Ivanhoe Mines to be added to S&P/TSX Composite Index effective September 16

TORONTO, CANADA – Ivanhoe Mines’ (TSX: IVN) Executive Chairman Robert Friedland and Chief Executive Officer Lars-Eric Johansson announced today that Standard and Poor’s (S&P) has added Ivanhoe Mines to the S&P/TSX Composite Index, effective after the close of trading on September 16, 2016.

The S&P/TSX Composite Index includes the largest companies on the Toronto Stock Exchange, as measured by market capitalization and liquidity. It is widely considered to be the leading indicator of broad market activity in Canadian equity markets.

“Ivanhoe’s addition to the S&P/TSX Composite Index represents a significant milestone for our company and reflects the tremendous efforts and successes of our entire team,” said Mr. Friedland.

“We have made substantial progress in advancing our three mine development projects in Sub-Saharan Africa toward production. Ivanhoe’s inclusion in the headline index in Canada will increase our exposure to a broader range of potential investors and should provide enhanced trading liquidity for our shareholders.”

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 Kamoa Copper Project — which includes the remarkable Kakula high-grade copper discovery — on the Central African Copperbelt in the DRC; and upgrading and exploration 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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Certain statements in this release constitute “forward-looking statements” or “forward-looking information” within the meaning of applicable securities laws, including without limitation, the timing and results of increasing Ivanhoe’s exposure to a broader range of potential investors and providing enhanced trading liquidity for Ivanhoe’s shareholders. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which
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All such forward-looking information and statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by
Ivanhoe Mines’ management in light of their experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and
expected future developments, as well as other factors management believe are appropriate in the
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contracts to perform as agreed; social or labour unrest; changes in commodity prices; unexpected failure or
inadequacy of infrastructure, or delays in the development of infrastructure, and the failure of exploration
programs or other studies to deliver anticipated results or results that would justify and support continued studies,
development or operations. Other important factors that could cause actual results to differ from these forward-
looking statements also include those described under the heading “Risk Factors” in the company’s most recently
filed MD&A as well as in the most recent Annual Information Form filed by Ivanhoe Mines. Readers are cautioned
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develop the forward-looking information and statements, and the risks that could cause the actual results to differ
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Although the forward-looking statements contained in this news release are based upon what management of the
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