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## MINER RIVER TO DRILL TEST SOUTHERN B. C. PROPERTY

Cranbrook, B. C.: Miner River Resources Ltd. (MRG:ASE) and Eagle Plains Resources Ltd. (EPL:ASE) plan to drill 5 shallow exploratory holes on their 50:50 Kokanee Creek property in the Nelson area of the West Kootenays in southern British Columbia. The prospect was discovered and staked in 1996 by company consultants exploring in the area. A zone 500 by 500 meters (open in all directions) proved to have highly anomalous gold, silver, zinc and lead values in soil samples. In addition, rock samples within the zone returned values of 3.54% zinc, 4.22 g/t gold, and 48.0 g/t silver. A continuous-chip rock sample taken along an existing road-cut returned .3% zinc over 55m, and 2.26 g/t gold over 5m.

The companies recently contracted SJ Geophysics to complete a Horizontal Loop EM, Max-Min geophysical survey over the soil anomaly area. Results of the survey indicate the presence of three distinct anomalous zones, each of which will be targeted by drilling.

The mineralization appears to be hosted by Slocan Group metasediments forming a pendant within Nelson Intrusive rocks. Sulphides have been located in outcrop throughout the anomaly area, and are extensively leached and altered.

A track-mounted diamond drill has been contracted, with drilling to commence in mid-February. The program is expected to take 20 days to complete.

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## GOLD DISCOVERY ANNOUNCED BY MINER RIVER

Cranbrook, B.C.: Joint venture partners **Miner River Resources Ltd. (MRG:ASE)**, and **Eagle Plains Resources Ltd. (EPL:ASE)** are pleased to announce that a significant gold discovery has been made on their 50/50 Kokanee Creek property, located 18km east of the City of Nelson, in the West Kootenay region of southern British Columbia.

A five-hole, 1400 foot (430m) diamond drilling program has recently been completed, with encouraging mineralization intersected in all holes, summarized as follows:

Drillhole #	Interval	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)	Lead (%)	Zinc (%)
KC97-01	13.7-14.1m (0.4m)	1.60			
KC97-01	47.2-47.5m (0.5m)		39.3	1.31	10.20
KC97-02	7.0-7.7m (0.7m)	26.11			
KC97-02	21.8-23.2m (1.4m)	13.52			
KC97-03	13.3-13.7m (0.4m)		45.2		
KC97-03	41.4-41.5m (0.1m)				5.96
KC97-04	4.5-5.5m (1.0m)		33.4		
KC97-04	11.8-12.1m (0.3m)				1.45
KC97-05	2.7-3.7m (1.0m)		42.8		

Drillholes KC97-01 and KC97-02 were drilled within one area of an extensive soil geochemical anomaly, and were spaced 50m apart. The remaining holes were collared 300m northward within the same soil anomaly, and were spaced approximately 50m apart. The 60-unit (3600 acre) property overlies metasediments forming an aerially extensive pendant within Nelson Intrusive rocks. Mineralization appears to be skarn-type, and appears to be contained within preferentially replaced sedimentary horizons. Little or no veining was encountered in drillholes. Drilling completed by the partners represents the first documented program to be completed on the property.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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