



IVANHOE MINES
**IVANHOE COPPER COMPANY APPLIES FOR
REGISTRATION OF MONYWA S&K CATHODE COPPER
ON LONDON METAL EXCHANGE**

For Immediate Release

September 20, 1999

SINGAPORE — Robert M. Friedland, Chairman, announced today that Myanmar Ivanhoe Copper Company Limited (MICCL) has made an application to London Metal Exchange (LME) for registration of its cathode copper under the “Monywa S&K” brand name. Metallgesellschaft Ltd. of London is sponsoring the application. The LME registration would certify that S&K cathode has a purity level exceeding 99.999% copper, the standard for LME Grade A copper, as well as meeting other quality parameters. It would also confirm that Monywa is recognized as a reliable source for high-quality copper.

Upon receipt of LME registration, MICCL will realize a premium for its cathode of approximately US\$30 a tonne (US1.4 cents a pound). Based on S&K’s current copper production of 28,000 tonnes a year, the LME registration would increase the mine’s annual cash flow by approximately US\$840,000.

The S&K Mine, the first phase of the Monywa Copper Project, is operated by MICCL, a 50/50 joint venture between Ivanhoe Mines and Mining Enterprise No. 1, a state-owned company. The mine began production of cathode copper in November, 1998. By the end of August, 1999, the mine had produced 20,715 tonnes (approximately 45.5 million pounds) of copper. S&K is currently producing copper at a rate 12% higher than the mine’s initial design capacity of 25,000 tonnes per annum. The average minegate cost of production to date is approximately US27 cents a pound, placing the mine among the world’s lowest-cost primary copper producers.

The current development plan for the mine calls for an initial expansion at S&K to raise annual copper production to 35,000 tonnes. This expansion is expected to begin in October and is scheduled to be completed by September, 2000.

Ivanhoe Mines has 74.2 million shares outstanding and had a cash balance of approximately US\$52.3 million at August 31, 1999. The company's shares trade on the Toronto and Australian stock exchanges under the symbol IVN.

For further information, please contact:

Investors: Bill Trenaman

Media: Bob Williamson

North America: 604.688.5755

Web site: www.ivanhoemines.com

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS: This news release contains certain forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included herein, including, without limitation, statements regarding future copper production and expansion plans of Ivanhoe Mines Ltd. (Ivanhoe) are forward-looking statements that involve various risks and uncertainties. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from Ivanhoe's expectations are disclosed under the heading "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in Ivanhoe's documents filed from time to time with the Toronto Stock Exchange and other regulatory authorities. Forward-looking statements are based on the estimates and opinions of management on the date the statements are made, and Ivanhoe does not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements should conditions or management's estimates or opinions change.