

Imperial Repays Debt

Vancouver | **August 16, 2019** | **Imperial Metals Corporation** (the “Company”) (TSX:III) confirms that it has received the sales proceeds of approximately US\$775 million related to the sale of a 70% interest in the Red Chris mine as announced on August 15, 2019.

Proceeds from the sale transaction were utilized to repay debt as follows:

- Senior secured revolving credit facility of \$200 million
- Second lien secured revolving credit facility of \$50 million
- Secured bridge loan of \$26 million
- Unsecured junior credit facility of \$75 million
- Unsecured convertible debentures (2014) of \$115 million
- Unsecured convertible debentures (2015) of \$30 million
- Unsecured line of credit of \$10 million
- Certain equipment loans of about \$1.7 million
- Senior unsecured notes of US\$325 million

Subsequent to repayment of this debt the Company’s remaining obligations will be a 30% share of Red Chris Joint Venture equipment loans and obligations related to the Northwest Transmission Line that are liabilities of the Red Chris Joint Venture.

About Imperial

Imperial is a Vancouver exploration, mine development and operating company. The Company, through its subsidiaries, owns a 30% interest in the Red Chris mine, and a 100% interest in both the Mount Polley and Huckleberry copper mines in British Columbia. Imperial also holds a 48% interest in the Ruddock Creek lead/zinc property.

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