

**The following is a statement from Ivanhoe Mines in response to a news release published by Mining Watch Canada May 18th.**

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA--(Marketwired - May 19, 2016) - A statement issued today by Ivanhoe Mines (TSX:IVN) strongly condemns the recycling by Mining Watch Canada of false allegations about the Platreef mine development project near the town of Mokopane in South Africa's Limpopo province.

The full text of the Ivanhoe Mines statement is available on the Ivanhoe Mines website and may be accessed through the following link:  
<https://www.ivanhoemines.com/news/news-releases/ivanhoe-mines-condemns-promotion-of-false-and-dishonest-claims-by-mining->

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