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## **IVANHOE MINES RECEIVES FULL REPAYMENT OF US\$50 MILLION TREASURY BILL, PLUS INTEREST, FROM MONGOLIAN GOVERNMENT**

ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA – Ivanhoe Mines' Chairman Robert Friedland announced today that Ivanhoe has received the final US\$12.5 million tranche from the Government of Mongolia, completing ahead of schedule the full repayment of the US\$50 million treasury bill purchased by the company in December, 2003. During the one-year term of the investment, Ivanhoe received interest payments totalling approximately US\$1.34 million from the Mongolian government.

Ivanhoe purchased the treasury bill as part of Mongolia's retirement of all of its substantial debt to the Russian Federation that was incurred during the Soviet era, before 1991.

"The successful completion of Ivanhoe's role in the debt-retirement initiative is further confirmation to the world's business community that Mongolia is continuing to build respect as a destination for international investment to support the development of new mining projects that will expand the national economy and create new opportunities and benefits for the Mongolian people," Mr. Friedland said.

Ivanhoe has a 100% interest in the Oyu Tolgoi copper and gold project in Mongolia and owns or controls exploration rights covering approximately 118,000 square kilometres in central and southern Mongolia, where additional copper, gold and coal discoveries are being delineated. Ivanhoe also is exploring for copper and gold deposits in China and Australia. Ivanhoe produces LME Grade A copper from its Monywa joint venture in Myanmar and iron ore products from ABM Mining's Savage River mine in Australia.

Ivanhoe shares are listed on the Toronto and Australian stock exchanges under the symbol IVN. The shares also are listed on NASDAQ under the symbol HUGO.

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