
Mount Polley Mine Operations Impacted by Forest Fires

Vancouver | **July 10, 2017** | **Imperial Metals Corporation** (the “Company”) (TSX:III) reports that forest fires in south central British Columbia are threatening the homes of many employees who live in the Williams Lake area, and impacting operations at the Mount Polley mine site, located 56 km northeast of Williams Lake. Many of the roads used to access the mine site are currently closed. Employees who have been able to report for work have been reassigned to maintain mill operations at the expense of mining operations, which have significantly reduced. Should critical supplies such as fuel not be available due to road closures, the mine may be forced to suspend operations.

Many Red Chris employees also live in the Williams Lake area, and have been evacuated from their homes or are on evacuation alert. With the temporary closure of the Williams Lake airport, Red Chris charter flights from Williams Lake to Dease Lake have been cancelled. We are reorganizing our crews and adjusting charter flights into Dease Lake to maintain staffing levels at the Red Chris mine.

About Imperial

Imperial is a Vancouver based exploration, mine development and operating company. The Company, through its subsidiaries, owns the Red Chris, Mount Polley and Huckleberry copper mines in British Columbia. Imperial also holds a 50% interest in the Ruddock Creek lead/zinc property in British Columbia.

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