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Minsud Announces Exercise of Earn-In Right by South32 to Acquire a 50.1% Interest in its Argentinian Subsidiary

TORONTO, ONTARIO – Minsud Resources Corp. (TSX-V: MSR) (“Minsud” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that, further to the Company’s press release dated November 4, 2019, South32 Aluminium (Holdings) Pty Ltd. (**“South32”**) a wholly owned subsidiary of South32 Limited, has exercised its earn-in right (the **“Earn-In Right”**) to acquire a 50.1% ownership interest in Minera Sud Argentina S.A. (**“MSA”**), Minsud’s indirect Argentinian subsidiary that holds and operates the flagship Chita Valley Project.

In accordance with the terms of the earn-in agreement dated November 1, 2019, as amended (the **“Earn-In Agreement”**) between South32 and Minsud, South32 had the right to exercise its Earn-In Right upon advancing initial capital contributions to MSA of no less than C\$14 million (the **“South32 Initial Capital Contribution”**) for a period of four years in order to fund MSA’s exploration programs. South32 advanced the South32 Initial Capital Contribution within a period of three years and has, in accordance with the Earn-In Agreement, exercised its Earn-In Right to acquire 50.1% of MSA.

Completion of South32’s acquisition of 50.1% of the shares in MSA (**“Completion”**) shall take place on the earlier of: (i) the completion of the Year 4 annual exploration program; and (ii) February 14, 2024.

At the time of Completion, Minsud Argentina Inc. (**“MAI”**), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and South32 will enter into a shareholders’ agreement to govern the management and operation of MSA which will include further exploration and, if economically feasible, the development and exploitation of the Chita Valley Project (the **“Shareholders’ Agreement”**). Until Completion, MAI shall continue to manage and operate MSA and, therefore, the Chita Valley Project.

As part of the exercise of the Earn-In Right the parties to the Earn-In Agreement have agreed to certain amendments to the Earn-In Agreement and the Shareholders’ Agreement, including:

- The exercise of the Earn-In Right by South32 is confirmed and certain other optional earn-in rights in favour of South32 relating to the funding of a prefeasibility study and a bankable feasibility study are removed.
- MAI shall be entitled to elect, prior to Completion, whether South32’s acquisition of the 50.1% stake in MSA will be effected by means of:
 - (i) South32’s subscription for MSA shares in consideration for the South32 Initial Capital Contribution (the **“Cash In Option”**); or
 - (ii) a combination of a subscription for 10% of MSA shares combined with a sale of 40.1% of MSA shares from MAI to South32 (the **“Cash Out Option”**).
- Previously, the Earn-In Agreement provided that on exercise of the Earn-In Right South32 would pay an amount of C\$14 million to MAI (the **“Transfer Price”**) which is in addition to the South32 Initial Capital Contribution. The amendments to the earn-In Agreement now provide that:
 - (i) Whilst South32 has already committed to fund C\$9.1 million for the Year 4 exploration program (of which **C\$2.6 million** has already been contributed) 49.9% of the C\$9.1 million Year 4 exploration program will now be funded by MAI by way of this amount being deducted from the Transfer Price;

(ii) If MAI opts for the Cash Out Option, then South32 shall pay the balance of the Transfer Price to MAI on Completion and for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date on which the Shareholders' Agreement is signed, and provided that MAI reinvests the balance of the Transfer Price in approved MSA programs and budgets, then MAI's 49.9% share in MSA shall not be diluted; and

(iii) If MAI opts for the Cash In Option, then MAI will not be obliged to contribute any amount to an approved program and budget until the aggregate of the South32 Initial Capital Contribution and the amounts contributed and funded by South32 in respect of MSA approved programs and budgets following the South32 Initial Capital Contribution equals C\$42 million.

Ramiro Massa, Minsud's President & CEO, said: *"During these past three years, Minsud has been challenged to meet the high operating and exploration standards of a global mining company. This challenge came together with our biggest opportunity to explore our Chita Valley Project, and fortunately we have been able to deliver high quality exploration results, with a significant new discovery at the Chinchillones target, while taking care of the environment and our community. We are very proud and excited to advance this partnership with South32. I want to congratulate our team, our board, and our investors who have always believed in us and in the potential of the Chita Valley Project"*.

About the Chita Valley Project, San Juan Province:

The Chita Valley Project is a large exploration stage porphyry system with classic alteration features, widespread porphyry style Cu-Mo-Au and polymetallic Ag-Pb-Zn mineralization hosted by Hydrothermal Phreatic Breccias and associated gold and silver-bearing polymetallic veins of intermediate sulfide composition that conformed an outcropping porphyry system at Chita and a lithocap of a porphyry system at Chinchillones. San Juan Province of Argentina has a robust mining sector and recognizes the important economic benefits of responsible development of its substantial Mineral Resource endowment.

About Minsud Resources Corp.

Minsud is a mineral exploration company focused on exploring its flagship Chita Valley Cu-Mo-Au-Ag-Pb-Zn Project, in the Province of San Juan, Argentina. The Company also holds a 100% owned portfolio of selected early-stage prospects, including 6,000 ha in Santa Cruz Province, Argentina.

About South32

South32 is a globally diversified mining and metals company. The company's purpose is to make a difference by developing natural resources, improving people's lives now and for generations to come. South32 is trusted by its owners and partners to realize the potential of their resources. South32 produces commodities including bauxite, alumina, aluminium, copper, silver, lead, zinc, nickel, metallurgical coal and manganese from its operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America. With a focus on growing its base metals exposure, South32 also has two development options in North America and several partnerships with junior explorers around the world.

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