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News Release

Mr. Harvey Keats, President of Donner Minerals Ltd., reports that diamond drilling has begun on the South Voisey Bay Project. Major General Resources Ltd. is carrying out an initial three-hole, 1800-metre program on the Donner/Major General joint venture property.

The Program will target a strong gravity anomaly with a source interpreted to measure 600 metres by 1200 metres. The source of the gravity anomaly may be caused by semi-massive to massive nickel-copper-cobalt sulphides at the base of the thick olivine gabbro, which underlies much of the SVB Project area. Numerous nickel-copper sulphide zones including 15 metres of 1.1% Ni and 0.8% Cu plus 1.1 metres grading 10.5% Ni and 9% Cu have been intersected on the SVB Project within this olivine gabbro. Donner and Major General planned to drill the same gravity anomaly in the aborted 1999 exploration program.

Major General is operating this exploration program. The Donner/Major General property is currently held 60% by Donner and 40% by Major General and by funding the program alone, Major General has the right to increase its interest in the joint venture.

Although Donner has elected not to participate in the drilling program, the Company is in full support of Major General and their current SVB exploration activities. However, Donner with the support of all of the SVB joint venture partners has concentrated its efforts in advancing the whole SVB Project and to that end has entered into confidentiality agreements with a number of major mining companies in the nickel business. Donner is optimistic that it will be able to arrange for an infusion of new funds and new ideas into the South Voisey Bay Project, especially in light of the recent positive developments at Inco's Voisey's Bay Project.

The SVB Project, located 90 kilometres south of Inco's Voisey's Bay deposits, has now been the focus of five years of fieldwork by Donner and its joint venture partners. See attachment for an updated South Voisey Bay Project claim map.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DONNER MINERALS LTD.

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President

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