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## **Ivanhoe Mines expects to issue independent, preliminary economic assessment (PEA) of initial options for the start-up of copper mining on the Kakula and Kamoia deposits in the D.R. Congo this week**

**KOLWEZI, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO – Robert Friedland, Executive Chairman of Ivanhoe Mines (TSX: IVN; OTCQX: IVPAF), and Lars-Eric Johansson, Chief Executive Officer, announced today that the engineering team at the Kamoia-Kakula Copper Project expects to shortly finalize and issue the independent preliminary economic assessment (PEA) of initial options for the start-up of copper mining on the Kakula and Kamoia deposits in the Democratic Republic of Congo this week.**

**OreWin Pty. Ltd., Amec Foster Wheeler E&C Services Inc. and SRK Consulting Inc. are preparing the PEA.**

### **About Ivanhoe Mines**

Ivanhoe Mines is advancing its three principal projects in Sub-Saharan Africa: Mine development at the **Platreef** platinum-palladium-gold-nickel-copper discovery on the Northern Limb of South Africa's Bushveld Complex; mine development and exploration at the **Kamoia-Kakula** Project on the Central African Copperbelt in the DRC; and upgrading at the historic, high-grade **Kipushi** zinc-copper-lead-germanium mine, also on the DRC's Copperbelt. For details, visit [www.ivanhoemines.com](http://www.ivanhoemines.com).

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