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Ivanhoe Mines successfully completes rights offering

Early results indicate approximately 100% of available common shares subscribed, generating US\$1.8 billion in gross proceeds

VANCOUVER, CANADA – Ivanhoe Mines today announced the completion of its rights offering, which expired on July 19, 2012, as scheduled. Based on preliminary results that are subject to confirmation of amounts that will be received from brokers using guaranteed delivery procedures, Ivanhoe estimates it will receive gross proceeds of approximately US\$1.8 billion from the rights offering. The proceeds will be used to advance the construction and development of the Oyu Tolgoi Project.

Based on the preliminary results, Ivanhoe expects to issue a total of approximately 260 million new common shares through the rights offering, which would represent approximately 100% of the maximum number of common shares available under the rights offering.

Rio Tinto exercised all of its respective rights issued to it in the rights offering.

Dr. David Klingner, Chairman of Ivanhoe Mines, said, “The Ivanhoe Mines Board of Directors extends its sincere appreciation to all shareholders who participated in, and contributed to, the success of the rights offering.”

Ivanhoe expects that the rights offering will close on July 26, 2012, to accommodate those who exercised rights using guaranteed delivery procedures. Ivanhoe intends to mail new common shares acquired through the rights offering to registered subscribers on or promptly after the scheduled closing of the offering.

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About Ivanhoe Mines

Ivanhoe Mines (NYSE, NASDAQ & TSX: IVN) is an international mining company with operations focused in the Asia Pacific region. Assets include the company's 66% interest in the Oyu Tolgoi copper-gold-silver mine development project in southern Mongolia; a 58% interest in Mongolian coal miner SouthGobi Resources (TSX: SGQ; HK: 1878); a 59% interest in copper-gold miner Ivanhoe Australia (ASX, TSX: IVA), which also is developing a molybdenum-rhenium discovery; and a 50% interest in Altynalmas Gold, a private company developing the Kyzyl Gold Project in Kazakhstan.

Ivanhoe Mines' shares are listed on the New York, NASDAQ and Toronto stock exchanges under the symbol IVN.

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The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before investing, individuals should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. The documents are available free of charge by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the issuer will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling 1-604-688-5755.