

Strong Q3'2010 News Flow Anticipated

Minco plc's outlook has improved dramatically over the past 12 months. Shareholders have been fed a regular diet of strong drilling results and feasibility data, while both precious and base metal prices sustained hefty Asia-led rises against a background of demand recovery and looming supply shortfalls. For the next six months, we are confident that Xtierra Inc. will take a positive production decision at Bilbao and the parent company will demonstrate economic viability for its Pallas Green's zinc-lead prospect. Even adopting the most prudent forward pricing and recovery assumptions, both Minco plc and Xtierra Inc., remain substantially undervalued.

- Our price target for Minco plc shares remains 13p. In arriving at this number, we have substantially increased our valuation of Pallas Green while modifying certain assumptions regarding Xtierra's move toward production, having first adjusted for its participation which has been cut from 60.2% to 39.7%.
- We expect Minco to formally declare an independent and significantly upgraded JORC resource estimate for its Irish Pallas Green project during Q3'2010. This should detail a zinc-equivalent resource approaching the size and grading of Vedanta Resources' Lisheen mine which is located just 25km to the northeast. With 23Mt at 13.1% Zn and 2.2% Pb, Lisheen is presently rated amongst the world's top 12 zinc producers but is now just 3 years from commercial exhaustion. Indeed, we would be surprised if negotiations have not already begun regarding the subsequent passing of its operational facility, equipment and workforce to Pallas Green's majority holder, Xstrata plc.
- This JORC estimate will prove Pallas Green's economic viability. But with 60% of the license area still wholly unexplored and recent drilling identifying a brand new zone of mineralisation (named 'Knockroe'), this year's US\$10m drilling programme should go some way toward recognising the site's true potential. Indeed, we consider Pallas Green has scope to become an 'elephant', possibly with a resource as big as 60Mt on a combined grading of around 12%. Taking just the 19.6Mt that management has already suggested confidence in, however, we find it difficult to value Minco's 23.6% minority at less than US\$100m. Not surprisingly, management remains keen to avoid any dilution of its current participation.
- In Canada, the major hurdles for Xtierra's Bilbao project have been negotiated. New funding has been secured, its resource proven and feasibility studies are close to completion. The complication of recovering metals from the near-surface oxide mineralisation appears to have been resolved and a pilot plant is presently confirming that the protocol can be replicated on a commercial scale; final results are expected early in Q3'2010. A formal production decision is anticipated shortly thereafter.
- Things in Mexico should then move quickly. We expect project financing for the 140 million silver-equivalent ounces to be rapidly secured, with permit applications, final mine design, environmental and transportation studies to follow. Mine site construction should then get underway during Q2'2011, with first 'slow start' production being seen during the second half. Being located in a 'mining friendly' region, there appears little to hinder steady-state output being reached before end 2012 which should then continue for a minimum 12-year LOM. Even having anticipated a sustained fall back from the heady prices recently achieved by most base/precious metals, a summation of prospective cash flows amply demonstrate Xtierra's substantial undervaluation.

BUY
Price Target 13p

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| Mid Price on 03/06/2010 | 4.125p |
| Quotation | AIM:MIO |
| 52 week High/Low | 6.5p/2.0p |
| Website | minco.ie |

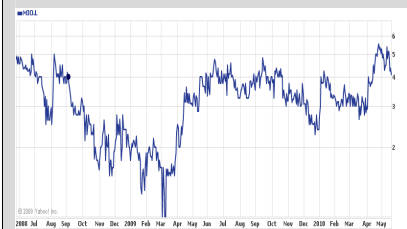
INVESTMENT SCENARIO

- Important Q3'2010 news flow anticipated
- New JORC estimate for Pallas Green
- Production decision at Bilbao
- Funding already in place
- Obvious undervaluation plus bid potential

SHARE DATA

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| Market Cap (GBP) | £11.69m |
| Shares Issued | 283.34m |
| Free Float | 60.1% |

Minco Plc 2 Year Chart



Source: Yahoo Finance

2 year Zinc Spot Pricing



Source: Bloomberg

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Funding in Place

Over the past couple of months, both Minco and its TSXV-listed associate company, Xtierra Inc., have raised new equity funding. As a result, both companies are now in a position to move their principal mining projects to their next significant stage. For Xtierra, this means we can be confident that a production decision will be reached for Bilbao in Mexico during the third quarter of this year. For Minco, it underlines management's intention to fully participate in Pallas Green's US\$10m exploration programme along with majority partner, Xstrata Zinc.

Xtierra Inc. – Private Placement Closed on 15th April 2010: The third and final tranche of Xtierra's non-brokered private placement (announced 19th January) was completed on 15th April. The gross proceeds from these financing rounds totalled CAD\$5.155m from the sale of 25.8m Units priced at CAD\$0.20. Each Unit consisted of one common share and one-half of a common share purchase warrant which, in turn, is exercisable at CAD\$0.30 for a term of 12 months. Together with an existing cash resource of some CAD\$1.5m, Xtierra now has adequate funding to sustain the desired pace of development of its two most advanced properties in the Central Mexican Mineral Belt.

The first of these is the Bilbao silver-zinc-copper project in Zacatecas, Mexico, which requires some CAD\$4m in order to complete the second phase of its metallurgical testing and feasibility study. A successful conclusion to these studies is anticipated by late summer, from which a formal production decision will be taken. The second is the Los Pinos Gold gold-silver project, for which Xtierra budgeted approximately CAD\$1m to exercise a purchase option and commence follow-up drilling.

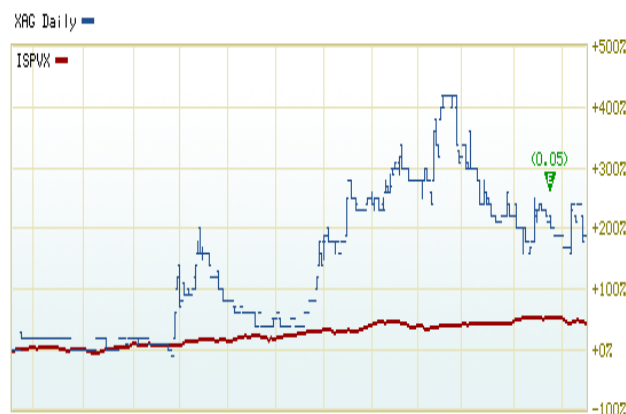
Not being in a position to participate financially in these placements, Minco plc's holding in Xtierra Inc. common shares has been cut from 60.2% to 39.7%. Following the closing of this transaction, Xtierra Inc. has a total of 75,637,003 shares and 22,182,140 warrants outstanding.

Minco plc – Secondary Placement Closed on 14th April 2010: In the process of raising gross proceeds of £1.04m, 34.7 million newly issued ordinary shares were placed with a number of financial institutions at £0.03 per share. Broker warrants were attached to this issue.

Management declared these proceeds would be used to fund the ongoing exploration and drilling activities at its 23.6%-owned Pallas Green zinc-lead joint venture in the southwest of Ireland. Having agreed to implement a US\$10m exploration programme during 2010/11 with majority partner Xstrata Zinc, management is displaying both its confidence in the project and determination to avoid dilution of its current participation.

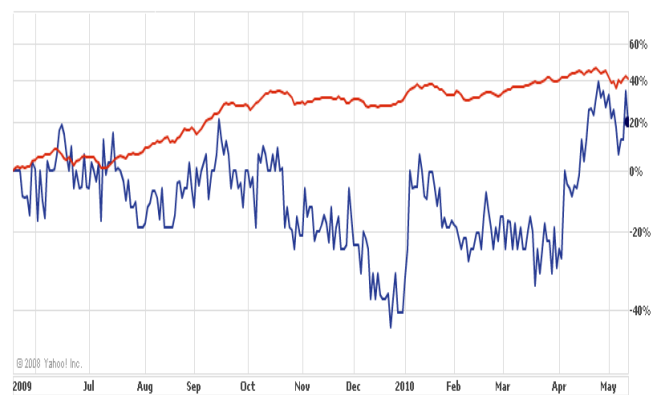
Following this placement, Minco had 283,340,020 ordinary shares and 2,930,906 warrants outstanding.

Xtierra Inc. relative to TSX Venture Composite Index 1 Year Share Price



Source: TMX Money

Minco plc relative to AIM All Share 1 Year Share Price



Source: Yahoo Finance

Minco plc <AIM:MIO>

Along with its 39.7% interest in TSX-V listed Xtierra Inc., Minco plc has a number of different mining interests in Ireland.

Table 1: Minco's Irish Mining Interests

| Minco Interest | Participation | Joint Venture Partner |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Pallas Green Project | 23.60% | Xstrata Zinc |
| Tatestown Project | 25% | Tara-Boliden |
| Rathdowney project | 50% | Lundin Mining |
| Curraghinalt Gold Project | 2.5% NSR Royalty | - |

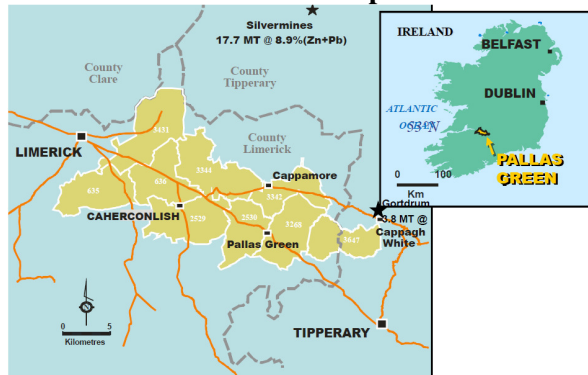
Source: Minco plc

Ireland has a significant mining history. It claims the largest number of zinc discoveries per sq. km. worldwide and the second position for lead. It currently has two operational world class discoveries. In 2008, Ireland produced 38% of Western Europe's total zinc output and 25% of its lead.

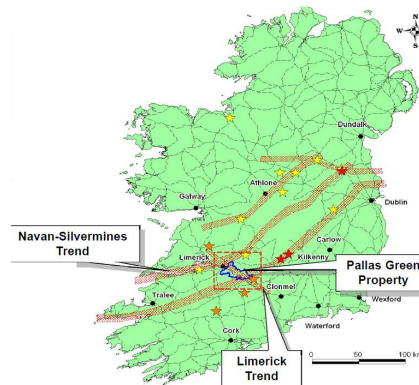
In our opinion, Minco's Irish interests are significantly dominated by the Pallas Green Project. Accordingly, this review of Minco plc considers this opportunity alone and award a nil value to the remaining Irish interests when modelling the Group prospective cash flows.

Pallas Green (23.6%-owned): JORC-compliant inferred deposit comprising 11.3 million tonnes at 12.13% combined Zinc & Lead. Having an extensive working knowledge of the carboniferous limestone-hosted zinc-lead deposits in Ireland's Midland Orefield, founding directors Terence McKillen and Peter Tyler acquired prospecting licenses covering 294 sq. km. Preliminary exploration led to the discovery of 'blind' mineralisation at Castlegarde, halfway between Limerick and Tipperary in 1999, which was followed by the establishment of a JV agreement with Noranda Inc. (now absorbed into Xstrata plc). A further 'blind' discovery, the Tobermalug prospect, was found in 2006.

Pallas Green – Location Map



Source: Minco Plc



Tobermalug comprises a partially explored north-south oriented zone of pyrite-sphalerite-galena mineralisation hosted within a complex of breccias similar to those hosting Anglo American's nearby world-class zinc orebodies at Lisheen (whose resource stands amongst the top 12 worldwide) and Lundin Mining Corp.'s Galmoy.

Five massive sulphide lenses have been discovered to date, with continuity of the mineralised envelope being demonstrated for a distance of some 3.5km from north to south. The mineralised zone is approximately 350 metres in width over the northern half of the Tobermalug prospect, increasing to 750 metres in the less well explored southern half. The mineralisation remains open to the south, northwest, north and east. It is believed that the 'core' zones of mineralisation of this prospect are yet to be discovered.

Table 2: Principle Irish Zinc Mines

| Mine Name | Resource Estimate | Estimated Depletion Date | Distance from Pallas Green |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Lisheen | 23Mt@13.1% Zn, 2.9% Pb | 2013 | 24km |
| Navan | 70Mt@10.1% Zn, 2.6% Pb | 2018 | 120km |
| Galmoy | 10Mt@12.5% Zn, 2.9% Pb | 2011 | 35km |

Source: Minco plc

In 2008, Minco and its joint venture partner Xstrata Zinc (76.4% majority owner) carried out a €5m drilling programme. The partners continued in 2009 with a further €3m budget to complete a total of 11,000 metres in 23 holes. This budget also included a Preliminary Scoping Study to indicate a resource estimate prepared to JORC standards, a preliminary mining plan, a preliminary metallurgical report, preliminary cost estimates and environmental base line studies.

In February 2010, a further agreement was reached to implement the largest drilling programme ever undertaken in Ireland, mobilising 16 rigs to complete 70,000 metres of diamond drilling in about 150 holes. In an effort to avoid any dilution of their current participation, in April Minco raised gross proceeds of £1.04m through the placement of new shares at £0.03 each. Additional funding will be required as phased payments become due later this year. Management's confidence in the Project suggests that it will make every effort to retain its current participation, although it is worth noting that the JV agreement with Xstrata does not permit Minco's holding to be cut below 10%, even if it is unable to contribute to continuing exploration programmes.

Table 3: Pallas Green Deposit Tabulation

| Deposit | Tonnes | Zinc % | Lead % | Zinc & Lead % |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|---------------|
| Tobermalug (JORC) | 11,300,000 | 10.22 | 1.91 | 12.13 |
| Caherconlish South (non-JORC) | 1,300,000 | 9.21 | 1.09 | 10.30 |
| Srahane West (non-JORC) | 1,100,000 | 9.60 | 1.25 | 10.85 |

Source: Minco plc

The published JORC estimate for Tobermalug was prepared by Xstrata Zinc and details an inferred resource amounting to 11.3Mt at 10.2% zinc and 1.9% lead. Minco's own non-JORC preliminary resource estimate for the deposit amounts to 16Mt at 11.79% zinc plus lead, thereby reaching the threshold considered to be required for an economic zinc/lead mine.

Management's stated near-term objective, however, is to further extend the size of Pallas Green's inferred resource with a near-term target of 20Mt, graded at about 12% combined zinc and lead, while moving preliminary scoping into a pre-feasibility study. Beyond this, the resource could yet grow considerably further. This view being supported by Chairman, John Kearney, who stated that Pallas Green was "probably the best exploration project we have seen in more than 35 years in this business" in his 2008 AR&A. During Q3'2010, Minco is expected to commission and publish its own independent JORC estimate in order to confirm its target has been achieved.

Table 4: Pallas Green History

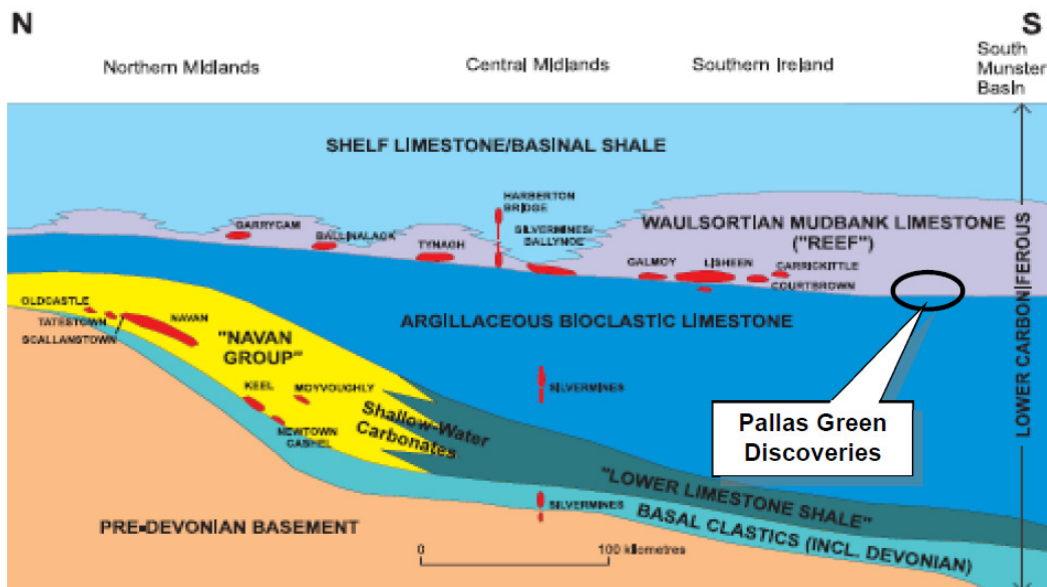
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| 1993 | Acquire Comino's Irish interests. Renamed Minco Ireland Limited |
| 1997 | Minco Ireland reversed into Irish Marine Oil Plc (OFEX Listing) |
| 1999 | JV on Pallas Green with Noranda |
| 2000 | Minco Plc listed on AIM |
| 2003 | Orca reversed into Minco |
| 2002-05 | Low activity under Irish exploration moratorium |
| 2004 | Falconbridge merges with Noranda (€500,000) |
| 2006 | Xstrata Zinc acquires Falconbridge (€1,060,000) |
| 2007 | Emergence of resource at Tobermalug (€1,600,000) |
| 2008 | 50,000 metres definition and step-out drilling (€6,000,000) |
| 2009 | 11,000 metres definition and step-out drilling (€3,000,000) |
| 2010 | 70,000 metres definition and step-out drilling (€7,000,000) |

Source: Minco plc

All three inferred mineral resources at Pallas Green remain open with potential to substantially grow both tonnage and grade. The Caherconlish cluster of massive sulphide deposits centred on Tobermalug occurs within a well defined alteration trend traceable over 25km. Yet, with approximately 60% of the prospect remaining unexplored, certain sections are believed to hold considerable potential for new discoveries on a scale similar to Tobermalug, or even larger.

Recent assay results, comprising part of the ongoing US\$10m 2010 exploration programme, clearly demonstrate this potential. As recently as April 2010, a brand new zone of mineralisation was discovered; it has since been named 'Knockroe'. Located about 750 metres from the Caherconlish South zinc-lead deposit and 2km southwest of Tobermalug, intersections have averaged as high as 12.66% zinc and 1.44% lead while correlating well with mineralisation recorded in earlier drilling. This newly emerging area appears to be a different mineralised zone altogether, opens up a large area of potential and could even prove to be associated with an important boundary fault structure.

Pallas Green – Cross Section



Source: Minco plc

These findings reinforce our previously stated view that Pallas Green could emerge as a much larger 'elephant-size' resource, possessing well in excess of 40 million tonnes with average gradings similar to those already recorded. Indeed, this would make Pallas Green Western Europe's largest undeveloped zinc project.

This view is supported further by Connemara Mining plc <AIM:CON>, whose Stonepark project (itself a Teck Cominco JV) recently published its own series of excellent drilling results showing 19.2% zinc and 8.5% lead with exploration continuing to outline the extent of its opportunity. At the nearest point, Stonepark is only 4.5km from Pallas Green.

True Value of Pallas Green about to be Recognised?

Being a minority holder and lacking the financial resources of a mining giant, Minco is likely to seek an early exit from Pallas Green rather than participate in what could become 20 years or more of production. In this respect, a minor news item released by Dow Jones Sidney in March 2010 potentially has huge significance for Minco.

The news item confirmed that Xstrata was considering the acquisition of all or part of Anglo American's zinc (plus copper and lead) assets. These assets were put up for sale late last year, with a reported price tag of some US\$800m. On 22nd March, Xstrata Zinc's Chief Executive Officer, Santiago Zaldumbide was quoted as stating, "We are interested in Anglo's zinc business, and are looking at probably all assets. We're particularly interested in Anglo's Lisheen mine (in Ireland), which is close to one of our interests." He went on to say "Xstrata owns a majority in the Pallas zinc project in Ireland. The two interests together could work quite well."

In final negotiations, however, Vedanta Resources plc <LSE:VED> was seen to bid aggressively for the whole basket of Anglo's interests. This included 100% of Namibia's Skorpion mine, 74% of Black Mountain Mining (comprising the Black Mountain mine and Gamsberg project in South Africa), as well as 100% of the Lisheen mine in Ireland. The total consideration of US\$1.338bn confirmed that international mining giants continue to have a significant hunger for such assets.

For Vedanta, this purchase allowed it to reinforce its dominance of global zinc production, for which it accounts for 11% of the total market. Effectively, the transaction valued the zinc-copper-lead assets at an enterprise value of 3 to 3.5 times forward EBITDA based on prudent forward metal prices. It valued the acquired reserves at US\$479/tonne and resources at US\$330/tonne. This appears very generous, but is presumably justified on the basis of various authoritative reports that forecast a shortfall in global zinc supply from 2016 onward and an anticipated hike in pricing as a result.

Despite Xstrata Zinc's failure to secure these assets for itself, its management still appears keen to continue expansion in such metals. Zinc in particular has proved to be a consistent performer for the company despite it having made only comparatively minor past investment. That said, CEO Zaldumbide, appears to be demonstrating that his focus remains on raising output from existing opportunities, rather than bidding a premium for assets he does not presently control. Xstrata Zinc's 74.6%-participation in Pallas Green is one such example.

The Lisheen mine is located in County Tipperary some 25km northeast of Pallas Green. Its original resource estimate was for 23Mt, graded at 13.1% zinc and 2.2% lead. Having commenced production in 1996, the mine is now approaching commercial exhaustion and is starting a phased run-down ahead of scheduled closure in 2013. In 2009, the mine produced zinc and lead revenues of US\$586m and EDITDA of US\$111m. A purchase price of US\$308m as quoted by Vedanta appears high, particularly given the anticipated slowing of output and the environmental/employment costs associated with its closure. It would be realistic to speculate therefore that Vedanta is already negotiating the subsequent passing of the mine's operating infrastructure (along with its incumbent closure liabilities) to Xstrata.

Employing roughly 345 workers and producing/treating some 1.5Mt of concentrate each year in order to yield an annualised 300kt of zinc-equivalent, Lisheen's operational infrastructure could conveniently match that needed by Pallas Green's when commencing its own ramp-up. Although not Minco's only option in the region, such an acquisition could greatly assist in simplifying Pallas Green's move to production.

Valuing Pallas Green

Xstrata plc always insists on buying out all minorities before commencing production. Should Xstrata Zinc have taken such a decision for Pallas Green, then negotiations to buy-out Minco's minority potentially could commence shortly.

Part of the attraction is that discovery costs remain relatively low. Total expenditure to end-2009, for example, has only been €13.9m, implying a cost of only slightly over €1/tonne for its current JORC-complaint estimate. Assuming a combined grading of just 10%, this implies some €10/tonne, compared with an in situ 'metal value' of 1Mt zinc (presently trading at around US\$1900/t) of US\$1.9bn. Given the territory's stable fiscal and regulatory regime, together with excellent exploration service infrastructure, available labour skills and positive experiences reported by other local producers, Ireland is considered a highly favoured mining territory.

The starting point for such sale discussion would likely be an assessment of the mine's Net-Present-Value (NPV). Prospective operational costs have already been well examined.

Based on a conservative JORC resource estimate of 20Mt and a 10-year LOM (even after aggressively discounting the opportunity), we have summated its prospective cash flows based on full production commencing in 2014. Based on such assumptions, we have found it hard to reduce the value of Minco's 23.6% holding below US\$100m.

Accordingly, we are now raising the value of Minco's participation in Pallas Green from 2p/share to 6.5p.

Given the likely periods required to prove opportunity for any of Minco's other prospects, we have prudently awarded a nil valuation to all the Group's other Irish assets/participations/royalty streams.

Table 5: Beaufort Forward Metal Price Range Assumptions

| Metal | LOM Price Range Estimate | LOM Average Price Estimate |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Zinc (US\$/lb) | 0.85 to 1.10 | 0.9 |
| Copper (US\$/lb) | 1.9 to 3.9 | 2.9 |
| Lead (US\$/lb) | 0.75 to 1.15 | 0.95 |
| Silver (US\$/oz) | 16.00 to 22.00 | 17 |

Source: BIA

See p16 of this report for Beaufort's Metal – Pricing, Risk and Demand Background

Table 6: Tabulation of Valuation Assumptions

| Variable | Assumption |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Production | Zinc, Lead |
| Life-of-Mine (LOM) | 10 years |
| Steady State Production Achieved | 2014 |
| Anticipated JORC Resource | 20Mt |
| Anticipated Grading | |
| | Zinc 10.20% |
| | Lead 1.90% |
| Anticipated Recovery | |
| | Zinc 70% |
| | Lead 65% |
| Forward Metal Price Assumption* | |
| | Zinc US\$0.9/lb |
| | Lead US\$0.95/lb |
| Capex – Remaining Requirement | US\$250m |
| Annual Maintenance/Support | US\$1.4m |
| Average Ore Extraction Cost | US\$68/t |
| Peak Annual Extraction | 2Mt |
| Royalty | - |
| Assumed Discount | 25% |

Source: BIA

Table 7: Minco plc – Valuation Summary

| Project | Type | Discounted NPV/share (p) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Share of Xtierra Inc | | |
| Bilbao Sulphides | | 3.1 |
| Bilbao Oxides | Polymetallic | 2.8 |
| Net Cash | Polymetallic | 0.6 |
| Laguna | Silver/Mercury | Nil |
| El Dorado | Gold | Nil |
| Pallas Green | Zinc-lead | 6.5 |
| Other interests | | Nil |
| Minco plc per share valuation | | 13 |

Source: BIA

Minco plc - Executive Directors

Minco's directors and senior officers have extensive experience in the operation and financing of public companies and in the development and construction of mine projects

John F. Kearney*, Executive Chairman

Mr. Kearney is a mining and business executive with over 30 years experience in the mining industry internationally. He holds law and economics degrees from University College Dublin, a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Trinity College, Dublin. He is a member of the Law Society of Ireland. Mr. Kearney was formerly Chairman, President and CEO of Northgate Exploration Limited. He is a director of a number of public companies including Anglesey Mining plc, Labrador Iron Mines Holdings Ltd., Conquest Resources Limited, Sulliden Exploration Inc., Scandinavian Minerals Ltd., Avnel Gold Mines Ltd. He is a director of the Ireland Fund of Canada.

Terence N. McKillen*, Chief Executive

Mr. McKillen is a founding shareholder of Minco and has been responsible for the development of Minco's portfolio of Irish projects, including the Pallas Green joint venture with Noranda (now Xstrata Zinc). Mr McKillen is a professional geologist and has over 40 years of experience in the mining industry. He holds degrees in geology from the University of Dublin (Trinity College) and a Masters degree in mining geology & mineral exploration from the University of Leicester. He is a registered Professional Geoscientist in the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, and Newfoundland & Labrador. Mr. McKillen is currently President and CEO of Toronto-based Conquest Resources Limited and Executive Vice-President of Labrador Iron Mines Holdings Limited, as well as President and CEO of Xtierra Inc.

Danesh K. Varma, Chief Financial Officer

Danesh Varma is Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary and a Director of Minco. Mr. Varma has over 20 years experience in the mining finance industry, having worked for Brookfield Asset Management, Northgate Exploration Ltd, Westfield Minerals Ltd and The Dundee Bank. A qualified accountant in UK and Canada, Mr Varma is currently Chief Financial Officer of Labrador Iron Mines Holdings and Xtierra Inc. and Conquest Resources Limited and holds directorships with Brooke Infrastructure Partners and Anglesey Mining Plc.

Non-Executive Directors

Peter McParland

Mr. McParland is Managing Director of QME, a world leader in supplying top-quality remanufactured LHD scooptrams and drilling equipment to the mining industry worldwide, based in Navan, Co. Meath. Mr. McParland has been associated with the mining sector in Ireland for many years both directly and through family ties to the Northgate Exploration group. He was formerly a director of Minco from 1997-1999.

Michael Power

Mr. Power is currently Vice-President and Secretary of Moydow Mines International and a director of Conroy Diamonds & Gold. He is a professional engineer with over 30 years of experience in the mining industry in Canada and internationally. Based in Toronto, Mr. Power is a Chartered Financial Analyst, he was formerly Vice-President of Corporate Development at Hemlo Gold Mines Inc., and previously Noranda Mining Ltd.

Bert-Ove Johansson

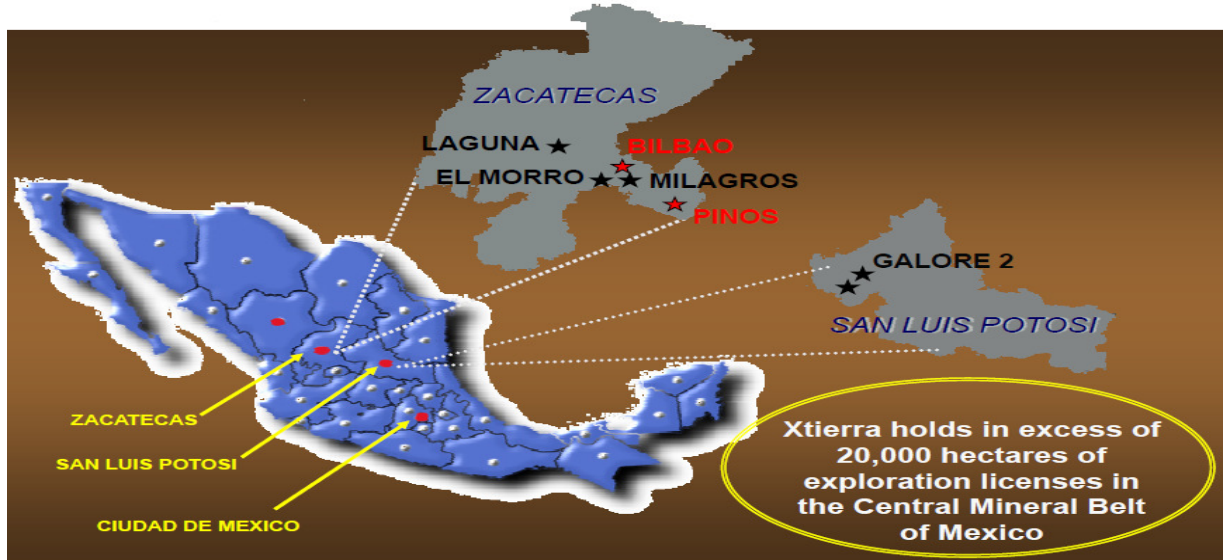
Mr. Johansson brings a wealth of senior management experience in the international mining industry, gaining operational experience in Sweden, Ireland, Ethiopia and Saudi Arabia. He is currently Regional Director of Operations for Northland Explorations where he is responsible for building and leading the operational organization that will manage Northland's new mines. He was formerly Managing Director of Boliden Tara Mines Ltd. operating Europe's largest zinc mine at Navan, Ireland where he was tasked with modernizing the organization at the Navan mine. More recently he held a Business Development role for Boliden Mineral AB. His experience also includes technical, managerial and operational positions at Boliden's Aitik Mine and LKAB's Kiruna and Malmberget operations in Sweden. Mr. Johansson is based in Stockholm and He received a M.Sc. in Mining from the Luleå University of Technology in Sweden.

*Also represented on the Board of Xtierra Inc.

Xtierra Inc. <TSX-V:XAG>

The Group’s two advanced properties are located in the Central Mexican Silver Belt. Dating from early colonial times, this prolific mineralised zone has historically generated the bulk of the country’s silver production and today hosts many world class silver and base metal deposits. Xtierra holds in excess of 20,000 hectares of exploration licenses, primarily in the States of Zacatecas and San Luis Potosi, where it has three principal Projects along with a number of exploration targets.

Mexican Mineral Belt Projects



Source: Xtierra Inc.

The Bilbao Project (100%-owned): NI 43-101 Resource Estimate 140 million silver equivalent ounces, 28 million ounces silver - Located 50km east of the State capital, the area comprises 1,407 hectares with nine exploration concessions, has flat lying topography, locally available goods/services/contractors and good access to essential infrastructure (3km from main highway). Having completed over 13,000 metres of diamond drilling in 53 holes, the Project’s polymetallic sulphide and oxide replacement deposit delineated its most recent 43-101 compliant zinc-lead-silver-copper resource in February 2010, based on a 3% zinc-equivalent cut-off across all ore categories. The result was a 169% increase in the indicated resource and a 68% increase in the inferred resource, compared with a previous estimate in November 2008.

Table 8: Resources as at February 2010*

| Resource Category | Tonnage (T) | Zinc (%) | Lead (%) | Copper (%) | Silver (g/t) |
|---------------------|-------------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|
| Indicated Resources | 9,680,000 | 2.43 | 2.09 | 0.21 | 59.4 |
| Inferred Resources | 4,040,000 | 1.43 | 1.55 | 0.18 | 53.64 |

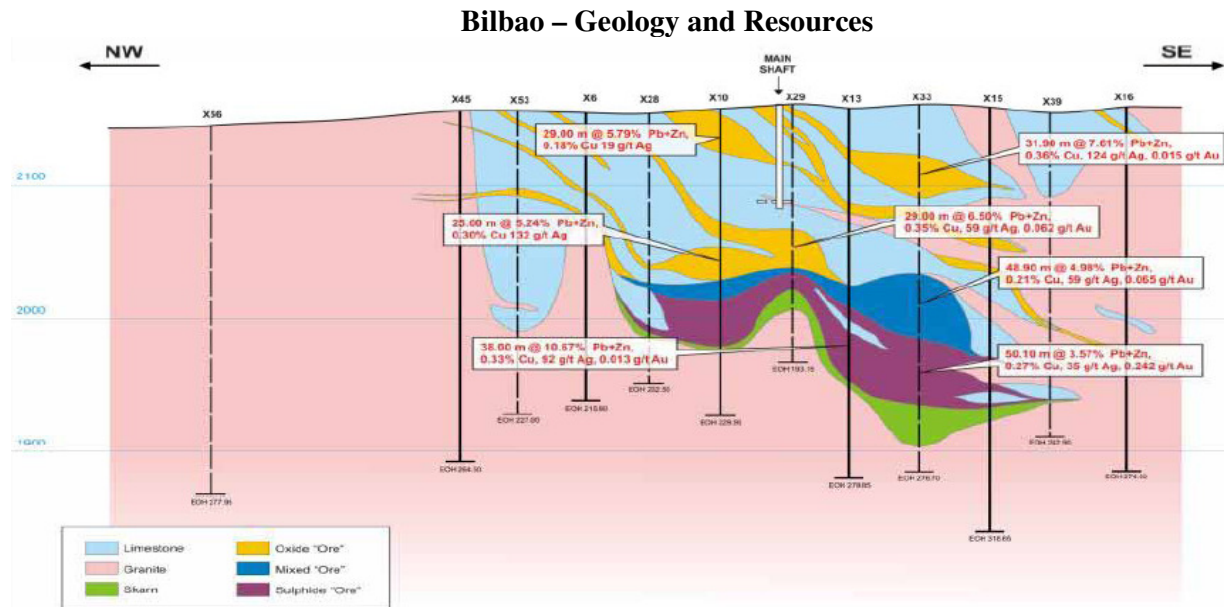
Source: Xtierra Inc.

* 3% zinc-equivalent cut off

Activity on this site dates back about one century, with historic production known to have developed around one million tonnes of direct shipping ore (DSO). This came from three small open pits along with a limited amount of underground workings in the near surface mineralization.

Xtierra increased its interest in the Bilbao Project to 100% in August 2008 and went onto complete its Phase 1 Feasibility Study in January 2010. The deposit’s upper 70 – 90 metres have been oxidised, below which mixed and sulphide mineralization can be found to slightly larger depths. Results from initial metallurgical studies designed to evaluate methodologies for optimal recovery of metals from ‘difficult to process’ oxide and mixed-oxide-sulphide mineralizations had been surprisingly positive. Figures of 67% for silver, 41% for lead, 61% for zinc and 71% for copper have been achieved from pre-concentrate, while iron content has reduced from 22% to 7.2%. The latter being of particular

importance, as it suggests consumption of sulphuric acid could be significantly reduced during zinc and copper leaching with associated cost economies. Other analysis and characterisation studies have also been completed, including the use of high intensity magnetic separation which has indicated optimum grinding to 80% minus 200 mesh.



Source: Xtierra Inc.

A geological block model of Bilbao has been completed and will be further updated in order to incorporate revisions into the resource estimate. Other work completed in Phase 1 included step-out drilling to the northwest and preparation for similar work to the southwest. Open pit and underground mine design along with detailed evaluation of all drill core also commenced. Geotechnicals indicate ground conditions suitable for both open pit and underground excavation, which will be accessed using slope angles of 55 degrees. With the Project being located at the centre of three aquifers, hydrological studies have confirmed excellent supply of ground water. An electrical power design report proposes construction of a new 2km cable extension from the main electrical grid.

Phase 2 of the Feasibility Study is expected to be completed during Q3'2010, having been allocated CAD\$4m from Xtierra's recently completed financing round. Oxide process optimization will continue as part of this, but is expected to favour acid leaching and thickening, followed by condemnation, electrowinning, floatation and cyanidation. A laboratory protocol established earlier this year is now being tested through a pilot plant test program, completion of which will be an important milestone for the project. Confirmation of metal recoveries on this larger scale will establish it can be achieved on a commercial basis. This metallurgical test work will be an important final step in the completion of Bilbao's feasibility and economic studies. This work is expected to be completed in July.

The final phase of step-out drilling within the existing resource commenced on 17 May (this time to the south and southwest) in continuing search of additional lenses of replacement mineralisation, while assessing the potential of recently intersected high silver vein mineralisation (which recorded bonanza grades up to 1.3kg/t), along with other areas that produced credits of gold, tin and tungsten.

In-fill work will close off the dimensions of the deposit, while condemnation drilling will take place in areas around the proposed mine installations along with completion of an environmental base line assessment. Having assumed a strip ratio of 3.5:1, the oxide and sulphide ores will initially be excavated through open pit, after which deeper deposits will be accessed through multi-level underground mining. Target output for surface mining is 3,000 tonnes per day while underground mining is likely to be lower at around 2,000 tonnes per day. Combined with earlier test work on the sulphide mineralization (which is amenable to conventional flotation concentration) and indicated excellent metal recoveries, a further revision to the 43-101 resource categorization will equip management to complete the Bilbao's economic viability assessment.

Bilbao – Preliminary Oxide Flow Sheet*

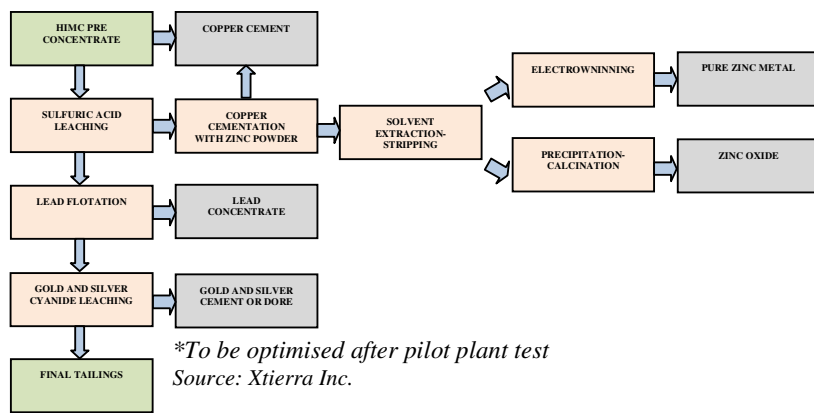


Table 9: Oxide and Sulphide Preliminary Recovery Estimates

| Metal | Oxide Recovery | Sulphide Recovery |
|--------|----------------|-------------------|
| Zinc | 61% | 90% |
| Lead | 41% | 85% |
| Copper | 71% | 75% |
| Silver | 67% | 80% |
| Gold | 55% | 80% |

Source: Xtierra Inc.

Modelling Production: We have assumed that Phase 2 of the Feasibility Study will be completed by end Q3’2010. A design for the mine site construction should be agreed shortly afterwards, which leaves management to formally make the production decision for Bilbao. Assuming it is to ‘go ahead’, project financing of up to US\$50m will need to be in place before the year end. This number assumes management forms and employs its own mining team and that it installs brand new processing equipment on-site, although obvious economies (such as externally contracting excavation works and acquiring generally available used plant) could reduce costs to, perhaps, US\$30m. Of this, major shareholder Pacific Road Holdings NV presently holds an option, through its Pacific Road Capital Markets subsidiary, to provide up to US\$32m of Xtierra’s funding needs, suggesting that all remaining funding requirements to take Bilbao to production may already be taken care of. Should there be any needs beyond, however, they are expected to be rapidly available from specialist banks and shareholders. Having assumed Bilbao reaches ‘steady state’ output before end-2012 and assuming base-case open pit annual production (detailed below), the project should provide full investment payback well within 2 years.

On this basis, Beaufort has constructed a net-present-value (NPV) model for the Bilbao Project. It assumes suitable and sufficient project financing arrangements are put in place during Q4’2010. Routine mine and environmental permitting along with socio-economic studies are expected to be completed around the same time, followed by first construction in Q1’2011. This would open the window for production to then commence within 12 months. Modelling this, we anticipate slow-start open-pit production by Q3’2011, before ramping up to reach steady-state output by end of the second year. A targeted excavation of 3,000 composite tonnes/day from open pit or 2,000 composite tonnes/day from underground is then achieved over the life-of-mine (LOM) going forward from 2013.

Note that the Bilbao property is subject to a 1.5% net smelter royalty in favour of Minera Portree S.A. de C.V., commencing after the second year of commercial production and on which the Company holds a first right of refusal to purchase. At December 2009, the present value of outstanding future earn-in payments of CAD\$2m was determined to be CAD\$1.17m based on a discount rate of 15%. This value has been recorded as liability and is being accreted to its face value over the estimated life of the payment obligations.

Table 10: Bilbao Annual Production Estimates – Base Case

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| 3,000 TPD (Open Pit) | |
| 1 million tonnes per annum | |
| 12-14 year LOM | |
| | Value |
| 50-74 million lbs zinc | 30% |
| 30-64 million lbs lead | 28% |
| 11-12 million lbs copper | 10% |
| 1.4-1.6 million ounces silver | 25% |
| 5,400-800 ounces gold | 7% |
| Tin and tungsten credits | |
| 500,000 tonnes of iron | |

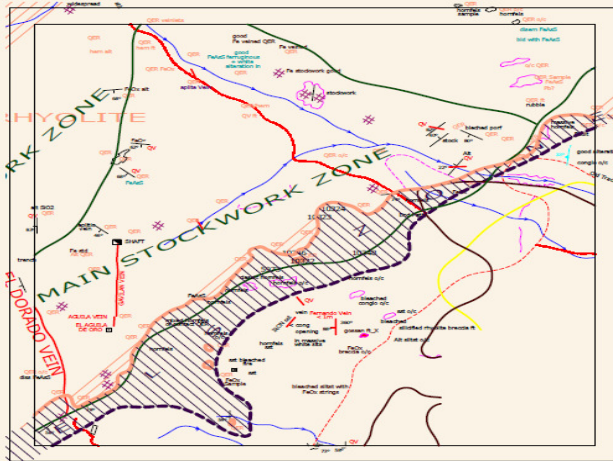
Source: Xtierra Inc.

Based on this scenario, we adopt a highly prudent 17.5% discount rate and add back share of cash, in order equate a value of CAD\$0.80 per Xtierra Inc. share. Taking the 39.7% holding in Xtierra Inc. and discounting further in order to account of its 'holding company' status, the Bilbao project itself accounts for 5.9p of our total Minco plc valuation.

El Dorado Gold Project (100%-owned): In September 2009, Xtierra entered an option agreement with private Mexican interests, whereby it could acquire a 100% interest in this Project. This option was then exercised in March 2010. This agreement includes a number of phased payments which are subject to completion of a feasibility study leading to a final instalment in January 2016, making a total consideration of about US\$930,000. Should Xtierra complete its feasibility study before January 2014, demonstrating gold reserves in excess of 250,000 ounces or 500,000 ounces, additional payments of US\$500,000 or US\$1m respectively, will be required.

The El Dorado Gold Project is within 2,890 hectares of mining claims located in the Pinos district of south-eastern Zacatecas State. Some 80km southeast of Bilbao, it lies 7km to the northeast of a historical bonanza territory where veins grades in excess of 200g/t gold were recorded. Ore production was stepped up between 1894 and 1934 to average some 200 tonnes/month from small scale underground mines and resulting in over 2 million ounces of gold to become the State's largest producer of precious metals.

Pinos Gold Project Map



Source: Xtierra Inc.

Table 11: Pinos Milestones 2010

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| • Initial Drilling (2,000m) | January 2010 |
| • Results of Drilling | February 2010 |
| • Exercise of Option | March 2010 |
| • Follow up Drilling (8,000m) | Q2-Q3'10 |

Source: Xtierra Inc.

Currently only small scale mining operations, producing a modest selective daily tonnage, continue on the El Dorado vein. Between January and March 2010, however, some 3000 metres of initial drilling was completed on the site down to depths to 200 metres. This identified extensive gold-bearing stockwork encompassing this vein together with five or more parallel structures. Appearing at the edge of a linear gold soil anomaly over 1km in strike length, it is open-ended to the north-east and trends directly into a new body some 300 metres away. Sampling confirms the high grade nature of the vein, with gradings ranging from 0.5 to 0.57g/t gold over widths of 0.1 to 1.0 metres. Individual grab samples have been as high as 1,760g/t gold and 3,590g/t silver, indicating the potential for bonanza deposition zone development.

The extensive areas of quart-hematite stockwork identified by Xtierra extend to a strike length of 1.3km and have not been previously drilled. Work completed between January and March, however, increased the number of mineralized veins identified has been increased to twelve along the stockwork contact and to a maximum depth of about 200m. These have a north-south orientation and mostly trending parallel with the sites main gold-bearing structure at El Dorado. Some of the width of the veins are significantly greater than had been anticipated, with a zone of 7.8 metres occurring in one hole that averaged 4.72g/t gold along with a further intersection averaging 11.55g/t.

With US\$1m of new funding allocated to this Project, some 8000 metres of additional drilling is now underway. Subject to analytical results, Xtierra could move for an independent resource estimate and pre-feasibility study as early as 2012. Although early to be considering project economics, it is worth noting that the relatively near to surface stockwork potentially lends itself to low-cost bulk tonnage open pit excavation.

La Laguna Perdernalillo Tailings Project (100%-owned): Through its Mexican subsidiary, Minera Ora S.A. de C.V., Xtierra holds an extraction licence for the silver-rich Laguna tailings deposit. This comprises solids derived from historic mine processing wastes. In 2004, a pre-feasibility study proposed extraction at a rate of 1 million tonnes per year using an agitated vat leach process, which demonstrated robust project economics.

This was followed by a Technical Report and then a NI 43-101 compliant reserve. This totalled 7.9 million tonnes with measured and indicated gradings of 58.8g/t silver, 0.31g/t gold and 318g/t mercury, implying Laguna contains 15 million ounces silver and 30.39 million ounces silver equivalent.

Management decided to offer Laguna to outside interested parties in order to concentrate on the development of Bilbao. As a result, in November 2009, Xtierra entered into an Option and Sale Agreement of the Laguna Project with Indo Gold Ltd. ('IGL') of Queensland, Australia. IGL has past experience in mining and treating tailings resources which Xtierra consider will allow the opportunity to be exploited.

Under the terms of the agreement, IGL paid US\$150,000 to obtain an option for a three months of initial due diligence. Should this extend to six months, a further US\$350,000 becomes payable. Should IGL exercise its option to purchase the Laguna Project, the consideration will be a phased price of US\$1.25m plus a net smelter royalty of 3% for the life of the operation. It is estimated that a subsequent royalty stream could be worth between US\$0.75m and US\$1.5m. As a result of the IGL agreement, Xtierra wrote down of the carrying value on its balance sheet of the Laguna investment.

Table 12: Laguna Expected Milestones 2010-2011

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| • Indo Gold due diligence | January 2010 |
| • Exercise of 1 st Option | June 2010 |
| • Exercise of 2 nd Option | January 2011 |
| • Advance Royalties/3% NSR | Q3'2011 |

Source: Xtierra Inc.

Exploration Properties and Acquisitions: Xtierra holds over 20,000 hectares of mineral claims, primarily located to the north and south of the Bilbao Project. Despite conducting preliminary exploration over part of these, a very limited number of holes have been drilled. Several targets have been identified, however, which indicate the potential for skarn-type mineralisation (as at Bilbao), epithermal gold and silver vein mineralisation and volcanogenic massive sulphide mineralisation. The scope of these is expected to be assessed over the next several years in order to establish whether they fit the established profile.

Xtierra's management team also reviews acquisition opportunities as well as growth through joint venture exploration, project development and M&A.

Xtierra Inc. – Board of Directors

Xtierra's directors and senior officers have extensive experience in the operation and financing of public companies and in the development and construction of mine projects.

- Chairman – John F. Kearney***
- President and CEO – Terence N. McKillen***
- Chief Financial Officer – Danesh K. Varma***
- Company Secretary – Neil J. F. Steenberg**
- Director – Tim Gallagher**
- Director – Lee A. Graber**

**Also represented on the Board of Minco plc*

Xtierra Inc. – Principal Shareholders

The Company has over 500 shareholders, located in Canada, the United States of America, the Carribean, and Europe. To the knowledge of Management, no individual or institution holds more than 10% of the issued share capital of the Company except as stated below:

- Minco Plc: 30,000,003 shares (39.7%)
- Pacific Road Holdings NV: 23,740,000 shares (31.3%)

Mining Risks in Mexico

International territories contain varying risks and liabilities for the mining community. Mexico is considered a mining-friendly country, however, with stable political and financial systems, a long mining history, rational environmental policies, excellent infrastructure, and a firm government and bureaucratic commitment to the development of natural resources. It offers the exploration and mining industry a favourable investment and operating climate in a country enriched in mineral resources. Numerous country-risk surveys place Mexico near the top of the “Most Favoured” list when assessing and comparing the suitability and risk for investors.

Mexican Mining Laws: Mineral exploration and mining are regulated by the Mining Law of 1992 (as amended in 2005), which establishes that all minerals found in Mexican territory are owned by the Mexican nation, and that private parties may exploit such minerals (except oil and nuclear fuel minerals) through mining licenses, or concessions, granted by the Federal Government. A Mining Concession gives the holder both exploration and exploitation rights subject to the payment of relevant taxes. Mining Concessions have a term of 50 years from the date the exploration concession was registered. Concessions may be granted to (or acquired by, since they are freely transferable) individuals, local communities and companies incorporated in Mexico. There are no restrictions on foreign ownership of Mexican companies. Foreigners wishing to engage in mining in Mexico must establish a Mexican corporation for that purpose, or enter into joint ventures. With this in mind, Xtierra Inc. incorporated its own 100% owned Mexican subsidiary companies, Bilbao Mining, S.A. de C.V., Minera Orca S.A. de C.V. and Orca Mining Explorations, S.A. de C.V.

Politics: Mexico is a democratic republic providing one of the most stable environments in Latin America. The government has implemented mining legislation for the express purpose of attracting international mining/exploration investment. It also oversaw the privatisation of all governmental mining holdings and effectively withdrew from competition with the private sector in mining exploration and development. Mexico continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to transparency in all aspects of administration.

Regulatory Considerations: The region has a 500-year mining history, with mining forming a major part of the national and local economies. Culturally, citizens treat mining operators favourably and seek employment in the industry. Accordingly there is strong government support for exploration/production activities, and this is enhanced by the various bureaucratic departments and organisations charged with administering and assisting the industry. Although crime levels in Mexico are high relative to its neighbour immediately to the north, mining companies have generally not been targeted.

Environmental: Mexico has strong environmental laws and regulations, and a commitment to uphold them. Mining companies that follow Mexican laws and internationally accepted environmental practices can expect their development projects to advance without undue interference or delay.

Legal and Accounting: Mexico has been a party to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) since 1994 and thus has a tax and trade regime comparable to the USA and Canada. It operates under western-style legal and accounting systems, with a contemporary taxation system and no mining royalties.

Metal – Pricing, Risk and Demand Background: See Page 16

Valuing Xtierra Inc.

The two obvious methods by which to value Xtierra are (i) by modelling a discounted net-present-value (NPV) for the Company's exploration prospects and (ii) by making a peer group comparison.

Net-Present-Value (NPV): Adopting a highly prudent stance, this model will attribute a nil valuation to El Dorado, Laguna and all remaining exploration targets referred to in this report. The model will therefore depend entirely on the future cash flow of the Bilbao project. For this we have assumed forward metal prices throughout LOM, as below. See also p.16 of this report for Beaufort's Metal Pricing and Demand Background notes.

The capex requirement of US\$50m assumes that Xtierra forms and employs its own mining team, while commissioning/installing a brand new processing plant on site. Here we see scope for quite a significant reduction, however, given that management has the option of contracting out its excavation needs and that fully serviceable second hand plant routinely becomes available. Hence the capex requirement may possibly be as low as US\$30m, suggesting that investor, Pacific Road Funds, may assume responsibility for all of Bilbao's remaining funding requirements to take it to production. Investor payback period less than 2 years.

Based on the above assumptions and summing future cash flows based on slow start production during the second half of 2011 ahead of reaching a steady state output before end-2012, we arrive at a revised value of 0.94 Canadian \$/share for Xtierra Inc. This compares with a 1.19 Canadian \$/share from a previous valuation compiled in December 2009. Taking the reduced 39.7% holding of Xtierra Inc. and applying a 10% holding company discount, suggests that the company represents 5.9p/share of Minco's share price rice target.

Table 5: Beaufort's Forward Metal Price Range

Assumption Source: BIA

| Metal | LOM Price Range Estimate | LOM Average Price Estimate |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Zinc (US\$/lb) | 0.85 to 1.10 | 0.9 |
| Copper (US\$/lb) | 1.9 to 3.9 | 2.9 |
| Lead (US\$/lb) | 0.75 to 1.15 | 0.95 |
| Silver (US\$/oz) | 16.00 to 22.00 | 17 |

Peer Group Comparison: Although Xtierra's peer group of small cap Canadian/Mexican advanced explorers is relatively large and easy to identify, a comparison of multiples, resource estimates or other data of describing the various business opportunities has not been particularly instructive. Clearly the multiplicity of factors governing their respective valuations, including resource description, prospective life of mine, composition and grading of their proposed excavation, differing production costs etc.

Instead, we have selected a sample of TSX quotes that representing companies at similar stages of development, news flow and progress/schedule toward to production as Xtierra. Against a background of improving price/demand for these metals, we compare their 12 month relative performances as a gauge of sector sentiment.

Table 13: Tabulation of Assumptions

| Variable | Assumption |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Production | Silver, Zinc, Lead |
| Life-of-Mine (LOM) | 12 years |
| Steady State Production Achieved | 2012 |
| Indicated Resource | 3.6Mt |
| | <i>Silver</i> 88.23 g/t |
| | <i>Zinc</i> 3.53% |
| | <i>Lead</i> 2.75% |
| | <i>Copper</i> 0.29% |
| Oxide Recovery | |
| | <i>Silver</i> 67% |
| | <i>Zinc</i> 61% |
| | <i>Lead</i> 41% |
| | <i>Copper</i> 71% |
| Sulphide Recovery | |
| | <i>Silver</i> 80% |
| | <i>Zinc</i> 90% |
| | <i>Lead</i> 85% |
| | <i>Copper</i> 75% |
| Forward Metal Price Assumption* | |
| | <i>Silver</i> US\$17/oz |
| | <i>Zinc</i> US\$0.9/lb |
| | <i>Lead</i> US\$0.95/lb |
| | <i>Copper</i> US\$2.9/lb |
| Capex – Remaining Requirement | US\$50m |
| Annual Maintenance/Support | US\$1.8m |
| Average Ore Extraction Cost | US\$49/t |
| Excavation | |
| | <i>Open Pit</i> 3000tpd |
| | <i>Subsurface</i> 2000tpd |
| Royalty | 1.5% NSR |
| Assumed Discount | 17.50% |

Source: BIA

Table 14: TSX Advanced Silver Explorers

| Company | TSX Symbol | Share price 31/10/09 | Share price 2/6/10 | Absolute Performance % | Market Cap CAD\$m |
|--------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Orka Silver | OK | 1.05 | 1.50 | 42% | 173 |
| Silvercrest | SVL | 0.75 | 1.13 | 51% | 68 |
| Rio Alto | RIO | 0.40 | 0.68 | 70% | 65 |
| SilverMex | SMR | 0.25 | 0.30 | -22% | 26 |
| Arian Silver | AGQ | 0.06 | 0.11 | 100% | 25 |
| Xtiera Inc. | XAG | 0.14 | 0.12 | -17% | 9.1 |

Source: Bloomberg

Metal – Pricing, Risk and Demand Background

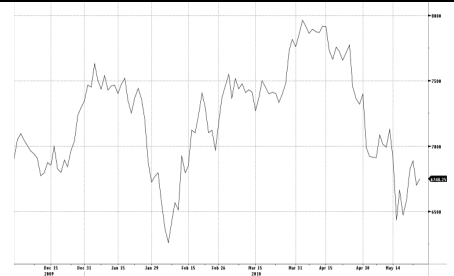
Asian demand sentiment remains the key to the outlook for base metal prices. Precious metal prices are presently more associated to international caution on sovereign debt and growing demand for physical product. Base metal miners would be very positively influenced by an upward revaluation of the Chinese Renminbi, as any such move would spike near-term metal prices. By contrast, amid a background of rising inflation, the Bank of China could choose to tighten monetary policy with a view to taming runaway real estate and other domestic asset prices as private wealth escalates. Such a move could, potentially be seen to reduce the country's annualised growth (which may trend as high as 12% by year end), back to a 6% - 8% range. Second guessing Chinese policy is fraught with dangers, although consensus appears to centre of no sudden adjustments being made, although a 1% to 3% upward revaluation may be permitted in tandem with 30bp to 40bp increment in the Central Bank Rate over the next 12 months.

Zinc – China is the world's largest producer of zinc. Japan and Asia presently dominate demand.. Global demand is projected to increase by 11% this year to 11.6Mt after a 24.5% reduction in 2009. US demand is expected to rise by 5% in 2010 after 12.2% reduction in the comparable period. Mine production is predicted to rise by 6% to 12Mt in 2010. Near term requirement is influenced by Shanghai which has reportedly stockpiled in excess of 1Mt supply in both on-market and off-market stock to supply the domestic construction industry. Recent government announcements focus on the need to cool runaway real estate prices have accordingly knocked sentiment. Zinc prices have trended weaker in the past week, although the significant of the metal in major infrastructural projects and other widespread industrial application, suggests that growth in the merging territories alongside economic recovery in the western zone will see the metal remain well supported in the medium term. Beyond this, various reports suggest the loss of global capacity as a number of major zinc mines become exhausted, indicating a potential supply shortfall around 2016 before new mines comes on-stream some two to three years later.



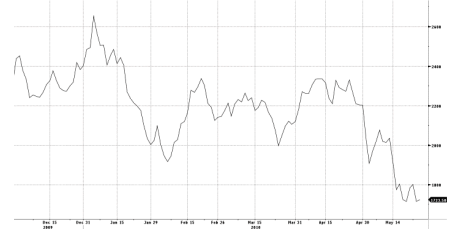
Zinc Pricing Source: Bloomberg

Copper - Prices are currently below the historical high of US\$8,730/t reached in July 2008. Power industry demand accounts for around 45% of copper demand, while around 11% is used in auto industry and 38% by construction. International consumption rose by 11% year-on-year to 1.5Mt in 2009. China was the principal contributor with growth of 11%, while the EU posted only a modest increase. Consultancy group CRU estimates that Chinese consumption could rise by a further 14% this year. World mine supply grew by 2.5% last year to 1.3Mt in January. Major producing countries Chile and Peru recorded 2.2% annual decrease in mine production, while aggregate production in Africa and Oceania grew by 28% accounting for the bulk of global output growth.



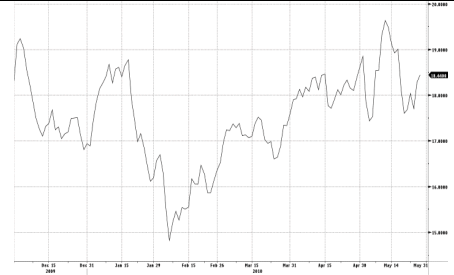
Copper Pricing Source: Bloomberg

Lead – The rise of the electric-powered transport continues to positively influence lead prices. Chinese lead demand could rise by 10-20kt this year due to announcements regarding subsidies in prices of electric cycles in rural areas. Around 9kg of lead is used per electric bike and the industry accounts for around 20% of total lead consumption. This number is expected to grow substantially during the current decade.



Lead Pricing Source: Bloomberg

Silver – Although not having the 'crisis commodity' status of Gold, which investors treat as both an inflation and economic viability hedge, silver has a wider industrial application industrial along with increasing investors interest in trading its future, ETFs etc. as well holding the physical product. This year, the use of silver in jewellery and silverware is projected to rise 1.7% to 246.3 million ounces. As the global economy continues to recover, demand for silver in electronics is expected to pick up sharply. In 2010 demand for silver in this sector is projected to be 125.2 million ounces, a 4.8% increase from 2009. Further out, any relaxation of the 17% VAT imposed on silver sales in China and keeping domestic smelters in losses, could also positively influence demand.



Silver Pricing Source: Bloomberg

Minco plc Share Structure (GBP)

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Price | 4.125p |
| Market Capitalisation | £11.69m |
| No. Shares Outstanding | 283,340,020 |
| Free Float | 60.1% |
| Estimated Cash Holding | £0.5m |
| Long-term debt | Nil |
| 52 week high/low | 6.5p/2.0p |
| Website | minco.ie |

Xtierra Inc. Share Structure (CAD\$)

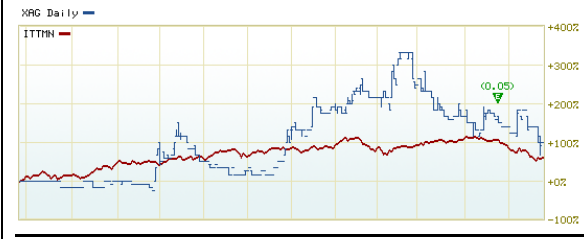
| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Price | 0.105 |
| Market Capitalisation | CAD\$7.0m |
| No. Shares Outstanding | 75,637,003 |
| Free Float | 25.2% |
| Estimated Cash Holding | CAD\$5.0m |
| Long-term debt | Nil |
| 52 week high/low | 0.26/0.045 |
| Website | xtierra.ca |

Minco plc – 3 Year Share Price/Price Relative



Source: Yahoo Finance

Xtierra Inc. – 1 Year Share Price/Price Relative



Source: TMX Money

Major Shareholders as at 20 April 2010

| Holder | No. of Ord. Shares | % |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Barclayshare Nominees Ltd | 15,303,987 | 5.4 |
| Aran Asset Management | 12,000,000 | 4.2 |
| Midlothian Limited | 12,000,000 | 4.2 |
| T. & P. O’Gorman | 10,823,479 | 3.8 |
| William P. Lundon | 7,123,000 | 2.5 |
| Goodbody Nominees Ltd | 6,298,129 | 2.2 |
| Management | 56,668,004 | 20.0 |

Source: Minco plc

-Total deferred shares 38,000,000

-Total options outstanding 9,025,000

-Total warrants outstanding 2,930,906

Major Shareholders as at 20 April 2010

| Holder | No. of Ord. Shares | % |
|---------------------|--------------------|------|
| Minco plc | 30,000,003 | 39.7 |
| Pacific Road Funds* | 23,740,000 | 31.3 |
| Management | 754,000 | 1.0 |

Source: Xtierra Inc

-Total options outstanding 4,760,000

-Total warrants outstanding 22,182,140

*Total issued and outstanding shares held by Pacific Road Resources Funds represented 34.1% as of 3rd May 2010. Assuming full exercise of warrants and convertible notes held by the same, holding would total 51,147,500 common shares, representing 52.7% of the Company.

Minco plc – Summary Profit and Loss

| | 1H'09 | 2008 | 2007 |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Revenues | - | - | - |
| G&A, Corporate, Prof. Expenses | (573) | (2,052) | (943) |
| Loss on disposal | - | - | (1,936) |
| Forex/Derivatives/unwinding | 23 | (136) | 86 |
| Interest Income/Fin. Charges | 8 | (8) | 27 |
| Group loss for period | (542) | (2,196) | (2,766) |
| Loss per share (p) | (0.26) | (1.27) | (1.67) |

Source: Minco plc

Xtierra Inc. – Summary Statement of Operations

| | Q1'10 | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Revenues | - | - | - |
| G&A, Corporate, Prof. Expenses | (175) | (483) | (305) |
| Forex | (99) | 157 | (436) |
| Interest Income | 0 | 10 | 49 |
| Net Profit (Loss) for period | (424) | (2,994) | (692) |
| Profit (Loss) per share | 0.008 | (0.06) | 0.014 |
| WA Outstanding Shares | 61.5m | 49.9m | 49.2m |

Source: Xtierra Inc

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