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**MINCO GOLD RELEASES FINAL ASSAY RESULTS FROM 2008
DRILL PROGRAM AT CHANGKENG GOLD**

Minco Gold Corporation (the "Company" or "Minco Gold") (TSX:MMM/NYSE Alternext US:MGH/FSE:MI5) is pleased to report the final assay results of diamond drill holes completed for the Changkeng Gold Project in Guangdong Province, China.

Minco Gold significantly advanced the Changkeng Gold project during 2008. The comprehensive exploration program included approximately 12,000 metres of diamond drilling in 61 holes and a hydrological & geotechnical assessment on the project yielding promising results. The 2008 drill program was very successful in extending the mineralization along strike for approximately 300 metres to the north-east from the main Changkeng deposit area. All these encouraging drill results will be included in the upcoming NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate currently in progress.

The 17 holes reported here were designed to confirm the earlier wider spaced positive drill results to a higher confidence level and to extend the mineralization. Please visit the Company's website at www.mincogold.ca to view a map of the drill hole locations.

Assay results are highlighted by the following intersections:

- **CK2053** **4.74 g/t gold over 10.20 m**
- **CK2057** **5.69 g/t gold over 9.25 m**
- **CK2059** **4.24 g/t gold over 12.65 m**
- **CK2060** **3.07 g/t gold over 13.62 m**
- **CK2061** **3.08 g/t gold over 10.20 m and 3.20 g/t gold over 5.45 m**
- **CK2063** **3.49 g/t gold over 10.10 m**
- **CK2064** **4.00 g/t gold over 10.55 m**
- **CK2071** **4.81 g/t gold over 16.45 m including 9.95 g/t gold over 5.20 m**

Hole No.		From (m)	To (m)	Intercept (m)	Average Grade			
					Au(g/t)	Ag(g/t)	Pb(%)	Zn(%)
CK2049		207.45	211.25	3.80	1.96	5.97	n/a	n/a
	incl.	210.30	211.25	0.95	3.55	8.00		
		215.30	217.35	2.05	0.35	81.83		
		220.30	222.40	2.10	1.45	59.95		
CK2053		41.20	51.40	10.20	4.74	10.15	n/a	n/a
	incl.	45.90	49.60	3.70	8.23	15.00		
CK2056		120.25	122.20	1.95	6.14	6.23	n/a	n/a

		126.50	127.60	1.10	1.64	2.00		
CK2057		51.25	60.50	9.25	5.69	8.85	n/a	n/a
	incl.	51.25	53.25	2.00	9.30	18.00		
CK2058		93.07	96.26	3.19	5.32	9.96	n/a	n/a
	incl.	93.96	95.66	1.70	7.87	15.00		
CK2059		154.90	167.55	12.65	4.24	7.81	n/a	n/a
	incl.	157.70	161.70	4.00	6.51	12.25		
CK2060		235.10	237.00	1.90	2.21	3.52	n/a	n/a
		244.95	250.30	5.35	1.65	3.23		
		254.25	267.87	13.62	3.07	12.12		
	incl.	262.90	264.90	2.00	6.76	41.42		
CK2061		99.70	100.85	1.15	1.47	<1	n/a	n/a
		100.85	111.05	10.20	3.08	8.75		
		117.40	122.85	5.45	3.20	3.40		
	incl.	117.40	119.40	2.00	4.91	3.00		
CK2062		137.35	138.35	1.00	1.63	1.00	n/a	n/a
		145.17	146.03	0.86	1.46	1.00		
		151.76	153.33	1.57	4.11	7.31		
CK2063		171.30	181.40	10.10	3.49	8.13	n/a	n/a
	incl.	173.00	177.50	4.50	4.63	9.86		
		181.40	183.30	1.90	1.53	5.11		
CK2064		42.64	43.65	1.01	3.34	25.00	n/a	n/a
		103.30	104.30	1.00	5.09	12.00		
		105.30	115.85	10.55	4.00	4.18		
	incl.	110.35	115.85	5.50	5.85	4.35		
CK2065		No Significant Results						
CK2066		162.19	163.15	0.96	1.09	16.00	n/a	n/a
		196.00	199.60	2.00	0.16	79.75		
CK2068		158.90	164.45	5.55	1.79	8.04	n/a	n/a
CK2069		261.10	263.30	2.20	1.91	4.50	n/a	n/a
		268.84	269.84	1.00	1.48	12.00		
		274.60	280.10	5.50	2.15	11.25		
	incl.	274.60	277.00	2.40	3.13	21.96		
		284.10	290.65	6.55	0.22	278.06		
CK2070		66.80	68.80	2.00	2.82	10.20	n/a	n/a
		70.85	71.80	0.95	0.48	130.00		
CK2071		66.50	82.95	16.45	4.81	7.36	n/a	n/a
	incl.	68.85	74.05	5.20	9.95	12.54		

True widths for the mineralized zones are typically from 75% to 95% of the stated intercepts.

Samples were prepared and assayed at SGS – CSTC Standards Technical Company, TEDA Tianjin, PRC under the supervision of an International certified assayer. Samples were analyzed with fire assay with AAS finish for gold and aqua regia with an AAS finish for silver. Assay results were further checked internally at SGS. External check samples were also sent to ASL Chemex Laboratories in

Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, PRC for additional check analysis. Reference materials were inserted by Minco geologists as part of a comprehensive quality assurance/quality control program.

Mr. Dwayne Melrose, P. Geo, Vice President Exploration for Minco Gold, has reviewed this news release and is the Qualified Person responsible for verification and quality assurance of the company's exploration data and analytical results.

About Minco Gold

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