

Minco Plc

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HOLDINGS IN COMPANY

Dublin, 13 January, 2012 - Minco Plc (AIM-“MIO”), the Irish exploration and development company, was notified on 9 January, 2012 that Peter McParland, a non-executive director, acquired an indirect interest in 500,000 ordinary shares of €0.0125 each (“Ordinary Shares”) in the share capital of Minco. The Ordinary Shares were acquired by Quarry & Mining Equipment Ltd. (QME), a company controlled by Mr. McParland at 2.6 pence on 9 January, 2012.

About Minco

Minco PLC is an AIM quoted precious and base metals exploration and development company, engaged in zinc-lead exploration in Ireland, in proximity to the Galmoy and Tara mines, and with investments in zinc-silver projects in Mexico through holding 30 million shares in Xtierra Inc. listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (Toronto) under the symbol “XAG”. Minco also holds a 2% NSR royalty on the Curraghinalt gold property in Northern Ireland which is being explored by Dalradian Resources Inc.

Minco currently holds US\$20 million in cash and is evaluating a number of investment opportunities in the mineral industry in North America and Europe.

There are 349,999,988 shares of Minco issued and outstanding.

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