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**BlackRock Announces Holdings in Minera IRL Limited**

**New York, September 6, 2012** – BlackRock, Inc. (NYSE: BLK) today announced that on July 18, 2012, it, on behalf of various investment funds and managed accounts which BlackRock advises, acquired 400,000 common shares (the “Common Shares”) in the capital of Minera IRL Limited (“Minera”) at a price of \$0.66 per Common Share. After giving effect to the transaction, BlackRock has control or direction over a total of 18,246,926 Common Shares of Minera, representing approximately 12.01% of the outstanding Common Shares of Minera. The Common Shares were acquired in the ordinary course of business, for investment purposes only and not for the purpose of exercising control or direction over Minera.

**About BlackRock**

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