

Aluminum Corporation of China announces its intention to make a proportional takeover bid for up to 60% of the common shares of Ivanhoe Mines' subsidiary coal miner SouthGobi Resources

Ivanhoe agrees to tender its SouthGobi holding to such a bid

VANCOUVER, CANADA – Ivanhoe Mines Chairman David Huberman said today that the company has received notice that Aluminum Corporation of China Ltd. (CHALCO) intends to make a proportional takeover bid for up to 60%, but not less than 56%, of the common shares of Mongolian coal miner SouthGobi Resources Ltd. (TSX: SGQ; HK: 1878) at C\$8.48 per share.

Ivanhoe currently owns 104,807,155 shares of SouthGobi, representing approximately 57.6% of SouthGobi's issued and outstanding shares. Ivanhoe has entered into a lock-up agreement with CHALCO and has agreed to tender all of its SouthGobi shares, on a pro-rata basis, to CHALCO.

Depending upon the uptake of the offer by other SouthGobi shareholders, Ivanhoe could receive up to approximately C\$889 million (US\$898 million) from the sale of all of its shares in SouthGobi. A sale of 60% of its current holding would realise proceeds of approximately C\$533 million (US\$538 million).

"Ivanhoe's board, in conjunction with our financial and legal advisors, has determined that the value offered by this transaction is an excellent opportunity for our shareholders to realize significant value through our creation of what has become one of the fastest growing coal producers on China's doorstep," said Mr. Huberman.

The offer price for SouthGobi's shares represents a 28% premium over the most recent closing price on the Toronto Stock Exchange of C\$6.62, and a 32% premium over the volume-weighted average price of C\$6.41 during the past 10 trading days on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

The shares of CHALCO, a listed subsidiary of Chinalco Aluminum Corporation of China, trade on the Hong Kong, Shanghai and New York stock exchanges.

The proportional offer from CHALCO will be made by way of a takeover-bid circular under British Columbia law and will be made to all SouthGobi shareholders. If individual shareholders elect to tender more than 60% of their common shares of SouthGobi to the takeover bid – and if CHALCO receives less than 60% of outstanding common shares of SouthGobi as a result of the offer – a proportional amount of shares will be taken up, on a pro rata basis, from each shareholder who has elected to tender those additional shares.

Ivanhoe Mines has been advised that SouthGobi has not received any formal documentation relating to the proportional offer. SouthGobi's board of directors has established a special committee comprised of independent directors to consider the proportional offer, when received.

The proportional offer by CHALCO is subject to all statutory and regulatory approvals, including Investment Canada Act and Competition Act approvals, as well as Chinese regulatory approvals and CHALCO shareholder approval. CHALCO has advised SouthGobi that it expects to mail the takeover-

bid circular in connection with the Proportional Offer in early July 2012, by which time it expects to have secured all necessary regulatory approvals that are conditional to the closing of the offer. CHALCO's bid also is subject to China Investment Corporation, SouthGobi's second largest shareholder, confirming that it does not intend to exercise its right of first offer over Ivanhoe's SouthGobi shares.

Ivanhoe plans to use the proceeds from the sale of its shares in SouthGobi primarily to fund the continued development of its flagship Oyu Tolgoi copper, gold and silver mine in southern Mongolia, which is on track to meet the mine's targeted start of initial production in Q3'12. Commercial production at the mine is projected to begin in the first half of 2013.

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 mine development project in southern Mongolia; its 57.8% interest in SouthGobi Resources (TSX: SGQ; HK: 1878); a 59% interest in Ivanhoe Australia (ASX, TSX: IVA), a copper-gold-uranium-molybdenum-rhenium exploration and development company; 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.

About SouthGobi Resources

SouthGobi Resources is focused on exploration and development of its Permian-age metallurgical and thermal coal deposits in Mongolia's South Gobi Region. SouthGobi's flagship coal mine, Ovoot Tolgoi, is producing and selling coal to customers in China. SouthGobi plans to supply a wide range of coal products to markets in Asia.

About CHALCO

CHALCO is a joint stock limited company established in China; its shares are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Shanghai Stock Exchange. CHALCO's American depositary receipt is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. CHALCO is principally engaged in the mining of bauxite; the production and sales of alumina, primary aluminum and aluminum fabrication products; and trading of other non-ferrous metal products. CHALCO is the largest producer of alumina, primary aluminum and aluminum fabrication products in China; it also is the world's second-largest producer of alumina and the third-largest producer of primary aluminum.

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