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CITIC Metal's C\$612 million (US\$465 million) second equity investment in Ivanhoe Mines to close August 16, 2019

Additional C\$67 million (US\$51 million) to be received concurrently from Zijin Mining

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BEIJING, CHINA – Robert Friedland and Yufeng “Miles” Sun, Co-Chairmen of Ivanhoe Mines, announced today that the private placement transaction with CITIC Metal Africa Investments Limited (CITIC Metal Africa), a direct subsidiary of CITIC Metal Co., Ltd. (CITIC Metal), announced on April 25, 2019, now has received all necessary recordals and registration with Chinese government regulatory agencies and the transaction is scheduled to close on August 16, 2019.

Upon closing, Ivanhoe will receive gross proceeds of C\$612 million (approximately US\$465 million) from CITIC Metal Africa and will issue 153,821,507 common shares to CITIC Metal Africa through a private placement at a price of C\$3.98 per share. CITIC Metal Africa will then own approximately 29.4% of Ivanhoe Mines' issued and outstanding common shares. Mr. Friedland will remain the second largest Ivanhoe Mines shareholder, with an ownership stake of approximately 14.3%.

This will be the second major investment by CITIC Metal Africa in Ivanhoe Mines, bringing its total investment in Ivanhoe to approximately US\$1 billion, and positions Ivanhoe to become a leading copper and zinc producer in the DRC and a leading producer of platinum-group metals, nickel and copper in South Africa.

Ivanhoe's joint-venture partner at the Kamoakakula Copper Project in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd., exercised its existing anti-dilution rights on May 15, 2019, which will yield additional proceeds to Ivanhoe of C\$67 million (approximately US\$51 million). These funds will be received concurrently with the CITIC Metal Africa private placement. The exercise by Zijin of its anti-dilution rights also was at a price of C\$3.98 per share and will result in Zijin maintaining its 9.8% ownership stake in Ivanhoe Mines.

Upon receipt of the combined proceeds of more than C\$679 million (approximately US\$515 million) from CITIC Metal and Zijin, Ivanhoe will have cash and cash equivalents of approximately C\$1.1 billion (US\$860 million) and no significant debt.

This cash balance positions Ivanhoe to fully finance its share (approximately US\$540 million) of the capital costs required to bring the Kakula Copper Mine into commercial production. Initial copper concentrate production from the Kakula Mine currently is scheduled for the third quarter of 2021.

About CITIC Metal and CITIC Limited

CITIC Metal Co., Ltd. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CITIC Limited. As CITIC Limited's arm in the business of resources and energy, CITIC Metal specializes in the importation and distribution of copper, zinc, platinum-group metals, niobium products, iron ore, coal, and non-ferrous metals, export of silver, trading of steel products, and investments in metals and mining projects. CITIC Metal's major mining investments include a 15% ownership in the Las Bambas copper project in Peru and leading a Chinese consortium in acquiring a 15% ownership in the Brazil-based niobium producer CBMM.

CITIC Limited (SEHK:267) is China's largest conglomerate, with total assets of more than US\$900 billion. Among its diverse global businesses, CITIC Limited focuses primarily on financial services, resources and energy, manufacturing, engineering contracting and real estate.

CITIC Limited is listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, where it is a constituent of the Hang Seng Index. CITIC Group Corporation, a Chinese state-owned enterprise, owns 58% of CITIC Limited.

About Ivanhoe Mines

Ivanhoe Mines is a Canadian mining company focused on advancing its three principal projects in Southern Africa: the development of new mines at the [Kamoa-Kakula](#) copper discovery in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the [Platreef](#) palladium-platinum-nickel-copper-gold discovery in South Africa; and the extensive redevelopment and upgrading of the historic [Kipushi](#) zinc-copper-germanium-lead mine, also in the DRC. Ivanhoe also is exploring for new copper discoveries on its wholly-owned [Western Foreland](#) exploration licences in the DRC, near the Kamoa-Kakula Project.

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Such statements include without limitation: (i) all statements regarding the timing and scheduled completion on August 16, 2019, of the planned private placement of 153,821,507 common shares to CITIC Metal Africa at a price of C\$3.98 per share for gross proceeds to Ivanhoe of approximately C\$612 million; (ii) statements regarding the timing and completion on August 16, 2019, of the issuance of anti-dilution shares to Zijin Mining for proceeds of C\$67 million; (iii) statements regarding Ivanhoe’s cash balance is expected to be sufficient to fully finance its share (approximately US\$540 million) of the capital costs required to bring the Kakula Copper Mine into commercial production and (iv) statements regarding the second major investment from Citic Metal Africa in Ivanhoe Mines positioning Ivanhoe to become a leading copper and zinc producer in the DRC and a leading producer of platinum-group metals, nickel and copper in South Africa.

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Although the forward-looking statements contained in this news release are based upon what management of the company believes are reasonable assumptions, the company cannot assure investors that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this news release and are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. Subject to applicable securities laws, the company does not assume any obligation to update or revise the forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this news release.

The company’s actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of the factors set forth in the “Risk Factors” section and elsewhere in the company’s MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2018 and its Annual Information Form.