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21.60 METRES GRADING 6.05% ZINC, 1.85% COPPER, 65.5G/T SILVER, 1.56G/T GOLD, DISCOVERED 411 METRES DOWN-DIP OF THE MCLEOD ZONE

Vancouver, B.C., January 13, 2010 – Mr. Harvey Keats, Chief Executive Officer of Donner Metals Ltd. (TSXV-DON), reports that the Matagami Project is now advancing on three fronts: 1) Ongoing exploration has led to the discovery of 21.60 metres of massive sulphides by diamond drill hole MCL-09-02; 2) A rapidly advancing accelerated feasibility study continues on the Bracemac-McLeod deposit; and 3) An evaluation of a potential open pit project at the historical PD1 deposit located 32 kilometres southwest of Xstrata's Matagami Lake mill has been initiated.

The massive sulphides intersected in MCL-09-02 are located at the Key Tuffite horizon and returned 6.05% zinc, 1.85% copper, 65.49g/t silver and 1.56g/t gold over 21.60 metres at a vertical depth of 1,275 metres. Diamond drill hole MCL-09-02 tested a target in the vicinity of the Bracemac-McLeod deposit which is currently subject to a separate accelerated feasibility study being conducted by Xstrata Zinc and Genivar Engineering. This study is based on a NI 43-101 compliant indicated mineral resource of 3.62 million tonnes grading 11.52% zinc, 1.60% copper, 31.55g/t silver and 0.49g/t gold. This new sulphide discovery is a significant step-out from mineralized drill intercepts and there are no confining drill holes nearby.

In the context of the Bracemac-McLeod feasibility study and the global Matagami strategy of supporting Xstrata's 2,600 tonnes per day mill, the near surface portion of the PD1 deposit, containing a historically reported 1.43 million tonnes grading 5.30% zinc, 0.95% copper, 19.90g/t silver (*Not NI 43-101 compliant, see qualifying discussion below*), will be immediately drill tested to determine the amount and quality of sulphide mineralization that can potentially be produced by open pit down to approximately 100 metres depth.

A total of 8 drills are currently active on the project, three investigating exploration targets (including PD1) and five on feasibility definition drilling at Bracemac-McLeod.

Front 1: Exploration (Donner-Funded)
Exploration is focused on numerous high-potential targets in the Matagami Camp, including the area around Bracemac-McLeod (not currently within the area of the feasibility study), the Daniel-1 area and the PD area, among others, on which drilling is currently planned. Recent testing of targets generated by the exploration team resulted in the discovery of massive sulphides in MCL-09-02 below the Bracemac-McLeod resource.

A total of 5 exploration diamond drill holes have been completed since the company's news release dated November 23, 2009. Assay results for the five holes, and two previously described holes, are reported in Table 1. Exploration drilling focused on step-out investigation of the area in the vicinity of Bracemac-McLeod and a follow-up test of alteration and borehole geophysics (BHEM) in the 2.7 kilometre strike length of favourable stratigraphy between Bracemac-McLeod and the Bell Allard Pit which is the collar of the proposed ramp being studied under the separate Bracemac-McLeod accelerated feasibility study.

Drill hole MCL-09-02 intersected 21.60 metres of massive sulphides from 1,280.40 to 1,302.00 metres core length at the Key Tuffite horizon, 411 metres down-dip from the McLeod Zone. The sulphide intersection was followed by Pipe footwall alteration to 1,340 meters, the current depth of the hole. The Pipe alteration is locally mineralized with sulphide stringers. The hole will be continued. In context with the nearest drilling, MC-09-02 is located 394 metres down-dip of MC-05-18 (22.70% zinc, 0.46% copper, 0.47g/t gold over 0.85 meters) and 230 metres east and up-dip from MC-08-34 (10.81% zinc, 1.35% copper, 37.72g/t silver, 0.59g/t gold over 2.12 meters). No other drilling has been conducted in the vicinity of this new intersection. A strong BHEM response has been detected up-dip.

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Diamond drill holes BRA-09-04 and BRA-09-05 were drilled to test the extension of mineralization 150 metres up-dip from the Bracemac Key Tuffite Zone to determine the extent of a dyke that is known to cut off mineralization on the basis of previous drilling. Both intersected an unmineralized tonalite intrusion. BRA-09-06 tested the surface expression of the Key Tuffite horizon 225 metres up-dip and to the west of the Bracemac Zone in an area of an unexplained MegaTEM anomaly. The hole intersected the Key Tuffite marker horizon with weakly mineralized sericite alteration and silicification.

BRA-09-07 was drilled to follow up mineralization, alteration and an off-hole BHEM anomaly retuned from BRA-09-02 (*see news release dated November 23, 2009*) in a region located 1 kilometre southeast of the Bell Allard South Pit and 1.2 kilometres northwest of the Bracemac-McLeod deposit. The hole intersected Pipe and strong chlorite alteration in the footwall stratigraphy to the Key Tuffite, which was itself missing. The Key Tuffite interval was occupied by faulting associated with alteration, interpreted to be a synvolcanic fault with an associated hydrothermal system typical of the mineralizing process in the Matagami Camp.

Front 2: PD1 Deposit (Donner-Funded)
The joint Xstrata Zinc/Donner exploration team has identified the PD1 deposit as a potential open pit source of near-term material to supplement possible production from Bracemac-McLeod should the latter project pass the feasibility test. The interest in the PD1 deposit is on the basis of a review of detailed historical data and a prefeasibility report completed in 1991. The deposit subcrops below glacial till with mineralization encountered to a vertical depth of approximately 600 metres. Mineralization is interpreted to be hosted within the hanging wall stratigraphy to the Key Tuffite horizon which also provokes a high degree of interest in the Key Tuffite horizon in the region. A drill program is in place to assess the deposit and to gather information for a scoping study.

A historical resource for PD1 (*not NI 43-101 compliant*) of 1.43 million tonnes grading 5.30% zinc, 0.95% copper, 19.90g/t silver, (gold not analyzed), was calculated by Normand Lécuyer Enterprise Inc. and D.R. Melling Geological Consulting in February of 1991. The calculation is based on 27 mineralized holes and 18 confining holes at a 30-metre average drill spacing using the polygonal method. The calculation is reported as a "Probable Geological Reserve" which does not conform to NI 43-101 definitions. In the opinion of Xstrata Zinc and Donner, the calculation is reliable, however the reader is cautioned that this calculation does not address all requirements under NI 43-101 and that the level of data points and related information would only support assessment as an inferred or indicated mineral resource under NI 43-101. Approximately 0.7 million tonnes of this resource is contained in the first 180 metres from surface. The deposit is covered by nine mineral claims on which Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold Inc. retains a 15% net carried interest on the first 1.6 million tons of production, escalating to a 25% net carried interest on production above 1.6 million tons. The 15% and 25% net carried interests are calculated on the basis of net proceeds less all capital costs and the 25% net carried interest is convertible to a 25% participating interest within one year after 1.9 million tonnes have been produced from the property. No work has been conducted on the deposit since 1991.

Front 3: Bracemac-McLeod Accelerated Feasibility Program (Xstrata Zinc-Funded)
Definition drilling conducted by Xstrata Zinc on Bracemac-McLeod remains ahead of schedule. Xstrata Zinc has provided the new assay results listed in Table 2 for drilling completed up to the December break. This drilling will support a revised resource calculation that will form the basis of the Accelerated Feasibility Study scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2010. Five drills are active on the definition drilling.

SUMMARY

A total of 275 drill holes have been completed for which assays have been received on the Matagami Project since the activity under the Option and Joint Venture Agreement began in late 2006. This includes a total of 64 drill holes that have been completed on the definition drill program on Bracemac-McLeod.

Additional geological information, including maps and sections, is available at **www.donnermetals.com**.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Donner has the option to earn a 50% participating joint venture interest in the Matagami Project by incurring a total of $25 million of expenditures on exploration and related work on or before May 31, 2011. Upon earn-in by Donner, five separate joint ventures will be formed, covering the property and the area of interest. In each of the five joint venture areas, Xstrata Zinc has the option to earn-back a 15% interest in each area by incurring up to $20 million on a bankable feasibility study. By electing to conduct a bankable feasibility study on Bracemac-McLeod, Xstrata Zinc has triggered its back-in right in the South Flank project area, subject to Donner

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completing its earn-in requirements by May 31, 2011.

The Matagami Project has an area of mutual interest of 4,750 square kilometres and presently includes 2,986 mineral claims covering 644 square kilometres. The project covers the Matagami Mining Camp, a world-class mining district, with 18 known Volcanogenic Massive Sulphides (VMS) deposits including 10 past producers of varying sizes, including the giant Matagami Lake Deposit (25.64 million tonnes of 8.2% zinc, 0.56% copper, 20.91g/t silver and 0.41g/t gold) discovered in 1957 and mined from 1963 to 1988. The area is host to historical production of 8,600 million pounds of zinc and 853 million pounds of copper. The Matagami area is well serviced by established infrastructure including the town of Matagami, power, a permitted tailings facility, railway, airport and well-developed road and highway networks. Xstrata Zinc is currently producing from its low-cost and wholly-owned Perseverance Deposit which feeds its refurbished 2,600 tonnes per day Matagami mill complex. Any future development under the Donner-Xstrata agreement will benefit from the established infrastructure and facilities. Zinc concentrates produced at Matagami are refined at the Noranda Income Fund zinc refinery in Valleyfield, Québec. Copper concentrates are smelted at Xstrata's Horne smelter in Rouyn-Noranda and refined at Xstrata's Canadian Copper Refinery in Montréal, Québec.

The Company's strategy is to explore for and discover zinc-copper deposits in the Matagami Camp and to leverage the general infrastructure and existing processing facilities within a known and well-established cost structure for developing VMS deposits. Donner's exploration objective is to investigate multiple stratigraphic horizons with potential for VMS mineralization including the prolific Key Tuffite horizon throughout the Matagami Camp. To date, Donner has discovered new mineralization at Bracemac-McLeod, Daniel1, Bell Channel and down dip from the McLeod Zone. Within the extensive project area there are numerous exploration targets with excellent potential for additional discoveries.

Support of Exploration and Mining from the Gouvernement du Québec: The discovery and advancement of Bracemac-McLeod, as well as the ongoing exploration in the Matagami Camp is supported by the Gouvernerment du Québec through their exploration incentive programs. Donner Metals has consistently used the rebates to advance the Matagami Project which in turn supports the regional community and employment. Through this support, additional opportunity for new discoveries is made possible with potential for long-term impact on the Abitibi region.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Xstrata Zinc is the project operator for the Matagami Project and the Accelerated Feasibility Study. Xstrata Zinc is responsible for both fieldwork and resource evaluation including, but not limited to, sampling, submittal of samples for assay, assay verification, metallurgical evaluation and QA/QC. Sample preparation and assaying of samples that form the basis of the resource calculation were carried out and certified by ALS Chemex-Chimitec, of Val D'Or, Québec (zinc, copper and silver by atomic absorption, and gold by standard fire assay procedures).

Robin Adair, VP of Exploration for the Company, is the Qualified Person for Donner Metals Ltd. and is responsible for the technical information reported in this news release.

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Chief Executive Officer

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Table 1: Exploration Drill Results.

DDH (Depth)	UTM Location NAD 83 Zone 18	Angle / direction (True N)	Horizon	From	To	Core Length (metres)	ETW (metres)	Zn %	Cu %	Ag g/t	Au g/t
MCL-09-02 (1340m)	308351E, 5504746N	-86°/027°	KT	1280.40	1302.00	21.60	15.10	6.05	1.85	65.49	1.56
		including		1280.40	1285.00	4.60	3.20	0.22	1.80	46.84	0.77
		and		1285.00	1302.00	17.00	11.90	7.63	1.87	70.54	1.77
			P	1307.00	1310.30	3.30	?	5.74	0.91	15.13	0.25
BRA-09-02* (639m)	305990E, 5506740N	-82°/030°	KT	548.83	550.00	1.17	0.94	2.82	0.24	10.30	0.14
				554.55	554.90	0.35	0.28	1.05	0.08	5.00	0.05
BRA-09-03* (159m)	307281E, 5506442N	-55°/027°	KT	87.55	88.30	0.75	0.60	1.07	0.09	3.00	0.22
BRA-09-04 (296m)	307565E, 5506427N	-55°/027°	KT				Tonalite intrusion, no significant assays expected				
BRA-09-05 (255m)	307623E, 5506541N	-45°/027°	KT				Tonalite intrusion, no significant assays expected				
BRA-09-06 (169m)	307269E, 5506470N	-60°/028°	KT	85.05	86.35	1.30	1.15	1.87	0.17	16.70	6.11
BRA-09-07 (877m)	305979E, 5506556N	-82°/035°	KT		Strong alteration, no significant assays expected						

Stratigraphic Horizon: KT = Key Tuffite, P = Pipe
Sph = sphalerite, Cpy = Chalcopyrite, Py = Pyrite, Po = Pyrrhotite.
ETW = Estimated True Width.
Depth = Total depth drilled in metres (metres).
* = hole described in news release dated November 23, 2009.

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Table 2: Bracemac Feasibility Definition Drilling.

DDH (Depth)	UTM Location NAD 83 Zone 18	Angle / direction (True N)	Zone	From	To	Core Length (metres)	ETW (metres)	Zn %	Cu %	Ag g/t	Au g/t
BRC-09-88 (366m)	307218E, 5505910N	-78°/028°	B	296.75	317.30	20.89	16.19	9.30	1.32	41.35	0.27
		including		296.75	304..00	7.25	5.71	15.19	0.38	22.60	0.14
BRC-09-93 (390m)	307236E, 5505892N	-66°/028°	B	218.15	292.20	6.00	9.93	Pipe alteration, no significant results			
BRC-09-96* (345m)	307258E, 5505880N	-69°/028°	B	297.00	303.00	6.00	5.25	6.57	1.47	19.33	0.22
			B	303.07	321.07	18.00	15.6	3.60	1.54	19.64	0.25
BRC-09-98* (378m)	307440E, 5506194N	-63°/027°	BKT	343.15	344.6	1.45	1.11	8.25	0.12	13.41	0.10
BRC-09-99* (335m)	307287E, 550588N	-68°/029°	B	283.10	296.75	13.65	10.45	7.31	1.60	33.71	0.33
		including	B	283.10	287.7	4.60	3.52	7.39	3.20	62.80	0.63
		and	B	292.50	296.75	4.25	3.26	14.80	1.63	38.61	0.36
BRC-09-100* (315m)	307287E, 550588N	-65°/028°	B	275.30	276.41	1.11	1.01	4.20	0.90	18.76	0.17
			B	277.67	278.37	0.70	0.63	2.02	0.83	15.00	0.09
BRC-09-101* (288m)	307287E, 550588N	-61°/029°	UB	141.95	145.52	3.57	3.15	8.19	1.80	36.25	0.32
			B	265.60	267.55	1.95	1.49	16.28	1.34	23.67	0.12
BRC-09-102* (251m)	307287E, 550588N	-50°/028°	B	221.70	222.20	0.50	0.49	4.17	3.05	88.00	0.23
BRC-09-104B (316m)*	307316E, 5505878N	-61°/028°	UB	146.52	147.29	0.77	0.68	10.10	2.42	73.00	0.22
			B	265.08	267.03	1.95	1.49	9.30	1.70	29.28	0.36
			B-Pipe	299.03	316.00	16.97	15.81	2.37	0.20	5.86	0.03
BRC-09-106B (369m)	307514E, 5506220N	-76°/028°	BKT	305.25	319.30	14.05	11.37	26.57	0.51	54.84	0.25
				327.29	333.00	5.71	4.62	3.99	0.63	14.33	0.29
BRC-09-107B (351m)	307514E, 5506220N	-69°/028°	BKT	297.77	300.06	2.29	2.00	17.26	1.93	84.96	0.60
BRC-09-116* (381m)	307535E, 5506208N	-68°/026°	BKT	288.90	295.28	6.38	5.61	27.77	1.10	55.52	0.36
		including		288.90	289.70	0.80	0.70	4.41	5.57	181.00	1.18
		and		289.70	294.52	4.82	4.24	33.77	0.50	41.72	0.27
		and		294.52	295.28	0.76	0.67	14.30	0.15	11.00	0.09

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BRC-09-119 (156m)	307371E, 5505873N	-72°/028°	UB	132.80	135.07	2.27	1.60	13.51	2.26	75.21	0.08
BRC-09-120 (129m)	307371E, 5505874N	-55°/028°	UB	96.70	99.70	3.00	2.67	6.03	0.41	54.27	0.23
BRC-09-121 (582m)	307461E, 5506032N	-75°/028°	BKT	527.40	528.50	1.10	0.90	5.98	1.03	6.62	0.15
				530.50	532.00	1.50	1.23	5.40	0.50	3.00	0.16
BRC-09-122B (507m)	307461E, 5506032N	-70°/028°	BKT	470.05	478.00	7.95	6.88	5.85	0.53	6.09	0.34
				478.00	479.71	1.71	1.48	6.52	5.20	28.50	1.11
BRC-09-134* (312m)	307583E, 5506141N	-59°/028°	BKT	297.63	301.90	4.27	4.00	2.80	0.39	8.27	0.10
BRC-09-135* (306m)	307583E, 5506141N	-56°/028°	BKT	294.12	296.75	2.63	2.53	3.12	0.09	3.69	0.06
BRC-09-136* (280m)	307597E, 5506173N	-50°/028°	BKT	255.9	257.85	1.95	1.92	6.14	0.12	11.30	0.08
BRC-09-137* (327m)	307606E, 5506131N	-74°/028°	BKT	280.05	295.00	14.95	12.39	10.71	1.40	57.41	0.38
BRC-09-138* (333m)	307605E, 5506131N	-76°/028°	BKT	286.00	287.32	1.32	1.07	7.92	0.69	30.39	0.26
BRC-09-139* (309m)	307605E, 5506131N	-65°/029°	BKT	284.31	284.90	0.59	0.54	24.53	0.06	18.00	0.08
BRC-09-140* (333m)	307627E, 5506118N	-77°/028°	BKT/P	308.72	312.70	3.98	3.18	1.61	0.47	7.08	0.12
BRC-09-141* (309m)	307627E, 5506118N	-67°/028°	BKT	281.75	287.00	5.25	4.97	9.80	0.10	15.6	0.17
BRC-09-143* (351m)	307547E, 5506131N	-65°/025°	BKT	313.45	315.24	1.79	1.61	27.68	0.64	35.10	0.12
				319.30	323.70	4.40	3.96	22.97	2.08	77.55	0.61
				323.70	326.95	3.25	2.94	No significant assays			
BRC-09-146* (348m)	307547E, 5506131N	-71°/029°	B	281.81	298.7	16.89	14.53	9.55	2.72	41.51	0.48
		including	B	281.81	288.70	6.89	5.93	4.85	2.19	34.70	0.50
		and	B	288.7	291.65	2.95	2.54	24.39	0.97	19.27	0.44
		and	B	291.65	294.75	3.10	2.67	11.93	5.36	73.95	0.80
		and	B	294.75	296.80	2.05	1.76	6.01	3.14	54.27	0.25
		and	B-Pipe	296.80	298.70	1.90	1.63	3.47	2.62	34.05	0.25
BRC-09-147* (369m)	307287E, 5505881N	-75°/027°	B	314.74	326.00	11.26	9.33	9.56	2.48	27.14	0.43
BRC-09-148* (294m)	307533E, 5506255N	-62°/027°	BKT	257.78	258.44	0.66	0.61	7.05	0.22	11.00	0.32

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BRC-09-149B (582m)	307460E, 5506029N	-76°/028°	BKT	518.56	519.14	0.58	0.37	20.33	0.51	1.00	0.05
BRC-09-151* (276m)	307533E, 5506255N	-51°/028°	BKT	232.27	237.80	5.55	5.45	36.21	0.58	19.86	0.16
BRC-09-154 (240m)	307566E, 5506310N	-58°/027°	?				Intrusive rock, not mineralized				
BRC-09-155A (420m)	307231E, 5505834N	-68°/027°	B	353.53	354.90	1.37	1.21	12.97	0.19	8.07	0.18
			B	359.49	360.53	1.04	0.92	19.05	9.03	104.38	0.80

Zones: UB = Upper Bracemac, B = Bracemac, BKT = Bracemac Key Tuffite, P = Pipe
Sph = sphalerite, Cpy = Chalcopyrite, Py = Pyrite, Po = Pyrrhotite.
ETW = Estimated True Width.
Depth = Total depth drilled in metres (metres).
* = hole described in news release dated November 23, 2009.

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