

Imperial Initiates Testing of the Grinding Circuit at the Red Chris Mine

Vancouver – **February 6, 2015** | **Imperial Metals Corporation (III-TSX)** reports that the necessary approvals were received to commence commissioning of the processing plant at the Red Chris mine on February 2, 2015.

Testing of the grinding circuit began on February 3. The SAG and ball mill grinding circuit has been test run at 25% and 50% power levels, the tank cell mechanisms have been run, and the water reclaim and tailings lines have also delivered water to the mill, and the slurry from the test runs to the tailings storage facility. Mining in both the East and Main zones continues to advance. As a result, there is a selection of ore styles available for mill optimization.

The Company continues to work closely with the Tahltan First Nation, whose cooperation has been instrumental in the construction of the Red Chris mine - an important milestone for the Tahltan, Imperial and the Province of British Columbia.

About Imperial

Imperial is an exploration, mine development and operating company based in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Company recently commenced commissioning activities at the Red Chris mine in northern British Columbia. The Company operates the Mount Polley copper/gold mine in British Columbia and the Sterling gold mine in Nevada. Imperial has a 50% interest in the Huckleberry copper mine and a 50% interest in the Ruddock Creek lead/zinc property, both in British Columbia.

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