

For Immediate Release

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**NEWS RELEASE**

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR AND NEW OFFICER**

**Minco Mining & Metals Corporation (TSX: MMM AMEX: MMK)** (the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Heinz Frey to the Board of Directors subject to regulatory approval. Dr. Frey has a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Bern, Switzerland. Dr. Frey was the Chairman and CEO of Ascom Holding AG, an internationally active Swiss telecommunications, service automation and energy company, prior to his retirement in 1994. In addition to being active on a number of other boards, he is a former director of UBS (Union Bank of Switzerland). Currently, Dr. Frey is the President of Tranzcom China Security Networks Inc. and is also the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Securitas Group AG, a leading Swiss-based multi-national company involved in the implementation of security systems.

Mr. Hans Wick has retired from the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company would like to thank Mr. Wick for his invaluable contributions to the Company during the past ten years and wish him well in his retirement.

The Company would also like to announce the appointment of Robert S. Tyson as Vice President, Corporate Development subject to regulatory approval. Mr. Tyson joined the Company in April 2005 as the Investor Relations Manager. Mr. Tyson has been an independent consultant for the past 15 years specializing in corporate development, finance, investor relations and corporate governance. He has held senior management positions and has been a director for several public and private companies in Canada and the United States including Integrated Carbonics Corp., Urbana.ca, Inc and was a senior associate with MCA Equities Ltd. for six years.

**About Minco**

Minco Mining & Metals Corporation is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the American Stock Exchange (MMM:TSX AMEX: MMK). The Company has a portfolio of high quality mineral projects in China and continues to evaluate a number of gold, base metal, rare earth and specialty metals projects in China. For more information on Minco and our properties, please visit the website at [www.mincomining.ca](http://www.mincomining.ca) or contact Robert Tyson, Vice President Corporate Development at 1-888-288-8288 or (604) 688-8002 [info@mincomining.ca](mailto:info@mincomining.ca).

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

*"Ken Z. Cai"*

**President, CEO & Director**

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