

Imperial Reports Operations Resume at Huckleberry Mine

Vancouver – **April 11, 2014** | **Imperial Metals Corporation (III-TSX)** reports mill operations at Huckleberry mine resumed on April 5. The Huckleberry mill is currently achieving budgeted throughput levels of 700 to 800 tonnes per hour.

The Huckleberry mill went down on February 26, 2014 when a tooth failed on the semi-autogenous grinding (SAG) mill bull gear, damaging this gear and one of the pinion gears on the dual drive mill. To enable the SAG mill to be restarted, the damaged teeth on the bull gear were reprofiled to reduce the load on these damaged teeth, the north pinion gear was replaced with a spare, and the rotation of the mill motors was reversed. A replacement bull gear and two pinion gears for the SAG mill have been ordered and are expected to be on site by September.

About Imperial

Imperial is an exploration, mine development and operating company based in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Company operates the Mount Polley copper/gold mine in British Columbia and the Sterling gold mine in Nevada. Imperial has 50% interest in the Huckleberry copper mine and has 50% interest in the Ruddock Creek lead/zinc property, both in British Columbia. The Company is in development of its wholly owned Red Chris copper/gold property in British Columbia.

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