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Miner River/Eagle Plains Acquire Polymetallic Property near Trail, B.C.

Cranbrook, B.C.: Partners Miner River Resources Ltd. (MRG:ASE) and Eagle Plains Resources Ltd. (EPL:ASE) have completed negotiations whereby the joint-venture can earn a 100% interest (less 2%NSR) in the Conner polymetallic property located 20 km northeast of the Cominco smelter in Trail, B.C.. Miner River will pay \$75,000 in cash and issue 50,000 common shares by October 31st, 2001 to earn its 50% interest.

The Conner property is road-accessible, and consists of 18 units (1093 acres) containing geology considered prospective for the presence of economic quantities of base- and/or precious metals. Newly-constructed logging roads transect the property, and high-voltage hydroelectric power is within 5km of claim boundaries.

Property geology includes Nelson plutonic rocks intruding units of the Rosslund, Hall, and Ymir formations. Stratabound massive and semi-massive pyrrhotitic sulphides up to 8m in thickness occur within both a schistose volcano-sedimentary sequence and altered sedimentary rocks. Samples of massive pyrrhotite material exposed on surface over a strike length of 100m returned up to 92.4 g/T (2.7 oz/t) gold, 0.2% cobalt, and 0.34% copper.

1997 logging on the property has resulted in the discovery of significant new mineralized zones of disseminated to semi-massive pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, and galena within broad breccia zones. Samples taken from road cuts returned values up to 5.7 % zinc, 1% lead, 0.3% copper, 0.35% cobalt, 0.09% nickel, and 0.5 g/T gold, representing a total contained metal value of \$US 262/ton. Soil geochemical sampling conducted on the property indicates a base-and precious-metal enriched zone over 300m x 1000m.

The joint-venture partners intend to mount an aggressive geological mapping, trenching and diamond drilling program on the property during the 1998 season.

Miner River also wishes to announce that it has engaged the services of Link2 Communications Group to carry out Investor Relations activities. Our representative is Denise Lemaster-Rose, who can be reached at (250) 342-5581.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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