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Ivanhoe Mines comments on share price

CITIC Metal C\$723 million private placement on track to close in September

VANCOUVER, CANADA – Ivanhoe Mines (TSX: IVN; OTCQX: IVPAF) announced today that the company is not aware of any company-specific reason that might be contributing to the recent decline in the company's share price.

The CITIC Metal Co., Ltd. C\$723 million (approximately US\$553 million) private placement remains on track to close in September. The placement is subject only to customary closing conditions, and recordals and registration with certain Chinese government regulatory agencies. In addition, Ivanhoe's joint-venture partner at the Kamoa-Kakula Project, Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd., has exercised its existing anti-dilution rights, which will result in additional proceeds of C\$78 million (approximately US\$60 million) that Ivanhoe will receive concurrently with the completion of CITIC Metal's investment. Ivanhoe Mines has approximately US\$165 million of current working capital.

Ivanhoe continues to advance its exploration and development activities on accelerated timetables. Ivanhoe's exploration team is focused on drilling high-priority targets on its 100%-owned exploration land position in the Western Foreland and Kamoa North target areas. Ivanhoe expects to provide an update on its exploration programs in September.

About Ivanhoe Mines

Ivanhoe Mines (TSX: IVN; OTCQX: IVPAF) is a Canadian mining company focused on advancing its three principal projects in Southern Africa: the development of new mines at the Kamoa-Kakula copper discovery in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Platreef platinum-palladium-nickel-copper-gold discovery in South Africa; and the extensive redevelopment and upgrading of the historic Kipushi zinc-copper-germanium-silver mine, also in the DRC.

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Such statements include without limitation: (i) statements regarding the CITIC Metal C\$723 million equity transaction remains on track to close in September; and (ii) statements regarding Ivanhoe’s expectation to provide an important update on its Western Foreland and Kamoa North exploration programs next month.

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The company’s actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of the factors set forth in the “Risk Factors” section and elsewhere in the company’s MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2017 and its Annual Information Form.