

IVANHOE MINES ANNOUNCES C\$150 MILLION EQUITY FINANCING

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Toronto, Canada (May 20, 2014) – Ivanhoe Mines Ltd. (TSX:IVN) (the “Company” or “Ivanhoe”) announced today that it has entered into an agreement with a syndicate of underwriters led by BMO Capital Markets, CIBC and Macquarie Capital Market Canada Ltd. under which the underwriters have agreed to buy, on a bought deal basis by way of a short form prospectus, 83,334,000 units (the “Units”), each Unit consisting of one class A common share (“Common Shares”) and one Common Share purchase warrant, at a price of C\$1.50 per Unit for gross proceeds of C\$125,001,000 (the “Offering”). Each whole Common Share purchase warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one Common Share of the Company at a price of C\$1.80 prior to the date which is 18 months following the closing of the Offering. The Company has granted the Underwriters an option, exercisable at the offering price for a period of 30 days following the closing of the Offering, to purchase up to an additional 15% of the Offering to cover over-allotments, if any. The Offering is expected to close on or about June 10, 2014 and is subject to the Company receiving all necessary regulatory approvals.

Concurrent with the Offering, the Company will complete a private placement pursuant to which Robert Friedland will purchase approximately C\$25 million of Units on the same terms and conditions as the public Offering (the “Concurrent Private Placement”). The Company has also granted Mr. Friedland, an option to purchase up to 15% of the Units he purchases in the Concurrent Private Placement if, and to the extent, the Underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in whole or in part. Such option will be on the same terms and conditions, including price and amount exercised, as the over-allotment option and will expire 30 days following the closing of the Offering

The net proceeds of the offering will be used for the advancement of and pre-development activities at, the Kamao and Kipushi Projects, and for general corporate purposes.

The Units will be offered by way of a short form prospectus in all of the provinces and territories of Canada.

This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in the United States or in any other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful. The securities have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements thereunder.

About Ivanhoe Mines Ltd.

Ivanhoe Mines, with offices in Canada, the United Kingdom and South Africa, is advancing and developing its three principal projects:

- The Kamao copper discovery in a previously unknown extension of the Central African Copperbelt in the DRC’s Province of Katanga.
- The Platreef Discovery of platinum, palladium, nickel, copper, gold and rhodium on the Northern Limb of the Bushveld Complex in South Africa.
- The historic, high-grade Kipushi zinc, copper and germanium mine, also on the Copperbelt in the DRC, being drilled and upgraded following an 18-year care-and-maintenance program that ended when Ivanhoe acquired its majority interest in the mine in 2011.

Ivanhoe Mines also is evaluating other opportunities as part of its objective to become a broadly based, international mining company.

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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 completion of the offering of units described herein, and the completion of the private placement to Robert Friedland. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the company, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements or information. Such statements can be identified by the use of words such as "may", "would", "could", "will", "intend", "expect", "believe", "plan", "anticipate", "estimate", "scheduled", "forecast", "predict" and other similar terminology, or state that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. These statements reflect the company's current expectations regarding future events, performance and results and speak only as of the date of this release.

Forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties, should not be read as guarantees of future performance or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indicators of whether or not such results will be achieved. A number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, the factors discussed here, as well as unexpected changes in laws, rules or regulations, or their enforcement by applicable authorities; the failure of parties to contracts with the company to perform as agreed; the occurrence of a material adverse change, or failure to obtain any regulatory approval or to meet any condition of the Offering.

Although the forward-looking statements contained in this 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 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 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 most recent Management's Discussion and Analysis report and Annual Information Form, available at www.sedar.com.