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**Minsud and South32 Sign an Earn-in Agreement to explore the Chita Valley Project.**

**TORONTO, ONTARIO – Minsud Resources Corp. (TSX-V: MSR) (“Minsud” or the “Company”)** is pleased to announce that on November 1st, 2019, the Company, its wholly-owned subsidiary Minsud Argentina Inc. (“MAI”), and MAI’s subsidiary Minera Sud Argentina S.A. (“MSA”), an Argentinean company in which MAI has a 99.63% ownership interest (“the Minsud parties”) signed an earn-in agreement (the “Earn-in Agreement”) with South32 Aluminium (Holdings) Pty Ltd (“South32”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of South32 Limited, to explore the Chita Valley Project, located in the San Juan Province, Argentina (the “Project”). Minsud and South32 are together referred to as the “parties”.

South32 Limited is a globally diversified mining and metals company producing bauxite, alumina, aluminum, energy and metallurgical coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc at its operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America.

Minsud is a mineral exploration company focused on exploring its flagship Chita Valley Cu-Mo-Au-Ag Project, in the Province of San Juan, Argentina.

The Project is a large intrusive porphyry with classic alteration features, widespread porphyry style Cu-Mo-Ag-Au mineralization and associated gold and silver-bearing polymetallic veins. In addition to the Chita resource area, the Project includes a cluster of mineralized porphyries including the Chinchillones and Placetas porphyries that have yet to be fully tested by systematic multidisciplinary exploration methods.

**Earn-in Agreement – Initial Capital Contributions (earn-in period)**

The Earn-in Agreement grants to South32 the right to acquire up to a 50.1% direct interest in MSA at the end of the earn-in period.

Under the Earn-in Agreement, South32 will provide up to C\$14 million in capital contributions to MSA over a period of 4 years, as follows: (i) not less than C\$3.5 million by December 31, 2020; (ii) not less than an aggregate of C\$7 million by December 31, 2021; (iii) not less than an aggregate of C\$10.5 million by December 31, 2022; and (iv) not less than an aggregate of C\$14 million by December 31, 2023. South32 has the right to withdraw at the end of each year. Once South32 has complied with its funding obligations, South32 may exercise its right to acquire a 50.1% direct interest in MSA by electing to subscribe for MSA shares equal to 10% of MSA’s shares, in consideration for its funding, and acquire the remaining 40.1% of MSA’s shares from MAI for a consideration of C\$14 million. Alternatively, South32 may undertake to complete a prefeasibility study (“PFS”), in which case it shall be entitled to subscribe for 50.1% of MSA’s shares and shall have the right to acquire an additional 19.9% in MSA (as described below) exercisable on completion of the PFS.

MSA will be the operator and the parties will establish a technical committee made up of two members nominated by each party. The technical committee will approve annual technical programs and budgets. South32 will have the casting vote on the technical committee.

## **Shareholders' Agreement**

Upon the exercise of South32's right to acquire a 50.1% direct interest in MSA, Minsud and South32 will sign a Shareholders' Agreement to govern the management and operation of MSA and, if warranted, further exploration, development and exploitation of the Project. The Shareholders' Agreement provides for the following phases.

### **Prefeasibility Study Election – “PFS funding”**

If South32 has elected to fund a PFS at the end of the earn-in period, then, on or before the fifth anniversary of that election, South32 must deliver a PFS that complies with National Instrument 43-101 and CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves by funding a minimum amount of C\$55 million less any amount contributed during the earn-in period. Upon delivering the PFS, South32 may either elect to (i) pay to MAI C\$20 million to acquire 19.9% of MSA's shares or (ii) fund a bankable feasibility study (“BFS”), in which case it shall be entitled to subscribe for 19.9% of MSA's shares (such that in either case South32 shall, following the relevant election, own 70% of MSA's shares and Minsud shall own 30% of such shares).

If South32 opts neither to fund the BFS nor to purchase MSA's shares from MAI, its ownership in MSA will be reduced to 49.0% and MAI's interest shall be 51%.

### **Bankable Feasibility Study Election – “BFS funding”**

If South32 has elected to fund a BFS, as long as such BFS is delivered on or before the third anniversary of that election and with effect from the BFS's date of approval by the Board of Directors of MSA, South32 will have the sole, exclusive and irrevocable right to subscribe for, be issued and to acquire an additional 10% of the shares of MSA such that, in aggregate, it will hold 80% of the shares. If the BFS is delivered by South32 after the date which is the fourth anniversary but on or before the fifth anniversary of such election, the additional MSA shares to be issued and subscribed or acquired by South32 will be reduced to 5%. In this case, the aggregated participation will be 75%. If the BFS is delivered by South32 after the date which is the fifth anniversary but on or before the sixth anniversary of such election, South32's interest in MSA will remain at 70%. South32 must deliver a BFS that complies with National Instrument 43-101 and the CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves.

### **Purchase Election**

If South32 has elected to purchase MSA's shares from MAI at the end of the earn-in period, each party shall be obliged to contribute to approved annual programs and budgets in proportion to its participating interest. If a party does not elect to contribute, it will be diluted on a straight-line basis. In the case that Minsud is reduced to less than ten percent (10%), it will be entitled to a two percent (2%) net smelter returns royalty on the Project in exchange for its remaining interest in MSA, pursuant to the terms of a royalty agreement.

In the five years following the purchase by South32 from MAI of MSA shares (pursuant to the elections referred to above), MAI will have a one-time right, exercisable by notice to South32, to elect not to contribute to the approved annual program and budget and to suspend dilution of its equity interest in MSA for the duration of such program while it seeks a third party to acquire its interest in MSA (the “sale period”). During the sale period, South32 will contribute 100% to any approved program and budget but, should Minsud fail to find a third-party buyer for its interest, Minsud will have the right to claw back its participation as at the beginning of the sale period by paying 1.5 times the amount of the funding contributed by South32 during that period. Dilution will otherwise be applied retrospectively. Any shareholder holding at least 20% participation has a right of first refusal to match any third-party proposal.

The transactions contemplated by the Earn-in Agreement and Shareholders' Agreement are subject to the Company's filing requirements with the TSX Venture Exchange, and final acceptance by the TSX Venture Exchange. The transactions are also subject to approval from

holders representing a majority of common shares which the Company intends to obtain by written consent.

Mr. Howard Coates, Professional Geoscientist, Director of the Company and a geological consultant, is a Qualified Person as defined by Canadian National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Coates visited the property and has read and approved the contents of this news release.

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