

# Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, President of the Republic of Argentina, Congratulates Minera IRL for Don Nicolas Project

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LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM and BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA--(Marketwired - Sep 5, 2013) - [Minera IRL Ltd.](#) (TSX:IRL)(AIM:MIRL)(BVLAC:MIRL) ("Minera IRL" or the "Company"), the Latin American gold mining company, is pleased to announce that Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of the Republic of Argentina, offered her congratulations and best wishes to the Company on securing financing for the upcoming development of the Don Nicolás Gold Mine in the Province of Santa Cruz, Patagonia.

This meeting took place following a special invitation with Minera IRL representatives in the Presidential Office at the Casa Rosada. Also in attendance were the Minister of Federal Planning, Julio De Vido; the Minister of Industry, Débora Giorgi; the Secretary of Mining, Jorge Mayoral; officers from Santa Cruz Government; representatives from AOMA and ASIJEMIN, organizations representing mining workers, technicians and professionals of the country; and representatives from the Federal Organization of Mining States (OFEMI).

Minera IRL Patagonia President, Dr. Diego Benavides, stated, "The President of Argentina complimented the Company on its work promoting a shared development in Santa Cruz, her home province, through a US\$80 million financing from a private Argentinean fund. The Don Nicolas Project will create many new direct and indirect jobs, and the majority of these jobs are expected to be filled from the Santa Cruz workforce. We are also looking forward to working with the communities of Jaramillo and Fitz Roy with whom we signed a 10-year Social License Agreement last year."

As part of the meeting, there was also an emphasis on the Company's commitment to promote technical mining training and to take part in strengthening the imports replacement program that the government is promoting.

Similarly, the Peruvian Ambassador in Argentina, José Luis Pérez Sánchez-Cerro, also recently welcomed Minera IRL representatives and Jorge Mayoral, the Argentinean Secretary of Mining. In this meeting, they highlighted the knowledge and experience of the Company's professionals in gold mining project development and investment that has been demonstrated by the Company at its Peruvian operations.

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