

## **News Release**

# Alexco Discovers New Zone of Silver Mineralization, 3.7 Kilometers Northeast of Bermingham Deposit, Composite Assays to 832 Grams Per Tonne Silver over 7.4 Meters True Width

**December 4, 2019 - Alexco Resource Corp. (NYSE American: AXU) (TSX: AXU)** ("Alexco" or the "Company") reports final results from the 2019 drilling program at the Keno Hill Silver District property in Canada's Yukon Territory. Following the successful demonstration of the presence of deeper mineralization adjacent to the existing resource at Bermingham Northeast (see news release dated September 10, 2019, entitled "Alexco Intersects 8.1 Meters (true width) at Composite Grade of 1,414 Grams Per Tonne (45.5 oz/t) Silver at "Bermingham Deep" target"), Alexco embarked on an approximate 3,000 meter ("m") surface drill program targeting areas with a geological setting interpreted to be similar to that of the high-grade Bermingham deposit. A new discovery at the Inca target returned encouraging results as follows:

### Highlights

#### Inca – New Discovery

- K-19-0749 intersected the Inca vein over a true width of 7.44 m at a composite grade of 832 grams per tonne ("g/t") (26.75 ounces per tonne ("oz/t")) silver ("Ag") from 142.61 m that included several intervals grading greater than 1,000 g/t Ag, such as 1.60 m true width at 1,190 g/t (38.26 oz/t) Ag from 142.61 m, and 0.75 m true width at 3,860 g/t (124.10 oz/t) Ag from 148.27 m.
- K-19-0756 drilled 70 m from K-19-0749, intersected the Inca vein over a 5.50 m true width at a composite grade of 597 g/t (19.18 oz/t) Ag from 134.4 m, including 0.56 m true width at 2,070 g/t (66.55 oz/t) Ag from 135.84 m, and 1.18 m true width at 1,110 g/t (35.69 oz/t) Ag from 136.41 m. This hole also intersected 10.7% zinc over 5.50 m true width from 134.4 m.
- K-19-0754 also drilled 70 m from K-19-0749, intersected the Inca vein over a 0.37 m true width grading 2,070 g/t (66.55 oz/t) Ag from 167.75 m within an 8.06 m true width interval mineralized zone from 161.00 m that averaged a composite grade of 127 g/t Ag.

Alexco's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Clynt Nauman, commented, "The Inca discovery reflects the increasing confidence our geology team has in predicting the geological setting in which these deposits occur at Keno Hill. It is another blind discovery that is open along strike and down dip, but perhaps more importantly it is within a favourable structure which has at least 800 meters of untested strike length in rocks which are known to host most of the silver deposits in the district. Clearly, more work is required in 2020 to better understand the importance of the Inca discovery."

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# Inca - Geology Detail

The Inca Fraction quartz claim is located approximately 1.5 kilometers from the district mill and covers an area in which a vein-structure demonstrates an abrupt change in strike from east-northeast to a more mineralization favourable north-northeast attitude. A total of 1,893 m were drilled in 12 drill holes with several encountering significant silver grades over wide intervals as noted above. The mineralized structure is characterized by massive, somewhat banded, mineralized hydrothermal vein and breccia over true widths of up to eight meters. The central portion of the structure is surrounded by a 20 m to 70 m fracture zone characterized by sets of narrow mineralized veinlets and stringers. The mineralization consists primarily of siderite gangue together with abundant sphalerite (note that K-19-0756 contained 10.7% zinc over a true width of 5.50 m). Argentiferous tetrahedrite is observed as coarse centimetrewidth bands and as dispersed grains, closely associated with the lead minerals, generally galena or boulangerite. Pyrite, arsenopyrite, chalcopyrite, and orpiment are variably observed as accessory minerals. The vein structure displays approximately 200 m of apparent left-lateral displacement, the magnitude of which suggests this structure fits into the upper tier of Keno style mineralized structures, along with both Bermingham and Flame & Moth. The discovery drilling at Inca was mainly wide-spaced (80 m to 150 m) but ranged down to 30 m in places to test for grade-thickness continuity at the shoot scale. Drilling explored to a maximum depth below surface of 190 m and along a 280 m strike length, however, the structure is open along strike and down dip, with favourable basal quartzite containing a possible further 800 m of unexplored strike length.

## Remaining 2019 Drill Results - Highlights

**Bermingham Deep** (previously unreported but with location shown in the September 10, 2019 Press Release)

• K-19-0739 – intersected 76 g/t (2.43 oz/t) Ag in the Bermingham vein over a 1.47 m true width interval from 585.30 m, and 1,190 g/t (38.26 oz/t) Ag in the Bermingham Footwall vein over 0.24 m true width from 646.95 m, thus continuing to confirm the depth extensions to the mineralized system.

#### Dixie

• K-19-0752 intersected the Dixie vein over a true width of 0.93 m grading 536 g/t (17.2 oz/t) Ag from 202.38 m.

#### No Cash

• K-19-0741 intersected the No Cash vein over a true width of 0.35 m grading 550 g/t (17.68 oz/t) Ag from 80.47 m.

#### **Geology and Drilling General**

Following the completion of the Bermingham drilling program in August 2019, an additional 3,193 m were drilled in 19 holes on other prospects on Galena Hill (Table 1) where geophysical data indicated the presence of north-northeast striking vein segments related to historically-known silver mineralized veins. As described above, this work resulted in a new discovery along a northern segment of a vein system that is referred to as the Inca Prospect.



In total, the 2019 Keno Hill exploration core drilling program on Galena Hill concluded in mid-October with the completion of 29 holes and 8,333 m, with the majority of the effort focused at Bermingham where there was success in confirming the presence of wide structural zones containing silver and base metal bearing veins up to and over 200 m at depth below the outlined Bermingham reserve and resource. The latter part of the season was focused on drill testing for shallow, blind targets in areas where structural and stratigraphic interpretation indicated the possibility for discovery of additional silver mineralization as either extensions of known veins or previously unrecognized systems.

In addition to the Inca discovery, results have confirmed the extensions to the historically mined veins at No Cash and Dixie where 527.8 m and 771.6 m were drilled, respectively, in both cases confirming the extension of mineralized structures beyond known areas. As well as drilling and geophysics related work, Alexco initiated a trial rotary air blast ("RAB") drilling program, primarily to obtain geological and structural information to better target follow-up diamond drilling. The program was successful and will be expanded in future exploration programs, along with follow-up of results from 2019.

#### **Qualified Persons**

The disclosure in this news release of scientific and technical information regarding exploration projects on Alexco's mineral properties has been reviewed and approved by Alan McOnie, FAusIMM, Vice President, Exploration, who is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101").

#### **About Alexco**

Alexco owns the majority of the historic high-grade Keno Hill Silver District in Canada's Yukon Territory. Alexco also operates a wholly-owned subsidiary business, Alexco Environmental Group, that provides mine-related environmental services, remediation technologies and reclamation and mine closure services to both government and industry clients in North America and elsewhere.

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# **APPENDICES**

Table 1 – 2019 Diamond Drill Holes Completed at No Cash, Dixie and Inca Prospects

Hole	Easting (m)	Northing (m)	Elevation (m)	Length (m)	Collar Azimuth	Collar Inclination
K-19-0741	477999.63	7087187.73	1182.48	143.50	280	-45
K-19-0742	478000.70	7087187.60	1182.42	113.00	280	-66
K-19-0743	478001.31	7087187.46	1182.34	173.33	280	-82
K-19-0744	477992.77	7087234.60	1175.29	98.00	290	-69
		4 Holes	No Cash	527.83		
K-19-0750	476934.88	7086697.24	1060.01	251.71	330	-52
K-19-0751	476934.89	7086697.00	1059.96	250.32	330	-65
K-19-0752	476881.97	7086643.65	1057.76	269.60	305	-63
		3 Holes	Dixie	771.63		
K-19-0745	482655.44	7087752.63	1171.75	86.00	318	-45
K-19-0746	482656.45	7087751.42	1171.66	68.45	314	-76
K-19-0747	482679.03	7087665.52	1157.15	109.23	292	-60
K-19-0748	482679.76	7087665.22	1157.16	137.00	292	-80
K-19-0749	482700.65	7087553.57	1138.25	218.00	280	-60
K-19-0753	482678.12	7087482.02	1138.32	216.48	280	-48
K-19-0754	482678.53	7087481.95	1138.26	213.30	280	-60
K-19-0755	482679.02	7087481.78	1138.30	241.15	280	-71
K-19-0756	482702.08	7087552.33	1137.96	180.00	287	-48
K-19-0757	482703.46	7087551.93	1137.68	207.00	287	-73
K-19-0758	482532.05	7087610.66	1208.81	115.70	305	-85
K-19-0759	482496.65	7087540.55	1200.20	101.00	305	-85
		12 Holes	Inca	1,893.31		

19 Holes Total 3,192.77



Table 2 – Assay Composites: Calculated using 30 g/t Ag cut off with up to 2 m internal waste

Prospect	Hole		From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	True Thickness (m)	Ag (g/t)	Ag (oz/t)	Pb (%)	Zn (%)	Au (g/t)	Vein
Bermingham	K-19-0739		585.30	587.00	1.70	1.47	76	2.43	0.62	0.90	0.02	Bermingham
. 25 3733		646.95	647.32	0.37	0.24	1190	38.26	13.45	0.01	0.12	Bermingham Footwall	
	K-19-0741		80.47	80.85	0.38	0.35	550	17.68	0.28	0.24	0.33	No Cash
No Cash	K-19-0743	0743	91.91	92.13	0.22	0.14	51	1.64	0.01	0.03	0.07	No Cash Splay
	K-15-0743		108.09	109.20	1.11	0.68	33	1.06	0.24	0.02	0.02	No Cash
	K-19-0750		207.26	208.27	1.01	0.78	50	1.62	0.01	0.21	0.14	Dixie
K-19-0751			207.34	209.37	2.03	1.41	67	2.17	0.70	2.92	0.04	Dixie Splay
	K-19-0751		213.94	214.72	0.78	0.54	244	7.84	0.33	1.87	0.03	Dixie Splay
			238.96	241.32	2.36	1.64	87	2.79	0.08	0.08	0.13	Dixie
	K-19-0752		171.32	172.70	1.38	1.09	55	1.75	0.62	0.26	0.01	Dixie Splay
			202.38	203.56	1.18	0.93	536	17.23	0.00	0.17	2.48	Dixie
	K-19-0745		41.00	41.53	0.53	0.51	61	1.95	0.14	0.10	0.10	Inca
	K-19-0748		117.55	128.81	11.26	8.23	85	2.74	0.69	1.82	0.15	Inca
Inca K-19-0749			129.65	132.93	3.28	2.85	157	5.04	0.65	1.35	0.26	Inca Splay
			142.61	151.16	8.55	7.44	832	26.75	0.65	6.03	0.30	Inca
	K-19-0749	including	142.61	144.45	1.84	1.60	1190	38.26	0.75	2.54	0.35	
			146.00	146.52	0.52	0.45	1305	41.96	1.43	3.67	0.51	
			148.27	149.13	0.86	0.75	3860	124.10	2.57	22.50	1.46	
			149.13	149.45	0.32	0.28	1295	41.64	1.90	7.30	0.31	

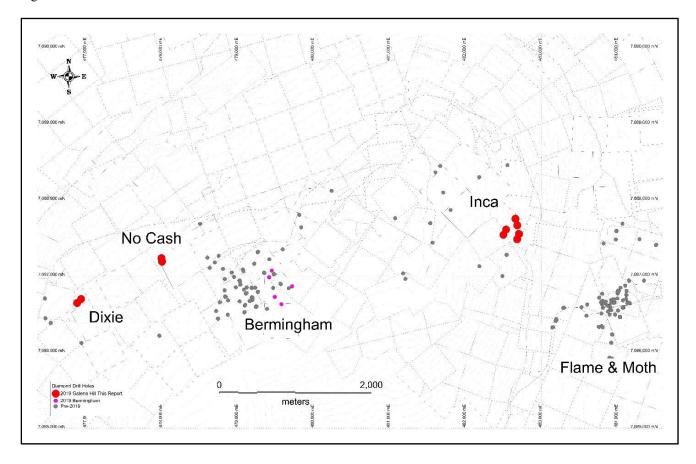
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		168.35	168.55	0.20	0.17	118	3.79	0.11	40.30	8.45	Inca Splay
		180.79	181.09	0.30	0.26	37	1.19	0.08	8.45	0.11	Inca Splay
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		160.17	162.25	2.08	2.01	205	6.61	0.25	4.72	0.10	Inca
K-19-0753		173.32	174.54	1.22	1.18	31	1.00	0.02	0.87	0.09	Inca Splay
		178.64	178.90	0.26	0.25	36	1.16	0.04	26.00	0.32	Inca Splay
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		92.40	92.78	0.38	0.35	73	2.35	0.39	0.51	0.18	Inca Splay
		161.00	169.75	8.75	8.06	127	4.09	0.68	2.64	0.13	Inca
K-19-0754	including	167.75	168.15	0.40	0.37	2070	66.55	7.06	15.35	0.71	
		171.91	172.14	0.23	0.21	542	17.43	12.45	2.31	0.03	Inca
		174.55	178.70	4.15	3.82	111	3.58	0.54	6.53	0.40	Inca
		2			0.02						
K-19-0755		183.66	186.85	3.19	2.64	73	2.36	0.10	6.36	1.90	Inca
K-19-0733		190.25	192.57	2.32	1.92	68	2.20	0.13	3.26	0.41	Inca
		128.08	130.30	2.22	2.18	67	2.16	1.28	1.67	0.04	Inca
		134.40	140.00	5.60	5.50	597	19.18	6.17	10.72	0.29	Inca
K-19-0756	including	134.40	134.70	0.30	0.29	1365	43.89	36.34	13.55	0.46	
K-19-0750		135.84	136.41	0.57	0.56	2070	66.55	18.10	1.36	0.67	
		136.41	137.61	1.20	1.18	1110	35.69	3.07	11.45	0.64	
		143.70	144.88	1.18	1.16	780	25.08	0.06	0.46	0.22	Inca
		168.54	170.00	1.46	1.20	42	1.33	0.01	10.15	0.07	Inca
K-19-0757		175.38	176.77	1.39	1.14	38	1.21	0.05	3.08	0.03	Inca
		179.69	182.08	2.39	1.96	73	2.35	0.04	5.79	0.13	Inca
K-19-0758		52.22	63.76	11.54	7.57	33	1.05	0.26	0.68	0.02	Inca



Figure 1 – Drill Hole Locations



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Figure 2 – Inca Prospect Longitudinal Section (looking NW) showing the +30 g/t Ag composite intervals

