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NEWS RELEASE

APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT EXPLORATION

Minco Mining & Metals Corporation (TSX: MMM) (the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Paul J. Johnston as Vice President Exploration, pending TSX approval.

Dr. Johnston holds a Ph.D. in Geological Sciences from Queen's University at Kingston, Canada. Before joining the Company, he was a senior geologist with Teck Cominco Limited and was involved with exploration activities for 9 years throughout Southeast Asia, China, Australia, North America and South America. During his employment with Teck Cominco, Dr. Johnston was exploration manager for 2 years on Minco's White Silver Mountain Project in Gansu, China. Prior to his employment with Teck Cominco, he was senior mine geologist with Hemlo Gold Mines Inc. at the Golden Giant Mine. Dr. Johnston is a member of the Society of Economic Geologists and a former member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

Dr. Ken Cai, President & CEO comments: "We are very pleased that Dr. Johnston has joined Minco's management team. With his solid geological background and extensive exploration experience acquired in the last 18 years, we are confident that Dr. Johnston will make an invaluable contribution to Minco's success and maximize the value of Minco's mineral properties in China."

About Minco

Minco Mining & Metals Corporation is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (MMM:TSX). 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 or contact William Meyer, Chairman of the Board or Dr. Ken Kai, President & CEO at 1-888-288-8288 or (604) 688-8002 info@mincomining.ca.

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