

# **News Release**

## Xatśūll Appeals Dismissal of Judicial Review Petition Relating to Mount Polley Tailings Storage Facility Raise

Vancouver | September 3, 2025 | Imperial Metals Corporation (TSX:III) (the "Company" or "Imperial") announces that the Xatśūll First Nation ("Xatśūll") has filed a notice of appeal (the "Notice") today seeking an order overturning Justice Tammen's August 6, 2025 dismissal of Xatśūll's petition for judicial review (the "Petition"). The petition related to the Consent for Material Alteration decision issued by the Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals ("MCM") and Minister of Environment and Parks on March 27, 2025, and the decision of the MCM's Major Mines Office Deputy Chief Permitting Officer, also on March 27, 2025, to amend the Mount Polley mine's Mines Act Permit approving construction of the tailings storage facility ("TSF") raise to 974m (the "Decisions"). Xatśūll also seeks, among other declaratory relief, an order to quash the Decisions and grant the Petition.

Respondents for this appeal are the Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals, Minister of Environment and Parks, Deputy Chief Permitting Officer, Major Mines Office, and Mount Polley Mining Corporation.

Today's Notice does not appeal Justice Tammen's order as it relates to the injunction application. This means that the Company may complete construction of the TSF raise to 974m and continue normal operations of the Mount Polley mine and the TSF in accordance with its authorizations.

"We believe Justice Tammen's decision to dismiss the Petition was a carefully considered and thoroughly supported decision, based on the extensive review process undertaken by the Province before making their Decisions. Nonetheless, we continue to be committed to working collaboratively with Xatśūll and other Indigenous communities and conducting our operations in an environmentally responsible manner," stated Brian Kynoch, President of Imperial.

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Imperial is a Vancouver-based exploration, mine development and operating company with holdings that include the Mount Polley mine (100%), the Huckleberry mine (100%), and the Red Chris mine (30%). Imperial also holds a portfolio of 23 greenfield exploration properties in British Columbia.

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