estimation methodology or the key assumptions or parameters, underlying the estimate. A qualified person has not done sufficient work to verify or classify the historical mineral resource estimate as current mineral resources. Neither Buchans Minerals nor Minco is treating the historic resource estimate as NI 43-101 defined current mineral resources verified by a qualified person, and the estimate should not be relied upon. Verification and classification of the historical resource estimate as current mineral resources will require considerable further evaluation. For this reason, the Company has undertaken the current resource drilling program to provide sufficient reliable information to complete a NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate of the Plymouth mineralization. The Company has retained independent consultants, Mercator Geological Services Limited, of Dartmouth Nova Scotia to complete a new NI-43-101 compliant estimate of resources upon completion of the current drill program.

<sup>1</sup> Historic resource estimate from an article written by K.O.J. Sidwell, 1957: The Woodstock, N.B., Iron-Manganese Deposits. Transactions of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Volume LX, 1957, p.231-236. The article reports the resource is compiled from data acquired from a total of 17,388 feet (5,300 metres) of drilling.

**Minco Option:**

Minco has the right to earn up to 50% interest in Canadian Manganese Company Inc. (“CMC”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Buchans Minerals that owns 100% of the Woodstock manganese property. Minco has committed to earning a 10% interest in CMC by making phase one expenditures of \$1.250 million to fund drilling and resource estimation for an inferred resource at the Plymouth deposit as well as complete additional hydrometallurgical test work on the deposit to optimize the flowsheet to produce high-grade electrolytic manganese metal (“EMM”).

Following this initial commitment, Minco will have 30 days to elect to continue with further expenditures of \$750,000 over a period of six months (phase two expenditures) to complete a preliminary economic assessment (“PEA”) on the Plymouth deposit to earn a further 10% interest in CMC. If Minco elects not to proceed with the second phase of expenditures, Buchans will have a 90-day option to buy back Minco’s 10% interest in CMC for \$1.250 million.

Upon completion of the PEA, Minco will have an exclusive 3 month option to elect to earn a further 30% interest in CMC by completing an NI 43-101 compliant pre-feasibility report on the Plymouth deposit within two years (the budget to be determined at that time). Buchans Minerals will be the operator for all work programs performed under the option agreement with Minco.

**Qualified Persons & QAQC:**

Paul Moore, MSc, P.Geo., (NL), Vice-President Exploration for Buchans Minerals is acting as a Qualified Person in compliance with NI-43-101 with respect to the geological technical information contained in this release and has reviewed and approved the contents for accuracy. Except the historical mineral resource estimate disclosed in this news release, Paul Moore has verified the data disclosed in this release, including the sampling, analytical and test data underlying the information contained in this release, in accordance with Buchans Minerals’ QA/QC protocols as described below. Results presented from past work include drilling results and assays previously released by Buchans Minerals in 2011 (2011 drilling assays) as well as assays and geological information available in the public domain as reported by past workers in 1988 in New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources and Energy Open File Report 90-4.

Logging, sampling and assaying procedures were completed by Buchans Minerals personnel as per Buchans Minerals QA/QC protocols as described in detail in the Company’s press release of February 14, 2013. All assaying is being conducted by ALS Minerals as per procedures described in the Company’s press release of February 14, 2013.

**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 (optioned to Minco plc.), its 100% owned manganese property located near Woodstock (optioned to Minco) in New Brunswick and its 50% owned gold & copper Long Range Property in central Newfoundland.

**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). For further information of Minco refer to Minco's website at [www.minco.ie](http://www.minco.ie).

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