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MINCO GOLD ACQUIRES XIAOSHAN POLYMETALLIC PROJECT

Minco Gold Corporation (the "Company" or "Minco Gold") (MMM-TSX/MGH-AMEX/MI5-FSE) is pleased to announce that its wholly owned subsidiary, Minco Mining (China) Corporation, has entered into a cooperative joint-venture agreement with Henan Nonferrous Geological Mining Co., Ltd. ("HNGM") to jointly explore and develop the Xiaoshan polymetallic project located in Henan Province, China. Under the terms of the agreement, Minco can earn up to 70% equity interests in Xiaoshan with a total contribution of RMB 35 million (approx US\$ 4.57 million). Minco will make an initial payment of RMB 15 million (approx US\$ 1.96 million) to secure the exploration permits and fund RMB 20 million (approx US\$ 2.61 million) in exploration and development before the end of June, 2009. The agreement is subject to Chinese government approval.

The Xiaoshan project consists of two exploration permits, the 17.1 square kilometre (km²) Huluyu permit and the 12 km² Dafangshan permit, for a total land package of 29.1 km². Located in Shanxian County, Northwest Henan Province, the region covers the eastern portion of the famous Qinling metallogenic belt which is one of the most important gold producing regions in China.

Xiaoshan is located on a structural zone parallel to Silvercorp's Ying Silver Project located 30 kilometres to the south. The Xiaoshan and Ying projects demonstrate very similar geological settings, structures, and mineralization styles. Regionally, both projects sit on the Southern rim of the North China Craton where the Archean metamorphosed rocks of the Taihua Group are the dominant host for the large gold-silver deposits in the East section of the Qinling belt. In this region, the Archean migmatite, schist and gneiss (Taihua Group) have been intruded by Proterozoic diabase dykes and Mesozoic acidic dykes. Vein-alteration zones in the region are dominantly controlled by N-NW (North-Northwest) and NW-W (Northwest-West) trending faults with the mineral deposit type similar to the mesothermal veins of the Coeur d'Alene District in Idaho, U.S.A..

Within the Huluyu permit there are three sets of faults trending NW (Northwest), N-NW, and NE (Northeast). Thirteen gold and silver veins have been mapped at surface in this area and the largest vein has been traced for a length of 4,150 metres. Sampling by the Henan Nonferrous Exploration and Mining Company from underground workings at Huluyu have returned values ranging from 3.0 g/t to 74.6 g/t gold, 121 g/t to 726 g/t silver, 3% to 29% lead, and 1% to 23% zinc. One grab sample from underground workings returned 21.3 g/t gold, 520 g/t silver, 18.3% lead, and 16.66 % zinc while another grab sample yielded 45.8 g/t gold, 145 g/t silver, 6.26% lead, and 12.90 % zinc.

In the Dafangshan area, 7 gold veins have been mapped at surface. The mineralization is strata bound and occurs as thin veins. Sampling by the Henan Nonferrous Exploration and Mining Company returned values for veins that vary in length from 212 m to 772 m with average widths from 0.42 m to 0.65 m and average gold grades from 3.00 g/t to 5.77 g/t. Two grab samples returned gold values of 12.8 g/t and 21.7 g/t respectively.

While mining activities for gold and silver can be traced back for hundreds of years, the Xiaoshan project remains largely under-explored by modern techniques. Exploration in the region has been limited to surface mapping, stream sediment sampling, trenching, and sampling of old workings and artisanal tunnels. Minco's geological team is preparing a work program to investigate the numerous veins identified on the property with a focus on the deep part of the known mineralized zones.

This news release has been reviewed and approved for release by William Meyer, P. Eng, Chairman of Board and a Qualified Person in accordance with National Instrument 43-101.

About Minco Gold

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