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Initial Mineral Resource estimate for high-grade Kakula Discovery expected to be issued by Ivanhoe Mines next week

KOLWEZI, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO – Robert Friedland, Executive Chairman of Ivanhoe Mines (TSX: IVN), and Lars-Eric Johansson, Chief Executive Officer, announced today that Kamoia Copper expects to issue the initial Mineral Resource estimate for the Kakula Discovery during the week of October 10, 2016.

The high-grade Kakula Discovery is on the company's Tier One Kamoia Copper Project, near the mining centre of Kolwezi in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Kamoia Project is a joint venture between Ivanhoe Mines and Zijin Mining.

Amec Foster Wheeler, of Reno, Nevada, has been engaged to independently oversee and review the Kakula Mineral Resource estimate.

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** Copper Project — which includes the remarkable Kakula high-grade copper discovery — 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.

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