



Minera IRL Announces Acquisition Option on the Killincho Gold Project in Southern Peru

London, 13 July 2010: Minera IRL Limited (“Minera IRL” or the “Company”), (TSX:IRL) (AIM:MIRL) (BVL:MIRL) the Latin American focused gold mining, development and exploration company, announces it has entered into option agreements (the “Agreements”) to purchase the Killincho Gold Exploration Project from Ingerieria y Tecnologia Minero-Metalurgica SA (“ITMM”).

Highlights:

- **The Agreements consolidates eight properties, totalling 3,317ha, into one high quality gold exploration project in southern Peru**
- **Killincho is located within the same gold-bearing Sandia geological formation which hosts Minera IRL’s 1.3m oz Ollachea Project (inferred resource)**
- **Field reconnaissance and surface sampling commenced**
- **History of local artisanal gold production**

“The addition of Killincho to Minera IRL’s inventory of exploration projects is a further step toward consolidation of a highly prospective land position associated within the gold-bearing Sandia formation in southern Peru.” said Courtney Chamberlain, Executive Chairman of Minera IRL. *“This is the same slate belt formation which hosts our flagship one-million-plus ounce resource at Ollachea 150 kilometres north west of Killincho. The Sandia Formation is emerging as a major new district which hosts a number of impressive gold deposits including Untuca, La Rinconada, Winchomayo and Santa Domingo.”*

Following field evaluations and negotiations spanning more than 12 months, on 12 July 2010 Minera IRL SA, a subsidiary of Minera IRL Limited, signed agreements with Ingerieria y Tecnologia Minero-Metalurgica SA (“ITMM”) to purchase 8 properties. The acquisition consolidates a strategic position, known as the Killincho Gold Project in southern Peru.

The Agreements includes progressive staged payments to ITMM, who have underlying agreements with two property owners, which will allow for progressive exploration funded by Minera IRL. In the event that exploration is not successful, the Company can terminate the Agreements without obligation at any time in the future. In addition, ITMM has been granted an exploration license in its own right, which constitutes the third property component of the transaction, over an adjoining block with geologically prospective, and apparently contiguous, exploration features.

Three principal gold mineralization styles have been recognized to date. These include gold mineralization in breccia and/or shear zones, intrusive sedimentary rock contacts and quartz veins that are being selectively mined by artisanal miners on a modest, but high grade basis.

Exploration activities have commenced.

This press release was reviewed by Donald McIver, VP Exploration of the Company, MSc Exploration and Economic Geology, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AUSIMM), who is the designated Qualified Person for the purposes of National Instrument 43-101 and has approved the technical information in this press release.

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The Toronto Stock Exchange neither approves nor disapproves the information contained in this News Release.

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