



Press Release

Imperial Closes Oversubscribed Equity Financing to Raise \$65 million

Vancouver – **December 30, 2016** | **Imperial Metals Corporation (III-TSX)** (the “Company”) – Imperial announces that it has closed the previously announced private placement of common shares of the Company (the “Financing”). Due to strong demand, the Company increased the Financing from \$55 million to \$65 million. The Company has issued 11,818,182 common shares at a price of \$5.50 per share for gross proceeds of \$65,000,001.

N. Murray Edwards and The Fairholme Partnership, LP, significant shareholders of the Company, purchased \$30.0 million (5,454,545 common shares) and \$13.1 million (2,379,093 common shares) of the Financing, respectively. In addition, a director of the Company purchased \$1.5 million (272,727 common shares) of the Financing.

The Company intends to use the proceeds of the Financing to improve its working capital and for general corporate purposes.

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About Imperial

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

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